

The SPIRIT

of Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

May 1, 2013



Congregational Meeting Called May 5, 2013 at 10:05am

Session has called a Congregational meeting for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons.

Offering of Letters: "A Place at the Table"

Sunday, May 5, 2013

What would it take to realize God's vision for a world in which everyone has a place at the table?

Bread for the World's 2013 Offering of Letters aims to realize this goal by urging our nation's decision makers to set a goal to end hunger at home and abroad.

You are invited to participate as we put our faith into action. This year's offering will take place on May 5 before and after services and following the 10:00am congregational meeting in Fellowship Hall. For more information, visit www.bread.org/go/OL.



Hunger – What Can We Do?

Everyone can join the fight against hunger! Start the journey by joining Mike Rugh from the Compassion, Peace and Justice Team to learn about hunger in America and the world.

Sunday, May 12, between the 9 and 11:00 services in Fellowship Hall.

Mike will give an overview of Bread for the World, an NGO engaged in combatting hunger here and abroad; discuss the impact of climate change on food supplies; highlight the importance of nutrition and education to health; and note current trends in foreign aid and the US Government's SNAP program. Please join us!

The 21st Annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Saturday, May 11th

You can leave your donation of non-perishable (non-glass) food items in a bag at your mailbox. It'll be picked up on Saturday morning!! Tell your neighbors and friends. This drive really helps the Crystal Lake Food Pantry and you don't have to lug it in your car and deliver it. It's a win-win community service effort!

All donated food will be transported to the Algonquin Township Building (3702 Rte 14 in CL) on the afternoon of Saturday, May 11th. At that time we hope for many hands to help lighten the load of sorting and boxing the food. If you'd like to volunteer, please stop by around 1:30pm (in the back building) to be part of the action.

We couldn't do it without you. The Crystal Lake Food Pantry is so very grateful for your donations, time and talents. Your efforts help so many in our community. Thank You!



Men's Breakfast Group

The next Men's Breakfast Group will be meeting on May 4th at 8:00am at the Colonial Café on Route 14. At our last meeting we talked about various activities and topics that we are planning to pursue. Our goal is to nurture our fellowship and our faith as we seek to strengthen the corporate life of RCLPC. Come and find out what we are up to. Bring a friend and your appetite.



Thanks to the Men's Group

A huge thank-you goes to the Men's Group and all the men who worked so hard to raise money for the Deacons' Fund. The wonderful men of RCLPC created and sold a beautiful 2013 calendar. They also planned, organized, prepared, served and cleaned up for our delicious Easter Breakfast. All the money raised or donated went to the Deacons' Fund. This money makes it possible for the Deacons to help church members in need. The need may be an unexpected expense that can't be fit into an already strained budget or a little extra financial help during a tough time. Thanks!

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day

"whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me" ~ Matthew 18:5

The congregation is invited on Sunday, May 19th, at 10:00am, to gather in Fellowship Hall to honor and thank our Sunday school teachers for their time and talents in the spiritual growth of our children. The Education Team and parents are co-hosting an old fashioned ice cream social. We hope you will plan on attending this special event in honoring and thanking our Sunday school teachers.



2012-2013 Sunday School Teachers

Preschool/Kindergarten:

Joan Jensema, Kathy Rabe, Laurie Jensen, Amy LeFevre, Cindy Nichols, Marge Stewart

1st/2nd/3rd grade: Jodi Iddings, Wendy Sanders, Julia Baser, Rob Baser, Aage Christensen, Cathy Christensen, Nancy Blakely, Allison Larsen

4th/5th grade: Gail Peterson, Al Popp, Steve Connell

6th/7th/8th grade: Eric Nelson

9th/10th grade: Jim Pracht, Andrea Pracht

Recognizing Mental Health Issues in Youth

Good Shepherd Hospital has asked to get the word out about the following event:

A Free Talk on Signs and Symptoms of Mental Illness in Youth

Friday, May 31, 5:00-9:00pm and repeated on

Saturday, June 1, 9:00am-1:00pm

This is part of their Pastoral Education Program and is open to any care giver/church worker/interested parties. RSVP if you want to go at 847-381-0123 extension 264285 or suzanne.martinez@advocatehealth.com.

You won't want to miss this giant Rummage Sale
at the Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church!

WE are BURSTING at the seams with great items!
Bring your friends and find great bargains.



HUGE! MULTI-FAMILY

MAY 3-4 • 8AM-3PM

**IN RIDGEFIELD
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

MASSIVE! HUGE! RUMMAGE SALE

over 100 families donating
in

RIDGEFIELD/Crystal Lake

FRIDAY MAY 3RD and SATURDAY MAY 4TH

8 am TIL 3 pm

at the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(just north of Crystal Lake in back of MCC off of Ridgefield Road -
follow signs by the Breakers)
directions at rclpc.org

BARGAIN DAY SATURDAY ~
HALF PRICE PLUS 5 DOLLAR BAG OF CLOTHES
CASH ONLY

WE HAVE EVERYTHING YOU COULD WANT FOR "MUST SELL" PRICES!

Please tell your friends about the sale by forwarding this email.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

"The Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples" —Isaiah 25:6

[See Bread for the World video.](#)

The Bible is filled with stories of God's abundance and provision. As Isaiah tells us, all people have a place at God's table. In his final hours, while eating a meal with his disciples, Jesus asked to be remembered following his death. After his resurrection, Jesus was "known to them in the breaking of bread" (Luke 24:35).

Today, God calls us to do his work by setting a table for our brothers and sisters who hunger and thirst.

And we have made progress in ending hunger. Now, in 2013, Bread for the World is leading an effort to urge President Obama and Congress to exercise greater leadership in ensuring that all people have enough to eat.

In this effort, your voice can make a difference. Bread for the World's 2013 Offering of Letters provides an opportunity for you to urge your members of Congress to protect programs vital to hungry people at home and abroad. Our nation's decision makers need to hear that people of faith believe poverty focused development assistance, domestic nutrition programs, and support for working parents are effective in ending hunger.

Bread for the World also asks you to sign a petition to President Obama urging him to set a goal and work with Congress on a plan to end hunger.

As followers of Jesus, we take steps through local efforts to feed hungry people in our own community and overseas. Our Christian faith also moves us to use our political influence to encourage our elected leaders to see that God's people will "hunger and thirst no more" (Revelation 7:16).



Laura Elizabeth Pohl/Bread for the World



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger. We equip and inspire people of faith to communicate with their members of Congress about bipartisan legislation that benefits hungry and poor people in the United States and abroad. With more than 73,000 members—including 6,000 churches from almost all Christian traditions—we are changing history for hungry people.

The Power of "We": Collective Impact in God's Mission

World Mission partner conference at Big Tent in Louisville, KY

Thursday, August 1-Saturday, August 3, 2013

Come to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Big Tent event and discover for yourself how putting God's first things first can bring rebirth and renewal to your church through engagement in world mission!

How can Presbyterians engage in global mission for collective impact? What tools will help your congregation address poverty, do evangelism, and engage in reconciliation? Discover strategies to advocate for, empower, and partner with sisters and brothers throughout the denomination and around the world through mission. The Big Tent combines ten national conferences under one roof, gathering thousands of Presbyterian pastors, elders, and other church leaders to study, share, worship, and fellowship, and to build up the body of Christ. It's been called "a giant Presbyterian family reunion" – and the 2013 Big Tent brings that reunion to Louisville, Kentucky, home of the PC(USA)'s national offices since 1988. To see a schedule of events, see link below: <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/world-mission/world-mission-big-tent/>

If you are interested in participating in this conference, please contact Ann Legg at aglegg@sbcglobal.net or 815-338-4838.

Session Highlights from April 22, 2013

- ◆ Session met recently with the Building and Grounds Team and the Building Expansion Team to begin an overall visioning process for the future.
- ◆ Session will be devoting part of each Session meeting to the Visioning Process.
- ◆ Approved the Communion schedule for 2013.
- ◆ Changed the date of the Stated Session meeting from May 27 to May 20.
- ◆ Received a report from the Personnel Team. They have been interviewing candidates for the Director of Children and Youth Ministries position.
- ◆ Approved the slate from the Nominations Committee for the positions of Elders, Deacons, Nomination Committee, Endowment Team and Audit Committee.
- ◆ Approved the Baptism of Olivia Arwen Opal Loy on May 26 at the 11:00 service.
- ◆ Approved the Baptism of Riley Markay Poremba on July 14 at the 9:00 service.
- ◆ Approved the allocation of loose plate offering to the Music Ministry on two Sundays a year when the choirs present a special program.

Check Your Calendars for VBS

VBS is quickly approaching and we need lots more volunteers for VBS this summer. This is an awesome opportunity to share the love of Christ with our youngest members, so please check your calendars and see if you can volunteer in any way. VBS is running from Monday, June 24 to Thursday, June 27. We not only need people during the week, but before and after - there are lots of ways to help! It takes the entire church to make this important mission happen. And it takes all sorts of people - short, tall, loud, quiet, young, old, singers, artists, scientists... you name it, we want it! There is a signup sheet in the connecting link with all of our open positions, please take a look and see what position would be a good fit for you! Any questions, please contact Andrea Pracht at 815-529-6954. Thanks so much!



Registration forms are now available on our church website at rclpc.org. Click on the icon for VBS.