

OKTOBERFEST DINNER AND AUCTION — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15! Dinner starts at 5 and will include brats and hot dogs, sauerkraut, potato salad and desserts baked by Dennis Cobb. The list of items to be auctioned, both live and silent, is awesome! Lots of events to fill up your social calendar, vacation houses, and all kinds of other goodies. This is the main fundraiser for the church this year, and we hope you will all join in (and bring friends and neighbors) to make it a successful event, full of *Gemütlichkeit!*

ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAY, SUNDAY from 1-3 pm.

WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, October 22 marks the beginning of the Stewardship Season. Our theme this year is *Moving Out of Scare City* which invites us to ponder the belief that there is not enough and how that belief drives greed, fear, and exclusionary behavior. The Good News is that this is an illusion. A spiritual journey into the truth of abundance offers us an alternative vision of where to live our lives.

Sunday, October 29 - Reformation Sunday. We celebrate the 500th anniversary of the reformation complete with bagpipes. Traditionally we recognize this day (actually October 31) as the day Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

HUMAN SCENE - During October, we will view videos featuring New Testament Professor Joel B. Green as we consider the theme of conversion and transformation, and Bible study as the context for those experiences.

10/22 – Together, Slow, and Steady – More thoughts on reading the Bible in community.

10/ 29 – Conversionary Context – Seeing the whole pattern of life the Bible lays out.

THEOLOGY ON TAP Monday, October 16, 6:30 pm at Molly's. Join us for dinner and conversation. The conversation will begin at 7:00. Our study is based on Martin Thielen's book *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?: A Guide to What Matters Most*. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION — Reverend Jackson is planning a new member orientation for early November. Please speak to him for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Nature is one of the most clear and obvious manifestations of God in our universe. Children have a natural affinity and wonder for the plants, animals, birds and insects they encounter in their environment. We will build on that curiosity and interest to help them feel their connection with all of creation.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED — small boxes of laundry detergent,

individually wrapped toilet tissue, small boxes of feminine hygiene products, granola/cereal bars, canned meats and fruits both with pop top or cellophane lids.

CHRISTKINDLMARKT — RPC's Christkindlmarkt is Saturday, November 11, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The cafe offerings will be expanded to include light pastries for early risers, in addition to homemade soups and sandwiches for lunch, and an array of desserts. 10,000 Villages will be present with their wonderful assortment of fair trade crafts and gifts from around the world, as well as a host of local crafters. A Sign-Up Genius will be posted soon seeking volunteers to bake, make soup (recipes provided), and/or volunteer for a shift to help keep the cafe staffed and supplied.

COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER is a prison ministry which consists of sending Christmas cards to prisoners. There are packs of cards each by the CARERS trunk. Please take one or more packs and follow the GUIDELINES listed with the cards. Deadline is Sunday, October 29.

CARERS CORNER FOR OCTOBER is receiving nonperishable foods, in non-breakable containers. First Presbyterian Church in Chicago will distribute your contributions to those in need in Chicago's Woodlawn neighborhood.

FLU SHOTS —Mariano's Pharmacy is graciously providing an in-house clinic for us. On Sunday, October 22nd, both before (starting at 9:30 am) and after worship (during Coffee Fellowship), you can obtain preventative shots for flu and pneumonia (Prevnar and Pneumovax), plus a juice and cookie pick-me-up! Easily billed to your insurance plan (Medicare or other) by Mariano's, so no trouble to you.

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, November 26 Thanksgiving Hymn Sing
- Sunday, December 3 Advent begins with a worship series on "A Christmas Carol"
- Sunday, December 10 4:00 pm Messiah
- Sunday, December 17 10:00 am Christmas Children's Pageant
- Sunday, December 24 10:00 am Worship with Communion
- Sunday, December 24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Poetry

WANTED, DEAD OR ALIVE — If you have hanging baskets that are dead from the drought, or just about dead because the season is over, please bring them to church, and place them in the vegetable garden. Our goal is to improve the soil, and to use a roto tiller before the ground freezes, and mulch them up over winter.

THE OTHER SIDE OF IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTARY AND CONVERSATION

Saturday, October 28, 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon at the Riverside Library ~ Based on over 700 interviews in Mexican towns where about half the population has left to work in the United States, *The Other Side of Immigration* asks why so many Mexicans come to the U.S. and what happens to the families and communities they leave behind. Through an approach that is both subtle and thought-provoking, director Roy Germano provides a

perspective on undocumented immigration rarely witnessed by American eyes, challenging audiences to imagine more creative and effective solutions to the problem.

WELCOME TO LEITH DOCUMENTARY AND CONVERSATION

Saturday, November 4 10:00AM - 12:00 noon at the Riverside Library ~ Leith, North Dakota is a town which in 2010 had a population of 16. In May 2012, Craig Cobb, a white nationalist Neo-Nazi, moved to Leith with the intention of building a community of people sharing his white nationalist ideology and gaining the electoral majority. The documentary traces the community's struggle to prevent him from taking control of their town.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study will meet Wednesday, October 25 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "*Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews*" by Melissa Bane Sevier. Lesson Three: "Community with the Living Word" Laura Vanags, Leader.

WORSHIP AT THE SCOTTISH HOME — The Deacons welcome all congregation members to join us in the worship service for the residents of the Scottish Home Sunday at 2 pm.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT Michael Lynch's Eagle Scout project is cleaning, re-organizing and building all new shelves for the Sunday School storage room. Financial donations may be made to the church. Be sure to put "Eagle Scout Project" in the memo line.

GOT PILLS? — Bring your empty, unlabeled pill bottles to church, and the Deacons will get them to doctors working in third world countries or free clinics in the U.S.

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER

- **General Budget snapshot as of September 30th**
 - ❖ **At 75% through the year, Revenues at 71.23% of budgeted amount.**
 - ❖ **At 75% through the year, Expenditures at 72.67% of budgeted amount.**
- **PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR GIVING SO FAR THIS YEAR – WE NEED ALL OF YOUR PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH.**

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR RPC! - ELLEN

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING is received the first three Sundays of October. At the national level, working for peace means supporting those working to heal the divisions in violent contexts like South Sudan. It means using our seat at the United Nations table to speak up for the vulnerable around the world. This Offering strengthens

the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission. Yet the Offering is as much about our local congregation living out a commitment to peacemaking as it is proclaiming Christ's peace. Twenty-five percent of the Offering stays here at RPC. This year our 25% will be "DON'T LOOK AWAY: HOW TO RESPOND TO TROUBLED RELATIONSHIPS." A forum on domestic violence on Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 – 8:30 pm at North Riverside Commons.

SHARE THE HARVEST THANKSGIVING OCTOBER 14 Taste! Texture! Color! From Our Gardens to Our Plates! It's been a fantastic season of growing and sharing — thanks to YOU, our amazing Share the Harvest growing and pantry partners. We're celebrating the season at our annual Share the Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 14 - 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The location: Salem United Church of Christ, 9717 S. Kostner Ave. in Oak Lawn. We'll gather to give thanks, learn from our guest speaker, Lynne Foster, and then FEAST! Lynne will help us explore the tastes, textures and colors of God's gifts from Creation. We'll learn how to make the most out of our garden gifts and how to create layers of delight in our recipes! Lynne is Applications Manager/Chef at Vegetable Juices/Naturex, located in Bedford Park. She is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and the Culinary Institute of America. With a grant from their Naturex corporate headquarters, Lynne and other gardeners at Vegetable Juices, have tended a beautiful garden that has produced fresh, healthy vegetables that are being shared with Southwest Chicago PADS, another Share the Harvest partner. So, bring your taste buds on Oct. 14 to the Share the Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration — and feel free to invite a friend or two! There's room at the table for everyone!