

# October

## SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# FAITH FLIGHT

**ALERT: The first annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk will be October 13!**



For the past few months, you have been hearing about this event, and reading about this event. You will recall that CROP Hunger walks are sponsored by Church World Service, organized by local communities for the purpose of raising funds for CWS aid activities, and raising awareness about global hunger and poverty issues. You may remember that while 75% of funds raised are used for CWS global initiatives to develop self-sufficiency to end hunger, 25% of funds will be used locally, by 360 Communities for Dakota County and the CAP Agency for Scott County, to support their hunger relief efforts. But there is more to the story.

Our previous experiences with CROP Walk have been in St. Paul, in 2011 and 2012. I wondered why there wasn't something closer, supporting efforts to alleviate hunger in Dakota County. We are all aware of the news reports in the last few years about food shelf use increasing, and rates of poverty increasing the most rapidly in suburban communities. I looked more deeply into what resources CWS provided to organize a walk, and found a wealth of information, but what a daunting task! I was so excited to discover that Peggy

Roeske had years of experience with CROP walks in her community back in New Jersey. Peggy contacted Perri Graham, who was then our regional director for CWS, and we met with her. Perri had also been praying for an effort to launch a CROP Walk in our area—and **this past spring, the Holy Spirit intervened to bring several churches together to make the inaugural South of the River CROP Hunger Walk a reality!**

Since May, Peggy and I have been meeting monthly with leaders from seven other churches from Burnsville, Savage, and Lakeville to help organize this walk. Along with Presbyterian, denominations represented are Lutheran, Methodist, United Church of Christ, Catholic, and non-denominational. We have witnessed excellent organization, creativity, passion for social justice, mutual respect, humor, and humility. I leave these meetings feeling energized and inspired! We have also learned along the way that there have been past efforts to launch CROP walks in this area, solo initiatives by a couple of different churches, which have fizzled after one year. I don't see that happening with this walk—there



seems to be a critical mass of manpower and passion within this group of churches to make this an annual event going forward. As I have reflected on my experience of this process, it feels to me like this is what it's like to truly act as a part of the body of Christ in the world, as Paul describes it in 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31. **We are meant to be the hands and feet, and eyes and ears, and heart of Christ in the world**, but by ourselves, as individual congregations, we can't be all of that. The body of Christ is not confined within the walls of our church buildings, and the body of Christ is not defined by an individual denomination's doctrines. I wonder, where else may we be called to work in collaboration with other churches or groups to accomplish a greater good? What other opportunities will the Holy Spirit present to us to fulfill our role as a part of the body of Christ? Keep your eyes, ears, and hearts open to the possibilities!

For now, you can participate in this experience of the body of Christ at work. Our current team is made up of myself, as captain, Pastor Rob Smith, Peggy Roeske, Chris Sachs, Linda Gulbrandson, Julie Raatz, Sara Gracek, the Mikoloski family, Sayra Maberry, Michael Tisland, and Karen and Lyle Johnson. You can still join the team, or contribute financially to our fundraising efforts ([www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org), search for "South of the River CROP walk" and find the *Spirit of Life* team), and definitely pray in support of our efforts! We have also had a couple of people volunteer to help on the day of the walk, with registration and walk day logistics—if you would like to assist in this way, please contact Denise or Peggy. Finally, rumor has it that our jazz ensemble will be playing at the Sunset Pond rest stop on walk day! **I encourage you to find a way to be part of the inaugural South of the River CROP Hunger walk!** ~ Denise Lewis, Ruling Elder



## And A Little Child Shall Lead Them (Isaiah 11:6)

**“Why do we do what we do what we do?”** May we always ask this question. May this little child be our GPS. May this wonderful story where God chose to camp among us, to be with us, to become one of us, and to lead us be our guide.

As I sit here reminiscing and celebrating that it has been one since you called me as your pastor, this is the Scripture that comes to my mind: ‘And a little child shall lead them.’ It is with great gratitude that I share how blessed we are to be sharing in ministry with all of you. What a wonderful year it has been.

- Blessed with a great team.
  - ◊ Shari, Kate, and Trista-so blessed to be working you.
  - ◊ Our Session: God has called a great team that gets spiritual leadership.
  - ◊ Our Deacons: Thank you for sharing in our caring ministry.
- Our children.
  - ◊ I share tears of joy with you as we see all of our children gathering for the children's sermon. May we be led by all of our children.
  - ◊ Carnival and Kids Camp: The Spirit is doing something new.
  - ◊ Peggy Cerise: Child of God whose ending is a new beginning.
  - ◊ This is what it is about. Together we share our story and we pass it on.
- Our youth. What Do You Stand For? Our youth stand for something special, and I was fortunate to share with them and get to know them better on the mission trip.
  - ◊ Also, so thankful for our youth leaders who volunteer many hours from their heart.
- Wednesday Club: You inspire me with your care for each other and our church.
- Food and Fellowship: So blessed to share in a community that enjoys being together.
  - ◊ Valentine Cabaret: Speechless-the talents and joy astound. Can't wait for next year.

- ◊ Worship: Passing of the Peace says it all followed by fellowship time.
- ◊ Fourth of July: 'I want to bang on my drum all day'-A joyful noise was shared.
- ◊ Our people: Thankful for each one of you.
- Mission: From our community garden to the Crop Walk, blessed with people that like to get their hands dirty serving God.
- Worship: Sing a new song unto the Lord! This congregation loves to sing and this says it all. May we continue to sing new songs together with faith like a child, as the little child continues to guide us.

Thank you for a wonderful first year in vocational ministry. God is good all the time. Pastor Rob

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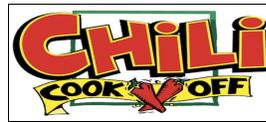
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**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**



### Chili Cook-off Winner

The Education Team, Brian and Sara Gracek, was the winner of the September 8 friendly Chili Cook-off competition. There were ten ministry teams represented and ten chili pots to sample. Brian was asked to share his recipe and he replied, "I don't really have a recipe, I just add things and taste until it is right."



## 2013 Harvest Log

As of September 15 there has been close to 500 pounds of produce delivered to the Rosemount Resource Center. There is just a little more to still be harvested.

Item	Pounds
Radishes	14
Lettuce	7.5
Swiss Chard	12.5
Rhubarb	2
Snap Peas	19
Raspberries	52
Zucchini	13
Green, Yellow	
Beans	21.5
Cucumbers	13
Peppers	2.5
Tomatoes	52.5
Winter Squash	104.5
Basil	.75



# Church Family News



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**Good News** because of the increase of infants and toddlers in the nursery, a volunteer is needed to help Trista each Sunday. Talk to Julie Raatz or email her at [rats82@charter.net](mailto:rats82@charter.net) to help once every 4 to 6 weeks.

**New Members Class** will start in October with Pastor Rob. Class will meet the four Sundays of October during the Sunday school hour. If you're interested in membership or just want to know more about *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*, please see Pastor Rob to sign-up and for details!

## September 2013

10/02	Camille Burin
10/02	Cassie Dufon
10/03	Martin Gwen
10/05	Steve Lewis
10/08	Michaela Brause
10/09	Matt Hope
10/11	Marie Robinson
10/17	Mark Gulbrandson
10/21	Darrion Brandt
10/31	Sayra Mayberry

### CARD CARE LIST REMINDER :

If you had someone on Loving Community Ministry Team's Card Care List in September, 2013 and wish them to remain on in October, please resubmit them with an update to Ruth Shepard at:

[rshepard2@frontier.com](mailto:rshepard2@frontier.com) or 507.263.5975 or by filling out a blue Prayer Request card during worship.

\*BE SURE TO CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(S) ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE CARD.

\*NOTE: Each month our Card Care List starts with new and updated submissions only.

**OCTOBER  
CAREGIVER  
Ruth Shepard**

**Spiritcare  
Prayer Team  
call 1.507.263.5975  
952.423.2212 (office)**

### To all Loving Community Ministry Team Members,

WHY: All Loving Community Ministry Team members are invited to a light **Autumn Soup Supper**. This will be followed with a discussion by Pastor Rob Smith on Prayers for others.

SAVE THIS DATE: **Tuesday, October 8**

SAVE THIS TIME: **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Loretta Hunt has graciously offered her home for this event. Her address is 19268 Cattail Court, Farmington

See Ruth Shepard with questions or for further information.

## ***Important information for the SOUTH OF THE RIVER CROP HUNGER WALK***

*Online donations are encouraged at: [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org).*

*Informational displays and family-friendly activities at each of the rest stops—something different at each stop, so plan to see them all!*

*Water fill stations at each rest stop, so plan to bring your own refillable water bottle to help us reduce the impact of our event on the environment.*

*Locally custom designed and printed SOUTH OF THE RIVER CROP HUNGER WALK T shirts. Limited number of shirts available on the day of the walk for \$15.*

*Drawings for prizes donated by local businesses at the end of the walk.*

*Representatives from 360 Communities, the CAP Agency, and Eagan/Lakeville Resource Center will be present at pre-walk activities. Plan to bring a non-perishable food item to help stock their emergency food shelves.*

*Walk day: Sunday, October 13; registration, and pre-walk activities and entertainment will begin at 1:00 PM. The walk will begin at 2:00 PM. Our Church World Service regional director, Cora Kruzicki, and her family, will participate in our walk and speak at the pre-walk event. The walk will go on, rain or shine, but in the event of rain, participants will be encouraged to drive the route to visit each of the rest stops to view the educational displays.*



## **ATTENTION MEN ONLY**

**Men's Breakfast, is Saturday, October 5, at 7:00 a.m.** We will meet at **Panera**, 5052 Gleason Path, Apple Valley. Email Pastor Rob at [pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org) or call 952.807.4413. Hope to see you there!

### **Meat Balls for Spaghetti** From Alice Gracek

4 slices of bread, break apart into small pieces

2 eggs

¼ tsp dried oregano

½ tsp garlic salt

1 lb. lean ground beef

Soak bread in the ½ cup water for a minute or two, add eggs and beat together with bread, add oregano, parmesan cheese, salts, pepper and mix together.

Add ground beef and mix all with hands until completely blended.

Use a cookie scoop to form mixture into balls, round out with hands.

Cook in a frying pan in little salad oil for 8-10 minutes. Turn them to cook all sides. Test to see if done by eating one (or two or three).

Cooking time will vary depending on the size of the meat balls you make.

½ cup water

¼ cup parmesan cheese

½ tsp onion salt

dash pepper



## October 6, the first Sunday of October, is World Communion Sunday.

- ▶ During the Service we will have a special **Peacemaking Offering**. This offering goes toward working to transform cultures of violence into communities of peace. Through giving this special offering we celebrate the unity of the worldwide church through Christ as Christians.
- ▶ We will share in the **Baptism** of Anthony An Dinh Le, and Khoilen Nguyen sons of Quyen Le Nguyen
- ▶ After Sunday School we will enjoy an **ethnic food pot-luck**. Everyone please pick a favorite food to bring to the pot-luck that reflects your heritage.

## WEDNESDAY FUN AND FOOD October 23 is a **BIG DAY** for *Spirit of Life* Presbyterian Church.

It is our first night of the mid-week program. Kids will be coming at 2:15 pm with a meal served at 6 pm. So much more needs to be done.

### **This is where you can help.**

- Be a greeter for the children when they arrive at church.
- Be a supporter for the children by helping them with their homework.
- Be a supporter by helping in the kitchen.
- Be a friend by eating supper with the kids.



Jesus holds children very close to his heart, and we at *Spirit of Life* want to do the same. This is a time when children “Catch the Faith” from all of the dedicated volunteers at our church. By volunteering and spending time with children, we will receive more than we can give!

### **BE A FRIEND on Wednesdays.**

It will be fun each week to see how the children adopt us as their family of love. It's exciting to be part of this great opportunity God has given us. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

## Matsiko World Orphans Choir

*Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church* was lucky enough to play host to this group of 16 kids and 7 adults at our church on Tuesday, August 6. Members gathered to provide a meal and get the worship space ready for this group to roll out their sleeping bags. We were again able to host the group in homes of our members on August 8 and 9. The choir also performed at our Kid's Kamp. We hope to have the choir back next year and involve more of our church members with a little more notice next time.



The choir is called World "orphans" choir. Most of the kids actually have parents. But due to the family financial situation, their parents aren't able to provide for even their most basic needs. The choir, which started touring the United States in 2008, is part of a larger organization called the International Children's Network (ICN). ICN was founded by Don Windham and is based in the Seattle area. Don tours with the choir and also serves as president of ICN. The choir is made up of children, ages 7-14 from Peru, India and Liberia.

The thing that struck me initially was the joy in the faces of these children. Kids who have so little and are so thankful for everything they are given. I immediately fell in love with each of them. The thing they talked about often was their strong desire to go to school. Unlike in the US, where our kids' education is paid for by the government, families in Liberia, Peru and India must pay for their children to go to school.

*Spirit of Life* members have committed sponsorship of one choir member and together we are working on another sponsorship. Our cost is \$35/month per child. You can contribute what you can to the sponsorship. Please contact Julie Raatz at [rats82@charter.net](mailto:rats82@charter.net) for more information and to offer your thoughts about this mission opportunity. You can research the choir and ICN by going to [www.icnchildren.net](http://www.icnchildren.net).

### **WEDNESDAY CLUB Potluck– October 9**

Jerry Sirois, President of the *Minneapolis Local of the American Postal Workers Union* has been invited to Wednesday Club. He will speak on the current happenings in the US Postal Service and the US Congress. We'll meet at 12:00 pm at *Spirit of Life*. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish to share and bring a friend!

Guest  
SPEAKER



### **WELCOME TO THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!**

**THANKS TO THE TEACHERS, CHILDREN AND PARENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM. SUNDAY SCHOOL IS AFTER CHURCH, APPROX. 11:10**

**A.M. COOKIES AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE UPSTAIRS FOR THE PRE-K THROUGH 5TH GRADE CLASSES. WE WILL AGAIN BE USING THE SEASONS IN THE SPIRIT CURRICULUM. THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, WE STUDIED THE SEASON OF CREATION WHICH CELEBRATES GOD'S CREATION OF THE EARTH AND DISCUSSES HOW WE CAN BE GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S CREATION. IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, WE WILL BE STUDYING THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST. DECEMBER WILL BE THE SEASON OF ADVENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO PUTTING ON A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IN DECEMBER.**

**THANKS TO SARA GRACEK AND RANDY BESSE, TEACHERS OF THE PRE K-KINDERGARTEN CLASS. THANKS TO KAREN JOHNSON, MERRY CLOSE, AND CAROL OSWEILER, TEACHERS OF THE GRADE SCHOOL CLASS. THANKS TO ERIC SCOTT, HARRIET PEDERSON, AND WILL MASSEY, TEACHERS OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL CLASS. THANKS TO LESLIE HOHMANN, BRIAN GRACEK, AND ROB SMITH, TEACHERS OF THE ADULT CLASS**

# Youth News

## Youth Group Meeting Dates for Fall 2013:

October 13

November 10

December 8

Youth Group will meet in the youth room right after church on these dates.

### ***Spirit of Life Youth Group Fundraiser*** **Baked Potatoes and Bingo**

October 27, 2013, Following church/Sunday school

Baked potatoes and toppings! Bingo Games with fun prizes!

Free Will offering Proceeds to benefit *Spirit of Life* Youth Group

Mission Trip 2014 to Chandler, Oklahoma.

Please join us for some fun and great food!

Invite your friends and family!

To donate items for Bingo Prizes contact Sayra Maberry or Karen Johnson.



## Youth Group Activity Dates for Fall 2013:

### **Saturday October 12**

Feed My Starving Children followed by Lock-In at the church (adult volunteers are needed)...details on page 9

Cost: None

### **Sunday October 13**

Crop Walk more information in the article on the cover page and on page 5

### **Sunday October 27**

Bingo and Baked Potato fundraiser after church service.

### **Sunday November 10**

Skyzone Indoor Trampolines. We will depart Spirit of Life after our meeting.

Address: 595 Hale Ave North, Oakdale

Cost: \$12 for 90 minutes of jumping and extra money for your lunch.

### **Saturday December 7**

Sleigh ride and bonfire at Bunker Park Stables. There will be a sign up with time and more info to come. Families invited!

Address: 550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW Andover, MN

Cost: \$15

**Starting in October Wednesday nights there will be a meal and youth gathering!**

# VITAL SIGNS

...for August

WEEK	ATTENDANCE		(+/-)	CONTRIBUTIONS		(+/-)
	2012	2013		2012	2013	
Week 1	32	57	+25	\$5,027.30	\$2,145.85	(\$2,881.45)
Week 2	44	55	+11	\$3,811.93	\$1,626.00	(\$2,185.93)
Week 3	51	38	-13	\$1,620.00	\$1882.00	\$262.00
Week 4	45	52	+7	\$2,749.25	\$2,815.00	\$65.75
<b>AVERAGE ATTENDANCE / TOTALS</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>50.50</b>		<b>\$13,208.48</b>	<b>\$8,468.85</b>	<b>(\$4,739.63)</b>

For questions in regard to the church finances or your personal giving statement, please contact our financial team: Barb Ostlund—Treasurer or Steve Raatz—Financial Secretary

## 2013 Officers

### Session

Rebecca Brandt  
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Loretta Hunt  
Jerry Johnson

### Treasurer

Barb Ostlund

### Financial Secretary

Steve Raatz

## Week of Community Service



**Saturday 10/5** 9:00 am -1:00 pm Outdoor Clean-Up Day at Spirit of Life with the Boy Scouts

2:00-4:00 pm Lewis House – Ice Cream Social

**Sunday 10/6** after worship—Indoor Clean-Up and Painting Day at Spirit of Life

**Wednesday 10/9** afternoon—Lewis House – listening, visiting, reading to kids

**Saturday 10/12** 7:00-9:00pm Feed My Starving Children – we have 10 spots so sign up now. Slots are filling up quickly!

**Sunday 10/13** afternoon **South of the River CROP Hunger Walk**

For further details or questions, contact Julie Raatz at [rats82@charter.net](mailto:rats82@charter.net)

## NEXT LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

<b><u>DEACON MEETING</u></b> 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2013	<b><u>SESSION MEETING/</u></b> 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2013
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Please contact the Clerk of Session, Karen Johnson, in regard to membership changes and any Session member with questions or concerns.

## Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church August 15, 2013 Session Minutes

A quorum was present (7 of 9 Session members) for the Session meeting on August 15, 2013. Pastor Smith offered an opening prayer and devotion based on Psalm 139 concerning God's calling of Moses. God asked, "What is in your hand?" It was a Shepard's hook (staff). This led to a discussion on "what are the gifts that each of us have been given and that we bring to the Session."

Josh Ullom led us through the report on the newly designed Spirit of Life website which will be moved from test site to production. Josh was thanked for all of the work that he has done to update our website. Pastor Rob gave his report concerning many successful activities in July including parade float, refreshments and parking for the fireworks, Mission Trip, Outdoor services, Kid's Carnival, Synod School in Storm Lake, and preparations for Kid's Camp. A new member class will be started in September or October. The financial report was prepared by Barb Ostlund. The Session agreed that we are comfortable with the financial statement as presented and that there will not need to be changes made to the budget at this time. Minutes of the July 18 stated Session meeting were read and approved. Attendance was reviewed

**Team Reports** included the Christian Ed committee report on a successful Kids Camp with 16 attendees, 7 coming from the Kid's Carnival. More volunteers will be needed to fully support crafts, snacks, and activities in the future. Carol Osweiler and all the volunteers were thanked for their hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to make Kid's Camp a success. Sunday school classes are set for 2013-2014 with a Preschool/Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School/High School and adult class. The younger kids will be following the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum with a possible transition to rotation system in January 2014. The Wednesday after School program will begin October 23, 2013. Pastor Rob will be seeking volunteers for activity time, bible time and family meal time. Outreach committee report concerned press releases for Kid's Camp. Worship and Music report concerned the Sunday September 8th chili cook-off. October 6, there will be an international pot luck for World Wide Communion Sunday. October 13th will be tentatively a Jazz service followed by the Crop Walk. Advent will begin December 1st. Community Service report concerned the ongoing harvesting of vegetables from the garden and delivered to Rosemount Food Shelf (140 lbs. so far) and the July and August collection of school supplies which was delivered to Highland Elementary School in August. The project was generously supported and cash donations collected were just enough to purchase the remaining items needed. Week of Community service will be held Oct. 6-13th as an opportunity to serve our community in some way each day, including Feed My Starving Children and the South of the River CROP walk. There will be an open house at Spirit of Life on August 21st for Crop Walk participant churches. There will be T-shirts sold as a fund raiser. Stewardship committee had no report. An Audit will be done in September. The budget will be needed by November for the Stewardship kick-off. HUB report concerned the bell pull replacement and the still to be done moving of the speakers in the sanctuary. Session is happy to have Jeff Parker continue as the sponsor representative for the Scouts. Personnel committee report concerned conducting a first year review for Pastor Rob in September. Session members will be asked to complete a pastor review survey.

**Old Business** included the discussion to postpone the Clearwater Retreat. The mentoring project will start with the new member class which will be postponed until October and with the Confirmation class starting in the fall.

**New Business** included a discussion on the International Orphan's choir and possibly sponsoring the education of a child for \$35/month. Julie Raatz will write an article for the newsletter concerning this. Stewardship will be asked to integrate this into the annual giving and budget. Concerns and joys of individuals were expressed and prayers were offered to close the meeting.

Clerk of Session, Karen Johnson



The last Wednesday Picnic had to be held indoors.



## Lectionary Texts and Service Highlights

<p><b>Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013</b>  Lam. 1: 1-6; Lam. 3: 19-26 or Ps. 137  2 Tim. 1: 1-14;  Luke 17: 5-10</p>	<p><b>Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013</b>  Jer. 31: 27-34; Ps. 119: 97-104  2 Tim. 3: 14-4:5; Luke 18: 1-8</p>
<p><b>Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013</b>  Jer. 29: 1, 4-7; Ps. 66: 1-12  2 Tim. 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19</p>	<p><b>Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013</b>  Joel 2: 23-32; Ps 65  2 Tim. 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14</p>

MEET OUR STAFF

### SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

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### Communications Policy Statement

It is Spirit of Life's policy to...

- ▶ list names, and place photos of members associated with church events, in the newsletter and on the website.
- ▶ Spirit of Life also acknowledges birthdays (month & day) in the newsletter, during the member's birthday month.
- ▶ Finally, Spirit of Life plans to put a copy of the monthly newsletter on its website.

Any member who does not want his/her name, likeness, or birth month listed in these, or any other church publications, is requested to contact the church office with a formal request to keep their personal information confidential.

Send newsletter articles, announcements, or info to: [spirit@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org) or drop them in the Faith Flight mailbox in the office.

### Calling all musicians!!

#### The 2013-2014 BELL CHOIR and CHOIR season has begun!

If you're interested in participating, it's not too late. We would love new members in both choirs, even if you can only attend rehearsals and performances some of the time. **Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Bell rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:30.**

Contact Kate at [kolaf32@gmail.com](mailto:kolaf32@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

Office Hours  
**10:00am—3:00pm M-Th**

Pastor  
**10:00 AM—3:00 PM TU**  
**10:00 AM—3:00 PM W**  
**10:00 AM—3:00 PM TH**

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENICES  
PLEASE CALL 952.807.4413

Have an item of note to share with the congregation? Send items of interest to [spirit@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org).



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

10 PM ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
for the November issue.



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**Mission Statement**

*Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church, created by the Holy Spirit, seeks to be a loving community where all can grow in faith while serving and worshiping the God made known in Jesus Christ.*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- OCT 2** 6:30PM Stewardship Committee Meeting
- OCT 5** 7AM Men's Breakfast / 9AM **Outdoor Clean-Up Day**  
2PM Lewis House Ice Cream Social
- OCT 6** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**—Ethnic Potluck, **Indoor Clean-Up Day**  
6PM Small Group Meeting
- OCT 7** 8:30AM *New Sociables*
- OCT 8** 6PM **Loving Community Soup Supper** / Scouts Court of Honor
- OCT 8** 12NOON—**Wednesday Club potluck** / Lewis House visit
- OCT 10** **Deacon meeting**
- OCT 12** 7PM *Feed My Starving Children*
- OCT 13** **South of the River CROP Hunger Walk**
- OCT 17** **Session meeting**
- OCT 20** 6PM Small Group Meeting / Newsletter Deadline @ 10PM
- OCT 23** **KID'S WEDNESDAY PROGRAM BEGINS!**
- OCT 24** Tech Meeting
- OCT 27** Session—Stewardship Dinner & Discussion

**Weekly Events**

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| <b>MON</b> | Cubs @ 6PM           | <b>TUES</b>  | Scouts @ 6:30PM |
| <b>WED</b> | 6:30PM BELLS, Scouts | <b>THURS</b> | Cubs @ 6PM      |

**Our new Kid's Program will begin October 23**

**Sunday Worship 10:00 AM**

Sunday School/Youth Group/Adult Ed 11:10 AM (September thru May)  
\* Nursery provided during Worship & Education time