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Rally Day

The importance of Sunday School

On September 13 we will celebrate Rally Day at *Our Redeemer's* Church. It is a Sunday when we all "Rally" back to Sunday School to begin another year of learning for our children and youth. It is an exciting time for them, for our teachers and for us as a church.

This summer was an awesome time for us as a faith family. Our education team organized a great Vacation Bible School program in July. As I participated in VBS this year (playing games, doing crafts, singing songs), I was amazed at the "loving connections" that were made between our adult leaders and the participating children.

Many of those children were from our neighborhood, who might not have a community of faith like ours. It was a pure gift to those children, and to the children who call *Our Redeemer's* their faith home.

We also had a great summer for our youth program. Our youth mission team (Appalachian Service Project, or ASP) sent 53 youth and adults to help repair the homes of 8 families, and to build relationships of love and grace.

Our Voices of Light youth drama ministry also put on Godspell, involving over 25 youth in presenting the stories of Jesus in song and dance.

As I watched and listened to our young people this summer I heard two things that were amazing.

One of our youth shared about a connection he made with one of our adult leaders. He shared how their interaction had really helped him **grow and "transform"** into who he was today. Another youth, who was part of our ASP team, shared how the experience had helped her **find her faith**.

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That is what we as a church are about. In our work together, we are offered the opportunity to find and grow in our faith, in order that we might share that gift with others, and see them and ourselves transformed in the ways of loving kindness, justice and grace. As we “prepare the good soil” with our time, talents and resources as church leaders, God will plant good seeds in us and in others.

For my part, I too remember adults connecting with me and offering me the opportunity to find my faith. *And this is the punch line to all of this!*

It was while I was sitting in Sunday School class learning and being loved by those who had given themselves to teach one hour each week. This year pray for our Sunday School teachers and our children as they begin again a time of growing as they learn about the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bill



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New 633 Worship

Starting September 13, 6:33 p.m.

by Lauri Marmorstone

633 has taken the summer off to reinvent and refresh their worship. With that reinvention comes change and a BIG change that we have made is a fresh way of identifying ourselves.

Drum roll please! 633 is now.....

“Unfiltered” @ 6:33.

Our alternative worship style allows us to present God’s Kingdom in a way that is truly “unfiltered.” You will experience worship in a whole new way. Come and see what we’re all about as we live out God’s kingdom together. Experience how you, personally, can identify with Christ in our ever changing, fast-paced world.

Another change that we have made is to add Sunday school to our evening worship as well as child care. Child care is available for infants and toddlers. A multiage Sunday school will be available for preschool children through 3rd grade.

We will be using the same curriculum as the morning services. We will have all Sunday school children start in the sanctuary and worship through the opening songs, gather for Sunday school afterwards, then join worship again for the closing worship songs.

If you are interested in being in our monthly rotation of teachers, please contact

Lauri Marmorstone or **Marianne Rogenski** as we are still looking for teachers.

We are so excited to worship with you again this fall, and we have many amazing worship series in the works that you will NOT want to miss!

Join us for our fall kickoff series titled “3D JESUS” starting on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 @ 6:33 p.m.

What does “3D Jesus” mean? God’s kingdom is real. It’s not just words on a page, in a book. It’s three dimensional! Our series will help to link your life to God and to reality—to make it 3D.

Through this series, we will focus on relationships—relationships with God and relationships with others. Why is it so important for us to be in relationships? We all want to be loved, to be known and to be validated. Within our relationships, we have to be willing to play by the rules, to ask the hard questions and be willing to take the time to nurture these relationships.

Our first message, titled “Tweeting with God,” will challenge us to look at the quality of our relationships.

In our next newsletter, be looking for ways that you can follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Also be looking for our new “Unfiltered” logo floating around ***Our Redeemer’s***. Get into our “unfiltered” network and share the buzz with your friends and family!



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

The youth bulletin board is on the end of the wall near the junior high room. All youth and parents should check it often! There will always be forms and schedules available there. As we have events there will also be current pictures and news about upcoming things as well. Take a look!

Sr. High (9th-12th grade) News

All Sr. High students are invited to our kick-off: Lou's on Saturday September 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ Lou Malnati's Pizza (corner of Roselle and Schaumburg Rds, Schaumburg)

RSVP to **Marianne** by Sept 8. All food provided. **BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

Calendar

Sept 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Lou's On Saturday @ Lou Malnati's
Sept 20, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth Group @ ORUMC
Sept 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth Group at Starbucks
Oct 4, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth Group @ ORUMC
Oct 11, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth group at McDonalds
Oct 18, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Youth Group @ ORUMC
Oct 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Lou's On Saturday @ Lou Malnati's

As you can see we are trying to get the youth group off-site more this year. It is important to remember that church is not just a building! Because of this we have a form that each parent will need to fill out about drivers. We need to know who your student can ride with. Please check out the youth bulletin board if you need a form. In addition, if your student will not be at 633 on a night that we are off-site, please drop off and pick up at the off-site establishment.

All youth are encouraged to bring friends to everything! The more the merrier!

Confirmation (7th-8th grade) News:

The confirmation picnic for students and parents will be September 13 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. All food will be provided by the youth council. You are invited to come for fellowship and information about the confirmation program.

Bring any questions that you might have! You are invited to stay after the picnic for Unfiltered @ 633

Calendar

Sept 13, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Kickoff Picnic

Sept 20, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class

Sept 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class

Oct 4, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class

Oct 11, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class

Oct 16-17 TBA Retreat at Wesley Woods

Oct 18 NO CLASS

Oct 25, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Class

Confirmation Sunday
September 20, 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation for all ninth graders who have completed the confirmation program during the last two years is on September 20 at 10:30 a.m.

This is a wonderful day for the church and for these students, so plan on being there to support them! There is a final class/rehearsal for these students on September 13 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Contact **Marianne** or **Pastor Bill** if you have a problem with this confirmation date.



Simon Enriquez	9/01
Wesley Enriquez	9/01
Ryan Randall	9/01
Jenna Edwards	9/04
Christopher Machonis	9/04
Sean Nichols	9/04
Lindsay Oster	9/04
Sarah Pepper	9/09
Garret Brown	9/23
Joshua Brown	9/29
Taylor Swartz	9/29

United Methodist Men
Breakfast Meeting @ Old Bridge
September 12, 8:00 a.m.

Join the UMM for breakfast and fellowship at Old Bridge Restaurant at Golf and Walnut Roads on Sept 12 at 8:00 a.m.

ORUMC UMM Retreat
October 23-24

Join the United Methodist Men of *Our Redeemer's* on October 23 and 24 for a retreat at Wesley Woods on Lake Geneva. There will be food, video presentations with time for discussion, board and bags games, and a lakeshore hike.

We plan to carpool from the church Friday at about 3:00pm and 5:00pm returning Saturday at about 5:00pm. Call **Steve Miller**, 630-837-5205 for more information.

United Methodist Women
September 19, 9:00 a.m.

All women of the church are invited to the UMW meeting on September 19 at 9:00 a.m. The theme of this season's meetings will be Caring for Our Community.

The September meeting will feature the missionary work of Richard Vales, a former *Our Redeemer's* member now in the Philippines.

A light breakfast will be served.



Godspell

The *Voices of Light* production of *Godspell* was excellent. The cast and crew worked most of the summer in preparation for three great shows August 6, 7 and 8. We owe a big thank you to all who performed and to all who have worked behind the scenes to make Godspell a success.

Special thanks go to **Ron Zemke** for directing *Godspell* and for directing the *Voices of Light* for seven years. He is definitely the force that has brought this group together.

Thanks also to co-director **Cathy Scott** for bringing her special musical talent to the production and to assistant directors **Daniel Shaw** and **David Zemke**.

Thanks to **Amy Johnson**, **Peggy Miller**, the *Our Redeemer's* staff and many others for their help behind the scenes. And thanks to all of you who came to see the show.





Bowling

Anybody looking to have a good time please consider joining the church bowling league. You **DO NOT HAVE TO BE A GOOD BOWLER TO JOIN!**

We bowl every other Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates. The season runs from August 30 to April 18.

If you are interested in bowling, please contact **Dan Meyer** at 847-884-9629.



Crisis Center Needs

Crisis Center kids are going back to school. They need waterproof backpacks, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, and pens/pencils/markers/crayons. Also needed: erasers/scissors/rulers/glue sticks/glue bottles, 3-ring binders and 2-pocket folders.

Always needed Medicine Chest items (all items must be new, sealed and with current dates): Non-alcohol cough syrup and non-aspirin pain reliever (for adults and children), antacids, RID shampoo, diarrhea medication, Orajel, Pedialyte, Band-Aids, antibiotic ointment, peroxide, rubbing alcohol and facial tissues.

Church Ladies Nite Out

September 16, 7:00 p.m.

The Church Ladies will be going out to dinner on Wednesday, September 16 to The Rose Bud Restaurant on Meacham and Higgins at 7:00 p.m. Please join us and bring a friend! If you need a ride or have any questions, call **Bev Wilkes** at 630-837-7889. Come join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food.

If you can't make this date, please join us in October 21 when we will be going to John Barleycorn.



Habitat for Humanity

September 19, 7:00 a.m.

The Habitat gang is looking for new faces. 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 September 19. 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.



Handbell Workshop

*September 26,
9:00 a.m. - Noon*

The Music Committee is sponsoring a handbell workshop on Saturday, September 26. A clinician from the Agape Ringers will be working with our own Redeemer Ringers.

Anyone interested in learning more about ringing handbells is most welcome to attend on the 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

If you would like more information, call **Karen Moore**, 847-397-8832.



NEEDED: Assistant Director

An assistant director is needed for the Random Ringers. Our young ringers rehearse Saturday morning each week to prepare for playing in church once a month.

If you would be interested in assisting the director, **Carolyn Meneely**, with this group, please call the church office.

Music Ministries

ORUMC offers several musical opportunities. Please consider joining us and sharing your talent. Rehearsals begin on September 8. For more information, please contact **Paula Patterson**, 630-497-0521.

Chancel Choir (high school – adult)

Wednesday 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Redeemer Ringers (high school – adult)

Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Sounds of Grace (high school – adult)

Tuesday 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.

Ember Days (teen & young adult)

Tuesday 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Cherub Choir (4 yrs – 2nd grade)

Tuesday 5:00 – 5:20 p.m.

Joyful Noise (3rd - 8th grade)

Tuesday 5:20 – 5:45 p.m.

Random Ringers (4th – 8th grade)

Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir/Chimes Potluck

September 9, 6:30 p.m.

Come kick off the season with a potluck followed by Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Redeemer Ringer rehearsals will begin September 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Out of the Darkness

On Oct. 17, at Walton's Island in Elgin, many people affected by a loved one who has died by suicide will come together. They will walk 3 1/2 miles to support each other and the fight to bring knowledge about depression and other mental illnesses Out of the Darkness.

The stigma still exists. Our church family has been affected by suicide. **Skyler Campbell** took his life April 16, 2004. He was **Sue Zimmeroff's** son, **Jerry's** stepson, **John, Gunnar** and **Tara Campbell (Lenhoff')**'s brother, **Sharon** and **Fred Felski** and **Donna** and **Bob Echtner's** nephew, **Fawn** and **Andy Breda**, **Jimmy** and **Kimmy Echtner**, **Blake** and **Danny Breda's** cousin.

Skyler's Sunday school teachers and church family friends have also been affected.

The drop of water in the ocean of life that Skyler was - the rings that moved out from his drop, are far-reaching. Sue and Jerry Zimmeroff are on the committee for the Out of the Darkness walk in Elgin this year, and Fawn Breda is captain of the team "Skyler's Crew." **Laura Ziebell** has also joined. She has been personally affected as well.

We invite you to support our team. You can find it by going to www.outofthedarkness.org, then on the left side type in "Skyler's Crew." You can see the members of the team, and donate to those who have not yet made their goal.

If you don't have access to the internet you can pick up a donation form in the office.

Suicide awareness is incredibly, devastatingly, important. Every 17 seconds, someone takes their life. Every 18 seconds, families and friends are left to make sense of it. Please join us or support us if you can.

Many thanks,
Skyler's Crew



Family
Camping
Sept 11-13
Oct 9-11

The ORUMC camping gang will gather two more times this season. In both cases advance reservations have been obtained. There could still be opportunities for those who make a last minute decision, so contact the host for more information.

September 11-13 we will be at Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI. The host is **Rob Mottar**, 630-682-5890.

October 9-11 we will be at Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL The host is **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-895-7385.

For those who like to camp indoors, the lodge at Starved Rock is available. You could join us for all the camping activities and sleep in a cozy bed. That is a popular weekend for the lodge, too, so call soon at 815-667-4211.

Offering of Letters

Your letters to Congress on behalf of the poor and hungry are making a difference. For the second straight year, advocating for those in hunger and poverty, members of Our Redeemers wrote over 150 letters to their representatives in both the Senate and the House. This year's Offering of Letters focused on making foreign aid more efficient and more effective. We do this in connection with Bread for the World (bread.org), but it stems from a conviction in our church to fight hunger with both charity (caring ministry) and justice (root cause).

As a follow up to the letters you wrote, we wanted to give you an update on the progress you have helped bring about. Currently, there is a bill in Congress tied directly to the concerns we raised. It is H.R. 2139, the "Initiating Foreign Assistance Reform Act of 2009," and, if passed, it will direct the president to develop and implement a comprehensive national strategy to further the U.S. foreign policy objective of promoting global development. The bill is intended to begin a process of reforming the Foreign Assistance Act written in 1961. The effect of this bill, not to mention your efforts, is that more hungry men, women, and children will receive life-giving aid, simply as a result of the United States improving how our government gives aid.

We are pleased to report that two members of our Micah Ministries team visited Washington D.C. in June. Inspired by our church's participation in the Offering of Letters the past few years, and as a follow up to the letters you wrote, they attended a Bread for the World conference to learn more about what can be done to help. While there, they met with Illinois Senators and members of Congress to ask them to support reform in Foreign Assistance.

If you would like to learn more about fighting the root causes of hunger, H.R. 2139, Bread.org, or the Offering of Letters, please contact **Jon Montgomery** at jamnjla@aol.com or **Jill Wood-Naatz** at jnaatz@d211.org.

Thanks for Your Support

By attending the ORUMC rendition of *Uncle Phil's Diner* in February of this year, you helped to feed hungry people in the Chicago area.

Our proceeds were sent to the Rogers Park soup kitchen (\$500) and to the Greater Chicago Food Depository (\$1,692.17). The food depository money was designated to be used by the Church of the Holy Spirit and Willow Creek food pantries. People in our community will benefit from your giving. And hopefully you had fun too!

Thank you very much.

The Empty Seats

As I sit in *Our Redeemer's* sanctuary on Sunday morning, I often look around at the congregation. I enjoy seeing those I've grown close to through the years. There are others I don't know as well as I should (I must work on that!) Still others are strangers-apparent visitors-that I, and we all, should greet and welcome.

But there are other times that I notice the empty seats. Perhaps there are only a few. Yet they can often be numerous, especially at the 10:30 service and on busy suburban weekends.

More recently I've begun to think of each empty seat as representing a person-a person living in the church's neighborhood, in Schaumburg, or in a nearby community-who doesn't yet have a church home.

Each is a person who experiences the same "joys and concerns" that we all do, yet has no church family to share them with. That person might be searching for answers to life's deepest questions yet haven't found what they need.

A small group of chairs might represent a family-new to the community-hoping to find fellowship, but not sure where to look. Another chair might represent a youth whose life could be changed by a mission trip to Appalachia.

Three times a year our church sends out members to deliver letters to homes in our community. These deliveries occur during December, Lent, and September, correspond-

ing to the United Methodist Church's "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" campaign.

We don't knock on doors or "evangelize"; we simply slip a letter inside the front door. The letter tells a little about our church and invites them to give us a try *if* they don't already have a church home (we're certainly not trying to fill our seats with members of another church!)

If you would be interested in delivering some letters to our church's neighbors, please notify Donna in the church office and we can assign you an area to cover.

Bruce Bedingfield



Mom's Night Out

September 10, 7:00 p.m.

Join the moms with a night on the town. All moms are welcome. No cooking allowed - just fun and fellowship.

Call **Annette Brown**, 847-882-8629, for information and reservations.



Acolyte Training

Attention Confirmation Students and 4th, 5th and 6th graders! Acolyte training starts soon. Contact **Denise Pepper**, 847-304-0146, for details.



8th Annual Open Mic Night Saturday, October 24, 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 in September.

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

Help Keep Track \$\$\$

Help the tellers and Donna accurately record your giving. Please write your name on the giving envelope - especially if you give cash!



Personal Notes



The congregation extends deepest sympathy to:

Ron and Beverly Wilkes and family on the death of **Melvin Wilkes**, Ron's brother and also **Karen Wilkes**, Ron's sister who passed away this summer 2 months apart.

Dan Meyer and family on the death of his father, **Calvin Meyer**

Emil Brunner and family on the death of his son.



A special "Thanks sooo much" to **Carlene Thompson, Jean Homeyer, Kathie Kapp, Sherrie Cottrell, June Guthrie, Sharon Jung** and **Don Wiebel** for all your help in the office during my vacation.

You were great, thanks for volunteering your time and talents!

Love,

Donna Echtner

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