

**PRESCHOOL NEWS**—Thank you to all of you who have been saving your aluminum and bringing it to the Preschool bins behind the church! All the money collected from the can recycling goes to BEDS Plus, a homeless shelter in La Grange. Recently \$225.00 was donated! Crushing your cans really helps cut down on trips to the recycling center. Each van full of uncrushed cans earns about \$14.00.

Thank you to Steven Staubus for choosing to replace the sandbox in the Preschool play yard for his Eagle Scout project! And thank you to all of you who have donated money to support this project. The new sandbox will last for many years to come and keep the critters out.

We're excited about the start of a new school year!

**WORSHIP AT CANTATA AND CALEDONIA** — The Deacons welcome all members to join us in the worship service for the residents of Cantata on September 2 at 2 pm, and at Caledonia on September 16 at 2 pm.

#### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

Thank you to Iain Laing for joining today's Ministry of Music.

*Ushers:* Lynda and Nick Nadkarni

*Liturgist:* Doug Asbury

*Andrew Minister:* Lynda Nadkarni

*Flowers today* are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all those who have worked so hard on the renovation of our RPC building.

*Coffee fellowship* is hosted by the acaBELLa Ringers.

*Trustees of the Month August:* Alfred Kitch and Thom DeVries

*Trustees of the Month September:* Brad Staubus and Henry Vogel

#### **Mission Statement**

We gather as a church family to:

Celebrate God's Presence ~ Nurture the Spiritual Life

Carry the Light of Christ into the World ~ Serve God by Serving Others

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## **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**



**OKTOBERFEST DINNER AND AUCTION** — Sunday, September 23, 2018. Dinner starts at 5 and will include brats and hot dogs, sauerkraut, potato salad and yummy desserts (some 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!*

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** returns Monday, October 1 at the Grapevine in La Grange. We begin gathering at 6:30 for dinner and discussion begins at 7:00. Watch the announcements for our next topic.

**MISUNDERSTOOD STORIES FROM THE BIBLE WORSHIP SERIES** This summer we explore: 9/2 – Apocalyptic Literature.

**BLESSING THE ANIMALS** is Sunday, September 23. Please bring your animal friend, or a picture of your animal friend to be blessed. Worship will be held outside so please bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

**HUMAN SCENE**— Meets on Sunday at 9 AM. Led by Stanley Schade.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS** — We need canned chicken and tuna. Canned vegetables, oatmeal, soups, small containers of laundry detergent, small boxes of raisins and trail mix are also useful. **No drink mixes needed at this time. No fresh fruit or vegetables.**

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP** — Please contact the church office if you would like to host in September or October.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — We are looking forward to kicking off Sunday School September 9<sup>th</sup>! We need volunteers to teach Sunday School. Please sign up on the sheet outside of Diante's office to help. Thanks!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF PICNIC** — The Christian Education Committee is hosting an all church picnic after the service on Sunday, September 9. The Committee will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and beverages. The rest of the meal is pot luck, so if you are able, please bring a picnic appropriate side dish or dessert to share. There will be a table or two set up with chairs for those who need them. We encourage those who are able to bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair, as we will be outside if the weather permits. Come visit with church friends you may not have seen over the summer!

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE**— Please pardon our dust! We want to thank everyone for their patience throughout the capital improvements. We are near completion. We will be back in the Sanctuary on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Jon Jansky has finished his work on the chancel area and it looks great with the new flooring! The pews have been re-installed and the sanctuary has been cleaned. Today and tomorrow the carpet is being installed throughout the church from the Fellowship Hall all the way into the Sanctuary. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Finally, the first floor of the manse is complete except for a few remaining punch list items. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask a trustee.

**CHOIR NEWS** — It's going to be an exciting year in the Manse! The trustees have been working hard all summer and the results are in: new flooring, new lighting, new paint, a renovated bathroom, new bulletin boards and a colorful musical rug for the Riverside Ringers await. The Chancel in the Sanctuary is all one level – no more tripping or falling while running up and down stairs, more room for bell tables and (finally) visibility. It is all aesthetically beautiful as well. The rehearsal start dates are as follows:

**Chancel Choir**– Wednesday September 12 7:30 pm

**acaBELLa Ringers** will not start until 9/19 at 6:30 pm due to the Israel trip. We will be missing 5 people.

**Riverside Ringers & Singers**- Wednesday September 19<sup>th</sup> 4:15 – 5:15

Please contact Sally Sloane [musikhse@comcast.net](mailto:musikhse@comcast.net) 708/822-0655 for more information.

### **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS — AUGUST 2018**

- called a Congregational Meeting for September 23, following Worship, for the purpose of considering amendments to the RPC Bylaws. Session recommends approval of the amendments.
  - approved the Baptism of Anthony John Mancini to take place on Oct. 21.
  - reviewed and discussed the timeline for the Capital Campaign.
  - received updates to RPC's Financial Operations Policy, Memorial Policy, and Special Funds Plan to be voted on in September.
  - accepted the resignation from Session of Kaki Lynch, with thanks for her service, as she leaves for college.
  - received a detailed update on progress and costs of the improvements to RPC's facilities, which are expected to be completed on schedule.
- Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

### **ALL CHURCH FAMILY WORK DAYS**

- September: Sunday, 9/16/18, 1-3 pm
- October: Sunday, 10/14/18, 1-3 pm
- November: Sunday, 11/18/18, 1-3 pm

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study** — meets **Wednesday, September 26** at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome. Come for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "*God's Promise*" by Amy Poling Sutherland. God's promise to be with us allows us to consider the surprising and powerful intimacy of God's willingness to be with us in all our circumstances. Lesson Two "God with Us in Our Uncertainty". Exodus 3:1-12, Judges 6:11-27. Elizabeth Musick, Leader.

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY - Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** — We will be working with a local environmental group, exact location and details to be confirmed! Stay tuned for more information and let's continue the great work and turnout. The Riverside Landmark will be featuring our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday efforts with photos and a news feature story, so please mark your calendar for a good turnout on September 30<sup>th</sup>!

**CARERS CORNER SEPTEMBER** — Fill the Trunk for BEDS-Plus in LaGrange, which provides safe overnight shelter and services to homelessness people. The following items are utilized at the facility in large quantities: **ground coffee (decaf only), drink mixes (lemonade, cider, cocoa), napkins, paper towels, dish detergent, 13 and 30-gallon garbage bags.**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** — Summer hours are in effect. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9 am to noon and closed on Fridays.