

**The 2nd Annual
We're-Tired-of-Winter Chili Cook-Off**
SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2012 11 AM TO 1PM
It doesn't matter if you like to cook or eat...this event will be fun for everyone
and will benefit a good cause – Channel One!

Contestants:

Bust out your favorite chili recipe and whip up a batch for a good cause

Think outside the box...whether it's white chicken chili, vegetarian chili, buffalo chili or Hormel chili (hope not)... any type is welcome

Pre-registration is required – Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex

Bring a **large crock-pot** of homemade chili to church

Voters/Eaters:

Sign-up in the Narthex – we want to make sure we have plenty of chili to eat

Bring two cans of food/per person to be able to participate in the sampling/voting

Vote on your favorite chili

If this works out as planned...we'll all be able to enjoy a bowl of chili and some cornbread for lunch!



Women of the Church

Women of the Church will meet Tuesday, March 13, 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Alice Richardson, 1613 20th Ave NE. Please call if you are planning to attend. 282-2919. We will hear from Jackie Foley about the Rochester Women's Shelter.

The first Friday in March (March 2, 2012) is set aside by women around the world as the World Day of Prayer. The Rochester celebration will take place Friday, March 2 at Zumbro Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m.. The worship service was prepared by women of Malaysia. Come join in this ecumenical and multi-national experience.

DATE TO REMEMBER:
APRIL 14 12:30 p.m.
Our first
MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND
LUNCHEON
Watch for more details later!

Come to the

Mother-Daughter-Friend
Luncheon



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From the Pastor:

It feels rather good to be writing this letter to you all on Valentines Day, since the March Newsletter deadline is tomorrow, Valentines Day is a very special precious day in my life because it's the day my parents (my Dad the Poet and my Mom the Planner) got married. Always a day of candy and flowers in the home I grew up in, which involved setting the picture of their wedding day in a prominent place. My brother and his wife were also married that day. I celebrated Valentines with my own children as a feast day: usually serving crab legs and steamed artichokes for a candle lit dinner. It is always a day of happiness for me. That is, until I worked for couple of years with a pastor who deplored it. He had issues with the day-and felt that we were enslaved to the card industry, "guilt-ed" into displays of love when we ought to love every day! He made such grumpy pronouncements throughout the day, we had no choice but to tease him by hanging large red hearts all over his office. We cleverly tried to kill him with kindness. Still I felt like I carried a big, beautiful secret about that day! And the warmth and poetry that radiated from those memories would always override his Bah Humbug.

One of my Dad's many favorite "Chinese" sayings was:

*'The world is so full of so many good things,
I 'm sure we should all be as happy as kings.'*

I only recently discovered he was actually tweaking a famous quote of Robert Louis Stevenson (Thank You Wikipedia!) In the next few months, we at CPC will gather together to share our congregation's history and build our hopes for the near future. I believe we will find, even with the challenges of our day, that we have every reason to be "as happy as kings." But we aren't just spinning poetry; we are going to develop a plan (Thanks, Mom!) because goodness, grace and love grow in a well-tended garden. And CPC is a beautiful Garden of Souls, and Garden of Life, and soon to be a Garden of Community, which will bring beauty AND feed nutritious food to many who we reach out to in love and compassion. Why? Because we follow the Master Gardener, Jesus Christ! So may we give generously and daily of our Valentine love, as we work together to build our future and till the ground of abundant faith, hope and love, in the name of Christ. We just might discover we are all "as happy as Kings!"

Peace and Love, Pastor Teresa

One Great Hour of Sharing



The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 1st. The funds from this special Presbyterian offering go to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People Program. Let's try to surpass last year's collection of \$1166. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletin inserts of the three needs that are being highlighted this year.

Spring New Member Class

April 15th & 22nd 10:45 am

Visitors and guests are invited to hear more about programs, ministries and opportunities at Community Presbyterian Church Rochester April 15th and 22nd following the morning worship service and coffee. Meet our Interim Pastor and the leadership of our congregation and explore with us this chance to deepen your friendships with others in this place as faithful followers of Jesus. Please feel free to contact Pastor Teresa at pastor@cproch.org for more details.

JOB OPENINGS!

Two ten-minute volunteer jobs are available that can be done during the worship service. The job consists of writing down the Joys and Concerns to jog Pastor Teresa's memory during the week. We need one person to be responsible for seeing that this is done; the other person to take over on Sundays when the first person is not available. Qualifications: must be able to hear and to write. Apply to Pastor Teresa or Margaret Nelson.





March 2012

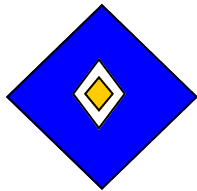
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March 2012

Worship Schedule

Date	Liturgists	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Nursery Attendant (s)	Library
3-4	Bruce Felger	Gwen Rigglin/TBA	Susan Moore	Elizabeth Deeds Tabitha Harland	Margaret Nelson
3-11	Ivy Pillers	The Anderson Family	Linda Overton	Elizabeth Deeds Tabitha Harland	Judi Berg
3-18	Paul Remtema	Rick Orvold/Marita Heller Girl Scouts	Lori Beckman	Elizabeth Deeds Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci
3-25	Marita Heller	Margaret Nelson/TBA	Lois Nicholson	Elizabeth Deeds Tabitha Harland	Judy Kereakos

39 Forever



The 39 Forever senior group will have a luncheon at Madonna Towers on Saturday, March 31st at 12:30. There is a choice of two menus: soup and sandwich for \$8.20 or quiche and fruit for \$9.25, including tax. This will be payable in cash at the door or by check to Madonna Towers. See details of the menu on the clipboard. All are invited to join for food and fellowship by signing up by Sunday, March 25th.

News From Adopt-a-Family

We have received thank you notes from the Christmas Adopt-a-Family! The notes are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex for your reading. One quote that was worth sharing to all... "It's like having angels for my family," said one family member. Yes, we are all like little angels to them. Thank you for the angelic generosity to serve the families around Christmas time. The Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota provided gifts to 380 families in the Rochester area.

Communion Servers for March 4, 2012: Nancy Massaro Mary Jensen Ivy Pillers Mark Pillers



CHANNEL ONE SUNDAYS

The second Sunday of every month is Channel One Sunday at CPC. Please be generous toward your neighbors who are in need by bringing your canned/dry goods to the church on or before March 11. March pantry needs: Complete meals: pasta and sauce, boxed meals, hearty soups. Last month, CPC donated 247 pounds of food! (With a little help from "Souper" Bowl Sunday). You can also leave a cash donation in the basket in the Narthex.

New telephone number for church member:

Judy Leal:
(507)-696-3172

GIVING REPORT

<i>Jan. 2012 Weekly Average</i>	\$2,424.00	<i>Special Offerings</i>	
<i>Year to Date Avg. 2012</i>	\$2,424.00	<i>Christmas Joy Offering</i>	\$ 1,254.00
<i>Budgeted Weekly for '12</i>	\$ 3,136.19	<i>Thank Offering</i>	\$ 635.00
<i>Per Capita Received '11</i>	\$ 639.61	<i>Peace Offering</i>	\$ 837.00
<i>Total Per Capita to be Paid</i>		<i>USA Disaster Relief</i>	\$ 774.25
<i>2012</i>	\$,586.35		

(Per capita contribution per member is \$31.63 for 2012)

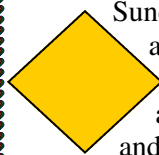


Minneapolis Service Trip

The Mission committee is providing the opportunity for another service trip this year. This years trip will look a little different because we have chosen to be a part of an organized youth project called "A Big Day of Serving". The big day will be May 5th, in North Minneapolis. The day will be hands on projects to help the people of north Minneapolis with a little "cleanup" after the tornado last year. The projects will include such things as house painting, landscaping, fence mending. "A Big Day of Serving" is sponsored by an interdenominational Christian based non-profit organization called Group Mission Trips. Consider being a part of this "Big day;" any student in grade 6 -12 is welcome as well as any adult. To learn more about "A Big Day of Serving" in Minneapolis check out their web site <http://thebigdayofserving.com/locations/spring-2012/minneapolis>.

If you have any questions, please contact Ronda Marshall.

Skimming Off the Top!



Sunday School youth have started off 2012 with a new mission project. We just don't know what it is yet. Each month we will sort off all the quarters from the Noisy Collection and place them in our quarter tube. When the tube is full, we will deposit that amount and start over. We'll keep a running total on the youth bulletin board and in the newsletter each month. What will the quarters be used for? You all get to help decide! Denise will collect ideas from anyone in the congregation and later in the year, the youth will vote on a winner.

Be sure to "Like"
CPC on
Facebook in
order to view the
posts and photos!

Join us for Synod School 2012
"Singing the Lord's Song in a
Strange Land"
July 22-27, 2012 Buena Vista
University, Storm Lake Iowa

Book Discussion Group

"Room", by Emma Donoghue, is our March selection. Narrator, five-year-old Jack, and his mother, who was kidnapped seven years earlier at the age of 19, celebrate his birthday in their tiny, 11-foot-square soundproofed cell in a converted shed in the kidnapper's yard. Join us on March 25 for our discussion, at 5 p.m. in the church library.

CPC Youth-Mission trip to Ronald McDonald House

CPC Youth went shopping for Ronald McDonald House on Sunday, February 19, using funds from our Noisy Collections. We use the House "wish list" to purchase groceries and household supplies for families staying at the House in Rochester. One of the volunteers told us that almost all supplies needed at RMH are donated by area churches and organizations, greatly reducing the cost to families staying

there. We also deposited our collection of pop and soup tabs which is another important source of income to the house, bringing in \$10,000 per year. CPC is recognized as being a regular contributor to



Helping Families

the Rochester Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to Amanda Ross and Stacy Kopecky for driving and chaperoning shoppers!

March Birthdays

- 5 Ann Simms
- 10 Ivy Pillers
- 11 Maggie Hall
- 11 Katherine Ross
- 12 Amy Anderson
- 14 Dan Hill
- 14 Liz Koehler
- 15 Don Nicholson
- 17 Claudia Rank
- 17 Eloise Rank
- 22 Bonnie Kinion
- 24 Judy Pucci
- 25 Paul Remtema
- 25 Aaron Simms
- 30 Phil Overton

March Anniversaries

- 1 Judy & Steve Kereakos
- 7 Mark & Mary Jensen





Tony Orlando and Dawn a/ka: Denise Swinbank, Darlene Lucas, Ivy Pillers Teresa Roberts and Jim Secord. . .



Drummer: Evan Powell.



Willow on Piccolo. . .

TALENT SHOW SHOWCASE



“Staged Reactions” group from Crossroads College.



Peter Marshall’s Magic Tricks!



Beginning hand chimes group. . .



Denise Swinbank & Jack Nelson.



Peggy Pillers on piano. . .

Handbell Choirs

During the weeks of March, two of our handbell choirs, the Ring Tones and Jubellation, will be rehearsing in preparation for the Lenten season.

The Ring Tones will gather each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. in March and will play for the worship service on Sunday, March 25. This choir consists of the youth of the church plus some adults as well.

The Jubellation Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. and will play for the Palm Sunday worship service.

New ringers are always welcome. Some music reading ability is helpful but not entirely necessary. Please contact Judy Kereakos as soon as possible if you are interested in learning how to ring handbells and in playing in one of the choirs.



Girl Scout Sunday

Sunday March 18th is Girl Scout Sunday! We invite Girl Scouts of all ages to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments that Girl Scouts have made in in the last 100 years by teaching girls courage, confidence, and character in ways that have real impact on their communities. Our current CPC Girl Scouts will greet you at the door on March 18th, Haley Huston, Keara Ross, and Katherine Ross. Please let them know if you were ever a girl scout and join in their excitement! They all belong to the Minnesota Wisconsin River Valleys Girl Scout Council. They are the biggest council in the nation and the current leader for selling the most Girl Scout Cookies!



CPC Talent Show

Thank you all for your support of the "All Church Talent Show!" Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the wide range of talents shown by our members. \$101.50 was raised and will be used to support youth programming and mission projects during the year. Start planning your act for 2013!



Movie Night

We are continuing the monthly Sunday night movies.. On March 18 at 6:30, stop by for popcorn, treats and good fellowship to watch the movie "Courageous." "Courageous" is about four police officers' struggle with their faith and their roles as husbands and fathers; together they make a decision that will change all of their lives.



