



The Vision

Congratulations to Gabriel and Daniel who have graduated from Berea College! Thank you to those who were able to contribute towards their gift from Our Saviour.

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Happy Father’s Day

- A small boy’s definition: “Father’s Day is just like Mother’s Day, only you don’t spend as much on the present.”
- A child is not likely to find a Father in God unless he finds something of God in his Father.
- A reminder: In giving advice, I advise you, be short.

Decisions, decisions... By: Fr. Birch Rambo

It might be a ‘man thing’ but I can’t walk through Lowe’s without seeing a tool that I would love to have. “If I had one of those,” I think to myself, “then I could (insert grand project here).” I almost always make it out without buying the tool, though, because when I think realistically, I know it is unlikely that I will ever begin, let alone complete, my grand project. If I were to spend the money for a tool, never to actually put it to use, it would sit in a corner of my garage and remind me of my dreams that will never come to light. The only time I allow myself to actually buy the tool is when I have begun a project and find that I need the new tool to complete it.

When I first presided over an Annual Meeting at Our Saviour, I presented the congregation with a choice. We could go on as we had been, a small group of faithful Christians coming together as a family to share in prayer, worship, and communion, or we could reinvent ourselves, leaving behind the family model to become a larger, more diverse community. We could continue as we were, or take on a grand project. Neither choice would be wrong or bad, but a decision had to be made so that we could approach the future with a shared vision of who we were as a church.

We decided to reinvent ourselves and grow. The new building was the first step and it remains the symbol of that decision. The building, though, is not the end of our work. It is barely the beginning, a tool for us to use as we reach out to the community and begin our project.

We have what we need. As your priest, for good or ill, I represent the plans and schematics. The facilities are the tools. The materials, the people of Madison County, are plentiful. The faith of the congregation is all the skill we need. All we seem to lack is the will and the work.

I recently bought 1000 door hangers advertising Our Saviour. My thinking was that twenty people could hang 50 each in the course of a good evening walk. Only about 200 were taken (100 by the congregation, 100 by me). The rest will have to wait until September when we resume our regular service schedule, an expensive tool in the corner of the garage. The building is in danger of the same fate, albeit a more expensive tool in a bigger garage.

The choice is still in front of us, and it is one we will face again and again. We cannot remain a small family church paying for tools we will not use. Do we leave our tools in a corner of the garage, or do we pick them up and take on our grand project?

Bits N Pieces

*There will be an all church **work day** here on June 9th, 9AM. Mark your calendars now! Plan to come and stay as short or as long as your schedule allows.

***Chicago Hope Trip 2007:** On June 10-17th, seven youth and three adults will travel from Richmond to Chicago to serve and learn. The group will stay at Augustana Lutheran Church in Hyde Park, eat with and listen to guests at the Rest Shelter on the near north side, and play with children at St. Francis' shelter on the south side. Pr. Andy, Laura Shelton and Fr. Birch will lead. Jessica Bryan, Becca Shelton, Caleb Fligor, Rachel Ruppel, Kaylyn Pratt, Kristin Jones and Carrie Cleary will do the ministry. Pray for this group as they travel to and from Chicago.

*Just a reminder that this Sunday, June 3rd, begins our **summer worship hours**. For June, July and August, we will have one combined 10AM service on Sunday mornings.

***Vacation Bible School** is July 8-12 at St. Thomas. (evening program). All children from Our Saviour, as well as neighbors, relatives, etc, are encouraged to attend. You can pre-register at: ranaystthomas@chpl.net Just send in the child's name, age, grade entering in the fall and any allergies..

Financial Report—By: Laura Melius

OPERATING FUNDS		
4/30/2007	Checking Account Balance	\$ 7,558.66
4/30/2007	Reserves - Hilliard Lyons Investment Account*	<u>\$ 10,559.65</u>
	Sub-total	\$ 18,118.31
4/30/2007 Accounts Payable & Designated Payables 2007		
	Designated - Youth Mission Trip	\$ 343.00
	Designated - Building Fund	\$ 1,472.82
	Designated - Youth	\$ 386.89
	Designated - Music	\$ 149.00
	Designated - Hispanic Ministry	\$ (249.13)
	Designated - Altar/Flowers	\$ 86.00
	Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	\$ 11.00
	ECW	\$ 30.00
	Men's Group	\$ 1,150.54
	Memorial Garden	\$ 100.00
	MacSwords Memorial Fund	\$ 1,400.00
	Sub-total	<u>\$ 4,880.12</u>
4/30/2007	Net Operating Fund Balance	\$ 13,238.19
BUILDING FUND		
4/30/2007	Hilliard Lyons Building Fund Account	\$ 12,784.06
12/31/2006	Endowment Fund at Diocese	<u>\$ 18,683.00</u>
	Building Fund Balance	\$ 31,467.06
	Loan From Diocese	<u>\$(180,000.00)</u>
4/30/2007	Building Fund	\$(148,532.94)

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Men's Bible study	5	6	7	8	9 Men's breakfast
10 fellow-ship	11 Men's Bible study	12	13	14 DOK	15	16
17 Bishop's committee	18 Men's Bible study	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Men's Bible study	26	27	28	29	30

Schedule of Events

- Summer worship schedule begins. One combined 10AM service for June, July and August.
- All church work day—9th
- Chicago Hope—10-17th
- Sr. High School camp—17th
- Mini Camp—24th (Fr. Birch attending)

Serving in June

3rd	10th	17th	24th
Acoly—Angie R.	Wallace A.	Cheri T.	Louise L.
Altar—Sally, Louise	Marilyn, Pat	Marilyn, Pat	Angie, Becky
Greeter—James A.	Stephan L.	Sandra P.	Sandra P.
Reader—Carrie K.			
Tellers –Greg, Don	Sally, Anna	Charlie, Danny	Louise, Sandra
Usher—James A.	Don Y.	Carrie K.	James A.

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Women's Retreat Report

By: Becky Arthur

Five women from Our Saviour spent a wonderful weekend at the Domain. The weather was wonderful - cool in the evening with warm and sunny days. We had plenty of worship, meditation, fun and fellowship, not to mention the food! Bishop Sauls was not able to be with us because he was ill. Instead, we had three women to lead the group in study and meditation on some of the Women of the Bible. It was very interesting and enlightening. Certainly gave all of us things to think about.

We all came home with a new respect for Sarah, Hagar and Rebekah.

We would like for more to join us next year, so mark you calendar for May 16 to 18, the weekend after Mother's Day. You might even ask for this as your Mother's Day gift. Hope to see everyone there next year.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

Birthdays ~

Emily Anderson—7th

Sally Evans—10th

James Anderson—11th

Thomas Blankenship—18th

Deanna Spurlock—23d

Cheri Tolle—24th

Greg Uber—24th

Diane Melius—28th

Sarah Melius—28th

If your birthday or anniversary is not on file at Our Saviour, please drop us an email with the info at:

Our_saviour@bellsouth.net

Anniversaries ~

Wallace & Becky Arthur—6th

Don & Sonja Yow—8th

Fred & Carol Ruppel—11th

Steve & Eleanor Cawthorne—12th

Richard & Grace Sears—17th

Cheri Tolle & Doug Wagner—21st

