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Vacation Bible School 2007 Market Place AD - Galilee by the Sea June 25 - 28, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bring your children to Galilee By-the-Sea where they will travel back into Bible times with Jesus!

Each evening your children can become part of history as they see, hear, touch and even taste what it was like to live during the time of Jesus! Each night the children will explore authentic marketplace shops, visit the Synagogue, dance and sing to lively Bible songs and bake and sample their very own bread as they discover more about life when Jesus walked the earth. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate!

Children will join together to form small tribal families – one of the 12 tribes of Israel. They will wear simple costumes to help them fit right into the Bible times setting and we will even have a petting zoo one of the evenings!

So mark your calendar. You don't want to miss out on the fun! The adventure will begin Monday June 25 and run through Thursday June 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. each evening.

To register your children simply fill out the VBS Registration Form and return it to church. Remember to register early. We are expecting a big turn out and you don't want to miss out on the fun!

There is no registration fee for ORUMC's vacation bible school program. We want everyone to be able to participate. All we ask is that each child bring a healthy snack and drink to share *one* of the evenings. We will also be collecting food for the Schaumburg Food Pantry, so children are asked to bring a food donation each evening.

See the registration form on page 13.

The fun begins soon so don't miss out!

**Coming Soon
6:33
Begins September 9
6:33 p.m.
Continues every Sunday
evening
ORUMC**



Natural Church Development

A year ago in March 2006, thirty members of Our Redeemer's answered a Natural Church Development (NCD) survey. Just as it sounds, NCD focuses on ways that churches grow naturally, not through gimmicks or intimidation. NCD identifies eight quality characteristics of growing churches (listed below). It creates a profile of our church's strong and not so strong characteristics, as compared to more than a thousand churches around the world. Our strongest characteristics were Empowering Leadership and Loving Relationships.

The NCD Program works to strengthen the minimum factor using the strong qualities and NCD tools. When one characteristic is not as strong as others, it can slow down church growth. NCD action steps work to strengthen low rated characteristics. After about a year, the survey is done again to assess the changes in our church's profile. Have we strengthened our minimum factor? Have other qualities changed – increasing or decreasing?

Our Redeemer's minimum characteristic was Need-oriented evangelism. This key to church growth calls for *Our Redeemer's*

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to focus on the needs and questions of non-members. The NCD Team identified a need for families to be able to come together in fellowship that would allow parents and children to have fun in safe and joyful surroundings. Friday Night Flicks showing the animated film *Hoodwinked* was the first event. Coming up are Vacation Bible School and the Church Picnic this summer.

We also identified a need in the community to address fears from diversity by inviting speakers to talk to us at *Our Redeemer's* as part of our series *Faith & Fear: Issues in Diversity*.

We heard from Muslim Fulbright Scholar **Dr. Mohamed Aafif** about Islam and Christianity in his country, Morocco. **Dann Gire** told us about a new racism in films today and **Diep Nguyen** talked about immigration and her flight from Viet Nam.

By learning first hand about their experiences we are better at confronting and understanding our own fears.

Our next question then is how has *Our Redeemer's* changed because of these efforts. In the upcoming weeks, the NCD Team will be doing another survey to see how our profile looks now; which quality characteristics have changed or not. If you are asked to complete a survey, please give thoughtful and prayerful responses.

Carolyn Meneely
The Director of Discipleship

The Eight Quality Characteristics defined by the Natural Church Development process are:

- **Empowering leadership**
- **Gift-oriented ministry**
- **Passionate spirituality**
- **Functional structures**
- **Inspiring worship service**
- **Holistic small groups**
- **Need-oriented evangelism**
- **Loving relationships**

Movie Night July 10, 7:00 p.m. *Invisible Children*

The 6:33 committee is hosting a movie night featuring the documentary film, *The Invisible Children*. The documentary was made by filmmakers **Jason Russell**, **Bobby Bailey**, and **Laren Poole** from San Diego, California. Their goal is to create awareness regarding the plight of the people of Northern Uganda, caught in the midst of a civil war between the government and a rebel group that makes extensive use of kidnapping children and making child soldiers. Statistics show that 50,000 Ugandan children are abducted each year to become child soldiers.

The filmmakers also created *Invisible Children Inc* in an attempt to give people a way to easily help with the situation in Northern Uganda, after viewing the film.

More information about the film and the organization is available on the web-site www.invisiblechildren.org.



Youth News

by Marianne Rogenski

Well, the confirmation classes are over and the regular H2O meetings are also—it is time to enjoy the summer!

Here is what the youth program will look like for summer 2007:

July 11, 7-8:30 p.m.

Jr. and Sr. High game night. Come on this hot Wednesday night and enjoy food, games, and fellowship!

August 12, Time to be announced,.

Jr. and Sr. High community photo scavenger hunt.

ASP

The ASP (Appalachia Service Project) Team will be heading to Letcher County, KY, this month! They will be leaving the church on June 9 around noon and will return June 16 around 5:00 p.m. Please keep this team in your prayers as they travel and serve in this amazing mission.

New Orleans

The New Orleans Mission Team is getting ready for their own service in July. There is still room on this team if you are interested—please contact Marianne. There is a meeting on May 31, 7:00 p.m. and also a meeting on June 19, 7:00 p.m.

If you are interested in sponsoring either of these teams there is still time for that also. Please leave your sponsorship along with your name and address in the church office.

Fall Programs

The youth program will be structured a little differently in the fall as we work with and around the 6:33 Worship Gatherings—we are very excited about this! Please keep an eye out in the next couple of newsletters for more information.

Important Dates:

June 9-16 ASP

July 11, 7:00 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High game night

July 14-22 New Orleans Trip

August 12 Jr. and Sr. High Scavenger Hunt

September 9 6:33 Worship Gathering Kickoff and small groups afterward.



Education News

by Gwyn Greenwalt

Thank You Teachers

We would like to send out one more huge thank you to our 2006-07 Sunday School teachers. Enjoy your summer!

Summer Sunday School

Attention parents of children ages 3 to 7 years old: Our parent-led summer Sunday school program, held during the 9:00 service in the Rainbow Room, starts June 3 and runs through August 26. Please consider volunteering to teach one or two Sundays during the summer so that we can fully staff this program and provide a Sunday school alternative for our younger children during the summer months. *Any weeks when we do not have a volunteer, there will not be Sunday School and children will attend the worship service with their families.*

All materials are provided, and are available in marked envelopes in the Rainbow Room. A sign up sheet is posted in the hallway outside of the Rainbow Room, so sign up today. For more information, contact Gwyn Greenwalt at 847-882-6116.

June Birthdays

Mark Nordli	6/4
Morgan Higgins	6/6
Robert Nordli	6/13
Meghan Taylor	6/13
Kanitta Kulprathipanja	6/18
Billy Esposito	6/21
Joel Schwartze	6/21
Kevin Machonis III	6/22
Chris Johnson	6/22

Congratulations Graduates

The following ORUMC young people are graduating this year.

High School Graduates

Aubrey Balk
Missy Gurga
Erin Hale
Chris Hatten
Tabitha Kielhack
Adam Lukowicz
Brian Nordli
Lindsay Oster
Amy Rapp
Christopher Rocha
Sarah Sullivan

College Graduates

Ashley Balk
Eastern Illinois University
Kristen Hollingsworth
Illinois State University
Sarah Jeziorski
University of Illinois - Chicago

Family Ministries

by Gwyn Greenwalt

Whew! It's summer. We hate to admit it, but we kind of look forward to a break from choir practice, meetings, and the structure and schedule of the school year. But a break from visiting with our ORUMC friends?!? We certainly don't want that!

The goal of Family Ministries is to bring the families of ORUMC together at a time when we often see less of each other due to vacation schedules and summer activities. Whether you're a family of one or a family of ten, everyone is welcome at Family Ministries events. Check your calendars and join us if you can.

Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.

Chicago Boyz Acrobats at the Schaumburg Town Square

Come early and bring chairs or a blanket and enjoy this free program that is sure to entertain the entire family.

Saturday, June 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m. – Fishing Expedition at Volkening Lake

Wednesday, July 4th – Hoffman Estates 4th of July Parade -Details to come.

Don't forget other activities at ORUMC that are perfect for families:

VBS – June 25-28

Church Picnic – July 29

If you have ideas for Family Ministries activities or would like to get involved in any other way, please let us know. Contact **Jeff and Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-882-6116, or at jgreenwalt1@comcast.net. If you would like e-mail reminders of upcoming events, let us know!

Finance Report

The following is the financial report through April 2007. The Finance Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month. All are welcome.

YTD Actual vs. Budget Through April 2007

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	102,499	110,869	(8,370)	-8%
Sprint Rent	11,198	8,959	2,239	25%
Other Income	12,293	11,983	310	3%
Total Income	125,990	131,811	(5,821)	-4%
Total Expenses	128,972	133,481	(4,510)	-3%
Net Income (Loss)	(2,982)	(1,670)	(1,311)	



Join us on the ORUMC Fishing Expedition

Sponsored by Family Ministries

Saturday, June 16

(Rain Date, Saturday, June 23)

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Volkening Lake – 900 W. Schaumburg Road

Whether you're a seasoned fishermen or a beginner, everyone is invited to join in the fun. We will provide refreshments and worms, but feel free to share special "secret" bait and angler tips. *Children 16 and younger do not need a fishing license – anyone wanting more information can check out the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website at www.dnr.state.il.us/admin/systems/licenses.htm*

Got Questions? Contact **Jeff** and **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-882-6116, or see **Pastor Bill**.

We would like to know who is coming so that we can plan accordingly for supplies, prizes, etc. Please respond via e-mail to jgreenwalt1@comcast.net.

We'll have a "REEL" good time!



Church Ladies Nite Out

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday June 20 at 7p.m. to the Lone Star Restaurant at Barrington and Higgins. Please join us and bring a friend! If you are in need of a ride or have any questions, please call **Bev Wilkes** at 847-882-6116.

Come and join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food!



Crisis Center Needs

The Crisis Center needs for June include toothpaste and toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner, disposable shavers, anti-perspirant/deodorant, hand and body lotion, nail clippers and emery boards.

Summer needs include: new socks/slip-pers/underwear, summer pajamas for women and children, swim suits (new or gently used), sun block lotion, mosquito repellent.

Please leave your donations in the Crisis Center box in the office.



Rummage Sale Review

Thanks to all for your support of the UMW Rummage Sale. The Boy Scouts came to help set up tables on Sunday morning and helped knock down and pack up on Saturday afternoon. Treasured “stuff” started showing up right after church on Sunday morning and kept coming in all week long. Many came though the week to help sort and price.

There was a line of people outside at opening time on Friday morning and a steady flow of customers up to and including closing time on Saturday. Thanks to a good group of volunteers on Saturday, we were cleaned up and out the door by 2:00 p.m.

The sale made a little over \$4,000 that will go to various missions supported by the United Methodist Women.

Pizza Update

Thanks to all who purchased United Methodist Men’s pizzas. Due to your response we had to purchase additional “parts” and still sold out all our pizzas in advance.

Profits from the sale will help sponsor the ASP and New Orleans trips.



ORUMC Family Camping

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in our monthly Family Camping outings.

Seven families gathered March 18 for a potluck and planning session for the 2007 camping season. We planned five campouts complete with hosts and menus.

The camping dates and locations are shown below.

June 1-3 - Shabbona Lake State Park, Shabbona, IL

June 29-July 1 - Rock Cut State Park, Loves Park, IL

August 10-12 - LeAquaNa State Park, Lena, IL

September 21-23 - Starved Rock State Park, Utica, IL

October 5-7 - Devil's Lake State Park, Baraboo, WI

All campouts are scheduled at state parks that require advance reservations. If you would like to attend any of the campouts, please Contact **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-882-6116, as soon as possible.

We will add you to our camping list and get you all of the reservation details.

New Members

We welcome the following to the *Our Redeemer's* family.



George and Kim Kalousek and their sons George and Joseph



Helen Marquart



Khareen Lantin

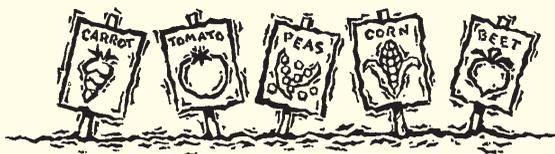


Coupons for Christ

by *Diane Rocha*

First I would like to thank all who have brought in their manufacturer coupons. We have used them to buy for the food pantry and have shared them with others in need.

We also met a woman who buys for the Maryville City Youth. We are going to be giving them coupons to off set their cost and they will have their youth help with projects if needed around our church.



Hunger Garden Update

We have planted the garden and are in need for some more tomato baskets and someone to help water the garden. Please consider if you can help, and contact **Diane Rocha**, 847-882-6116, or the church office. We really need your help to have a bountiful garden.

Service Award

Eastern Illinois University proudly presented **Jennifer Mottar** of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority with the 2007 Outstanding Individual Community Service Award. Jen is committed to helping others, which is a trait she has learned as a member of *Our Redeemer's*.

She has participated in ASP, Habitat for Humanity, Soup Kitchen, 30-Hour Famine and various other community service activities.



Church Picnic
July 29

Watch for more information
coming soon!

Personal Notes



I want to thank **Pastor Bill** for his visits while I was in the hospital. Thank you to Carlene Thompson and Mary Knoppel for bringing a prayer shawl to me. I have used it often.

Also many thanks to all who sent cards, notes and phoned. They all helped to cheer my days after surgery.

Wayne and I want to thank all of the ladies who provided meals for us after my return home from the hospital. The meals and visits meant a lot to us and we enjoyed all of them.

Thank you again,
Mary Blackburn

New ASP Staff

Ashley Balk and **Tim Shaw** will be part of the Appalachia Service Project staff this summer. They will be in training from May 23 till June 2 at the Jonesville Center. They will be at their final locations from June 3 till August 8.

You can write to them (quickly) at the Jonesville address:

Jonesville HSC-ASP
P.O. Box 250
Jonesville, VA 24263

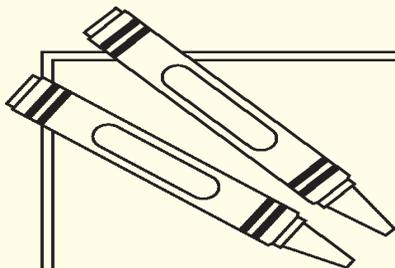
Check the bulletin for their permanent summer addresses.

Welcome Ruby Jane

Congratulations to **Jamie Addams** and **Jon Montgomery** on the birth of their daughter, **Ruby Jane Addams Montgomery**, born May 6.



Ruby Jane Addams Montgomery with Jamie and Jon



Just for KIDS

Remember Our Heavenly Father

Father's Day is a time to thank our dads, who work hard to keep the family fed, safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill in the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

“HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD!”

VBS Registration Form

Name _____

Grade Completed _____

Contact Phone Number during VBS _____

Special Needs / Allergies **Yes or No**
(Details to be listed on Emergency Form)

How did you hear about VBS?

_____ ORUMC Member

_____ Friends

_____ Newspaper

_____ Sign

_____ Other

Note: If you are signing up with a friend, staple your registration sheets together to insure you will be in the same tribe. No more than 3 in a grouping of friends. Groups of 4 or more will be split between two tribes.

Emergency Forms must be completed in addition to this registration sheet. (If you have filled one out for Sunday School you will not need to fill out another form.)

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