

RPC IS HOSTING A DOCUMENTARY AND CONVERSATION SERIES

When: **Saturday, October 7**, 10:00am -12:00 pm Where: Riverside Public Library

Topic: The Line documents the stories of people across the country living at or below the poverty line. They have goals. They have children. They work hard. They are people like you and me. Across America, millions are struggling every day to make it above The Line.

Sunday, October 8 ~ Blessing the Animals Service.

Bring your beloved pets and join us as we celebrate all of God's creatures and bless those pets (or pictures of pets you have brought). Please remember to bring your lawn chairs and dress for worship on the lawn.

Please bring unopened bags or cans of dog and cat food and cat litter to the Blessing of the Animals Service. It will be donated to the Hinsdale Humane Society.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP NOTES — Sunday, October 15 ~ October is Domestic Violence awareness month, and our denomination suggests setting aside time on a Sunday to learn about the issues relating to Domestic Violence. The Domestic Violence Prevention Ministries of St. Mary/Riverside and St. Leonard/Berwyn is hosting a west suburban forum on responses to troubled relationships. RPC is a co-sponsor of the event. Date/Time: Tuesday, October 24, 2017, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Location: North Riverside Commons, 2401 Des Plaines Avenue, North Riverside, IL.

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.

On **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.

10/15 –Transformation of Conceptual Patterns – Reading the world and the Bible well.

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 9, 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.

OKTOBERFEST DINNER AND AUCTION — October 15, 2017. 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!*

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 - Messiah 2017 is Sunday December 10th at 4 pm.

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. My goal is to improve the soil, and to use a roto tiller before the ground freezes, and mulch them up over winter.

Riverside Presbyterian Church will be hosting documentaries on two consecutive Saturday mornings, to be aired at the Riverside Library. The public is warmly invited to attend.

Saturday, October 28 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon

The Other Side of Immigration

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

Saturday, November 4 10:00AM - 12:00 noon

Welcome to Leith

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.

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.

ELDER CARE DOCUMENTARY - Sunday 10/15 St. James Lutheran will have at 10:30am a Special Showing of the documentary "Care" about elder care. This is an important film and we recommend that you plan on seeing it with your family, friends and neighbors. Save the date!

St. James Lutheran Church 708-246-6228
5129 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL 60558

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - St. Mary Parish is now offering support and help after losing a loved one. We will walk alongside you on your journey through grief. We will have the opportunity to share our experiences, watch helpful videos, and use a workbook to help journal these life changing events. We understand what you are

going through because we have been in that same place. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. Our Grief Support Group will begin on Wednesday, October 11th from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM in the rectory. Please call Carina at the Rectory (708-447-1020) so we can plan. -- Sue Galick, Terry Coffey, and Charlie Marino

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!

MARTIN LUTHER FILM FESTIVAL presented by Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, 31st and DesPlaines in Riverside - Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the 16th Century Reformation. Sunday Evenings in October † 6:30 p.m. Showtime † Dining Hall Theater October 8th - Luther, starring Joseph Fiennes, 2003 October 15th - Empires: Martin Luther, PBS Documentary, 2002 October 22nd - Rick Steve's Luther and the Reformation, 2017 Free to the public. Complimentary popcorn and apple cider. Plus, a free raffle of Luther souvenirs! Conversation and discussion time following the films. Sunday worship option using Luther's evening prayer. More information at www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org 708.442.5250

A NOTE FROM THE GORDON FAMILY –

We are glad to have found a new church home in Virginia, but miss RPC and wanted to send you all our best. Enjoy keeping in touch with many of you on Facebook. Avery is 3.5 and likes attending “Stepping Stones” for preschoolers at our new church. We have a new son, Owen, who is 10 months old. We hope to stop by if we make a trip to Illinois.
– Love from the Gordon Family, Jason, Allison, Avery and Owen