



The Vision

August 2010

Big News for Kids

It has been an active summer for the kids of Riverside Presbyterian. Of course, there was a mission trip, Strawberry Social (volleyball, badminton and tattoo station), and a Great America trip coming up soon. But those are really small potatoes compared with the two big events of the summer.

Mary Koon is back!

Mary Koon is returning to the staff at Riverside Presbyterian to serve as our Girls' Group Advisor. She will need to move the date of the event to Tuesday evenings in order to fit her schedule, but the girls have agreed that such a change wouldn't be too much of a problem. And Mary is worth it. She was an extraordinarily beloved intern two years ago, and we are all so very blessed to have her with us again.



She will be incorporating the girls a little more into the life of the church, rather than meeting only on Tuesday evenings. So, we can expect to see Mary in worship on occasion as well as in other leadership capacities. This is partly because it is important for teenage girls to see a female role model in a strong leadership position within the church in order to cement in their minds that they are children of God just as important to God and capable of serving God as anyone else.

It is the primary function of the girls' group to impress upon the girls that they are children of God and that they are valued by God for who they are, so that the values of the media and culture are seen to be of secondary or even inconsequential significance. This effort is funded largely by a gift from John and Susan Sikich in memory of their daughter Cori.

We're Merging with the Lutherans!

The Youth Group has always been a program of Riverside Presbyterian Church that is open to anyone of any faith, or of no faith. However, starting in September, we are officially merging our efforts with those of Ascension Lutheran Church. The youth group will be meeting on occasion at Ascension. They will participate in some of Ascension's major congregational events. And they will be learning more about the Lutheran ways of thinking and believing.

Tara Gregus remains the Youth Group Advisor for the combined merger group. Tara has been a great spark of energy and an organizational fortress for our youth group for the past two years, so there is no one better suited to manage the new merged group.

Please keep these two new kids' programs in your prayers as they begin the year with some new hope and enthusiasm.

Your brother in Christ,
Scott

We are called to
celebrate God's
presence; Nurture
the spiritual life of
each individual;
Carry the light of
Jesus Christ to the
world; and Serve
God by serving
others.

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Worship/Church News

August Worship Schedule

August 1 *Hosea 11:1-11* “What Is God’s Love?”
What image of God do we envision when we think of how God loves us? What is Christian “contemplation?” Today is also a Communion Sunday.

August 8 Guest Preacher Richard Engstrom will lead our worship this day while Pastor Scott is away.

August 15 *Luke 12:49-56* “Higher Education”
God calls us to a relationship and a loyalty that is even stronger than the bond we have with our own family members. Today is Higher Education Sunday, so we will recognize those who are starting a new semester in some Higher Education environment.

August 22 *Luke 13:10-17* “Jesus the Criminal”
Does Jesus show more interest in strictly following the rules, or in showing mercy that heals broken relationships? Today we will celebrate an infant baptism.

August 29 *Luke 14:1, 7-14* “The Art of Self-Promotion”
What is the place of “prestige” within the family of God? What sort of “rankings” do we have within our church family life—real or imagined?

Finance Update

Year-to-date financial status at end of June (50% of the way through the year):

Receipts	\$140,854 (39.2% of budget)
Disbursements	\$171,234 (47.7% of budget)
Deficit	(\$ 30,380)



August Opportunities

If you are able to host Coffee Fellowship, please contact [Deb Jansky](#) or [Patti Perry Halline](#)
For flower contributions, please contact the [RPC Office](#)
Potential Acolytes & Liturgists, please contact [Elizabeth Musick](#)
Potential Ushers, please contact [Steven Teune](#)



	Liturgists	Acolytes	Ushers	Flowers	Coffee Fellowship
August 1	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
August 8	Youth	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
August 15	Tony Miezio	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Haley Rayfield and Family
August 22	Lynda Nadkarni	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
August 29	Roberta Gates	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

Session News

During July, the Session did not have a regular meeting, but held a special called meeting and transacted the following business:

- ♦ approved the use of the Sanctuary by Pro Se Services to operate its weekly bread giveaway, which benefits hungry individuals, families, and seniors in Southwest Cook County. Usage would be on Wednesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m.
- ♦ approved the merger of the RPC youth groups with the Ascension Lutheran Church youth groups. Tara Gregus will continue as leader of the combined groups and Ascension will contribute to her salary.
- ♦ approved the use of the gym by Karen Claudio for early-morning exercise classes.

Mary Ann Sadilek
Clerk of Session

Proposed Amendments to RPC Bylaws

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 12, 2010, following morning worship, to consider the following amendments to the RPC Bylaws:

To insert a new article:

ARTICLE V – YOUTH OFFICERS

1. Confirmed members under the age of 25 may be elected to serve as youth deacons, elders, and trustees.
2. Terms for such youth officers shall be determined on a case-by-case basis, considering the availability of qualified individuals and the needs of the church.
3. No board shall contain more than three youth officers at any one time.

Explanation: Provides for the election of youth officers, when available and qualified, and allows for flexibility in their terms. Meaningful participation by our youth is important to the growth and health of RPC and will be strengthened by this amendment.

To re-number the remaining Articles as follows:

Current Article V – JOINT MEETING OF THE ELDERS AND DEACONS, will become Article VI

Current Article VI – FINANCES, will become Article VII

Current Article VII – USE OF CHURCH PROPERTIES, will become Article VIII

Current Article VIII – RULES OF ORDER, will become Article IX

Current Article IX – AMENDMENTS, will become Article X

Sharing Our Gifts



RPC volunteers at a Rockford Habitat for Humanity project in June were Doris and Lindsay Hayes, Diane and Claire Chaney, Marilyn Slanec, Lisa and Kathi Rocanova, Doug Harvin, and Pastor Scott.

RPC Deacons Share Time & Talent



The job of the Deacons is to minister to the sick and to those in need or distress. The Deacons respond to that call in a number of ways.

Each Sunday a Deacon jots down the Joys and Concerns mentioned during the morning service. Those, as well as any other "joys and concerns" that come up during the week, are shared amongst the group of 18 and updated via e-mail. We count it a privilege to pray for the needs of our church family and those of the community.

Each Deacon is assigned a letter of the alphabet that corresponds to the first letter of your last name. If you don't already know your Deacon representative, check the back page of the Sunday bulletin. Deacons periodically call on folks in their "Deacon District" to check in and see how they're doing, and to ask for any prayer requests or concerns they may have.

Diacons are also involved in the weekly flower delivery. This ministry gives us a chance to have a brief visit with folks who are homebound or ill, or who are celebrating a special day. Our visits give us a chance to get to know that person a little better, and usually brings a smile to the faces of those involved.

Diacons also assist with the ministry of Home Communion. During the months of June, September and December, two Deacons accompany Pastor Scott to the homes of the elderly or shut-ins. A brief visit includes the individuals sharing in a communion meal and prayer. If you would like your name to be put on the list for this ministry, please contact the church office at 447-1520 or rpcoffice@sbcglobal.net

Blessings,
Your Board of Deacons

Cheerful Givers News

Listed below are the items you will find on the Cheerful Givers board, located in the hallway next to the Library.

- ◆ Riverside deer love our Prayer Garden! Two 4' x 6' **Wrought Iron Gates** (\$375 each) would protect our garden from the appetites of our furry, graceful friends.
- ◆ Since we lost our existing tree to the hungry deer, planting a new **Red Bud Tree** (\$400) would lend summer shade to our garden as well as its vibrant color in the spring.
- ◆ **Iron Benches** to provide a peaceful place to rest at the Prayer Garden, (\$200 each).
- ◆ **Shrubs** (\$75 each) to add interest and texture.
- ◆ **Groundcover Plants** (\$15 each) to give a luscious green carpet to our garden.



CARERS Corner

In August the CARERS Committee will be collecting baby food, formula and diapers for the Constance Morris house. The **Constance Morris House** offers shelter and services for women and children experiencing domestic violence.



Share the Harvest

Again this summer the Deacons are sponsoring *Share the Harvest*. Please help us by donating some of your garden produce. You'll find baskets in the hallway outside the church office. Don't have a garden? You can shop at one of the many local Farmers' Markets and purchase some extra produce to share with folks in need. Thank you!

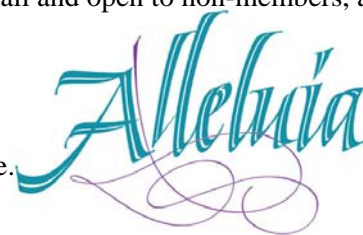


Choirs

Fall Choir Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 15, Participation is free for all and open to non-members, as well as members of RPC.

- ◆ Riverside Singers (ages 5 and up) rehearse from 4:15 to 4:45 pm.
Choral and vocal technique, along with note-reading, is taught
- ◆ Riverside Ringers (ages 5 and up) rehearse from 4:45 to 5:15 pm.
Ringers learn the rudiments of ringing hand chimes and following a musical score.
- ◆ Handbell Choir meets from 6:30 to 7:30 and is open to 4th graders - adults.
- ◆ Chancel Choir meets from 7:30 to 9:00 and is open to 6th graders - adults.

Come join us and experience the integration of worship and music from a deeper perspective. If you have questions, please contact [Sally Sloane](#).





Passport to the Promised Land

Mark your calendars! Kick-off Sunday is September 12. The 2010-2011 Sunday School theme will be unveiled at 9:00 a.m. with an exciting kick-off celebration. It's going to be a great school year at RPC. Plan to be part of the fun! Please mail in your [registration forms](#) to the church office or drop them in Jenny Kolinski's church mailbox.

Exciting news for Sunday School

Starting in September, the Sunday School classes will be adding something new to their rotational model...a computer lab! The *Living Waters* classroom has been transformed with TEN computer work stations, which will be ready for action at the start of Sunday school this fall. This amazing classroom is in honor of Lynda Nadkarni and in loving memory of John Lewe.

Calling all Volunteers for children and youth!

Although summer is in full swing, I am thinking about (and working on) Sunday School for the fall. Can you think about it too? What talent can you share with our children and youth? Teachers are scheduled for only a 4-5 week block. Shepherds travel with the same group of children each week throughout the school year. Substitute teachers and substitute shepherds are also needed. If you know now that you'll be happy to help again—or for the first time—please send me a quick e-mail with your desired role(s). Thank you for being stewards of your time and talents through the support of the children of our church family!

Jenny Kolinski kolinski426@comcast.net

Nancy's Book Nook

The transformation of the children's portion of the RPC library is well under way. *Nancy's Book Nook* is being stocked with many new books for children donated in honor of Nancy Dvorak. A beautiful mural has been created by Nancy Hejna and cozy seating and curtains are in the works. It's sure to delight children of all ages as well as adults for years to come. Book donations are still being accepted.

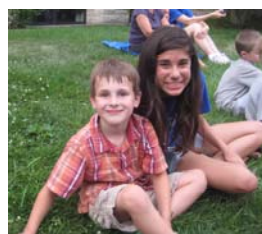


Vacation Bible School



VBS Thank you!

The Riverside/North Riverside Covenant of Churches Vacation Bible School was held at Sts. Peter & Paul Lutheran Church from July 18 to 22. There are not enough ways to thank the volunteers for bringing 29 A.D. to life for the children. RPC volunteers were Tracy Hilpp; Marika Floros; Susan Lisle; Hollie, Margaret, and Samantha Meizio; Kathryn and Lynda Nadkarni; Carol O'Meara; Abraham Ourth; Adeline, Hannah, and Vince Pecis; Cindy Reynolds Rayfield; Carrie Staubus; and our Christian Education Director, Jenny Kolinski.



Youth

Join the Youth Group

If you will be in 6th-12th grade starting this fall, we would love to have you be a part of our church's youth group! We will meet at the church on Sunday evenings, starting September 12. If you are new to the youth group, please contact Tara Gregus at taragregus@yahoo.com to make sure you are on our e-mail list. Youth group events are listed in the weekly church bulletin, but announcements and information are also sent out via e-mail, so be sure to give your e-mail address and phone number to [Tara](#).

Great America Outing

The Youth Group will take a trip to [Great America Theme Park](#) in Gurnee, Illinois, for a day of fun on Wednesday, August 11. Your admission price also gets you into the [Hurricane Harbor water park](#) for the day. We will depart from the church at 9:00 a.m. and return to RPC at 9:00 p.m. Please [let Tara know](#) if you are interested in going. Cost is \$35 per person and payment is due to Tara by July 27. Incoming 6th graders and outgoing 12th graders are welcome. Parents, if you are available to drive, please let Tara know. Feel free to bring a friend and don't miss out on the fun!

College Student Addresses Needed

College Students: we need your addresses! All current college students should contact [the church office](#) or [Tara Gregus](#) with your contact information for the upcoming school year. We want to keep in touch with you!

Rent-a-Youth

You may know that many of our teens have been earning money toward the cost of the mission trip by working at the homes of our members, doing various types of work at the rate of \$10 per hour. If you have a need for some reliable assistance from honest, hard-working kids, please contact Tara Gregus, Youth Advisor, at taragregus@yahoo.com. Types of work requested have been general yardwork, babysitting, helping out at children's parties, moving furniture and books, computer assistance, pet-sitting, etc. We have a lot of good capable kids who are willing to work. You will pay the kids directly. Thanks for thinking of our kids!



Participants in the Mission Trip prepare to leave RPC on July 17.



2010-2011 Bible Study

The [topic](#) for the 2010-2011 Horizons Bible Study is “Journeys Through Revelation, Apocalyptic Hope for Today” by Barbara R. Rossing. Many people’s impressions are that the book of Revelation is violent and fearsome: four horsemen unleash destruction and calamity upon the earth; mysterious numbers like “666” spell destruction; mutant locusts and multi-headed beasts terrify; a scarlet whore of Babylon seduces nations with her cup of fornications; an end-times battle of Armageddon leaves millions slaughtered. As every pastor knows, this is the book of the Bible that provokes the most curiosity.

Plan to join the ladies on Wednesday, September 22, at 10:00 a.m., in the RPC Social Hall, as we begin this course of study. Bible Study books are available. Please contact Lucille Christensen or Elizabeth Musick.

Human Scene

The Human Scene continues to meet over the summer, in the same place, at the same time, but with a more informal format. Join us anytime, except on holiday weekends when the Human Scene will take a break. The class meets at 9:00 a.m. Sundays in the upstairs parlor.

Cub Scout Pack 24 Boy Scout Troop 24



In July, Boy Scouts from Troop 24 went on two fun trips. 22 of our older scouts, fathers, and leaders went to [BSA’s Sea Base Camp](#) in Florida, a “high adventure” camp. Scouts lived on 45-foot sailboats—sailing, fishing, snorkeling with sharks and rays, and viewing Florida wildlife. The next week, 38 scouts went to [Camp Owasippe](#), the oldest and one of the largest boy scout camps in the U.S., but a new camp for Troop 24, located near Muskegon, Michigan. Scouts camped, swam, and had the opportunity to earn merit badges. Pack 24 was also busy in July, marching in the “3rd of July” Riverside parade and participating in a flag ceremony at RPC on July 4. They sold over 700 cups of lemonade in Guthrie park following the parade; helped with RPC grounds clean-up prior to the Strawberry Social; sold hot dogs and lemonade at the July 8 *Cruise Night*; provided a color guard for *Relay for Life* in Brookfield on July 9; and held a Pack 24 picnic at National Grove #2 in North Riverside.



A Berry Big Thank You!



We appreciate the many members and friends who did their part to make this year's Strawberry Social such a success. We had about 350 guests and there was a nice profit, which will be used to purchase items for the Social Hall and kitchen to make future fellowship gatherings easier for all. Thank you all!

Lynda Nadkarni and Deb Jansky

New Members' Supper

A new members' salad supper will be hosted by the Membership Committee at the home of Michael and Beverly Aieta, 191 Michaux Road, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, August 13. Any member who joined RPC in the last three years is invited. Babysitters will be on hand to entertain and help look after children, so feel free to bring the whole family. If you're planning on attending, please RSVP to Roberta Gates at gates366@yahoo.com.



Save the date! Messiah 2010 is Sunday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m. Choral rehearsals are Saturday, December 4 and December 11 from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Contact [Sally Sloane](#) if you are interested in being part of the choir.

Bake-Off on September 26

Calling all bakers...start thinking of your favorite recipe to make for the upcoming "RPC Fall Family Bakeoff." This 2nd annual event will take place on Sunday, September 26, in the Social Hall during coffee fellowship. Join in the FUN and you could win a prize. Watch for more details in the Sunday bulletins.

Michael Sit Featured in Tribune



"Primed, Prepped," a June 27 [Chicago Tribune article](#), featured Michael Sit, who is going into his last year of nursing training at Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

NOT Your Neighborhood Garage Sale

Antiques, collectibles, and home furnishings are desired for the RPC sale to be held on Saturday, September 18. Please watch the e-mail announcements, read your bulletin and/or contact Wayne Penn for more information.



A Taste of Riverside Churches

On September 19, the Covenant of Churches will celebrate its 25th anniversary. On that day, we are asking all parishioners who are not in a leadership/responsible position to visit a church other than their home church. Choirs, liturgists, ushers, fellowship hosts, etc. will remain at their home churches in order to give visitors a fairly accurate "taste" of what a typical Sunday would feel like. However, other parishioners are encouraged to choose another church within the Covenant of Churches to visit. The Covenant of Churches includes Ascension Lutheran Church of Riverside, Christ Presbyterian Church of North Riverside, Mater Christi Catholic Church of North Riverside, Riverside Presbyterian Church of Riverside, St. Mary Catholic Church of Riverside, St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Riverside, Saints Peter and Paul Lutheran Church of Riverside, and United Methodist Church of Riverside. What better way to celebrate 25 years of working together harmoniously as sisters and brothers in Christ?

Did you know that the **Vision** was first printed in 1914 with a budget of \$2.50 per week for printing and postage? Our current cost to RPC for **one** subscription to the Vision is \$15 per year. The majority of our **Vision** subscriptions are delivered by e-mail. If you would like to be added to our e-mail subscription list, [please let us](#)

Please check the
Website for the
most recent
calendar
updates!

Calendar

August 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a Human Scene 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a Deacon Task Force Mtg 1:30p Deacons' British Home Worship	2 5:15p Volleyball	3 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Personnel Committee Mtg	4 Office Closed 12p Covenant Prayers for Peace	5 6:30a Women's Forum	6	7
8 9a Human Scene 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 11:15a CARERS Committee	9 5:15p Volleyball 7p Finance Comm 7:30p Trustees Mtg 7:30p Stewardship Comm. Mtg	10 6:30a Men's Forum 9:30a Staff Mtg	11 Office Closed	12 6:30a Women's Forum	13 Night Ministry	14
15 9a Human Scene 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship 2p Scottish Home Worship Vision Deadline	16 5:15p Volleyball	17 6:30a Men's Forum 7p Deacons Mtg	18 Office Closed 7:30p Session Mtg	19 6:30a Women's Forum	20 6p Craft Night	21
22 9a Human Scene 10a Worship 11a Coffee Fellowship	23 5:15p Volleyball	24 6:30a Men's Forum	25 Office Closed	26 6:30a Women's Forum	27	28
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"Where there is no vision, the people perish." — Proverbs 29:18

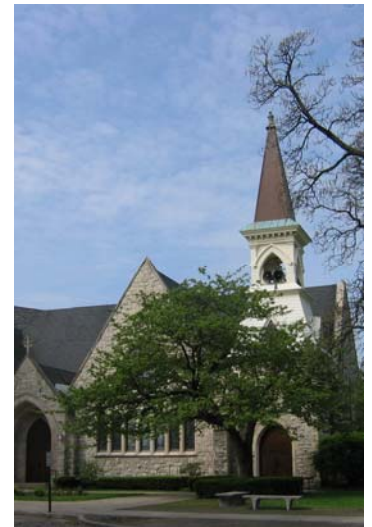
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