

The SPIRIT

of Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

August 7, 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.

Deacon's Report

The Bread Basket Ministry delivered a bread basket to these two families: the Gilbert Family (Joyce, Danielle, Sicilla, Isaac, and Nathaniel) and Debbie and Gary Ontko. ~ Louise Dillon

Meet Our New Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

Matthew Brown was hired as the Director of Youth and Children's

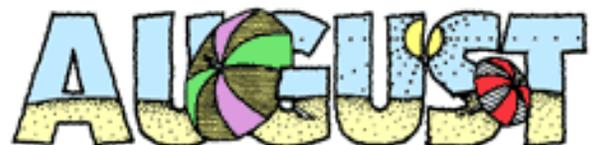


Ministries in August 2013. He grew up in Flint, Michigan and attended Hope College in Holland, Michigan. He graduated with a B.A in music, a B.A in religion and a minor in youth ministry. Matthew is passionate about building a youth ministry that not only involves the youth but the entire church. His interests include golfing, comic books, and watching sports.

Food Truck/School Supplies Report

Thank you to all for your gifts of time, talent, and donations of school supplies at our recent Food Truck Distribution on July 22. Although the number of guests we served were less than anticipated, those who came to the church that day once again felt the warmth of our hospitality and were very grateful for our expressions of love.

~ Mission Outreach Ministry



Golf Outing Report

Eight foursomes competed for prizes at the 2nd annual Jim Holder Memorial Golf Outing at Cary Country Club, Thursday, August 1, 2013. The Top Foursome prize was divided between two foursomes that each had a score of 72:

- 1) Dawn and Dan Gilman and Rick Johnson
- 2) Cheryl and Tom Lilly, Bill O'Connell and Lorraine Kirkpatrick

Individual prizes were given to four winners:

Closest to the pin #6:	George Schieler
Longest Drive for men #9:	Tom Lilly
Longest drive for women #10:	Dawn Tumbeck
Longest putt #16:	Ken Rydz



The "W" (Women's Group) Goes Field-Tripping this Summer –

Sign up in the Connecting Link or email Jodie at jodlzl@aol.com

Saturday, August 17 – BAHÁ'Í HOUSE OF WORSHIP
(Baha'i Temple) in Wilmette

We will meet at Church at 9:00 and depart at 9:15. We will enjoy the majestic beauty, magnificent architecture and peaceful grounds of one of the 7 wonders of Illinois and the only Baha'i Temple in North America. We will stay for the 12:30 Prayer Service and then depart for a late lunch. We will return to church by 3:00.

VBS Mission Project: Church World Service Kits

The VBS children did a great job with their mission project for their "neighbors" in need. They first learned about who exactly are our neighbors and ways we can care and share Jesus' love for them. Then they collected, sorted, counted, and then packed items in zip-close bags to await delivery by Church World Service to people in need. With the generous support of the congregation with donations of items and dollars for shipping costs, we were able to complete 40 kits. This is a project coordinated by Blackhawk Presbytery. Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this project!
~ Joan Jensema



Congregational Meeting Called

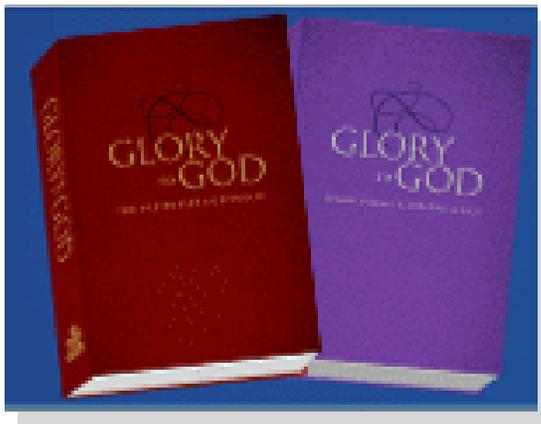
The session has voted to call a congregational meeting Sunday, September 1, 2013 at 10:00am for the purpose of dissolving the position of Associate Pastor.

Session Highlights - July 22, 2013

- ◆ Forty cars of families came to the RCLPC food truck and school supply distribution on July 22. All left with plenty of food and school supplies. Sincere thanks to all the people that contributed to this successful mission.
- ◆ Session received letters of thanks for congregational support from the 8 members of our Senior High Group who joined 5,000 other youth at the national Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue. Our thanks to Presbytery who funded the transportation and to Scott Iddings who was the adult leader for our group.
- ◆ Session authorized spending \$4000 from the Rummage Sale proceeds on a building and grounds project.
- ◆ Linda Peel will address the congregation during Sunday worship services about current church finances.
- ◆ Stewardship will be sending a representative to the finance team meetings in the future.
- ◆ RCLPC Church will be celebrating its 175th anniversary next year. If you have any ideas about ways to celebrate this event please let Rev. John Dillon or session members know.
- ◆ A settlement on hail damage from our insurance company will be used towards the replacement of some roofing and siding. Building and Grounds is looking at a number of bids to carry out the work.
- ◆ Rev. John Dillon will be on vacation in the coming weeks and Rev. Fred Neuschel, Rev. Chris Pickett, and Jac Kelewae will be covering the worship services. Session and Rev. Paul Nelson from Woodstock Presbyterian will be covering pastoral care needs of congregation.

New Hymnal

You may have heard that the Presbyterian Church (USA) is publishing a new hymnal, called *Glory to God*. This hymnal will be available this fall. The Worship Team presented this new hymnal to the session and was given approval to purchase them for RCLPC. Our goal is to begin 2014 with the new hymnal in the pews.



Why do we need a new hymnal? The old ones are still in good condition, after all. It's not as if the pages are falling out. While it's true that most of the books themselves are indeed in good condition, it's also true that there are a lot of wonderful hymns that are not in the blue book. Some have been written in the past 25 years since the blue hymnal was compiled. Some were left out of the blue hymnal by a previous committee. Others come to us from other parts of the world or from other traditions, and are wonderful songs for deepening our relationship with God, so we want to have them collected in our hymnal.

One helpful image is to think of the hymnal as a family photo album. There are all kinds of pictures in a photo album—some are enduring classics carefully posed by professionals, others are snapshots that were amusing at the time but you don't remember why, so you replace it with a new (or rediscovered) photo. There are pictures of people you barely remember, and people you see every day. Hopefully none of our family photo albums just ended in 1990 (when the blue hymnal was put together), with no more pictures ever to be included!

A new hymnal is produced roughly every generation—about every 20-30 years. This allows us to continue to include new photos in the album, to widen our perspective as our Christian family widens, and to remember what we liked about some of those oldies but goodies. The *Glory to God* hymnal has been very carefully compiled so that it contains many of the old favorites that weren't in the blue hymnal (*It Is Well With My Soul*, *Rock of Ages*), many new songs from writers like John Bell and Marty Haugen (*The Summons*, *Gather Us In*), some of the praise music that fits our theological tradition, and music from the church around the world.

How are they to be purchased?

The session approved asking for memorials, dedications and gifts from the congregation to purchase these new hymnals. In the near future there will be special envelopes for this purpose.

How many hymnals are needed for the church?

The church would need: 150 hymnals - for the pews and the choir

The price of the hymnal has been reduced through the end of the year; and if ordered and paid for by December, the price per hymnal is \$17.50, which includes free shipping for a total cost of \$2,625. The standard price is \$20.00.

The Worship Team is very excited to update our family photo album with the PC(USA)'s new hymnal. We look forward to the songs, old and new, familiar and eye-opening, that will enliven and enhance our worship, as we seek to follow God's command to make a joyful noise and sing a new song.

We ask that you prayerfully consider these new hymnals and the giving of memorials, dedications, gifts for their purchase. Look for additional information about this new hymnal in the bulletin and in the next 'Spirit.'

Please contact the Worship Team if you have any questions.

Prayerfully submitted,
The Worship Team

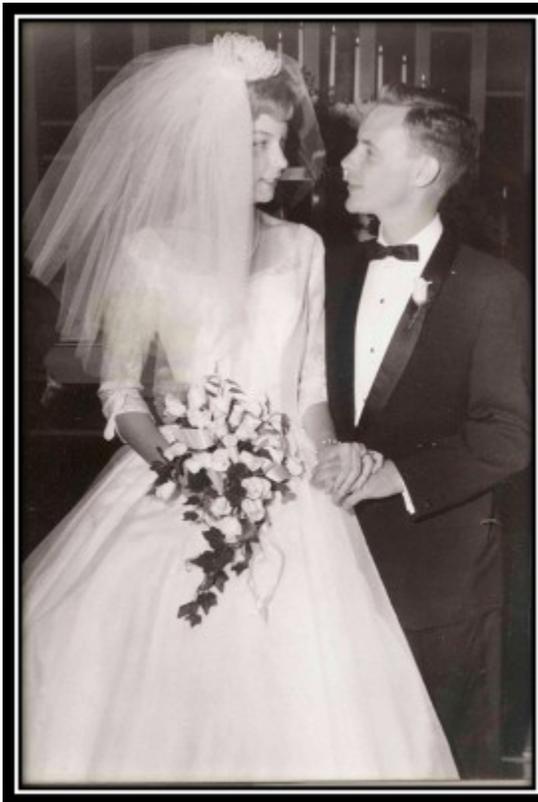
Adult Education Twofer...

Starting on Kickoff Sunday (Sept. 8th), two Sunday morning Adult Education classes will be given at the same time – a constant one and an alternative one:

- ♦ The constant one will be *The Wired Word* – “biblical commentary and discussion questions related to a topic in the news each week”. It will be offered every Sunday morning week after week.
- ♦ The alternative, concurrent one will be “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, alternative class will begin.

Regarding the alternative class, we need your help! **We need you to fill in the blank.** Are you curious as to what the Presbyterian view is on ...a triune God? ...on Faith? ...the Bible? ...Sin and Salvation? ...or other topics? If you have a topic that you'd like John to explore, please send it to the church office (office@rclpc.org).

See you at one of the two Sunday morning classes beginning September 8th!
~ The Adult Education Planning Team



*Al and Linda Popp
invite you to an
Afternoon Tea
in celebration of their
50th Wedding Anniversary,
1:30 - 4pm
Saturday, September 14, 2013
in Fellowship Hall.*

*Please RSVP
to skip3917@sbcglobal.net.
If you wish, a gift to
“Build a Dream”
in honor of the occasion,
would be our heart's desire.*



Yoga classes have ended for the summer. Thanks to all who attended, and to Grethe Christensen for her leadership and the generous donation made to our youth ministry program.

Please Take a Moment

Wayne and Dale Prindiville will be moving to Cherry Valley near Rockford on August 12. Please take a moment to sign the Memory Book located in the Connecting Link to wish them God speed.

While the Pastor Is Away: July 29th - August 19th

Pastor John will be on vacation from July 29th through August 19th. Should you require pastoral support or assistance, please contact the office Monday – Friday, 9am-1pm at 815-459-1132, or you may contact Lee Ekstrom at 815-385-9273, or Cynthia Lopuszynski at 815-356-5038. Sunday preaching schedule while Pastor John is on vacation is as follows:

Jac Kelewae	August 11th
Chris Pickett	August 18th



Dear Parents of Wonderful Singers,

I hope that you have all been enjoying your summer! As you've no doubt noticed while watching your children grow by leaps and bounds, all things in life evolve and develop, and our choir program is no different.

In order to be attentive to the needs of our choir parents and children, Sherri and I have been discussing the plans for the upcoming choir year, and envisioning how our time together might look.

We are proposing that we combine the choir practices this year into one, 60-minute session per week, with lots of time to work and play together as a whole group, and also time within that session to work as separate choirs. We would like to ask you a few questions to help us plan. Please return this questionnaire to the church office. We appreciate your time!

Elizabeth

1. Name of Child: _____
2. 2013-14 Grade: _____
3. Is your child interested in participating in choir this year? _____
4. It's looking fairly certain that there will be no ongoing, organized dinners this year for WEAVE. In that case, will Wednesday evenings still work for you?

5. If not, what day and time would work better? _____
6. If Wednesday evening does work, please rate the follow times, with 1 being your first choice, 2 your second choice, and 3 your third choice.

_____ 5:00-6:00 PM

_____ 5:15-6:15 PM

_____ 5:30-6:30 PM



Comments: _____

Hats Off To VBS'ers...

VBS was a resounding success. So many people contributed their time and talent to make this an enjoyable, fun experience for the kids. And, the kids were not the only ones who learned about God's goodness in the world around us. All of our helpers experienced the thrill of watching eager young faces find new understanding in their lives. So... here's that big THANK YOU to Andrea Pracht for her hard work in organizing VBS and to all those dedicated disciples of this mission. You never know what seeds you've planted.

Aage Christensen - Steve and Amy Connell - Sherri Dees - John, Neil, and Iona Dillon - Paula Ekstrom - Dawn Gilman - Bob Grecco - Alice Haznedl - Jodi and Emma Iddings - Joan Jensema - Rick and Lois Johnson - Debi, Amy, and Mike Keyzer - Emma Koenig - Hannah Koenig - Anna Larsen - Amy LeFevre - Jodie LeFevre - Karen Nelson - Sue Neuschel - Pam and Katie Palmer - Linda Peel - Bill Pittenger - Al Popp - Wayne and Dale Prindiville - Lou and Kathy Rabe - Neil and Chase Ray - Wendy, Athan, and Rylan Sanders - Bonnie Sheehan - Lynn and Naomi Stange - Marge Stewart - Ed Waters.



More pictures from VBS can be found on our church website by clicking on the "Education" icon on the homepage or going directly to this link: <http://www.rclpc.org/education.html>

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Receives a Grant of \$1.4 Million from The Red Cross

PDA has received a grant of \$1.4 million from the Red Cross to coordinate volunteer housing for Hurricane Sandy relief workers. According to one staffer, "the grant is partly recognition that we know what we are doing and do it well."

The grant enables PDA to assess housing sites for relief workers, establish those sites and train people to operate them. Eight sites have already opened in the NY/NJ area. In addition, PDAS has assisted other churches, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopal, and non-denominational churches to assess their sites. Presbyterians have responded in large numbers. The summer is booked up (this was in June) and there is a waiting list of 250.

PDA's leadership in volunteer housing at disaster sites dates back, at least, to Hurricane Katrina. PDA still has a site in New Orleans and more than 20 in other sites nationwide. They are currently assessing possible sites in Oklahoma (tornados) and have a waiting list of 50 Presbyterians ready to go as soon as there is housing.

RCLPC has been a presence helping PDA with its work. In addition to individual gifts made directly or given through the church, about \$1,000 of the \$3,000 received in the One Great Hour of Sharing is earmarked for PDA. To learn more about PDA and how to help, do a search for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on your computer.