



# *The Redeemer*

## *Review*

Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

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### **6:33 Worship Gathering Begins September 9, 6:33 p.m.**

As summer quickly comes to a close, we prepare again for the transition into the fall. With fall comes the start of school for the children and young adults, and at *Our Redeemer's* it means the start of something new and exciting—the inception of our 6:33 Worship Gathering!

As we progress through the 21st century, we live in a fast-paced culture that has continuous development in the area of technology and material luxuries. We spend our days trying to keep pace with these latest trends just to be able to function in the workplace and in society.

As our society evolves, we have to reflect on our worship environment and practices for the new generations who are seeking Christ and the church. The means in which we worship in church must keep pace with the world we live in. As our new generations mature and become members of churches, we too must be sensitive and in tune with the needs of these believers in ways

of worship and having a relationship with Christ.

*Our Redeemer's* has taken the time to reflect on the worship that we provide to the many generations spanning our church, and we've made changes to provide worship for everyone. The 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services will still remain intact and in the same format as they have been in the past.

The 6:33 worship gathering will take a different approach. 6:33 is worship “outside the box”. It will provide interactive, cutting edge worship experiences to bring Christ into your everyday life, further define and strengthen your walk with God, and provide opportunities and vision to carry out your journey with Christ. 6:33 will speak to you and the world we live in. Our 6:33 worship gatherings will be led by our very own Ember Days Worship Band.

**See 6:33 Worship, pg. 2**

## Habitat for Humanity September 15, 7:00 a.m.

All members and friends of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to participate in the Habitat for Humanity project. There are tasks available for a variety of skill levels. All you need is a desire to help. It's a co-ed activity and youth are welcome, too.

We meet September 15 at 7:00 a.m. at church and caravan to the project. We are usually back home by 5:00 p.m.

Call **Mert Rutledge** or **Rob Mottar**, 847-882-6116, if you are able to help.

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## **6:33 Worship (cont. from pg. 1)**

Matthew 6:33 from *The Message* states, "Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met." As we begin our 6:33 worship on ***Sunday, September 9 at 6:33 p.m.***, we will begin with a series titled, "G<sup>5</sup>" which further defines and explores the meaning behind Matthew 6:33.

We are excited about the start of 6:33 and have planned some very powerful worship experiences, and we invite you to join us to see how 6:33 can effect your life and your journey with Christ!

The 6:33 Committee is looking for mature youth and adults to help with child care during the 6:33 worship gatherings on Sunday evenings beginning on September 9. We are hoping to come up with a list of volunteers to rotate through so the same person doesn't have to hold this responsibility every week. If you are interested in helping out, please contact **Julie Gorvett** at 847-882-6116 or [jgorvett13@yahoo.com](mailto:jgorvett13@yahoo.com).

Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity.

In God's great Love,

**Lauri Marmorstone**  
**Marianne Rogenski**  
**Pastor Bill Shaw**



## Temples of Grace

I can say now that I have seen a cathedral. In July I had the opportunity to visit with some friends in Spain. While there (and being interested in “religious things”) I visited four large cathedrals. The soaring ceilings, the profound artwork and the amazing history associated with each truly left me speechless. Yet, as I reflected on the experience of seeing these religious buildings, I was struck by how insignificant I felt while inside each. At the time of their building there was a profound sense of the greatness of God and the architecture shouts that message. As followers of Jesus Christ we know that greatness, yet we also know God as a loving father.

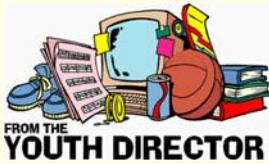
I will admit I enjoyed seeing the cathedrals, the artwork and knowing their history. Yet the moments of sheer grace I found on my trip were not in a cathedral, but were at a dining room table. Throughout my time away I was truly privileged to break bread with my friends and their family. We sat around tables and enjoyed simple food and simple fellowship. For me those were the moments of re-

creation, of fellowship and of grace, where the kind of love Jesus taught about was profoundly evident. Even though our cultures were different and language was a barrier (mostly because of my poor Spanish, their English was very good), we spoke about our families, laughed together, spoke of some of the difficulties in our world, and discussed the history of each of our respected countries. Those times were truly moments of grace.

When Jesus last met with his disciples to give them his final words he did not feel the need to do it in a large building (like a temple, or even in a room like our sanctuary); he did it at a dining room table. God has given us amazing temples of grace and most are not large structures humankind has created, but places of grace where we can share the gift of love in Jesus Christ.

My prayer for *Our Redeemer's* is that as we meet in our sanctuary for worship, teaching and singing, we will continue to grow in the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Bill*



*by Marianne Rogenski*

## **Exciting Youth Ministry Changes:**

### ***6:33 Worship Gathering***

As some of you may know, *Our Redeemer's* is going to begin a new worship gathering on September 9. The 6:33 gathering will be every Sunday night beginning at 6:33pm and will last about 45 minutes. 6:33 is worship "outside the box." It will provide interactive, cutting edge worship experiences to bring Christ into your everyday life, further define and strengthen your walk with God, and provide opportunities and vision to carry out His kingdom work on earth. Whether you're just starting your walk or continuing your journey with Christ, 6:33 will speak to you and the world we live in. The gathering will be led by our very own worship band, Ember Days.

### ***Jr. and Sr. High / Small Groups***

After the 6:33 gathering there will be a brief break with munchies provided and then from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. there will be small group time. We are beginning the school year with a Jr. high youth group and a Sr. high youth group and hope to extend that to some other small groups (including one for young

adults, one for parents, etc.). We are planning on these groups being tons of fun with a discussion of the message and lots of games—the youth will really form a bond with the other students during this small group time.

### ***Confirmation***

Confirmation will also be changing this year. In addition to the youth group on Sunday nights for the Jr. High students, there is confirmation class. Confirmation will now be held during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings.

The first Sunday of every month, Communion Sunday, there will not be class. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays there will be class. Pastor Bill will also meet with the confirmation students three times outside of the regular class meetings.

### ***So, mark your calendars for September 9!***

**9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class**

**6:33 p.m. 6:33 Worship Gathering**

**7:30 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group**

### ***Attention 9th Graders:***

We will be having confirmation Sunday on September 16 at 10:30 a.m. Check the mail for more information!

## **Rally Day** *September 9*

Join us for the start of a new Sunday School season on Sunday, September 9. Teachers and classes for this year will be as follows:

**3 & 4 year olds** *Rainbow Room*

**Sally Brown & Peggy Miller**

**5/K/1st** *Christian Corner*

**Jim & Laura Machonis**

**Linda Nordli & Stephanie Edwards**

**2nd/3rd/4th Grade** *Wesley Hall*

**Doug Meneely Cindy Machonis &**

**Sandy Rathje**

**5th/6th Grade** *Wesley Hall*

**Shelly Lukowicz**

**Jr. High** *Jr. High Room*

**Annette Brown + Confirmation Team**

**Sr. High** *Sr. High Room*

**Jon Montgomery Shelomi Gomes**

**Subs: Sue Bruneau, Gwyn Greenwalt,**

**Amy Meyer, Dan Meyer, and Lori**

**Randall**

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## **September Birthdays**

Ryan Randall 9/1

Simon Enriquez 9/1

Wesley Enriquez 9/1

Lindsay Oster 9/4

Jenna Edwards 9/4

Christopher Machonis 9/4

Sean Nichols 9/4

Sarah Pepper 9/9

Garret Brown 9/23

Taylor Swartz 9/29

Joshua Brown 9/29

## **Family Ministries Bowling** *September 16, 4:00 - 5:30pm* *at Poplar Creek Bowl*

Come join us for lots of fun. Food will not be provided but anyone who is available at the bowling alley for anyone who is interested in dinner after bowling.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 12 so that we can be sure to reserve enough lanes. Contact **Gwyn Greenwalt** at 847-882-6116 or [jgreenwalt1@comcast.net](mailto:jgreenwalt1@comcast.net).

Hope to see you there!

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## **Health Screening** *Friday, September 28,* *9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

*Our Redeemer's* is hosting a preventive health screening for the community by Life Line Screening on Friday, September 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Testing includes ultrasound screening for arterial blockage and aneurysms and osteoporosis. The ultrasound screening is non-invasive and takes only about 10 minutes. Blood tests are also available.

The ultrasound tests cost \$129. The blood tests cost \$50 when scheduled with the other tests. Detailed information is available at the Life Line Screening web site: [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

Appointments are required. Call Life Line Screening at 800-324-1851.



## Caring Ministries Corner

### *Caring Ministries Committee Next Meeting TBA*

All stewards of a caring ministry are urged to attend the next Caring Ministries Council meeting. Any church members with an idea (and a “passion”) for a new caring ministry are also encouraged to attend.

The time and date for the next meeting is still to be determined. (Keep an eye on the church bulletin). Also be aware of the following Our Redeemer’s Caring Ministries.

### *Crop Walk*

Sunday, October 21, 1pm (Our Savior’s UMC)

### *Blood Drive*

Thursday, December 6, 3-8pm (ORUMC)

### *Habitat for Humanity*

Saturday, September 15 and Saturday, Oct. 27

### *Rogers Park Soup Kitchen*

Sunday afternoons: Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 9 and April 13

Please consult the “2007 Caring Ministries” brochure located in the narthex, or the church web site, for more information on these ministries.

*“Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can”*

## New: Scrapbooking / Card Making Night at the Church *Starting September 21, 6:00 p.m.*

Attention to any adults interested in scrapbooking or making cards. A fun new social group is forming at **Our Redeemer’s**. Every 3rd Friday of the month from 6-11 in Wesley Hall a group of adults will be gathering to share in fellowship and a common hobby.

If you are an experienced scrapbooker / card maker or you would like to stop by and learn more about this hobby, please feel free to attend. Please bring all of your own supplies and any snacks or beverages for the evening.

If you are interested, but not sure what to do, mark your calendars for October 19. Gail Walker from Stampin’ Up will be here to demonstrate some scrapbook pages and show us what to do. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who would like to try scrapbooking but has been to afraid to start.

Call **Laura Machonis**, 847-882-6116, for more information.

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## Blood Drive

*Church of the Holy Spirit  
September 5, 3:00 to 8:30 p.m.*

Schaumburg’s next blood drive will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit on September 5 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For reservations: Call Life Source directly at 847-803-7943. Walk-ins are welcome.



## Small Groups - Holistic or Wholistic?

by *Carolyn Meneely*

Growing churches have many characteristics. The Natural Church Development (NCD) process has defined eight that are most important (listed below). *Our Redeemer's* has identified our characteristics twice, most recently last June. Last month, I reported Need-oriented Evangelism increased by 18 points; and the low factors now are Holistic Small Groups and Passionate Spirituality. This month I'll discuss Holistic Small Groups, next month I'll write about Passionate Spirituality.

"Small groups" seems to be an easy concept, not needing too much explanation. Although the number can be as low as three or four, the optimal size is eight to ten. More than that and the group often subdivides.

But that added adjective "Holistic"? What does it really mean? At first glance you might think "It's about church – it must have something to do with Holy." You're probably smiling at the double meaning, but that's not it. Holistic means all inclusive – taking in the whole of something. Maybe we should think of it as – "wholistic" –also an acceptable spelling.

For growing churches, holistic small groups do more than discuss Bible passages. Members apply its messages to daily life. They're able to bring up questions and issues that are personal concerns with each other. The groups are all inclusive because they reach outside of church activities or church business.

At *Our Redeemer's*, we have many small groups, but most are focused on a specific function. Think of Bible study groups, Youth groups, choirs, missions, committees, or your bowling team. We have fellowship and community and sharing. But they usually stop short of the practical application of Christ's teachings to daily life that characterizes Holistic Small Groups.

In growing churches, small groups multiply. As the group brings others to fellowship and love of Christ, it hits maximum size. What to do then? Rather than splitting, which can be painful, the best way is to identify certain members who can start a new group as "pioneers". Each group should be committed to multiply.

In the next weeks, *Our Redeemer's* will begin working on new plans for Small Groups. If you would be interested in learning more about them, please contact **Pastor Bill** or me.

### Eight Quality Characteristics

**Empowering leadership**  
**Passionate spirituality**  
**Inspiring worship service**  
**Need-oriented evangelism**

**Gift-oriented ministry**  
**Functional structures**  
**Holistic small groups**  
**Loving relationships**

## Invitation to the Opera Concert *September 23, 2:00 p.m.*

A prestigious singing quartet from Elgin OPERA will present an exciting musical program at *Our Redeemer's* on Sunday, September 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Elgin OPERA ensembles present programs throughout the Chicagoland area and the full company will present a large set production of Donizetti's "Elixir of Love" at the Hemmens Auditorium in Elgin, IL in February 2008.

Chicago Chapter Mu Phi Epsilon members Marion Kehrberg and Rosemary Schroeder have arranged a combined alliance of the church, the Mu Phi Epsilon International Music Fraternity and the Elgin OPERA for the benefit of the community at large. Marion is our organist and Rosemary is the accompanist/coordinator for Elgin OPERA special outreach programs.

Works to be performed include: "Viens Millika....Sous le dome epais" from Lakme by L. Delibes; "La ci darem la mano" from Don Giovanni by W. A. Mozart; "Man of La Mancha – I Don Quixote" from Man of La Mancha by D. Wasserman; "Mir ist die Ehre widerfahren" from Der Rosenkavalier by R. Strauss; and "Mitternacht" from Martha by F. von Flotow.

Please put this on you calendar, invite a friend and come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of music.

## Bunco Night Harper College *October 6, 5:30 p.m.*

Alexian Brothers is sponsoring a Bunco Night to raise money for breast cancer. It 's a lot of fun and the money goes to a great cause (The Cancer Institute and The Life Enrichment Center). The evening features Bunco games, dinner, silent auction, raffle and door prizes. The cost is \$ 25.00 and seats are limited.

For more info and tickets you can call Anne Garrette (847-385-7306) or go to the web site ([www.alexianfoundation.org](http://www.alexianfoundation.org)). Please tell them you want to sit at Lisa Wantroba's table when you make your reservation so we can all sit together.

If you have any questions call **Laura Machonis** 847-882-6116.

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## Church Ladies Nite Out *September 19, 7:00 p.m.*

The Church Ladies will be going out Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. We will be going to Chilies Restaurant on Barrington Road off of 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 join us in good fellowship, good fun and good food.

## UMW Crisis Center Luncheon

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a Pot Luck Luncheon in November. The proceeds will be donated to the Community Crisis Center in Elgin.

We Need Your Help!!

Do you have a special gift you can donate? Can you offer to make cookies/candy or cook a meal? Can you offer music/dance/exercise lessons? Can you teach/help someone to knit/crochet/quilt? Do you have a summer place that you could share for a weekend? Can you wash windows or offer a couple of hours of handy man work? Can you baby sit? Can you walk or care for a dog or cat?

Please call **Sherrie Cottrell**, 847-882-6116, with your ideas and donations.



## Crisis Center Items

For September, the Crisis Center needs all school Items and back packs. They also need all greeting cards EXCEPT Christmas cards.

They can also use antacids, RID shampoo, diarrhea medication, Orajel, Pedialyte, Band-Aids, antibiotic ointment, gauze, adhesive tape, disposable thermometers and peroxide.

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

## United Methodist Women September 15, 9:00 a.m.

It's September and the United Methodist Women are back in action, after a little summer respite. This year our theme is "Embracing Women and Children" and our September meeting will continue this topic. All women of the church are invited to join us for our first meeting of the fall schedule on Saturday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m.

We will meet at the church in the meeting room off of the Wesley Room. **Annette Brown** will present the program entitled "Children with Special Needs." We know that this will be an inspiring presentation and we look forward to having you with us that morning. Breakfast is provided.

## United Methodist Men

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to join in the United Methodist Men activities.

Our regular monthly meeting is September 8 (the second Saturday of each month) at 8:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet on Barrington Road.

On September 14-16 we join with the men of the Northern Illinois Conference at the 2007 Spiritual Congress at Conference Point in Williams Bay, WI. This year the speaker is Dr. Norval Brown.

On October 26-27 the men of *Our Redeemer's* will hold their Men's Retreat also at Conference Point.

For information about any of our UMM activities, contact **Marshall Nystrom**, 847-882-6116.

## Voices of Light The Amazing G<sup>^</sup>Race

The amazing group that is the Voices of Light presented The Amazing G<sup>^</sup>Race at *Our Redeemer's* August 10-12. The 20 performers plus support staff represent youth from five villages, eight schools and ten churches. A dozen adults also helped in various capacities.

The three performances played to appreciative audiences totaling about 270 people (plus a dozen or so at the Thursday night dress rehearsal).

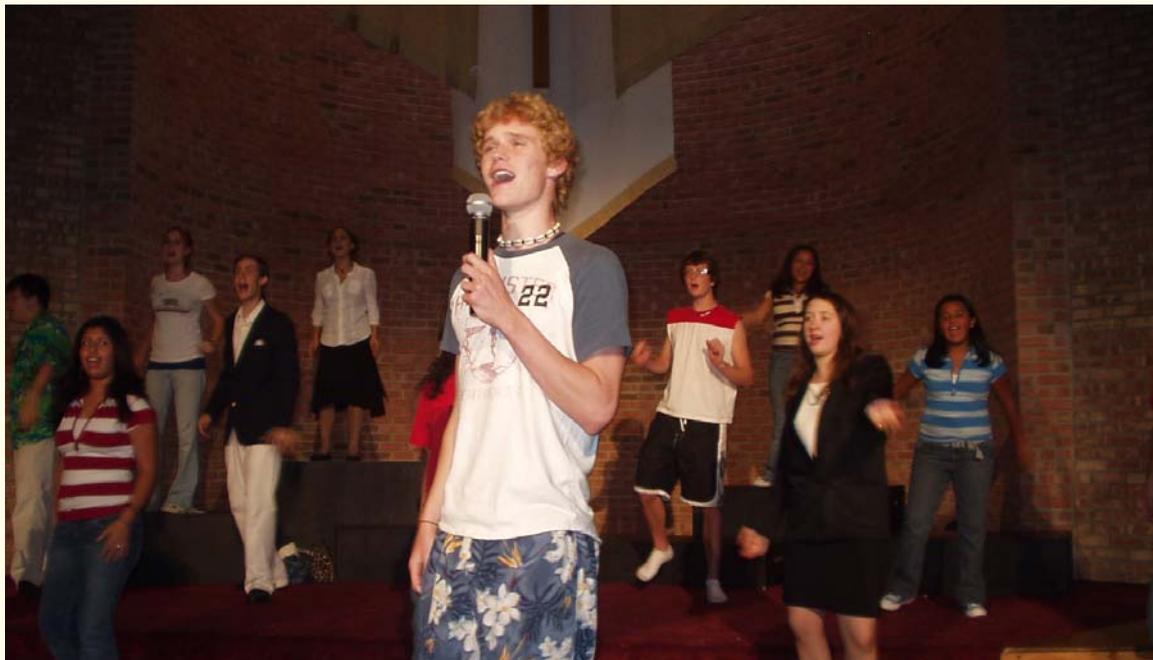
We owe thanks to all the youth, who gave of their “vacation” time to prepare the script, rehearse and present the performances.

Thanks also to all who came to the performances. Your enthusiasm helped make the show even better.

A special thanks goes to **Ron Zemke**, who is the director, accompanist and glue who holds the show together. Thank you Ron from all of us who were thrilled by the performance.



Courtesy of Phil Marcelo



## Music Committee Notes

September is here and so is another choir season. *Our Redeemer's* has many opportunities for those who wish to share their musical talents. Please come and join us!

**Cherub Choir** (4 yrs – 2nd grade) - Tues 5:00 – 5:20 p.m. starting Sept 4.

**Joyful Noise** (3rd - 8th grade) - Tues 5:20 – 5:45 p.m. starting Sept 4.

**Ember Days/6:33 Band** - Wed 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. starting Sept 5.

**Random Ringers** (4th – 8th grade) – Sat 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. starting in late Sept.

**Chancel Choir** (high school – adult) – Wed 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. starting Sept 5 with a potluck at 6:30 p.m.

**Chancel Chimes** (high school – adult) – Wed 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. starting Sept 12.

**Sounds of Grace** Tues 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. starting Sept 4.

If you have questions, call **Paula Patterson**, 847-882-6116.

## Faith and Fear Series

*September 25, 7:00 p.m.*

We all know the difficulty of *living by faith* in our world. It is not an easy thing. So often fear (fear of others, fear for our safety, the safety of our families) can take the place of faith in our hearts and lead us in directions away from God and the love of Christ. Throughout history fear has been used to encourage mistrust among friends and family members, turn neighbor against neighbor and even used as a tool to make war.

At ORUMC (*Our Redeemer's*) we believe that the more we understand about each other, our neighbors and the world, the more equipped we are to live by faith. In September our Natural Church Development team will sponsor their 4th presentation in our *Faith and Fear* series. The **Rev. Michel Okitakoyi Lundula**, a seminary student and native of Uganda will be at the church and speak about the faith issues concerning his life experiences on September 25 at 7:00 p.m. Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors.

## Finance Report

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

### YTD Actual vs. Budget Through July 2007

	Actual	Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Congregation Gifts & Tithes	176,347	187,706	(11,359)	-6%
Sprint Rent	23,123	15,779	7,344	47%
Other Income	16,342	16,524	(182)	-1%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>215,812</b>	<b>220,009</b>	<b>(4,197)</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>216,926</b>	<b>228,031</b>	<b>(11,105)</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(1,114)</b>	<b>(8,022)</b>	<b>6,908</b>	



## ORUMC Family Camping

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

We have two campouts remaining for the season:

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

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

If you would like to attend either of these last campouts, please Contact **Jerry McDaniel**, 847-882-6116.



*Our Redeemer's* church bowling league bowls at 6:30 pm at Poplar Creek Bowl in Hoffman Estates. Here is the 2007-08 bowling schedule:

Sept. 2, 16, 30, Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18,  
Dec. 2, 16, 30, Jan. 6, 20, Feb. 3, 17, Mar.  
2, 16, Apr. 6, 20.

If you are interested in bowling, please contact **Dan Meyer** at 847-882-6116.



## Personal Notes

### 40th Anniversary

**Bob** and **Kathie Kapp** wish to thank all who helped them celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary with gifts of love. **Brian** and **Catherine Kapp** hosted a surprise anniversary party with friends, neighbors and out-of-town family. **Pastor Bill** presided as Bob and Kathie renewed their vows. It was truly a memorable event.



Our Deepest Sympathy to **Jean Homeyer** and her family on the death of her daughter-in-law, **Laura Homeyer**.



### Note of thanks:

We'd like to thank the members of our church family for the thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers during the losses of Rich's dad and grandfather. It is hard to express in words how much it meant to us during such a hard time. We feel very blessed to be a part of *Our Redeemer's*.

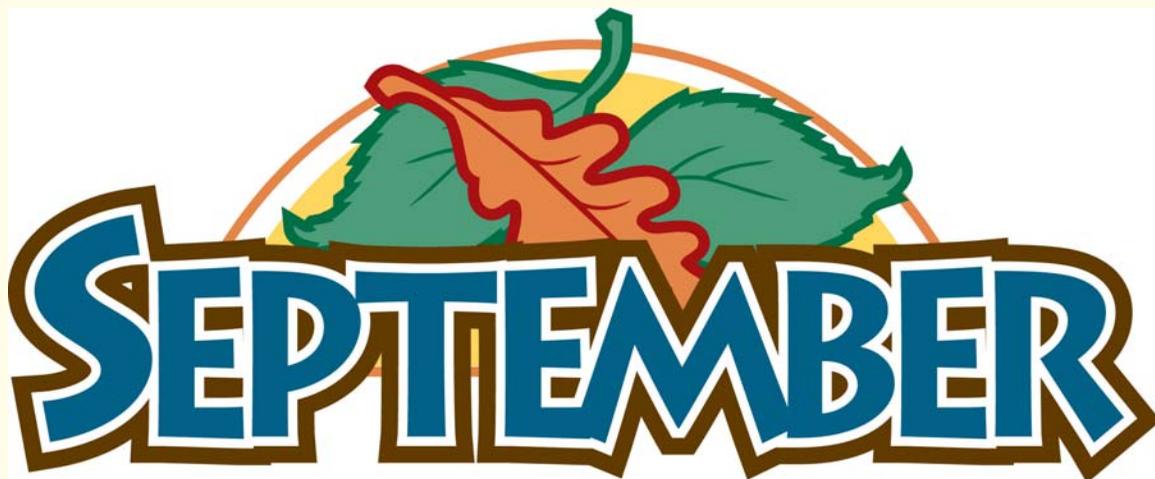
**Rich, Michelle, Alec,  
Marcus and Abby Hill.**

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