

FLU SHOTS —Mariano's Pharmacy is graciously providing an in-house clinic for us. Sunday, both before (starting at 9:30 am) and after worship (during Coffee Fellowship), you can obtain preventative shots for flu and pneumonia (Pevnar 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.

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 23, 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.

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 Children's Christmas Pageant
- Sunday, December 24 10:00 am Worship with Communion
- Sunday, December 24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Poetry

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Mary Ann Sadilek and the men of the RPC Chancel Choir for joining Sunday's Ministry of Music.

Ushers: Patti and Cyril Friend and family

Liturgist: Matt Lisle

Andrew Ministers: Lynda Nadkarni and David Harper

Trustees of the Month: October 22: George Meyer October 29: Brad Staubus

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Draw near to God and (God) will draw near to you. James 4:8 This week we will discuss how we naturally forget things and occasionally forget to be present for our family and friends when they need us. That is part of being human. However, it is important to know that God is Eternal Spirit and does not have the same shortcomings. God is always nearer to us than even those we hold dearest.

We are breaking into two groups for Sunday school on October 29. Our K-4 graders will be discussing how when we see God within ourselves and others, being kind is natural. The 5th grade group will discuss how mental concentration is different than concentrating on a physical task and play a series of games.

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.

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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS — 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.

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.

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

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.

OKTOBERFEST AUCTION UPDATE

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To all who donated, worked, attended and bid at our 2017 Auction – we raised over \$15,200 for our general budget, the 2nd highest auction total in RPC history!!! There will be lots of fun (and food) in the future as we celebrate the fellowship and generosity of our wonderful members.

A special thanks to those who donated all of our food and beverages, allowing us total profit, plus a shout out to the Youth Group, who earned \$570 from the Free Will Offering for dinner towards their 2018 Mission Trip.

LOVE AND APPRECIATION TO ALL OF YOU

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

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