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Connecting and uniting churches, organizations and individuals in working together to break down barriers of poverty, race and despair in the name of Jesus Christ.

Summer Camps – how can we help?!

Several Project URGE affiliates are hosting summer camps in 2006. Often churches, individuals and organizations wonder how they may be able to help. One primary mission of Project URGE, is to keep people informed as to ways they could impact existing programs.

FAITH IN ACTION

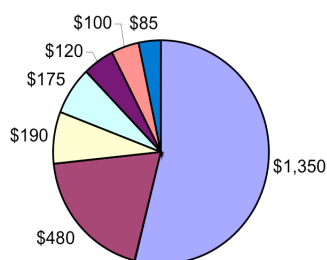
Every year in May we have to make preparation for our Traveling Summer Day Camp. And that is a step in faith. We never know where we are going to receive the money to have camp, yet, we take steps of faith to prepare for and plan activities and look for churches

who will be gracious enough to host us for the summer for one (1) to five (5) days. Our summer camp travels 4 out 5 days, Monday-Friday on school buses from Laidlaw. Please support us. Camp starts July 10 and runs through until August 18, 2006. We need 2 churches to host ages 3-6 and 10-16 the week of 7/24-7/28. Let your heart be moved to sponsor us. We need a sponsor to the tune of \$40,000.

To support 1 child is \$750 for the entire summer

Please look into your hearts to help us serve the children in the inner-city. Community Lutheran Traveling Summer Day Camp is located at 942 Joseph Ave. in Rochester, New York, NY 14621.

A Day of Summer Camp at Community Lutheran Ministry: 2006



Daily Cost

Counselors	\$1,350
Transportation	\$480
Admissions	\$190
Administration	\$175
Custodians	\$120
Crafts	\$100
Snacks	\$85

If you have any questions or concerns, would like to make a donation, or if your church would be willing to host the camp, please feel free to call Ms. Maggie Harris at (585) 338-2420 or e-mail:

maggierny@hotmail.com.

Yours in Christ,

Maggie Harris,
Community Lutheran Ministries, Inc.
Director

*Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.*

Proverbs 22:6

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Rochester Family Mission – Summer Camp Opportunities!

SUMMER CAMP IS ‘JUST AROUND THE CORNER’

July 5th –August 10th will be Summer Day Camp time. At least 50 children are expected to be involved in Healthy Families/Healthy Neighborhood Summer Camp. It's an exciting time of Bible stories, puppet ministry, field trips, swimming, and crafts. RFM has been blessed to have various teen ministry teams come in to work with the children. It's a life-changing experience for the children



*“Let the children come to me,
and do not hinder them, for
the kingdom of God belongs
to such as these”*

Mark 9:14

and the teens as well. We invite you to be involved in this important outreach **by praying and by giving** your financial support (It costs \$100 a child for the six weeks of camp). Youth leaders and parents: you may be still looking for a summer ministry project for your teens. How about “urban missions”?

Call 436-7523 for further information

Nevaeh Educational & Spiritual Retreat Set for August!

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Nevaeh is hosting it's second annual **"Educational and Spiritual Retreat"**. The overnight, week long camp will be from 8/27 through 9/1/06 at the India Community Center, located at 2171 Monroe-Wayne County Line Rd. Macedon, N.Y.

The camp is designed to help prepare youth ages 9-15 for the upcoming school year. Each child is required to read 3 hours throughout the day and the camp is a sugar free environment. The cost of the camp is \$400.00; however, the fee is on a sliding scale and scholarships are available.

Volunteers are needed for arts and crafts, cooking, counselors, security, recreation, and transportation. Meetings are being held on Sat. mornings at 845 W. Main St. in the Bulls Head Plaza.

Donations are also needed to help finance the scholarship program. Additionally, donations of non perishable food, art and craft supplies, recreation equipment, books, and school supplies are needed.

Each child receives a back-pack, complete with all school supplies the last day of camp.

This year we would also like to do a project involving planting flowers to beautify the camp grounds in appreciation for the generosity of the Indian Community, so we are looking for volunteers in that area.

2005

Project URGE, Inc. Financials

Thanks to our Contributors!

Operating Expenses:
Advertising/Promotion 30.00
Dues/memberships 360.00
Insurance 503.00
Legal 25.00
Office Expenses 42.50

Postage 157.90
Printing Supplies 180.38
Telephone 644.80
Website 300.00

Programs: 13,486.71

Bus Tour Presentation
Promoting Affiliated Ministries
& Organizations

Info Booklets/brochures
Concert of Praise &
Workshops

Newsletters & Postage
Seminars & Conferences
Grants & Applications
Summer Camp Support

Total 15,722.36

Greg & Joan Hahn
David Kluge
Wayne & Jane Laird
Garry & Mary Manuel
Mildred Manuel
Daren & Cindy Merrill
Bill Mosich
Gary & Ann Nelson
Kathryn Pridey
Brian & Natalie Rooney
Graham & Debbie Smith
Mary Stevens
Fred & Kim Stresing
Jennelle Torrey

Church of the Assumption
Crosswinds Wesleyan Church
Fairport United Methodist Church
The Nelson family in memorial of
Eleanor Dodd
Contributions in memory of
Christopher Smith
Manuel's Music Studio
Fund Raising Events
Unrestricted Contributions

Total \$17,192.00

1 Timothy

6:18

***Command
them to do
good, to be
rich in good
deeds, and to
be generous
and willing to
share.***



Coatlink
Bread Run
Fall Bus Tour
Partnering churches
Prayer/Fasting together
Worship - Concert of Praise
(multi-denominational event)
Project URGE video & info distribution
Jacob's Ladder repair & renovation team
Social gatherings twice a year (dinner/picnic)
Assisting in meeting the needs of poor & homeless
Seminars/workshops benefiting organizations & ministries
Monthly meetings - a forum for relationship building & dialogue
Creating awareness & helping to plug people into missions & ministry

Project URGE, Inc.

*Urban Revitalization,
God Experienced*

Project URGE, Inc. has exemplified the meaning of collaboration through its work with churches, missions and agencies in and around the City of Rochester and neighboring communities. We have delivered on our goals by using constructive conversation and dialogue to in turn create tangible support and action benefiting the community. Additionally, Project URGE, Inc. is a member of the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA), a nationally engaged group that is a supportive network of urban practitioners, educators and churches committed to the work of God's Kingdom, especially as related to the poor.

Williamson REACH makes 3rd service trip to Rochester!

On Friday, April 28th, 35 students and 10 chaperones traveled to downtown Rochester to work with Project URGE and it's affiliated ministries and organizations.

Students were linked to a variety of tasks at homeless shelters, food pantries, clothing closets, etc., within the "poverty crescent" stemming from Southwest to Northeast Rochester. The groups served at Foodlink, Rochester Family Mission, Women's Place (CFC), Sanctuary House (CFC), Mercy Residential, Grace Community Village, Eastern Service Workers Association and Community Lutheran Ministries serving in a variety of ways such as: gardening, raking, seeding, preparing an evening meal for 180 people, cleaning toys, windows, walls, kitchen cupboards and sorting summer camp supplies. Each site offered a tour and orientation as to the purpose of the facility and who was being served.

Students filled out evaluation sheets answering questions, such as; "What did you learn/experience?", "What did you like least and the most about the experience?", "Would you choose to

take part again", etc. Returning to school discussion/reflection time occurred. Many students witnessed "life" in a way they did not realize existed before. One group learned about the illiteracy rate in Rochester - around 27% and were astonished! One group visited with a child resident who couldn't even attend school for fear of his mother's abuse perpetrators finding his rescued family. Indeed, many stories were shared with emotion and a determination to return back to this area that has so much need.

Each time a Project URGE trip is announced during forum at the high school, the sign up sheet to attend fills up by the very next day. Indeed, this demonstrates what a caring student body WHS has and their commitment to make the world a better and safer place to live in for all.

Through this connective network, positive values and experiences can serve as character builders that assist our youth in abstaining from the negative and pursuing more positive and productive paths.

Williamson H.S. REACH



Upcoming Events – mark your calendars!

Project URGE Annual Picnic – July 9th in Ellison Park at the Island Pavillion 3 PM - site of last years picnic.
contact Eva Daughtery – 328-0390
e-mail: ldaughte@rochester.rr.com
Let her know if you're coming and if you're willing to bring a dish to pass.
This is one of two social events we have during the year. While we realize the impact of the work we do together, it is also vital that we build relationships and become better acquainted. Food, fellowship and fun! Please mark your calendar and join us.
Further info will be on the website

Next Project URGE General Meeting

When: Friday, June 16th – 7 PM
Where: Walnut Hill Community Church – 359 W. Bloomfield Rd. – Mendon (near thruway overpass)
Please try to attend this meeting!
You will hear of further development on the 4 Point Plan & some of the plans for 2006/07.

CCDA Trip – Sept. 27 – 30th (Christian Community Development Association) Conference

All leaders of organizations/ministries should make an effort to make this event. We are trying to arrange for transportation and lodging. There will be a fund set up to support those who might not be able to attend for financial reasons. If you would be able to financially support this effort – just mail us a check made payable to Project URGE and indicate CCDA fund on the memo line.

Poverty Walk-a-thon – Sept. 16 (Sat.) – Join us and pledge support

Action for a Better Community is once again sponsoring a walk to raise awareness of poverty in Rochester. This not only raises awareness, but will help raise funds for Project URGE, Inc. and ABC. Please walk with us and get pledges for the walk. More information will be posted on our website in July. Call 223-8340 – Project URGE, Inc.

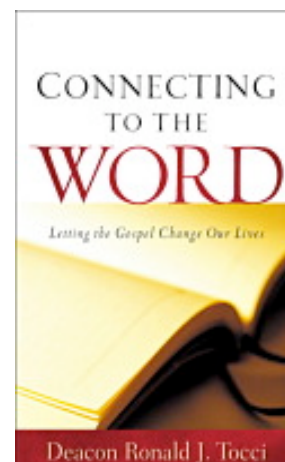
Luke 13:20,21 –

Again he asked, "What should I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like a yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

How is the yeast to work through all the dough if the yeast remains in it's bowl and never mixes with the flour?

Connecting to the WORD – book by Project URGE volunteer – Deacon Ron Tocci

Deacon Ron Tocci of Church of the Assumption in Fairport – longtime Project URGE member – has written a book with his daughter Carrie Anne. It is a collection of homilies he has preached in his ministry at Assumption. The homilies in *Connecting to the Word* were selected to provide a balance between the Good News that comforts us, reassures us, and calms our fears, and the Good News that calls us to be better than we are. The overarching theme is the author's belief that God loves us just the way we are, but He loves us too much to want us to stay that way.



Based on solid exegesis, yet written in a down-to-earth style, *Connecting to the Word* can serve as a resource for preachers and as a source of spiritual enrichment for anyone seeking a connection between God's Word and the nitty-gritty of everyday life. Each homily is accompanied by reflection questions to help the reader look more deeply to discover a personal connection to the gospel message. As these connections become clear, the reader will begin to experience the transforming power of God's Word. The book can be ordered at Barnes & Noble or from amazon.com. Proceeds go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Rochester Family Mission Revs up for Back to School – Think Ahead to Sept.!

HELP RFM REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST FEST IN SEPTEMBER

The Southwest Fest will be held at the Madison School of Excellence field, 200 Genesee Street, Saturday, Sept 9th, 11 am – 3 pm. This continues to be great time for **Rochester Family Mission** volunteers and staff as we join other neighborhood collaboratives in friendship and support to our southwest families.

Last year 907 new book bags filled with school supplies were given to needy neighborhood children. The need grows each year so we invite

you to help us in this outreach to our neighbors. We need *lots* of new book bags, wide ruled notebook paper, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, glue sticks, and erasers. (Monetary donations are gladly received. Mark "Southwest Fest" on the memo line of your check). We need those who can volunteer their time at the Fest: manning the games, helping with refreshments. It truly is a celebration with Christian entertainment, free hotdogs and drink, cotton candy, games, give-aways, etc.

Pray how you might be used of God to serve your neighbors.

Contact: 436-7523 for info

*"Whoever welcomes one
of these little children in
my name welcomes
me..." (Mark 9:37)*





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1 John 3:18

Field of Miracles – August 18th – 20th!

For more information, or to request your promotional package, please contact us by phone or the website!

The Field of Miracles

A Regional Transformation Youth Event
Friday, August 18 - Sunday, August 20, 2006
Frontier Field, Rochester, NY



Joshua Revolution is pleased to present this event
TOTALLY FREE to the public!

We encourage you to bring as many friends and family
members as you can for three days of worship,
sharing of God's Word and fellowship

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PRAYER WARRIORS AND
FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS**

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Assumption volunteers at ESWA

Teaming Up for the Kids!

Over 20 volunteers from Church of the Assumption helped make the annual ESWA Easter Egg Hunt-Party a fun-filled experience for more than 100 children and their families. In addition to the Easter egg hunt, there were all kinds of games for different ages and

a delicious hot brunch. In addition to helping run many of the activities and serve the food, Assumption parishioners donated most of the Easter baskets, candy, goodies and prizes. Deacon Ron Tocci Church of the Assumption

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