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Pastor's Corner "Flash Forward: Owning Our Future"

Would you want to know your future? "*Flash Forward"* is a new TV show set up around the idea of knowing what will happen to you in 6 months. God wants each of us to live a full and loving life; today and into the future. Yet it often feels like forces within us, and outside of us, work against us. The story of Jacob & Esau helps us see how we can "*own our future"* even when things we have difficulty and uncertainty in our lives. Join us in November for worship as we explore the story of Jacob & Esau.

November 1: ***Finding the Window***

Some say that when God closes a door he opens a window. Many of us know about "doors" that close on us. On this communion Sunday we will celebrate the lives of those we have lost, as well as look for the windows that God is opening in each of our lives.

November 8: ***What does your heart desire?***

In the story of Jacob and Esau, both brothers make decisions that affect their future. Esau seems a bit short sighted, while Jacob wants too much. How does the story of these two "dysfunctional" brothers speak to us about our future?

November 15: ***Power to Change: Wrestling with Angels***

In the story of Jacob and Esau's reunion both have changed. Esau, who wanted to kill his brother, meets Jacob who had wrestled with God. How do we, as people like Jacob and Esau, acquire the power to change?

November 22: ***Own Your Future***

After Esau and Jacob are reunited they make an interesting decision, they go their separate ways. As followers of Jesus Christ, how can we claim our own unique future as a child of God, and a disciple of Jesus?

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Bill

Set your clocks back November 1

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Advent Festival

November 28, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family (and friends too) to our Advent Festival! You will get to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Our young children will make Christmas crafts with the help of our older youth.

What is an ***Our Redeemer's*** gathering without food? That's right! It's a potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Everything else will be provided. It will be a great time of fellowship.

Do You Have Tables?

Some six and eight foot tables are still missing from church. If you have borrowed them and forgotten to return them, please remember and return.

Gifts from the Heart

by Carol Hollingsworth

Each year at ***Our Redeemer's*** we provide gifts for children in need through our ***Gifts from the Heart*** program. Our church received the following letter from ChildServ.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the weather turns brisk, we begin to think about fall, winter, and the upcoming holidays. At ChildServ we're already planning for Christmas! Each year at this time, we ask churches to help make the holiday brighter for children we serve by participating in our toy drive as part of their Advent and Christmas observance.

Your church was an important part of our Holiday Gift Giving Program last year. Your gifts meant so much to our children. We appreciate your generosity and hope that you will want to participate again this year. We need gifts for over 1,200 children and youth; therefore every individual donor is important.

As always, we are offering the "Adopt a Child" model, in which a church can request a number of children to sponsor. *However, this year we are asking you to provide age appropriate gifts instead of us providing specific wish lists*. You will receive the child's first name, age, birth date, ethnicity and gender and we invite you to choose gifts for them.

I look forward to us working together to share the joy of that holy season with the children of ChildServ.

In Christ's service,
Jennifer Collins

This year, more than ever, ChildServ needs help providing gifts for the children. Please consider signing up for one or more children to sponsor on October 25, November 1, 8 or 15 in the Narthex.

On November 22 and 29 you will be given the information on the child(ren) you sponsored. ChildServ asks that each child receive 2 gifts and that the total not exceed $60. Please return the unwrapped gifts to church on Sunday morning, December 6. They will be taken to ChildServ later that day.

Thank you so much for the tremendous support you have given this program for the last 23 years. I hope that once again ***Our Redeemer's*** church family will be an integral part in ChildServ's gift giving program. If you have any questions, please contact **Carol Hollingsworth** at 847-310-0491 or clh1325@comcast.net.

Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

Appalachia Service Project:

The trip will be June 19-26, 2010. If you are interested in going please contact Marianne soon. We will begin our meetings in January so please look at future newsletters for more info.

Confirmation News:

November 2009

1 NO CLASS (no school on Monday)
8 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class
15 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class
20 6:45pm Trip to Beth Tikvah Synagogue
22 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class
29 NO CLASS (Thanksgiving weekend)

December 2009

6 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class

On Friday, November 20, we will be taking the class to Beth Tikvah Synagogue in Hoffman Estates. We will meet at ORUMC at 6:45 p.m. and carpool over. The service begins at 7:30 p.m. and should last about an hour. Afterwards we will return to the church. If you are able to chaperone and drive, please contact Marianne as soon as possible.

Please note that there is no class on November 1 or 29. Also, in December there will only be class the first Sunday.

Sr. High News:

Thanks to everyone who remembered to bring in old cell phones for the Sr. High service project! So far we collected six phones, but we will continue to accept donations.

All phones will be donated to the cell phone bank. This organization works with local law enforcement agencies to provide emergency phones to victims of domestic violence.

November 2009

1 NO YOUTH GROUP (no school on Monday)
8 7:30-8:30 p.m. ORUMC
15 7:30-8:30 p.m. Youth group at Starbucks
22 7:30-8:30 p.m. ORUMC
29 NO YOUTH GROUP (Thanksgiving weekend)

December 2009

6 7:30-8:30 p.m. Out for service project

Please note that there is no youth group November 1 and 29. Also, for December 6 we would like to go outside the church for a service project. If you have ideas please let Marianne know!

Friends are always welcome at youth events—invite someone to come with you!

Future Events:

30 Hour Famine will be February 19-20 so get it on your calendar now!

8th Annual Open Mic Night

!!!!!Date change!!!!!

Saturday, Nov 14, 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars now and start rehearsing! This is a great night for the whole ORUMC family. Come out and sing, recite a poem, dance, play an instrument, tell a joke, or just watch and be entertained!

There will be food, fun, and great acts for sure! Watch for sign-up information in the Narthex.

Questions? Contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-884-1392.

November Birthdays

Allison Gorvett	**11/09**
Nicholas Meyer	**11/25**
Jonathan Dean	**11/27**
Patrick Brock	**11/29**
Kimberly Trenn	**11/30**

Sundays at 6:33 p.m.

November Series: "Flash Forward: Owning Our Future"

Unfiltered @ 633 will also feature the Flash Forward material (see Pastor Bill's article on page 1).

Join us in November for worship as we explore the story of Jacob and Esau and learn how God can help us deal with difficulty and uncertainty in our lives.

Advent and Christmas Series: "Home"

During Advent (preparation time before Christmas) our worship services will focus on the importance of "home" in our lives. In the story of Jesus' birth he found a home with Mary and Joseph. As he felt at home with them, we too look for places in our lives where we can feel cared for and loved; in other words feel at home. In advent this year we will learn about feeling the love of God in the places we call home.

The Art of Thanksgiving

Bruce Bedingfield offers this selection from the book *The Art of Living* by Wilfred Peterson.

The art of thanksgiving is *thanksliving*. It is gratitude in action. It is applying Albert Schweitzer's philosophy: "In gratitude for your own good fortune you must render in return some sacrifice of your life for other life."

It is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly.

It is thanking God for your talents and abilities by accepting them as obligations to be invested for the common good.

It is thanking God for all that men and women have done for you by doing things for others.

It is thanking God for opportunities by accepting them as a challenge to achievement.

It is thanking God for happiness by striving to make others happy.

It is thanking God for beauty by helping to make the world more beautiful.

It is thanking God for inspiration by trying to be an inspiration to others.

It is thanking God for health and strength by the care and reverence you show your body.

It is thanking God for the creative ideas that enrich life by adding your own creative contributions to human progress.

It is thanking God for each new day by living it to the fullest.

It is thanking God by giving hands, arms, legs and voice to your thankful spirit.

It is adding to your prayers of thanksgiving, acts of *thanksliving*.

Crisis Center Needs

In 2008, the CCC distributed 1,000 coats. They expect needs this year to be even greater. Gloves, mittens, and hats are also needed. They must be gently used or new. Please leave them with Donna in the church office.

The Center will also need items for Christmas gifts for residents. For women: wristwatches, clock radios, steam irons, soft throws (new) and journals and pens. For children: non-violent toys for 1 to 12 years old. Dolls, puzzles, games, action figures and trucks and cars are also needed.

The Toy Giveaway is Thursday, December 17 at the Hemmens in Elgin. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this most worthwhile event, please call Carlene Thompson at 630.837.4490 ASAP.

UMM Breakfast Meeting
November 14, 8:00 a.m.

The United Methodist Men's regular monthly breakfast meeting and Bible study is November 14, 8:00 a.m. at church. The study will continue the program started on the October retreat.

All men of the church are welcome. Contact **Steve Miller**, 630-837-5205, for details.

UMM Pizza Sale

The United Methodist Men will be taking orders for pizza starting in October.

Pizza will be available for pickup Sunday, November 22.

United Methodist Women
November 21, 9:00 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to the UMW meeting on November 21 at 9:00 a.m. at church.

The theme of this season's meetings will be Caring for Our Community. We will be assembling Disaster Relief Kits and collecting our World Thank Offering.

A light breakfast will be served.

All Church Conference
November 11, 7:00 p.m.

All members of ***Our Redeemer's*** are encouraged to attend the All Church Charge Conference Thursday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Community Thanksgiving Service Roselle UMC

November 24, 7:30 p.m.

Each year for Thanksgiving it is a blessing to worship together with neighbors from other United Methodist churches in our community. This year's service will be held at the Roselle UMC at 206 S. Rush Street in Roselle.

Our chancel choir will join with the other choirs to present a message in song. You are invited and encouraged to worship with members of Roselle UMC, Our Savior's UMC and Salem Korean UMC on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

HEIFER® INTERNATIONAL | *Ending Hunger, Caring for the Earth*

Heifer is coming!

What a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas season by giving a gift to others. Sometimes we think that we don't have enough but often forget that all around the world there are people that go hungry and don't have the means or ways to make change in their lives. Heifer International by donations provides livestock and teaches individuals to care for their livestock. The recipient then passes the offspring from their livestock along to others so that they may have enough and so on and so on.

Last year we were able to raise enough donations to purchase an Ark and we would love to do that again this year. We are asking you to be apart of this wonderful gift from ***Our Redeemer's***.

Please prayerfully consider honoring a loved one with a gift of a sheep, a pig or even a flock of chicks. Our table will be in the narthex between services starting November 22, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions please contact **Robyn Gatti** at 847-843-3910 or email to quiltmama50@comcast.net.

Thank you for supporting this deserving Mission.

Scrapbook Club
November 13, 6:30 p.m.

Due to the holidays Scrapbook Club will meet on November 13, NOT November 20 and December 11, NOT December 18. Meetings run from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m.

Call **Laura Machonis**, 630-736-9573, for more information.

Church Ladies Nite Out
November 18, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday November 18 at 7:00 p.m. to Savory located at Route 59 and West Bartlett Road. Please join us and bring a friend! If you need a ride, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 630-837-7889. Come join us in good fellowship, good food and good fun!

December will be very special for the Ladies! We will be going out on THURSDAY December 10 (different day and earlier in the month) to the Melting Pot. It is Ladies Nite at the restaurant so we will get a good price! We MUST have a reservation so let us know as soon as possible if you will be joining us; there is NO DROPPING IN!

Hope you can make that day.

Mom's Night Out
November 12, 7:00 p.m.

All moms and friends of ***Our Redeemer's*** are invited to Mom's Night Out at John Barleycorn (on National Parkway behind Toys R Us).

It's for all mothers, but especially those who have children that are school age or younger.

Come out and enjoy good food and fellowship and let someone else do the cooking and cleaning!

For more information and to make a reservation, contact **Annette Brown** 847-882-8629 or 847-341-8445 or email her at Annetteb421@sbcglobal.net.

Future Dates

Dec. 10	The Melting Pot
Jan. 14	Red Robin
Feb. 11	Silver Lake
March 11	Claim Jumper
April 8	Chevy's
May 13	Macaroni Grill

Arcuries Moving

Jack and **Kathy Arcurie** are moving to their new retirement home in Naples, FL November 1. On October 18 between services the choir presented Kathy with a cake in honor of her years of service in the choir.

After 26 years at ***Our Redeemer's*** they will miss their many friends, but have happily gotten rid of their lawnmower and snowblower.

Best wishes Jack and Kathy.

Blood Drive December 3

Our Redeemer's will host the Schaumburg area blood drive on Thursday, December 3 from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m.

On Sundays during November you can make a reservation to donate. You can also feel free to drop in and donate.

Habitat for Humanity

October 31, 7:00 a.m.

Habitat for Humanity of Lake County (Waukegan) continues to build new houses and they need lots of help!

Please consider this worthy cause and join this dedicated group on October 31. We meet at church at 7:00 a.m. and caravan to Waukegan. We usually return home by 5:00 p.m. For more information please call **Mert Rutledge** at 630-289-4334 or **Rob Mottar** at 630-682-5890.

Personal Notes

Out of the Darkness Walk

Thank You! Thank you! Thank You!

Words cannot express how I felt when I walked to check in at the Out of the Darkness Walk last Saturday, October 18. There at the registration table was someone I knew – and from my own church family! As I looked around and proceeded to go to the different stations, there were more friendly faces from ***Our Redeemer's***! I can't tell you in words what that meant, how touched I was and overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude that these people would come out on this very cold, cold day to volunteer to help our family and also hundreds of others deal with this pain of suicide.

Losing my nephew, **Skyler Campbell**, has been a very hard and difficult thing to accept, and somehow all these friends understood that! We could not have done the Walk without all your help. There were over 350 people attending this walk in Elgin, and they raised over $42,000 for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP). Many thanks to all those who contributed to Skyler's Crew and especially to these awesome friends and church family of ***Our Redeemer's*** for all their love and support on Saturday:

Gail Bedingfield, Cesar Carranza, Stephanie Edwards, Jim and Von Evitts, Lynne Gaska, Doug Meneely, Cathy Mottar, Lauren Randall, and **Shirlie Witte**.

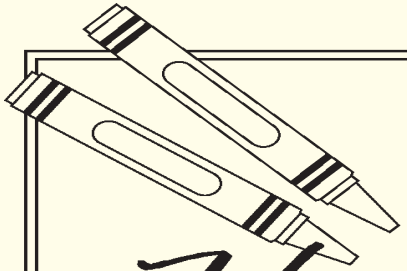
God bless you all!
Donna Echtner,
Skyler's Family & Skyler's Crew

Gabriel L. Maximiano,

son of **Andre** and **Maria Maximiano** was born October 2. Andre and Maria are new members from Brazil.

Our deepest sympathy to **Melinda Taylor** and her family on the death of her mother, **Patricia Oelerich**.

Kaelynn Nicolette Woloszyk, daughter of **Steven** and **Jessica Woloszyk** and her father **Steven** were baptized October 4.



Just for KIDS

He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

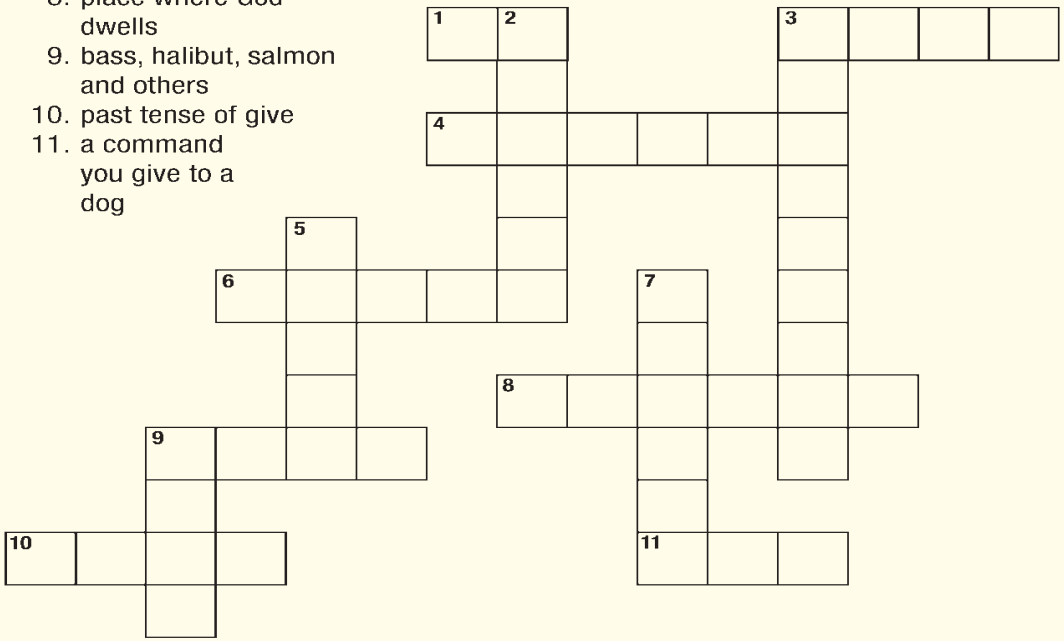
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

Across

1. opposite of down
3. opposite of up
4. more than one loaf
6. penniless
8. place where God dwells
9. bass, halibut, salmon and others
10. past tense of give
11. a command you give to a dog

Down

2. another name for humans
3. twelve of Jesus' closest friends
5. what a lawnmower cuts
7. _____ giving
9. odd number after 4



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

The Hope of Christmas

by JoAnne Gregorash

With the birth of the baby Jesus, Our Father promised us that we would be saved from our sins if we just believed. The blind man Simeon, who was at the temple where the baby was brought to be consecrated to God, knew instantly that this was the "Son of God"!

It is time for us to start our rejoicing for this Holy birth. At ***Our Redeemer's*** it is our tradition to celebrate the birth of Jesus, by filling the sanctuary with flowers for Christmas. For many years members and friends have been given the opportunity to purchase Poinsettias (red, white and pink) and "lend" them to the church to decorate our sanctuary in honor of the Blessed Event.

This year is no different. We invite all members and friends to continue this tradition and for those who are new to ***Our Redeemer's*** to become part of our celebration. Ordering is easy. You simply need to fill in the form below and drop it in the basket in the narthex with your payment. The price this year will again be $11.00. We will order for you, take delivery for you and use your flowers to decorate the sanctuary and the church.

After Christmas, you may take your flowers home and enjoy their beauty in your own house. The deadline for ordering this year is ***Sunday, December 13***. Let us see if we can all be on time this year! We need to give our florist as much notice as possible in order to guarantee our color selections and get the most beautiful flowers possible.

Won't you help us celebrate Christ's birth so all may look around and enjoy the beauty of the flowers and remember the joy and the hope the season brings to all.

Name _____ Phone _____

Quantity: Red _____ White _____ Pink _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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