

November 20, 2022

Joys and Prayer Concerns

for the death of a loved one

the family of Dick Virkus*

for healing and recovery of ongoing health concerns:

Raechel Sowa's sister in law, Terri; Vicki Brown's daughter, Becky; 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

**Richard David Virkus (Dick), of Westfield, IN passed away on 11/9/22 at the age of 85. He was a devoted husband and father and beloved "Bampa" who will be missed by all. Dick is survived by Marilyn, his wife of 56 years, his son Walter (Jodi), daughter Susan (Gregory) and four grandchildren: Kimberly, Nicholas, Kaylie and Jack.*

Born in Buffalo, NY in 1937, Dick attended Orchard Park High School and went on to graduate from University at Buffalo. After serving in the US Army, he worked for Sears Roebuck and Co. for 35 years and H&R Block for nineteen. Dick was an avid Presbyterian (PCUSA) who sang in the choir from the age of 13 until his 70s, and served the denomination in local congregations, presbyteries and national levels during his lifetime.

Dick loved boating and spending time at the family cabin in Canada. He was famous with family and friends for his dumb jokes which he loved repeating. He enjoyed good food and drink and could be found licking his chicken bones clean, sipping good wine and dunking his chocolate chip cookies in milk.

*In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:
Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church
8505 Church St (in Ridgefield)
Crystal Lake, IL 60012*

Cards may be sent to Marilyn: 16611 Brownstone Ct., Westfield, IN 46074

We have Much to Celebrate!

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 20 Fred Neuschel
November 27 Lee Ekstrom
December 11 Deb Steele

Ushers

November 20 Tom and Pepper Lafontaine
November 27 Karen Hutchings and Laurie Jensen
December 4 Nancy Delaware and Julia Baser
December 11 Kathy and Lou Rabe
December 18 Bev and Dick Kerman

Greeters

November 20 Dorothy Vick and Doug Crane
November 27 Marge Stewart and Cindy Borre
December 4 MJ Towne and Cheryl Brincks
December 11 Joan Jensema and Linda Peel
December 18 David and Pam Palmer

Communion Servers

December 4 Joan Jensema and Linda Peel

Happenings this Week at RCLPC

Sunday

9:00am Faith Formation for children and adults
10:00am Worship
11:00am Hanging of the Greens and Lunch

Monday

7:00pm Deacon Meeting

Tuesday

10:00am Book Group on Zoom

7:00pm

Wednesday

12:15pm Staff Meeting on Zoom

Thursday/Friday

10:00am Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

OCTOBER Y-T-D Finance Report

	<u>October 2021</u>	<u>October 2022</u>
Total Year-To-Date Income	\$251,923	\$250,383
minus Total Year-To-Date Expenses	<u>\$269,360</u>	<u>\$262,332</u>
Total Income - Expenses	-\$17,437	-\$11,949



HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 20th following Worship

Lunch will be served

Everyone is needed to decorate the church for Advent.





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. **Space is limited to 60 so 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!

Mission News

Thank you to those who wrote letters last Sunday for Amnesty International's Write for Rights campaign. The Compassion, Peace, and Justice team is happy to host this event every year and the number of participants from our congregation is always inspiring. This year we composed 75 letters. We are still collecting them from those who chose to write at home. Please bring your letters to the church so can wrap-up our campaign early next week. If anyone needs the information to write letters, download the attached document.

It is also possible to participate online; to do so, visit this site:

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/get-involved/write-for-rights/>

LAST SUNDAY TO DONATE

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



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.



RCLPC Joy Angel Tree

YES, the RCLPC [Joy Angel Tree](#) LIVES and needs YOU to be an Angel!

Our Mission Agencies always have many needs for their clients and YOU can add a SPARKLE to someone who needs it this Christmas. This year we will be doing our Giving Tree “**Different but the Same**” 😊

Here's what you do:

- Scan the QR code right from the tree or take a tag home to do so
- After scanning, it will take you to a form for you to:
 - Type in your name and email address
 - Choose the gifts you plan to purchase
 - Hit the Submit button and you're all set!

The list will be

- You will find that many of the gifts this year are once again Gift Cards empowering people by giving them the privilege to shop and pick out gifts
*** Please Note: Buy the gift cards yourself and when dropping off the gift cards there will be a wrapped gift box in the office for you to put them in. Please have them in an envelope with your name and who it's for on the envelope before dropping it in the box

- For the **Pioneer Center** their clients make out an extensive “wish list”. If you choose to sign up for this click on box and, Joan will send you their wish list and you may shop and choose the gifts you’d like to give this person. You will be the only one shopping for them. Please wrap these gifts.

Please return the gifts to the church by **Sunday December 11.**

If you have any questions OR need help purchasing or delivering your gift to the church feel free to contact Joan Jensema and we’ll figure out a way:

- email jenpeel35@att.net
- call 815-307-5220

**ALSO - Feel free to pass along the information to anyone you know that may be looking for a way to give to others this Christmas.

Thank you for showing the RCLPC Christmas Spirit by making this Christmas brighter for someone!





***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!!!

Youth News

HS Youth Group Retreat

This past weekend 89 individuals (including 5 from RCLPC) had the awe-some experience of spending a weekend at Stronghold and examining when did we see God. We focused on looking for Christ in one another, seeing the moments we can support

and listen to one another, and being present, even in challenging times. One of the biggest moments was the overwhelming response in giving to the blessing bags. Over 300 blessing bags were created to hand out to homeless or those in need with items like socks, hats, protein bars, and toothbrushes. God was present and filling us to overflowing with new friendships, thoughtful discussions, relaxation and creativity.

Thank you to RCLPC for supporting us and providing this opportunity,
Arthur, Kayleigh, Naomi, Paula and Will

