



The Redeemer

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ASP Sunday
July 11 - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

by Marianne Rogenski

The 2004 ASP team left ORUMC on Saturday, June 12 around 12:30pm. We were all very excited—some of us because we had been there before and knew what we were about to be a part of and some of us because it was our first time to experience ASP.

That night we stayed in Cincinnati at Westwood United Methodist Church—we dined at an Italian restaurant and ate Graeter's ice cream (the best in the world!). Sunday morning we were blessed to have a chance for the first time to worship there and then we left for Chavies—or tried to!

We arrived in Chavies, KY, that afternoon. We were greeted by the four staff people at the center and also by the other groups that would spend the week with us—one from Wisconsin and one from Florida.

The week was spent replacing floors, repairing roofs, and digging ditches. How-

ever, as most of you know, that was not the most important, amazing, AWESOME thing that happened. Thirty-seven of us went to Kentucky and built some amazing relationships in the name of Jesus Christ. We built these relationships not only amongst our fellow church members but also with the other groups that were at our center and most importantly with the families that we were serving.

I feel so blessed to have been able to be a part of ASP again this year—it is an intense, emotional, incredible week and I wish that each and every one of you could be there. I want to thank all of the others that went with us this year—it would not have been what it was without you. You all made a difference and touched people in those seven days!

July 11 is ASP Sunday. Come at 9:00 or 10:30 and hear from those who went on the ASP trip.



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Angel Of The Month Ronda Wilkes

by Bev wilkes

Ronda has been a member of *Our Redeemer's* for over 10 years along with her husband **Dan**. Both of them were great disciples and brought Dan's mom into the church in 1996. Later came their beautiful daughters, **Colleen** and **Caitlin**.

Ronda has put a lot of energy into our church by belonging to the UMW and being their treasurer. She often helps out by being a teller; her banking experience coming in handy. Being a great baker, she often volunteers to bake for many different occasions. She was on the Education committee and took a lot of pleasure by participating in Disciple One. Her greatest talent being used in our church is her love of music. Ronda can be seen in the first row of the choir every Sunday, she often plays either her flute or piccolo, and she participates with the Praise Team on occasion. Ronda encourages her children to love music, and they are in the Cherub Choir.

This column has been written with pride and prejudice, as this beautiful lady is not only my daughter-in-law but also a terrific friend. Last month's angel nominated her and we gladly wrote this article. Ronda reaches out to everyone with a smile and friendship as she feels that life is too short to do anything else. Our family is blessed and I believe that our church family is also blessed with this bright and sunny musician.

The Purpose- Driven Church

by Bruce Bedingfield

Many in our church congregation are familiar with the current best seller, *The Purpose Driven Life*, by Rick Warren. It's wonderful to see a religious book on the best-seller list for so long. It's not a perfect book, but I would certainly recommend reading it.

The Purpose Driven Life is actually a follow-up to Warren's earlier book, *The Purpose Driven Church*. In my current role of Administrative Council co-chair, I recently read that book as well. The author is the pastor of a church in California that is very similar sounding to our local Willow Creek Community Church in size, philosophy, and era in which it was formed. Written in the mid-1990s, this book contains some wonderful ideas and observations about the needs of contemporary churches. I have included a list of some of my favorite quotes from the book (a more complete list can be found on our church's web site.)

Not surprisingly, however, the five main purposes the author presents for the church are the same five purposes he emphasizes in *The Purpose Driven Life*. Those purposes are 1) to worship (and glorify) God, 2) to serve others, 3) to be in fellowship with other believers, 4) to study and learn (that we might become more like Christ), 5) and finally, to introduce others to Christ.

Those five purposes are nothing new to us at ***Our Redeemer's***. These are themes, in fact, that keep coming up repeatedly at our Administrative Council meetings. Our current (and soon to retire) bishop, Joseph

Sprague, has written extensively on his concept of the "four emphases of vital congregations"—passionate worship, sophisticated adult education, intimate care of one another, and risk-taking mission. In addition, Bishop Sprague has been a huge proponent of the United Methodist Church's evangelism program, Igniting Ministries.

But it's also clearly seen that all five purposes are incorporated into Our Redeemer's vision statement.

"As followers of our Lord, we seek to introduce people to a relationship with Jesus Christ and give them principles by which to live their daily lives. As a community of faith we achieve our vision through:

Dynamic worship

Relevant education for all ages

A supportive community of love and prayer

Caring ministries in our community and world

The discovery and the development of the abilities God has given each person."

Our church's "additional" purpose, the discovery of our God-given gifts, is also emphasized in this book.

If you have not yet read *The Purpose Driven Life*, I do encourage you to do so. If you are involved in church leadership, or you feel God may be calling you into a position of church leadership, I would highly recommend your reading *The Purpose Driven Church* as well. Finally, I recommend this book if you simply love our church and want to help ensure it glorifies God and fulfills *His* purposes.

Selected Quotes from *The Purpose-Driven Church* by Rick Warren

- God intends for every believer to have a ministry.
- Alvin Toffler says that people look for “islands of stability” when change becomes over-whelming. This is a wave the church needs to ride.
- I know of many churches where the members love each other, and they have great fellowship, but the churches are dying because all the love is focused inwardly. The fellowship in these churches has become so tight that newcomers are unable to break into it. They don't attract unbelievers because they don't love unbelievers.
- Our world is filled with lonely people who are starving for the affirmation of a loving touch.
- The “Three Minute Rule”: We all agreed that for the first three minutes after the service was over, members would talk only to people they'd never met. This was based on the fact that the first people to leave after a service are the visitors. So we would wait until all the visitors had left to fellowship with each other.
- Unfortunately, churches are often held together by committees rather than commitment.
- I believe the church is a sleeping giant. Each Sunday church pews are filled with members who are doing nothing with their faith except “keeping it”.
- One of the reasons church members don't witness to their neighbors is because they don't know them! They are always at church, attending meetings.



Community Crisis Center

The Community Crisis Center is collecting cellular phones. The phones will bring in anywhere from \$1-\$25 for the center. Accessories are not needed just the phones. There is a new clear bin in the back of the church by the Crisis Center bin to collect cell phones.

In these times of dwindling federal, state and local funding, social service organizations must look for options for funding. If you can help place a box at your place of employment and would like a container please contact **Robin Erickson** at 847-882-6116.

As the summer months approach, please bring in gently used or new swim suits for Moms and kids. The Park District gives the center passes for the local pool, and swim suits and pool shoes are needed. Please leave these items in the basket in the Narthex.



Nursery Help Needed

The Staff Parish Committee is looking for an adult (18+) to work in the nursery. This person's main responsibility would be to work during evening services. These would include: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve.

This is a paid position. Please contact Dan Meyer at 847-882-6116 for more information.



Sunday School Teachers 2003 - 2004

Nursery

Sophie Byrnes
Hope Sullivan
Sue Zimmeroff

2-3 Year Olds

Penny Miller
Amy Rapp
Eufrocina Victoria
Noni Victoria

4-5 Year Olds

Sally Brown
Peggy Miller

K / 1st Grade

Jim & Laura Machonis
Lindsey Miller
Susan Rapp

2nd / 3rd Grade

Doug Meneely
Sue Swartz

4th / 5th Grade

Annette Brown
Diane Rocha
Pamela Herold

6th Grade

Shelley Lukowicz

7th / 8th Grade

Melinda Taylor

9th-12th Grade

Jon Montgomery

Song Leaders

Lindsey Miller & Susan Rapp

Offering/attendance takers:

Tom Kane, Steve Miller

Substitutes:

Lori Bies, Holly Easterbrook, Lynne Gaska, Dorene Gilbert, Margaret Higgins, Michelle Hill, Amy Meyer, Cathy Mottar, Jill Wood-Naatz, Linda Nordli, Michelle Peacock, and Mary Theile

Education Committee:

Sue Bruneau, Peggy Miller, Annette Brown, Dorene Gilbert, Teresa Huber, Linda Dombeck, Amy Meyer and Alison Kanyuh

Thank again for all that you do for the children at *Our Redeemer's*.

May God bless you all,

Sue Bruneau - Chair of Education

July Birthdays

07/01 Samantha Miller

07/06 Scott Huber

07/09 Chris Rocha

07/11 David Rocha

07/12 Isaac Rogenski

07/17 Holly Fettel

07/19 Jessica Miller

07/20 Jenna Nystrom

07/21 Jamie Gundlach

07/24 Morgan Gire

07/24 Sarah Meyer

07/30 Andrew Byrnes

07/30 Don Rathje



2004 Graduates

Congratulations to all of our students who graduated this June and move on to the next level of education or to the working world.

Grade School

Ryan Randall - Keller Jr. High
Ashley Mottar - Jay Stream Middle School
Nicole Clermont - Canton Middle School
Daniel Shaw - Lincoln Prairie
Nick Penev - Keller Jr. High
Kevin Machonis - Keller Jr. High
Lauren Brown - Tefft Middle School
Matthew Patterson - Jr. High, Downers Grove

High School

Rachael Naumann - Hoffman Estates High School
Branden Jung - Hoffman Estates High School
Lauren Randall - Schaumburg High School
Jeremie Lukowicz - Hoffman Estates High School
Tara Campbell - Schaumburg High School
Christine Bies - Conant High School
Rebecca Riess - Schaumburg High School
Luke Pepper - Fremd High School

College

Eric Hollingsworth - Western Illinois Univ.
Michael Arcurie - Roosevelt Univ.
Ryan Bedingfield - St. Louis Univ.
Sarah Kobylewski - University of Illinois
Jeffrey Patterson - Purdue University



The Rock (Sr. High) Summer Schedule

July 9, 7-10 p.m.
Carom Tournament

Come even if you don't want to play—we will have other things, too!

July 11, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
ASP Sunday

July 21, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Picnic lunch at Gray Farm Park

August 1, Time TBA
Chapel In The Sky

August 12, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Movie night at ORUMC



Vacation Bible School Notes

When: August 2 - 6

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

We are looking for volunteers for:

- Teachers
- Craft Station Leader
- Snack Station Leader
- Outside Activities Leader
- Music Assistant

As well as assistants for all of the above.

Please call **Michelle Hill** at 847-882-6116 or e-mail at:

orumc@core.com if you are interested in helping.

High School students are encouraged to be involved with VBS. All materials and lessons are provided.

Amy Meyer will be organizing a van service for those children who need a ride to and from VBS. Please call her at 847-882-6116 if your child needs a ride.

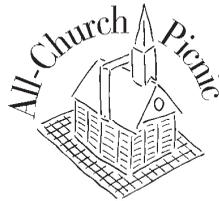
Registration forms for VBS are available in the office. Please sign up your children as soon as possible.



Bowling League

Anyone interested in having a great time and meeting some new friends, please come and join the *Our Redeemer's* United Methodist Church bowling league. We bowl every other Sunday starting August 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A GOOD BOWLER TO JOIN! If you are interested, please contact **Dan Meyer** at (847) 882-6116. We look forward to another exciting year!



All-Church Picnic August 29

We have set the date for the All-Church Picnic, but we need volunteers to plan the food, drinks, games, tickets, weather, etc. In past years we have had one worship service at 10:30 followed by the picnic immediately after church.

If you would be interested in helping to plan and execute the picnic, please call the church office, 847-882-6116.



ORUMC Family Camping

July 16-18 *Hi Tide Campground*

The July 16-18 campout is at Hi Tide campground in Leland, IL. Hi Tide is a great hot weather spot with a good swimming lake. We'll enjoy the hot weather and chicken and corn-on-the-cob for our Saturday potluck supper.

Reservations for the group have already been turned in, but if you decide to come at the last minute, call **Joe and Diane Rocha**, 847-882-6116, for information about reservations.

August 13-15 *Lena KOA, Lena, IL*

The August 13-15 campout is at the Lena KOA in Lena, IL. The campground has a nice pool and is not too far from Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park.

We will share a spaghetti dinner Saturday evening. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite sauce. Call **Don Wiebel**, 847-882-6116, for information and reservations.



Frances Draba

The congregation mourns in the loss of **Frances Draba** June 6.

Frances lived in Schaumburg and attended *Our Redeemer's* for 20 years. She was active in Bible studies and the United Methodist Women. She regularly helped with the Rummage Sale and for many years was the "Sunshine Lady" who sent cards to members who were under the weather. She also helped in the office and with the production of the newsletter.

Outside the church she volunteered as a reading tutor with the Schaumburg Library Literacy Program. She also volunteered for 15 years with the Kenneth Young center.

All of us who knew Frances share her loss with her daughter **Von Evitts** and the entire Evitts and Draba families.

The congregation also extends deepest sympathy to:

Rae Burtis and her family on the death of her father, **Darrel Snider**

Randy Schmidt and his family on the death of his mother, **Edna Schmidt**

Debbie Hernandez and family on the death of her aunt, **Barbara Johnson**

Personal Notes



Melinda Taylor and family on the death of her nephew, **Seth Martin**

Thanks for your Kindness

Thanks to all for the kindness and concern you have shown my family during my mother's hospitalizations and rehab over the past year. Your prayers, visits and cards to her were greatly appreciated.

Thanks also for the prayers and expressions of sympathy extended to my family upon my mother's death. It is this thoughtfulness that gives us spiritual strength for the days ahead.

Yours in Christ,
Von and Jim Evitts and family of
Frances Draba

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



Samantha Lynn Slife was born June 18 to **Mike** and **Melissa** Slife. Samantha was 6 lb 15 oz, and according to her grandmother is very pretty.

Fragile But Improving

Fred Rickleff, our second pastor at *Our Redeemer's*, is in rehab and continuing to recover from bypass surgery. Fred said he has received quite a stack of cards and a number of phone calls.

He got one card from a little girl (big girl now) who was in Sunday School during Fred's time at *Our Redeemer's*.

Fred and Doris sent the following message:

Dear Friends of Our Redeemer's Church,

Thank you for all your get-well wishes. I am on the way to recovery. You are a loving and caring church. God bless you all.

Fred and Doris Rickleff
1112 Skogdalen Drive
Stoughton, WI 53589

Baptisms

Dominic Quentin Gomes, son of **Shelomi** and **Ivan Gomes** was baptized June 27.

Dear Friends and Loved Ones at Our Redeemer's

The time has come for us to say goodbye. We will miss everyone in our church family that we have come to know and love. Pray for us as we embark on our new adventure to South Bend, IN. You will be in our hearts and prayers. We will visit when we can. Please come visit us!

Love,
**Holly, Dave, Rachel,
Jeremiah and Hannah
Easterbrook.**

*The Easterbrook family has contributed much to the life of **Our Redeemer's** over the years. We will miss them and wish them well in their new endeavors.*

Dear Friends and Family,

A heart-felt thank you for your support. With your generous contributions, our family was able to raise over \$4,125.00 for the MS Walk!

There were over 1,200 people in attendance on a beautiful, sunny day. So many people gathering for a common goal was quite overwhelming. This is a cause that hits close to home. We learned at the walk every 10 minutes, a new person is diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Words can't express how touched and grateful we are by your support and generosity.

Thank You!
**John, Edie, Jim, Laura, and
Chris Machonis**

Thanks for the Prayers

Friend and former *Our Redeemer's* member, **Jim Warman** has been going through chemo treatments for cancer for about six weeks and received his first test results June 4. Jim writes:

Thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls, etc. regarding my battle with cancer – especially the prayers. Just got the first test results and the tumors have shrunk by about 50%!!! Even the doctors were enthused – and I was ecstatic.

I think a big part of this come from your prayers – which I hope will continue. My chemotherapy will continue as long as the tumors continue to shrink or until they are gone.

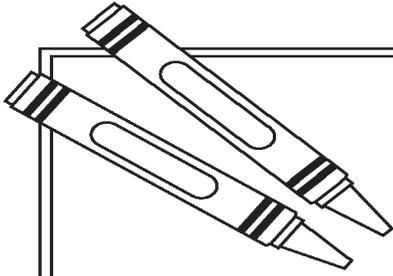
Still much work to do.
Thanks again,
Jim

Totaro Family Moving

Jay and Kara Totaro and their daughters, **Gabriella** and **Adriana**, are following Jay's job to Atlanta on June 30. We will miss them in worship, choir and potlucks and wish them well in their new location. Kara writes:

Thank you for welcoming us through these five years at Our Redeemer's. We will miss you all. Come visit us in Georgia. Our new address is:

4903 Registry View
Kennesaw, GA 30152



Just for **KIDS**

Who were Jesus' friends?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends.
Whom did Jesus consider his friends?

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise,
write every other letter on the spaces below.

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John 15:14

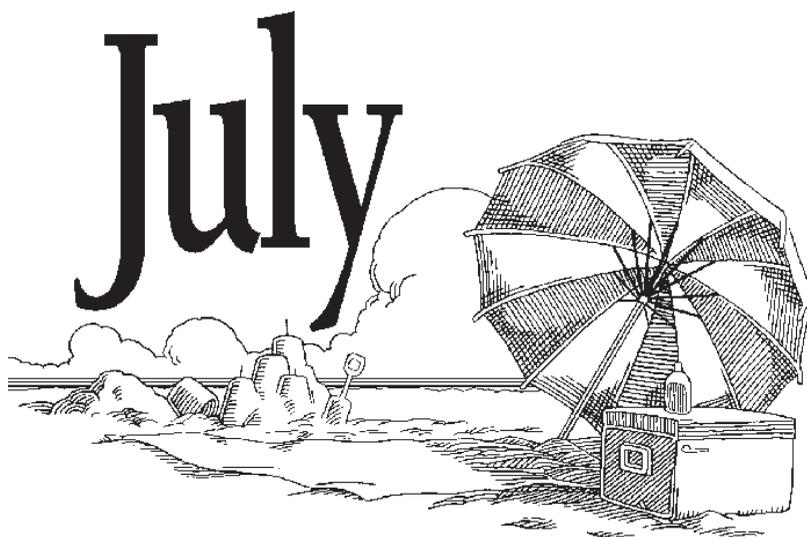
Answer: You are my friends if you do what I command.

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**Summer Worship Schedule
9:00 and 10:30 a.m. June 13 - August 22**