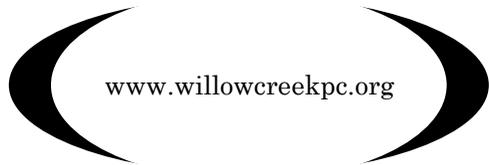


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October 2013

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From the Pastor

In a number of Denominations the First Sunday of October, which is the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, is observed as "World Wide Communion Sunday" or "World Communion Sunday". World Communion Sunday is a call for all Christians - of whatever background - and of whatever theological tradition - to recollect that we are in fact one in Christ - and that the table from which we receive communion is God's table - not our own. Take joy in the image of men, women, and children of every language, color, and nationality gathering in fields, straw huts, brick schools, wooden shacks and stone cathedrals and praising God in Christ through the act of communion. Take joy in the knowledge that no matter what our differences--be they physical, cultural, geographical, generational, theological, or even spiritual--we who follow Christ are gathered, nourished, and sent out from God's table along with all who ever have or will follow Christ...all the saints (believers of every time and place) confessing, giving thanks, and responding to God together. What a powerful image! What a powerful reality!

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could be invited to show the power of God's reconciling grace through even our diversity. In 1980, as our own denomination moved towards reconciliation (The northern and southern churches had been divided since the Civil War.), the Peacemaking Offering began. Congregations keep 25% of this Special Of-

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fering to use in peacemaking efforts within the congregation and local community, while 75% goes towards peacemaking initiatives in our presbytery and beyond.

On October 6th, our Willow Creek family will observe World Communion Sunday. Come and remember all God has done and is yet to do through Christ. Come and celebrate who and whose we are together in the middle of the cornfields on this beautiful whirling planet. Come to know God and know peace. Come and be fed at The Lord's Table. Come!

October 6: World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday

October 13: Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday (You are invited to wear purple.)

October 20: Breast Cancer Awareness (You are invited to wear pink.)

October 27: Reformation Sunday

November 3: All-Saints and Memorial Sunday (Dedication of new hymnals and memorial projects)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Music team meeting 3:30pm Nominating committee 6:30/bells	3	4	5 Stronghold Olde English faire. 1st quilt Auction.
6 World communion peacemaking Sunday	7 MMS COMMITTEE 2PM SESSION 7PM	8 Mariners 11:30pm	9 Deacons 2pm	10 Bell's 7pm	11 Ralston wedding rehearsal	12 Ralston/Cunningham wedding
13	14	15 Building & Grounds 9am	16	17 Bell's 7pm	18	19
20 Youth team crop walk	21	22 Martha & ruth/ PW MEETING	23	24 Bell's 7pm	25	26
27	28 F&P 9AM	29	30	31 Bell's 7pm		



There is food enough for all, yet hunger persists: 1.02 billion people are hungry worldwide. Simply put, one in seven people doesn't get enough to eat – and as many as half of them are children.

In fact, hunger is increasing dramatically in many parts of the world, due in part to a pervasive world food crisis and rocketing food prices that have pushed another 100 million into dire poverty.

For millions of the poorest people, food has become unaffordable. Most live in the so-called “developing world.” But hunger haunts us at home, too, and the number of poor and hungry among our fellow citizens continues to rise as a result of severe economic recession.

The world has made great strides in the struggle against hunger, but we're a long way from realizing the benchmark of the Millennium Development Goals to cut in half by 2015 the proportion of people who suffer hunger.

The roots of hunger are found in persistent poverty, war, corrupt governance, ignorance and disease – and more recently in inequitable trade patterns and the effects of climate change on water resources and local food production. The causes are interrelated, and they combine to produce increasingly critical levels of hunger, like the twisted roots of a weed choking the life from a tender plant.

There are solutions. Working together, we can build a world where there is enough for all.

...if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noon day.

Isaiah 58:10



Other Ways Your Church Can Help Rockford Rescue Mission

Host a Sunday night chapel service during 2014. Provide a sack supper for the Mission's residents and guests and host the 5:30pm chapel service.

Become a Feed-the-need partner by putting a collection box for non-perishable food items at your church for a month. This will help ensure that the Mission's pantry does not become bare.

Conduct and ongoing paper drive (for toilet paper, facial tissues and paper towels). These are items that the Mission must replace on a daily basis.

Host a Mission Awareness Sunday by inviting a representative from Rockford Rescue Mission to speak to your congregation or Sunday School classes about the problem of homelessness and hunger in our community.

For more information on these projects, please visit www.rockfordrescuemission.org for a list of ongoing needs and opportunities or contact Dell Kinney, (815)965-5332, ext. 106

The Schooners are gathering at Maren Reid's house on Saturday, October 26th at 6:30pm. We will have dinner and a bonfire. We'd love to have any adults in their late 20's to late 30's join us food, fellowship, and fun! Please let Maren know if you will be attending (815-978-5307). More details on dinner will be emailed at a later date.

There is a need for someone to regularly change the church sign. The session thanks Don Larson for his dedication to the sign for the last couple of years. Please call church office if interested @ (815)885-3455.

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Children's Choir rehearsal on October 6th, 2013 . No time yet.

We are so blessed to have a church family that keeps us in their prayers, and sends "get well" cards, and phones us regularly. We both thank you so much. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. May God bless you all!

Gordon and Pat Bindenagel

Thank you all for the prayer's, phone calls, and cards. Marge Wold.

Mission Committee

Results of the August Mission Giving

We were able to help Stronghold with their 50th Anniversary via our coin box proceeds. They had a goal of \$50,000 and we contributed \$144.78 toward that goal. Our committee elected to contribute all proceeds to the Camp Scholarship Program. Any individuals interested in making ongoing donations and /or acquiring more information may contact them at:

<http://www.strongholdcenter.org/>

Thank you!

Membership, Mission, and Stewardship Committee

FALL FEST 2013

Fall Fest is but a memory today, a good memory thanks to many people. First the committee who all spent many hours getting ready for the DAY! New signs were made, vendors were arranged for, rummage was collected, food was prepared, and volunteers gave lots of time! Thank you all for whatever part you played in making FALL FEST 2013 a success. Thank you to those who shopped, ate, or just came to spend some time. As of Sept. 27 we have a profit of \$1821.95. Thank you all for a great day!



All of the volunteers associated with Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity appreciate your recent contribution of \$63.00 . The ongoing support provided by you is sincerely appreciated by our organization.

This month, we will hold our first Dedication & Blessing Ceremonies for three of the four homes being built in Rockford this summer. We have been blessed with great support from community groups this summer. Our volunteers are getting very talented at home building! The remaining home will be blessed in September.

Once completed, These homes will mark the completion of 104 homes by our affiliate since 1988. Over 475 children and adults will be living in Habitat Homes!

Thank you for your support this year.

Sincerely,
Tonya Thayer
Executive Director

As we approach the fall, I want to pass along my gratitude once again for your generous gifts to the Peacemaking Offering that totaled \$114.57 last year. Because of your generous gifts, the Presbyterian Peacemaking program was able to host international peacemakers across the United States, support efforts to end bullying and eradicate human trafficking and bring much-needed attention to the gun violence epidemic in the United States. I look forward to your continued support. If the Special Offerings team can be of service to you, please let us know.

Sam Locke
Director, Special Offerings



Health Ministries



THINK PINK! WEAR PINK!!

On Sunday, October 20th, we are asking EVERYONE to wear something PINK to church for Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Let us join so many others, including professional football players, in showing our support to all of those who have been affected by breast cancer!!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and there are pink ribbons everywhere. It is important during this time to reflect on why breast cancer has become a nationally recognized cause. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer remains the number one cancer diagnosis in women. Breast cancer does not discriminate. It strikes women of all races, although not always equally or fairly. And we should not forget for every 100 women diagnosed, one man will also be diagnosed with the disease.

The American Cancer Society recommends the following:

- Yearly mammograms starting at age 40 and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health
- Clinical breast exams about every three years for women in their 20s and 30s, and every year for women 40 and over
- Breast self-exam starting in their 20s.

So besides getting our mammograms on a regular basis, are there any other things we can do to proactively take control of our health and reduce our chances of getting breast cancer?

- Maintain a healthy weight. Obesity, especially weight gain after menopause, has been associated with increased risk of breast cancer.
- Stay physically active. Women who exercise regularly decrease their risk of developing breast cancer. Set a goal of 45 - 60 minutes of intentional exercise 5 or more days a week.
- Limit the amount of alcohol you drink Alcohol use has been linked to increase risk of breast cancer and the greater the intake the greater the increase in risk.

The American Cancer Society recommends limiting alcohol to one drink or less per day.

The worship and Music committee is interested in finding out if there is sufficient interest at Willow Creek to for a children's choir, most likely grades 2-5. They would rehearse on selected Sunday mornings. Bethingking about it and more information will

**Children's Choir
Songs**

follow.



**RIVER CITY SOUND CHORUS
Chocolate is Good**

6th annual dessert extravaganza
Saturday October 5th, 2013

2:00pm

Dessert - Entertainment - Chinese auction
50/50 raffle - *Featuring* River City Sound Chorus
And guest quartets (TBD)

7:00pm

Cabaret-style entertainment
50/50 raffle - cash bar - dancing
dessert table provided by:
Sugar Jones Bakery
Featuring River City Sound Chorus
And dance band "Trippin Trazan"

Community Building - 111 W 1st St. Belvidere, IL.
More info call Janet @ 815-988-1002

Tickets \$18/show

Beaver Valley Grange Country Line Dancing

Saturday October 19th @ Cherry Bowl in the new banquet room
From 7 - 11pm

- Take a country line dance lesson
- Join in the fun
- Prizes, games and fun!
- Snacks
- \$5.00 donation
- 50/50 drawing



Contact a Beaver Valley Grange Member or call

815-742-0325

Renee O'Dell
Steve Paulson
Jerry Paulson



There will be a handbell workshop for interested people of all ages on Thursday, October 17th, @ 6:00pm in the Church sanctuary. At that time we will go over basic bell ring techniques. If interest warrants, we will meet 6:00pm for 2 consecutive weeks. The new members can join with the Willow Creek Ringers on Nov. 7th, 14th, 21st and December 5th, and 12th, (all Thursday's) to prepare Christmas music for worship on December 15th. The November and December rehearsals will be at 7:00pm. I would like to be contacted BY October 13th, in order to prepare appropriately. I have a few names and numbers of people interested, but would like a firm commitment for October 17th at 6:00pm. My phone is (815)623-8512 and my email is : dlondo48@londopiano.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Dianne Londo

**WCPC Operating Statistics
August, 2013**

Income	12,119.00
Expenses	9,831.00
Previous Month -	
Excess/ (Deficit)	(1,764.00)