

November 2013

SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAITH FLIGHT

Meet in the Middle

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8: 28



Joy! Pure joy. God is at work with something special for our first night of M&M. From bingo with little Ray, parachutes with Sue and Howard, singing crazy songs with Will and Harriet, over fifty young

and old sharing at table, our new Wednesday night youth gathering, and a fun confirmation class—the whole evening was filled with the Spirit.



I am so grateful for all of you. Grateful for your prayers, your energy, your participation, your financial support, your leadership, your love



for helping teach our children, and your love of Jesus Christ.

Christian community is fun when we share together. Together, we get to know each other's stories while making new ones together.

What a great story we have to share as we grow in knowing

Christ better.

As we continue to pray and share our story, help welcome others to join us. This is a great opportunity to welcome children, families, and neighbors to meet from all walks of life in the middle of the week around the table. May we meet, share, and grow in this wonderful family.

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What do our Church Highlights Look Like?

Projects or people? Programs or relationships? What are we even doing this for? A great blog post that helps us discern and be church. We read this as a session this last month and I think that the point of the article is valuable for all of us as we work in sharing in Christ's mission doing church together. <http://achurchforstarvingartists.wordpress.com/2013/09/30/your-church-highlights/>



From Guideposts magazine:

"To help someone in need is the surest way to touch God's hand."

Submitted by Alicia Dunham of Bakersfield, California,
given to us by Ruth Shepard

CONSECRATION SUNDAY: TAILGATE LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 24, 2013: FOLLOWING WORSHIP.

THIS LUNCHEON WILL BE A CELEBRATION
OF THE COMPLETION OF OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN!
FOR FUN, WEAR A JERSEY TO SUPPORT YOUR TEAM!

VIKINGS vs. PACKERS

A **Presentation on ADHD, Autism, and Other Disabilities** will occur at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on Monday, November 18, at 6:45 PM. The church is located at 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road, Apple Valley, MN. The phone number is 952.432.6351. There is no cost, register at the door.

Mark your calendar: We will be participating in the **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Community Service on Wednesday November 27, 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church** 7800 West County Road 42, Apple Valley MN.



There are a few
Holiday Poinsettias

available to order
for the church or home.

If you are still interested in
ordering one or more, look on the
table in the back of the sanctuary
for order forms to turn in to
Denise Lewis.



November 2013

- 11/2 Frankie Plaszcz
- 11/2 Steven Plaszcz
- 11/5 Carol Osweiler
- 11/11 Russ Lewis
- 11/11 Nathan Plaszcz
- 11/13 Ryder Besse
- 11/14 Ed Mikoloski
- 11/14 Lynnea Casmey
- 11/15 Wynn Johnson
- 11/17 Gracelyn Scott
- 11/19 Renea Stimach
- 11/19 Josh Ullom
- 11/20 Diane Walker
- 11/24 Samuel Hasse
- 11/24 Kathryn Brause

ATTENTION MEN ONLY

The Men's Breakfast will be at Panera on Saturday
November 2. Men of the church are welcome. Bring a
friend to join us.

Watch next month for Session Minutes

From January 1, 2013 through October 8, 2013 there have been 105 Care
Prayer Requests.

CARD CARE LIST REMINDER :

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

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.

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

**NOVEMBER
CAREGIVER
Loretta Hunt**

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Alice Gracek

Youth News

Youth Group Meeting Dates for Fall 2013:

November 10

December 8

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

Youth Group Activity Dates for Fall 2013:

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

Wednesday nights there will be a meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by youth gathering and confirmation.

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MEET IN THE MIDDLE

Spirit of Life's mid-week ministry

Meeting in the middle of the week; meeting between generations; meeting to share our faith!

Wednesdays filled with excitement, spiritual highs, companionship,

and a warm meal to keep the spirit moving at Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church.

- ⇒ **School Age children** are welcome to come after school (2:30pm).
- ⇒ They will find: Snacks, activities, time to complete homework, a community building time and at 6pm a family style meal will be served.
- ⇒ **Youth** are also welcome after school (2:30pm). Youth programs (youth group & confirmation class) will begin after the 6pm meal.
 - ◇ 6:30-7pm community building together
 - ◇ 7-8pm Confirmation & youth group break out
- ⇒ **Adults** are welcome to come and participate in any of the children's / youth activities. They are welcome to stay for the meal and be a mentor for our children.

Remaining 2013 dates are Nov 6, 13, Dec 4, 11, & 18.

2014 dates include Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar 12, 19, 26, April 2, & 9.

WEDNESDAY CLUB is November 13 at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Club will hold its November meeting at the Church, on Wednesday, November 13, at 1:00PM. Kate will hold a hymn sing-along and perform a classical piece of her choosing. The goodies will be provided by Janna Warren-Perry. We hope to see you all there. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

Call Janna (952-686-0268) with any questions.



VITAL SIGNS ...for September

WEEK	ATTENDANCE		(+/-)	CONTRIBUTIONS		(+/-)
	2012	2013		2012	2013	
Week 1	26	56	+30	\$877.00	\$2,721.71	\$1,844.71
Week 2	44	73	+29	\$1,212.00	\$2,423.00	\$1,2110.00
Week 3	41	83	+42	\$5,115.00	\$1,817.00	(\$3,298.00)
Week 4	56	72	+16	\$3,012.00	\$3,153.00	\$141.00
Week 5	40	50	+10	\$4,748.25	\$1,459.00	(\$3,289.25)
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE / TOTALS	41	67		\$14,964.25	\$11,573.71	(\$3390.54)

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

SOUTHWEST CHILI submitted by Sandy Scheibe

- 1 Tbs veg. oil
- 1 can chopped green chilies
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/8 tsp. sage
- 2 cans chicken broth
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne red pepper
- 2 cans great northern beans or white kidney beans
- 2 cups cooked cubed chicken



Saute onion, chilies and spices in a large Dutch oven. Stir in beans, broth, chicken and garlic. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer (uncovered) for 50-60 minutes. Garnish with chopped avocados.

2013

Officers

Session

Rebecca Brandt
 Brian Gracek
 Leslie Hohmann
 Karen Johnson
 Marge Lewis
 Denise Lewis
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 Chris Sachs

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 Pat Buchholz
 Alice Gracek
 Loretta Hunt
 Jerry Johnson
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Treasurer
 Barb Ostlund
Financial Secretary
 Steve Raatz

Please contact the Clerk of Session, Karen Johnson, in regard to membership changes and any Session member with questions or concerns.

NEXT LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

DEACON MEETING

8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2013

SESSION MEETING/

6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2013

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2014
“WE BELIEVE”

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

**How is *Spirit of Life* helping people grow?
What has *Spirit of Life* done in mission?
What has *Spirit of Life* done in ministry?**

The answers to those questions are what the stewardship committee is asking you to consider as you complete your contribution card on **Consecration Sunday, November 24, 2013**. During worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendee and members to make their 2014 financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Following worship, all are invited to attend a “tailgate luncheon.” Please plan to attend our worship and luncheon November 24. See page 2 for details.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Stewardship Committee Chair, Rebecca Brandt

Reporting back from the first annual South of the River CROP Hunger walk

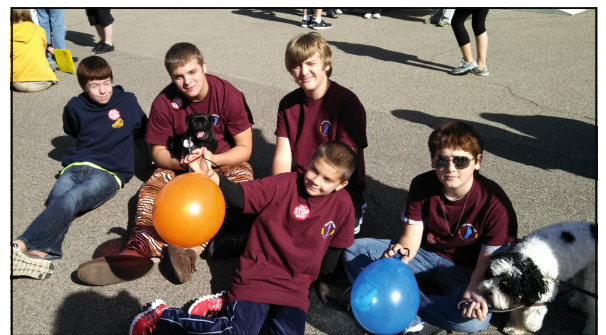
October 13 was a glorious Minnesota fall day, and Spirit of Life responded with a wonderful turn out in support of the



CROP walk! The group was blessed during our morning worship service, fed a light lunch at Spirit of Life, and then made the drive over to St. James Lutheran Church in Burnsville to enjoy the pre-walk festivities and fellowship before embarking on a walk to raise awareness of hunger in our communities and our world, and to show solidarity with those who need to walk daily for food and water just to survive. As a congregation, Spirit of Life responded with donations of food—several grocery bags full—that were immediately

distributed to organizations that operate our community food shelves (360 Communities, Eagan/Lakeville Resource Center, and the CAP Agency). There was music at every stop along the way, with our Spirit of Life jazz ensemble (Rob and Cole Smith, Karen Johnson, Deon Ford, and Kate Olaf) providing music at the Sunset Pond rest stop. We had volunteers helping with registration (Peggy and Don Roeske, and Barb Ostlund), and our Scout Troop 292 provided volunteers to pick up route signs at the end of the walk. Our team of walkers was made up of Denise Lewis & Pat Skelly, Karen & Lyle Johnson, Sayra Maberry & Michael Tisland, Julie and Steve Raatz, Lisa & Luke Smith, Ethan Grimm, Linda Gulbrandson, Carol Osweiler, Rita Ryan, and Chris Sachs—and 4 dogs!

***Thanks to everyone who participated in any way with this event!
Although final numbers are not available, it was estimated that there were about 200 walkers, and the walk raised over \$11,500, with 25% designated to go to 360 Communities and the CAP Agency to support their hunger relief efforts locally. The Spirit of Life team raised over \$1,145. All in all, this was a very successful first effort, and the planning committee is already looking ahead to plan for next year. Thank you for your support in helping to end hunger one step at a time!***



Lectionary Texts and Service Highlights

<p>Sunday November 3, 2013</p> <p>Hab. 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Ps. 119:137-144 2 Thess. 4:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10</p>	<p>Sunday, November 10, 2013</p> <p>Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98; 2 Thess. 2:1-5; Luke 20:27-38</p>
<p>Sunday, November 17, 2013</p> <p>Isa.65:17-25 Isa.12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19</p>	<p>Sunday, November 25, 2013</p> <p>Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43</p>

New Sociables meeting on November 4 at 8:30 a.m. Karen Orzits has been invited as the guest speaker. Karen is a floral designer from Bachmans. She will be showing us some tips on Christmas decorating and other ideas for entertaining during the Christmas Season. Join us in the sanctuary at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*.

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 or drop them in the Faith Flight mailbox in the office.

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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.



**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

10 PM ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH
for the December 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

- Nov 2 7AM Men's Breakfast
TIME CHANGE—Fall back!
- Nov 3 **Stewardship Kickoff**
6:00PM Small Group Meeting at Rob & Lisa Smith's home
- Nov 4 8:30AM *New Sociables*
- Nov 6 **M & M /6PM Family Style Dinner / Youth**
- Nov 13 1 PM Wednesday Club
M & M / 6PM Family Style Dinner / Youth
- Nov 14 **8:00 PM Deacon meeting**
- Nov 17 6:00PM Small Group Meeting at Loretta Hunt's home
Newsletter articles due
- Nov 18 6:46 PM ADHD, Autism, and Other Disabilities Presentation at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
- Nov 21 **6:30 PM Session meeting**
- Nov 24 **Consecration Sunday with Tailgate Luncheon**
- Nov 28 **Thanksgiving Day**

Weekly Events

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| MON | Cubs @ 6PM | TUES | Scouts @ 6:30PM |
| WED | 6:30PM BELLS, Scouts | THURS | Cubs @ 6PM |

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

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