



The Redeemer

Review

Proclaiming Christ into the 21st Century

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Easter Joy at Our Redeemer's

Easter is our greatest liturgical event. The church joins in this simple proclamation:

“ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.”

In the ancient world, such bold proclamation was the stuff of life. It gives meaning and purpose for daily living.

The Easter narratives:

- The empty tomb
- The visit of the women early in the morning
- The presence of Jesus to his disciples on a lock down because of fear
- Walking with two strangers on the road toward Emmaus
- The breakfast by the sea shore appearance to more than five hundred people

These and other sightings not mentioned in the Gospels laid another layer to the foundation of faith.



Easter joy is faith. Was the tomb really empty?

Did Jesus really walk through the closed door as a “spirit” and eventually vanishing into thin air?

The belief in Resurrection formed the core teaching of the first century Judaism. It was generally the “hoped for” idea that someday resurrection will happen at the end of time.

All of a sudden, this long held belief was shaken up by the triumph of Jesus, from the cross to the grave, to the promised resurrection. How can this be?

The Apostle Paul said that “And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” (I Corinthians 15)

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**Easter
Sunrise Service
April 5, 6:30 a.m.**

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Jesus' triumph changed the order of things. All things are new and creation is reborn.

This is now our new future with the risen Christ.

The New Testament scholar, NT Wright said that "We tend to divide things into solid, physical objects and spiritual realities.

But the stories of Jesus have a different quality altogether. They seem to be about a person who is equally at home on earth and in heaven."

Easter joy is a new beginning. We are renewed by the grace of God. This is the kind of relationship that will never let us go.

Fears are overcome, sadness replaced by hope eternal and the Jesus Christ of faith dwells in the community of the faithful.

I grew up where Easter is also called "Pasko ng Pagkabuhay" which means "Christmas of the Resurrection."

Come and celebrate this glorious day, a feast for all God's creation.

See you in the Easter place.

Pastor Romir Esguerra

Open Forum to Discuss Worship Schedule

by Ron Zemke on behalf of the Worship Committee

Just before the 9:00 a.m. service a few Sundays ago, someone remarked, “We should have one service, not two.” After the 10:30 a.m. service on that same Sunday, another person asked, “Why do we need two services? Have we considered using the one service summer schedule all year?” During the summer, we often hear people talk about how much they enjoy the sense of community that comes from everyone worshipping together at one service.

At various times, the Worship Committee has discussed the possibility of going to one service all year long. We recognize that there would be advantages to having just one service each Sunday. We also recognize that there are advantages to maintaining two services for most of the year. We have heard opinions expressed in favor of both scenarios.

As we strive to provide the best possible worship environment for our congregation, the Worship Committee would like to hear your thoughts about our worship schedule. What would best meet the needs of our current members? What would connect best with those in the community who have not yet found a church home? What would best help us live out our vision to be HOME - welcoming, nurturing, and celebrating God and everyone?

In an effort to allow all voices to be heard on this topic, the Worship Committee will

host two open forum discussions: Sunday, April 26 after the second service, and Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. Please keep in mind that this forum is not a time for decision making, rather it is a time to gather information through an open-minded discussion.

We encourage you to attend one of these sessions to share your thoughts and to hear the thoughts of others. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to share your thoughts with any member of the Worship Committee: **Jill Wood-Naatz** (Chair), **Jamie Addams**, **JoAnne Gregorash**, **Debbie Hernandez**, **Carolyn Meneely**, **Steve Miller**, **Karen Moore**, **Marshall Nystrom**, **Marianne Rogenski**, **Cathy Scott**, and **Ron Zemke**.

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday Worship
March 29, 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service
April 2, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service
April 3, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 5
Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.

One Worship Service
10:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt
following 10:00 a.m. service



Youth Ministry News

by Marianne Rogenski

April

- 5 NO YOUTH GROUP Happy Easter!
- 12 Youth Group 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 19 Soup Kitchen 1:30-8:30 p.m. Roger's Park
- 26 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm

On April 19 we will go to the soup kitchen. We meet at the church at 1:30pm, travel to Rogers Park, set up tables, prepare food, serve dinner, and then clean up. We always stop at a fast food restaurant on the way home, so everyone needs to bring money. We get back to church around 8:30pm.

We need adults to go with the group—please let Marianne know if you can go and drive.

Let Marianne know if you would like to go.

May

- 3 Youth Group 6:30-8:30
- 10 NO YOUTH GROUP Be with Mom!



Christian Education News

by Marianne Rogenski

April 5—HAPPY EASTER!

No Sunday School—but we do have an Easter egg hunt immediately following the worship service (worship is at 10:00 a.m.)

May 17—Education Sunday

This is the LAST day of Sunday School for the school year!

Teachers—Please mark your calendars for May 17. At the 10:30 worship service you will be recognized for your service to the kids and to the church. Immediately following the worship service we will have a luncheon for you and your family!

Thank you to all of our amazing acolytes : **Olivia Adamitis, Owen Adamitis, Tyler Calderwood, Dominic Gomes, Ruby Montgomery, and Mekenna Thomas!**

You are all doing an amazing job serving the church in this way!

If you have a child who is in second grade and up and they are interested in learning to be an acolyte, please contact Marianne.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) News

The next meeting for this team is April 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m. **This is for the adults only.**

The ASP team will have their day retreat on May 16 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. They will be in the church working on team-building sessions and construction projects.

May 9, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. is the ASP bake sale and carwash at church! Team members—we will need help beginning at 10:00 a.m. and lasting through 4:00 p.m.

Looking for a way to support ASP? There are many!

- You can sponsor us directly through the insert in the bulletin

- You can take an envelope from the Narthex with a dollar amount written on it—fill the envelope with that amount and bring it back to church!

- You can come to the carwash and bake sale on May 9, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. here at church! If you would like to donate baked goods for the sale that would be great too!

- We are still looking for adults to go on the trip. Please see Marianne if you are interested.



Austin Calderwood	4/2
David Rocha	4/7
Aidan Echtner	4/11
Hannah Greenwalt	4/15
Devin Klocko	4/19
Jeremy Miller	4/21
Matthew Dean	4/27
Aubrey Balk	4/29



Habitat
March 28,
7:00 a.m.

Grab your hammer and join the Habitat gang at church March 28 at 7:00 a.m. We will carpool to the Lake County Habitat site and spend the day helping work on a Habitat house. We return to church by 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

Call **Mert Rutledge**, 630-289-4334, if you have questions.

Being the Church to the Community

An Invitation to a Brainstorming Discussion

The Ad Council is hosting a brainstorming discussion at the April 23 Ad Council meeting from 7-8 PM. The discussion will focus on the question: How can we be the church to the local community (reaching out beyond our four walls)?

All members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend. We look forward to learning from and with you about how we can further hone the vision for our church.

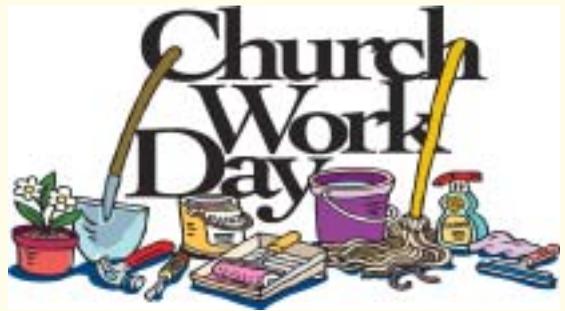
Adult Mission Sunday

April 19, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

This year's Adult Mission Sunday service will be April 19 at both 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. Come hear about our trip last summer to the New Jersey shore.

During our week of service, we repaired homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy that devastated the region in October of 2012. We will be returning to the same area again this summer. The dates are set for July 11 to 18. We would love to have more of you join us this year.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please email Mary Balk at mbalk1127@comcast.net or call at 847-843-0283. Hope to see you on 4/19!



Save The Date

May 30, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday May 30 from 9:00-3:00. On that day, the Trustees will need your help to spruce up our church!

There will be some painting, repairing, landscaping, and other projects that need to get done. We will save a lot of time and money if we have plenty of volunteers helping us that day.

More information will be coming next month.



United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, April 11, 8:00 a.m.

All men of *Our Redeemer's* are invited to attend our regular monthly meeting Saturday, April 11, at 8:00 a.m.

After breakfast, we will have a Bible study and discussion.

United Methodist Women Events

All women of the church and friends are invited to join us for our annual **UMW Salad Supper on June 2 in Wesley Hall @ 6:30 p.m.** Bring your favorite salad to share and be prepared to have a great evening with your church friends. We will be assembling Toiletry bags for the Elgin Crisis Center at this meeting. Please save hotel toiletries from your travels and bring them with you for this project.

Upcoming 2015 UMW Events:

Saturday, April 18

UMW Day of Spiritual Renewal at Villa Park UMC- from 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 plus \$7 for program book. Contact Melinda Taylor if interested.

Friday & Saturday August 14 & 15

ORUMW Rummage Sale (set up Aug. 9 -13)

Tuesday, September 1

UMW Potluck and Meeting in Wesley Hall - @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday, September 25 & 26

Women of Faith- @ Sears Center - Hoffman Estates

Tuesday, December 1

UMW Holiday Potluck and Meeting in Wesley Hall - @ 6:30 p.m.

More events to be scheduled SOON!!

Golf, Tennis, Game night and bike ride



Community Crisis Center

by Sally Donaldson

The following items are needed at the shelter:

- Powdered laundry detergent, HE formula
- Fabric softener sheets
- Dishwashing liquid
- Dishwasher powder/liquid
- Bleach/cleanser/SOS pads
- Dish cloths/towels/sponges
- Aluminum foil/plastic wrap/plastic storage bags
- Plastic drinking cups and cereal bowls
- Flatware/kitchen utensils/large storage containers with lids
- Ground coffee (regular and decaf)
- Bath towels/washcloths/(new or gently used)
- Non-perishable canned and boxed goods.

Please place your items in the CCC bin located in the closet, left of the desk in the Narthex.

Thank you so much for your generous donations.

We Found the Missing Cow: Heifer Update

We discovered giving to Heifer International was \$500 more than was reported last month. This is the equivalent of a heifer to a needy family. The revised giving total to Heifer during the past holiday season is \$3,255.92. Thank you for your generosity!



Personal Notes



Israel Trip

We have enjoyed seeing Facebook pictures from our group touring Israel. Before they left we learned that former ORUMC friends, **Dean** and **Mary Wooden**, would be touring Israel at the same time with their group from Sikeston, MO.

The two groups had compared schedules before they left and were pretty sure they would not cross paths. However, **Judy Wilson** reported that, quite by chance, they met up at the Jordan River.

Small Israel!

Prayer Squares



Betty Miller presented pocket sized prayer squares to each of our members going on the Israel trip. **Pastor Romir** lead a prayer for safe travel.



The congregation extends sympathy to **Jim** and **Sherrie Cottrell** on the death of Jim's mother, **Geraldine Cottrell**, at Friendship Village.



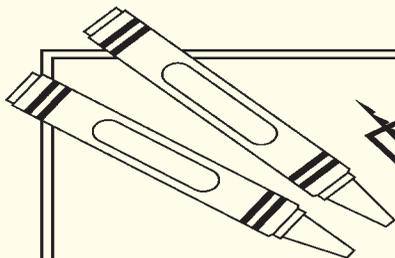
Congratulations to **Dan** and **Ronda Wilkes** on their 25th Wedding Anniversary celebrated on March 17.



A sincere thank you to all who called or sent cards to us during my recent long stay in rehab.

A big special thanks for all who came to visit. All the thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

Joe and Nancy Shallcross



PUZZLE

OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

- 5 who was **R**aised
- 3 di**E**d
- 2 Je**S**us who
- 12 for **U**s

- 8 **R**ight hand
- 4 mo**R**e than that
- 11 int**E**rceding
- 1 **C**hrist

- 6 **T**o life
- 7 **I**s at the
- 9 **O**f God
- 10 a**N**d is also

... 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____, 5 _____

_____ 6 _____ 7 _____

_____ 8 _____

6 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____ . *Romans 8:34, NIV*

RESURRECTION

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV

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