

November 27, 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:

Ann Legg; 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

Upcoming Worship Leaders

Liturgists

November 27 Lee Ekstrom
December 4 Tom Lafontaine
December 11 Deb Steele
December 18 Deb Bendis

Ushers

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 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

10:00am Worship
11:00am Multi Generation Advent Hour
11:00am Zoom with student from Colombia

Monday

7:00pm Session Meeting

Tuesday

10:00am Book Group on Zoom

Wednesday

12:15pm Staff Meeting on Zoom
5:45pm MidWeek Soup and Time of Reflection in Lounge

Thursday

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Friday

7:00pm Ladies Advent by Candlelight

Saturday

8:00am Men's Breakfast Group
4:30pm Luminaria Walk at Veterans Acres
7:00pm HS Youth Cookie Walk Prep in F.H.



Decorate Our Sanctuary on Christmas Eve with Your Flower Tribute.

Order forms are in your bulletin this week and are due by December 7th. Flowers will be available to take home after the 7:30pm Christmas Eve service.

Faith Formation

Multigenerational Faith Formation Sundays in Advent following Worship

We will explore the text each week by preparing an item to add to your home as a reminder of the season. Don't rush off to the next event, go home or run to the grocery store. Give yourself a chance to be present in Advent.

This Week in Fellowship Hall:

- Post a Note about what brings you hope
- Participate in our Christmas Card Challenge
- Share stories with others during our Scrapbook Wreath making activity
- Fellowship with Friends

Mid Week Advent Reflection

Come join us for some Advent reflection time on Wednesdays starting November 30. We'll begin at 5:45 pm with a simple soup supper (about 20 minutes) and then open with prayer and listen to a biblical text for the coming Advent Sunday. After hearing the texts, we'll write down our reactions to the texts, and share them if we feel moved to share. Then we'll move on to the second text. The goal is to provide a simple discussion tool that all can embrace—youth, young adults, long-time and new members too. We may refer to Richard Rohr's book, *Preparing for Christmas*, but it's not necessary to have the book unless you're looking for more: it provides daily meditations for the Advent season.

Let us know you are coming so we have enough soup! Class will end in time for choir
Deb Bendis and Raechel Sowa

Mission News

This Sunday- Chat with Sofia from Colombia

Join Ann Legg in the lounge for a short hybrid Zoom call on Sunday, November 27 at 11:00 am with Sofía Gomez, one of the Colombian students we supported and who was recently accepted to study medicine. The meeting was requested by Sofía and her mother so they can thank RCLPCers. It will also give us an opportunity to congratulate her on her accomplishments, ask questions and to affirm our continued support if needed. If you are Zoom for worship please just stay on and join us.



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 the 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!!!

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 is [on-line](http://www.servv.org) 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.

Fellowship

LUMINARIA WALK

AT VETERAN ACRES PARK

December 3, 2022 @ 4:30pm

We will meet at the Veterans Acres Picnic Shelter at 4:30 for this fun event sponsored by the CL Park District. The lit trail will also include Campfires, Cookies, Carolers, Hot Cocoa and a Candy Cane Forest. Mrs. Claus will be reading stories in Oak Woods Lodge. The park district is asking for a \$1 donation per person (\$5 max per family) to support future nature events. Invite your friends and family and we will see you for a beautiful trail walk! Questions? See Raechel Sowa

Cantata Brunch



Please join us after church on 11-Dec for a Fellowship brunch, celebrating the beautiful music performed in the Cantata. This was a big event last year - you won't want to miss it! Based on the size of the event, the Fellowship team is in need of some assistance, specifically in providing some of the food - bakery/baked goods, breakfast casseroles, fruit, and mini-bagels, and with clean-up afterwards. There will be a sign-up located in the Gathering Place or please contact Laurie Jensen, (815) 307-6644 or Julia Baser (224) 629-3191 for more information. Thank you! We are looking forward to another fun event!