

November 13, 2022

Joys and Prayer Concerns

for the death of a loved one

the family of former RCLPC member, Roland Heinkel. "Rollie's" service will be held at Davenport Funeral Home on November 12th. Details may be found [here](#).

for healing and recovery of ongoing health concerns:

Raechel Sowa's sister in law, Terri; Vicki Brown's daughter, Becky; Dick Virkus; Jim and Carol Iddings; Andrea Pracht; Cheryl Brinks; Tom Lafontaines sister, Kathy; Doug Loving; Cy Zank; Walt Rosquist; Ron Miller; Cindy Theobald's sister, Cheryl Kirchner; Deb Steele's, sister-in-law Linda and family; Chris Pickett's brother, Mark; Nancy Blakely's mom, Sally and dad, Tom; Sharon Ray; Glenn Bereiter

My deep appreciation to the many folks in the extended RCLPC community of faith who have surrounded me with cards and other expressions of concern, love, and support as I underwent open heart surgery early in October. It's been such a gift to be on the receiving end of all of that cheerleading, and to hear from friends of many years. I'm healing well nearly 5 weeks later. Hopefully, my "heart engine rebuild" will offer the opportunity to add many miles yet to this life-odometer of mine. Thank you so much! Doug Loving

We have Much to Celebrate!

On Sunday, November 13th we'll all gather in F.H. following worship to celebrate our very own, **Ed Water's birthday**. Please come and enjoy some cake with Ed!

50 years of marriage is a milestone to be celebrated and that is what we will do. On November 20th, **Pierre and Joyce Berube** will renew their marriage vows at 9:40am and all are welcome.

Upcoming Worship Leaders

Liturgists

November 13 Deb Bendis
November 20 Fred Neuschel
November 27 Lee Ekstrom

Ushers

November 13 Karen Nelson and Pam Palmer
November 20 Tom and Pepper Lafontaine

Greeters

November 13 Ed Waters and Allison Larsen
November 20 Dorothy Vick and Doug Crane

Communion Servers

December 4 Joan Jensema and Linda Peel

Happenings this Week at RCLPC

Sunday

9:00am Faith Formation for children and adults
9:00am Write for Rights in Lounge
10:00am Worship
11:00am Zoom Chat with Student in Colombia

Monday

7:00pm CPJ on Zoom

Tuesday

10:00am Book Group on Zoom
7:00pm Climate Lobby on Zoom

Wednesday

12:15pm Staff Meeting on Zoom
7:00pm Finance Meeting on Zoom

Thursday

10:00am Women's Bible Study on Zoom

Mission News

Write for Rights letter-writing event: Please join us this Sunday in the lounge as we gather to advocate for prisoners of conscience in various countries around the world. We will provide fact sheets, case histories and writing supplies. You provide your expressions of compassion and justice.

What: Amnesty International's Annual "Write for Rights" campaign

Where/When: The Lounge, Sunday, November 13, 9-12.

Community Harvest

Help us Pack the Pantry

The annual Community Harvest to fill the shelves of the Crystal Lake Food Pantry has begun!

The shelves of the pantry are looking a bit neglected and as more and more of our neighbors are relying on the Pantry for food and sundry items, it is time to restock. Dollars, as well as non-perishable items are most needed. Visit the Connecting Link display for information and to donate your items. Bags are available as well. [Click here](#) to see a list of the most needed items. If you would like to donate money please put Crystal Lake Food Pantry on the memo line and put in the offering plate.

Thank you from your Mission Team and Your Neighbors





News from Colombia

Loren Silvaja, a student at the Presbyterian Church of Colombia's Colegio Americano de Apartadó that our Mission Outreach Ministries Team supports, recently won first place in the school's Physics Fair for the remotely controlled robot she built.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall or on Zoom immediately after worship on Sunday, November 13 for a Zoom call with Loren in which she will talk about her project.

Living Waters for the World



What does every person on the planet need? We all need clean, safe water to drink. Our Living Waters for the World team has supplied that for five communities in Guatemala. What does our team need? We need you to join us. While we have always welcomed volunteers to help us in various ways, our ranks have recently thinned when several of our team leaders moved away. We need you to join a committee (communications, logistics, or transportation). We need you to help plan a fundraiser (look for another Fiesta next spring). Or, if you are more of a doer than a planner, you can travel to Guatemala with us and see firsthand the way all of us working together are bringing clean water

to "all of God's children." We are currently planning three separate trips to our installation sites early next year to support and encourage and celebrate with our local partners. Stay tuned for more details to come.

Advent at RCLPC

A SPECIAL EVENING FOR THE WOMEN OF RCLPC!



Advent is approaching and with it comes the time of preparation. To help the women of RCLPC prepare, we offer you the gift of a special evening — a time to spend with friends, enjoying a delicious dessert and entertainment, but most of all time to reflect and quiet yourself as you enter into the Christmas season.

Our Advent by Candlelight event will be held on **Friday, December 2**, in Fellowship Hall beginning at 7:00 PM. You will be greeted by our amazing wait staff, escorted to a beautifully decorated table, and then enjoy a delightful evening with the wonderful women of our church. **Please sign up at church on the bulletin board near the church office or contact Kathy Rabe by e-mail or telephone call. Please sign up by November 20.** Questions? Contact Kathy at 815-347-6436. We are looking forward to this special evening together!

Make Your List, Check it Twice, and Start Shopping!

Discover handmade items from around the globe and fight global poverty through fair and ethical trade at the annual RCLPC Christmas Fair Trade Gift shop!



Shopping begins [on-line](#) this Sunday, November 6 and in person at RCLPC starting December 4th. By shopping on www.servv.org or in person at RCLPC, you'll empower small-scale global artisan and farmers, helping them build sustainable employment, resources, rights, and a vision of hope in their communities. All the funds gathered from this event go to the artisans. This is not a fund-raiser for RCLPC.

From handcrafted jewelry, to metal art, to wooden creations, holiday crafts, wall art, gourmet food and more, there's something for everyone! Shop early for the best selection. Don't forget, we always have Zatoun olive oil from Palestine, and fair-trade coffee and tea available.



***Calling All Bakers to Create Festive Cookies for RCLPC's
30th Annual Cookie Walk***

RCLPC's longest running tradition is Saturday December 10, 9am-11-am!

It's festive, it's fun, it's a great way to connect with our community AND it raises money for great causes. This year the proceeds will be divided up between NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) and RCLPC.

So how can you be part of the fun and help out with this event? BAKE, BAKE, BAKE!!!! We need LOTS of festive Christmas cookies, fudge and goodies to make this day a successful one. There are so many ways to do this:

- Bake ahead of time and freeze cookies
- Bake with friends!
- Bake with kids and grandkids
- Be creative and help with a great cause
- People are needed Friday, December 10 to decorate Fellowship Hall, be there to receive the cookies and creatively display them
- People are needed the day of the Cookie walk to help greet and assist our guests, weigh cookies, re-stock tables and join in on the fun of the day!

More details to follow as we get closer to the event! Please look for the sign-up sheets above the name tags or by contacting Vicki or Anne Marie at: vbrown62@sbcglobal.net 847-877-1201 We're counting on YOU to have enough cookies to make this our 30th successful Cookie Walk!!!