

# The SPIRIT

of Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church  
August 21, 2013

## The Rickle Pic-Nick is Coming!

August 25th is the date and Veteran Acres North Pavilion (on Walkup Rd) is the place for an awesome picnic sponsored by the Men's Group. Let's hit the high points.

We start with WORSHIP at 10:00am. We will have some great music and a very special addition to worship that is kind-of-a-secret.

Of course, there will be FOOD. The men will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. A vegetarian option will be available. Buns, condiments, utensils and beverages will be provided. You are asked to bring either finger food, a side dish or a dessert for the pot luck table.



Then there are the games. World class Games! Softball! Bags! And water balloon toss. People of all ages and skill levels are wanted. Hey, it's about having FUN!

Finally, Rickle Pic Nick himself will be there in person. He is so cool that the word COOL was invented to describe him! Do not miss it!

What to bring: (1) a desire for worship, fun and fellowship; (2) a dish to pass; (3) a lawn chair to sit on; (4) family or friends; and (5) your appetite.

Do you have a BAGS GAME? If so, can we borrow it? How about softball equipment? Leave word at the church office or with Fred Neuschel 815-219-5150 if you can help out with equipment.

## Congregational Meeting Called

The session has voted to call a congregational meeting Sunday, September 1, 2013 at 10:00am for the purpose of dissolving the position of Associate Pastor.

## So Long ... Farewell ... Auf Wiedersehen ... Adieu ...

Dale and Wayne Prindiville have been very active members in RCLPC for many years, and now they are moving to Rockford to start a new adventure in their lives, and we all want to take a special time to say good bye and good luck. While enjoying our wonderful outdoor picnic on Sunday, August 25, we will also have a time to wish both Wayne & Dale good luck in their new home and also to say thank you for all that they have done over the years for our church. Please join in the chorus of "thank you!" and "good bye!" on August 25!

## Time & Talent Survey

The Stewardship Team is assembling a Time & Talent Survey to be used in September. It is an opportunity to offer our time to serve God's people both within and outside of our church. If you currently lead an area of ministry at RCLPC and haven't been asked to share with us your volunteer needs, please contact Lois Johnson this week.

# A New Year for Education Opportunities

## Kick-Off Sunday, September 8th

Our church year begins. Fall with its crisp air, colored leaves, and back to school noises calls out to RCLPC. The many educational offerings planned for the Sunday morning, 10 o'clock, education hour, will provide a learning experience for all ages. Whether studying Bible stories and persons of faith or learning about issues facing the Presbyterian Church in today's world, you are sure to find exciting topics to explore.

Mark your calendar for **September 8, Kick-Off Sunday**. Teachers will greet the children in their regular assigned classrooms. From there, they will search for treasures hidden about the church. Fellowship Hall will end the hunt with a special party for everyone.

Our **Preschool and Kindergarten** will use a new curriculum called "*Buzz*". This presents learning fun through hands-on play activities. Children of 3-6 years of age begin building their Christian foundation around God's love for them.

The **First through Fifth grades** will continue to use the "*Crossings for Kids*". By following the Bible's core stories, children engage their whole being through journal pages and fun learning activities. Take home pages continue to nurture their family in faith.

This year, our **Middle school and High school** classes will engage Christianity through a different learning experience. A new DVD-based curriculum called "*NOOMA*" encourages students to discuss what matters most to them. Wherever Jesus went and whatever Jesus did, He started discussions about what is important. God always invites us to open our eyes, to join in and become a part of our surroundings. This series of short films, shaped to the way teens think, explores their world through the perspective of Jesus. "*NOOMA*" invites the viewer to search, question, and enter into the discussion.

"**RE:FORM**" by Sparkhouse is the name of a curriculum that aptly describes the new series our **Confirmation Class** will explore as they travel their journey to RCPLC membership. Short, humorous animations each week tell the story of our faith. Presented in a special way, "*RE:FORM*" grabs the interest of youths allowing them to wrestle with historic Christian faith and theology questions. Check out <http://reform.wearesparkhouse.org/>



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You have a neat opportunity this year to explore several **Adult Education** offerings – select or mix and match.

Each week **The Wired Word** meets to delve into current news with Scripture and hope. The weekly installment comes to you via e-mail on Thursdays, including biblical commentary and discussion questions related to a news topic for that week. *Didn't receive the materials?* Call the church office and add your name to the email list. *Didn't have time to read it?* Come anyway to join in the discussion led by Cindy and Dave Theobald and Jim Bauman. We will meet in the Library/Lounge.

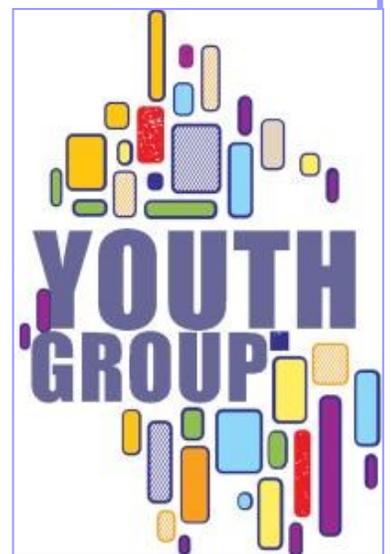
**Are you curious as to the Presbyterian view on ...a triune God? ...on Faith? ...the Bible? ...Sin and Salvation? ...or other topics?** This discussion group will explore **"The Presbyterian View of \_\_\_\_\_"**. Pastor John will lead the class for 4 to 6 weeks with a hiatus of a few weeks after it is finished. Then a new class will begin. We need your help! We need you to fill in the blank. If you have a topic that you'd like John to explore, please send it to the church office at [office@rclpc.org](mailto:office@rclpc.org). This class will meet in Pastor John's office.

**Follow Along With Me On My Faith Journey.** Here you have the chance each week to shadow the same "RE:FORM" curriculum concept/topic our Confirmation kids discover. This adult group is open to all members/friends to help reaffirm our faith while learning together with our young people. Join us in this new concept. Engage with us in fascinating discussions as we learn to respond and grow in Grace. This class meets in Fellowship Hall.

An exciting and fun filled year awaits our **Middle and High School Youth Groups.**

The big, huge **Middle School lock-in** will kick-off the season on the weekend of **September 6 and 7**. All 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have an opportunity to renew old friendships and meet those newbie kids. Come on out. Games, food, and other excitement awaits. Service projects, fun nights, field trips, video games, overnights, and hangout times will all make for a fantastic year.

**High School** jump-starts the year at **4 pm on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** at Tom and Pepper Lafontaine's house. All freshmen through seniors can anticipate an exciting evening of playing games, joking around a campfire and enjoying a mouthwatering cookout. And don't forget, you can catch up with everyone else's summer adventures and bring on board those freshies. Service projects, fun nights, field trips, video games, overnights, and hangout times (plus a few secret surprises) will serve up a ton of thrills and excitement all year long.



*Your Christian Education Team is excited and looking forward to the new year.  
If you like, ask any member about what's going on,  
and then come along and join in the experience.*

# *Education Opportunities for All Ages*



*Preschool - High School*

*Confirmation*



*Youth Groups*



*Adult Ed*



# The 'W' (Women's Group) Makes Plans for September

LOOKING FOR ALL BEAUTIFUL, ADVENTUROUS AND FUN LOVING LADIES SEEKING TO CONNECT WITH OTHER BEAUTIFUL, ADVENTUROUS, FUN-LOVING **LADIES!**

**That's All of US!**

If you have not joined us for our summer field trips...WE HAVE MISSED YOU...but **you have one more chance.** We had a fulfilling experience when about 12 of us participated in "Feed my Starving Children" and then picked a perfect day to visit the Baha'i House of Worship. Now we make plans for

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> when we will travel to Rockford to visit the ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS**

(This is a reschedule of our planned trip in June postponed due to rain)



These gardens are just a 45 minute drive away and they take approximately one – 1-1/2 hours to leisurely enjoy along easy walkways. Please check out their website at **andersongardens.org** and their mission statement: "In our hectic and stressful world, Anderson Japanese Gardens opens minds to a different culture while offering guests a place of peace and tranquility where they will find healing, renewal, inspiration, and a re-energized soul." Whether your first visit or a return trip you will not be disappointed in the beauty that awaits as we observe our most beloved Autumn Season here in the Midwest.

We will **meet at the church on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, depart by 9:15 via carpool** and arrive at the gardens by 10:15am. Afterward we will enjoy a lovely lunch together at a nearby restaurant and then return by 2:15 ish?? Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the company of great friends (OH, feel free to invite family and friends of your own) and **sign up in the Connecting Link OR email Jodie LeFevre - jodlzl@aol.com.**

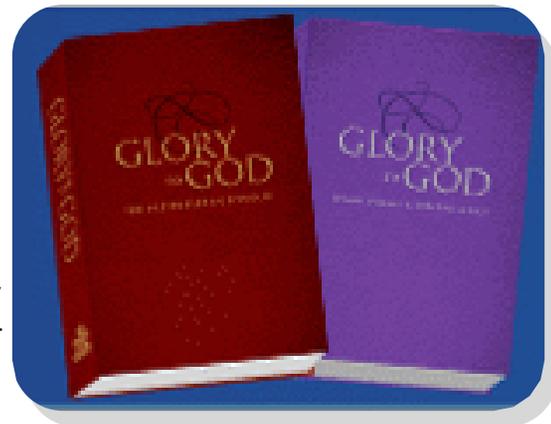
## Working for Peace and Justice

Check out the display table in Fellowship Hall sponsored by the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Team. You'll find an assortment of General Assembly Mission Council materials that show some of the many ways the PC(USA) is working for peace and justice in the world. From Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, to the Office of Public Witness Washington Report, to ideas for sustainable autumn living, you are welcome to help yourself to whatever interests you.

# Glory to God

*Glory to God*, the new Presbyterian hymnal, is on its way to the printers. You might be wondering who decides what goes in a new hymnal, and just what's in this one and why.

In 2008, people could apply to be on the hymnal committee. Those selected to serve were chosen to ensure a wide variety of experience, perspective, age, style, and theological conviction. The committee members fell just about everywhere on every spectrum. They met in person several times a year as well as having regular virtual meetings and doing a lot of homework.

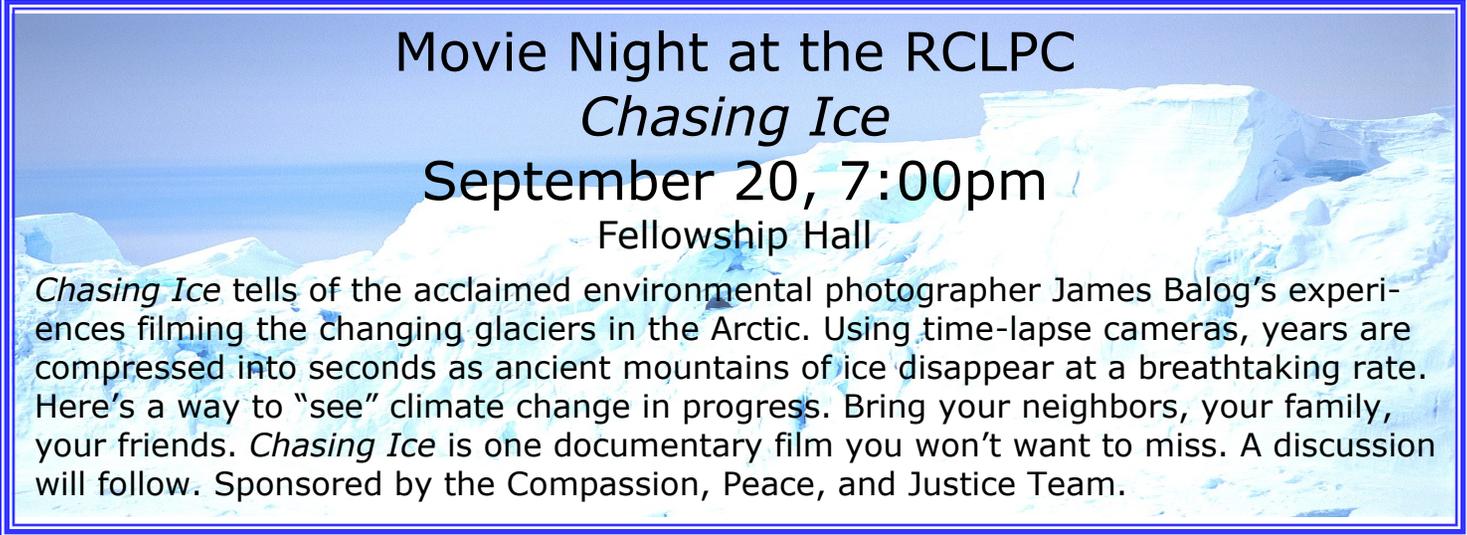


Hymns were submitted by churchgoers, composers, authors, other hymnal compilers, missionaries, and pastors. In addition, the contents of our past Presbyterian hymnals and the hymnals of some other denominations were examined. In all, the committee looked at over 10,000 hymns. They had all author/composer names removed and were each considered individually, first the text and then the tune. Each text was evaluated on its clarity, its adherence to Reformed theology, its use of language, and a number of other characteristics. The tunes were evaluated for singability and for how well they fit the texts. Hymns being considered were then sent to congregations around the country to test in worship, and many pastors and churchgoers were consulted through surveys and focus groups. Every hymn in the book has been sung, spoken, discussed, and prayed over many times before it was included.

Hymnals give voice to the church's core beliefs and theological convictions. Their texts are "compact theology," and the selection of songs shapes the theological thinking and ultimately the faith and practices of the church. And as befits a faith community called into being by a God we know as the Word made flesh, we pray, proclaim, teach, comfort, admonish, serve and administer justice with words woven in and through all our actions. Language used in worship has great power. Therefore the language used in our song matters a great deal. Worshipful words joined to worshipful music deeply shape the faith and practices of the church.

So what's in this new hymnal? There are some of our old favorites that weren't in the blue hymnal, including (but not limited to!) "Rock of Ages," "On Eagle's Wings," "How Can I Keep From Singing," and "It is Well With My Soul." There are some favorites that have never been in a Presbyterian hymnal, like "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Beloved hymns from the blue hymnal, like "I Danced in the Morning" and "Here I Am, Lord" are still in the new collection. And some newer favorites, like "The Summons," "Gather Us In," and "The Servant Song" will be in this new collection as well. There are traditional hymns like "Holy, Holy, Holy" (which will be on page one in the new book!) and more contemporary songs like "How Majestic is Your Name" and "Open the Eyes of My Heart." There are classic texts by the great writers of the 18th and 19th centuries (Wesley, Luther, Watts), and wonderful texts from some of the greatest hymn writers of our generation (John Bell, Ruth Duck, Shirley Murray). In addition, there are a variety of songs from the global church, including music from Taizé, the Iona Community, and churches in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Many of these will be presented in both their original language and in English, so we can join our voices with sisters and brothers around the world.

We look forward to making a joyful noise together with *Glory to God!*  
If you have any questions, please ask the worship team.



# Movie Night at the RCLPC

## *Chasing Ice*

September 20, 7:00pm

Fellowship Hall

*Chasing Ice* tells of the acclaimed environmental photographer James Balog's experiences filming the changing glaciers in the Arctic. Using time-lapse cameras, years are compressed into seconds as ancient mountains of ice disappear at a breathtaking rate. Here's a way to "see" climate change in progress. Bring your neighbors, your family, your friends. *Chasing Ice* is one documentary film you won't want to miss. A discussion will follow. Sponsored by the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Team.