

Park Ridge Community Church

AUGUST 2025

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 am - 3 pm

The office is closed from 12-12:30 pm for lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Pastors' Days Off are Fridays and Saturdays. They are available to respond to emergency needs on these days.*

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"Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting".

Psalm 147:1



August 3

The Gospel According to Amy Grant: A View of Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25; 2 Timothy 3:10-17
Communion w/ Intinction
Rev. Carol Hill preaching

August 10

The Gospel According to Amy Grant: Prayer

2 Chronicles 7:12-16; Luke 11:1-13
Baptism at 10 am
Rev. Mollie Foster preaching

August 17

The Gospel According to Amy Grant: Theodicy

Job 23:1-24:1; John 9:1-7
Baptisms at 8:30 am
Rev. Carol Hill preaching

August 24

The Gospel According to Amy Grant: Time

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; 2 Peter 3:3-9
Rev. Carol Hill preaching

August 31

Singing Our Faith: Scripture & Hymns

[Submit song selections:](https://forms.gle/HJWmqoAgHjxgmreL9)

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NO SERMON THIS SUNDAY. Last Outdoor service.



The Pastor's Note

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister

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pastorcarol@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Calibrating the Compass

Our Youth Boundary Waters trip was cancelled this summer due to too many unforeseen conflicts. I'm thankful for the wisdom of Pastor Mollie and the team to make the decision to cancel at just the right time - not before everyone had a solid chance to sign up and rearrange schedules and not too late to be forced into something that wouldn't work. One of the necessary skills in navigating territory that is beyond a cell phone signal and without batteries for the GPS to tell you what to do is to read a map and read a compass. The map will tell you where you're headed and the trails to get there, and the compass will tell you which direction you're actually going when one tree begins to look like another.

At church we are often using similar tools. Our Board dreams up the map, hoping to discern where God is leading us in the immediate and distant future. Our Committees and Teams come up with the best trails and roads to get us there. Then, the leadership team, including we who serve as your Pastors and Staff leaders, strive to keep our compass calibrated, reading the signs on whether or not we are headed in the correct direction. Reading our directional compass requires regularly checking in with you, observing attendance trends, hearing reports on financial giving, and lots and lots of prayer.

This summer, I have spent some intentional time considering the vision for the future. Who is God calling PRCC to be in the next 10-15 years? Where is God calling us to go? How should our ministries grow? Which ministries should pause so others can emerge? How can we



faithfully deepen our love of God and the ways we serve our neighbors? What seems too impossible for us, but might be hard enough to stretch us in the process?

While there are many more conversations to have about our vision, our mission should inform the vision. It seems to me that our mission is this:

PRCC is a multi-generational congregation reflecting diversity in faith and unity in Christ, seeking to embody Jesus' love in the world through:

- **radically inclusive welcome**
- **extravagant generosity**
- **an unrelenting pursuit of God through worship and study**
- **boldly prophetic witness for today**
- **compassionate service with the most vulnerable**
- **authentic community**



Board Update

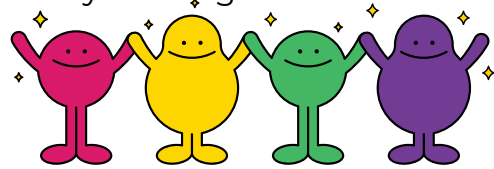
I'm not sure if you've noticed, but there is a lot going on at PRCC! Our Board of Directors has been taking the plans we've been making for years and turning them into action! It's a very exciting time for us as we move forward with the roof, the air conditioning, and the window projects. The Trustees have done a fantastic job of keeping the BOD informed and moving with them as we move these projects forward!



On top of all that, we've held a BOD vision meeting and held a regular BOD meeting in July. Below are our BOD goals for 2025-26 and are in line with the idea that we are moving our plans into actions and are very exciting!

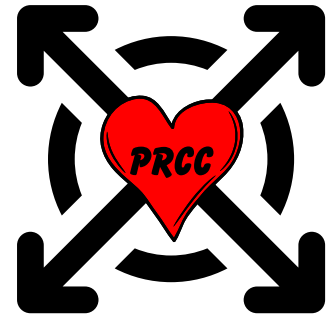
1. Engaging Our Church Body

- Growing in Numbers of Active Members
- Engaging the Faith of All Ages - in Love of God and Love of Neighbor
- Empowering Ministry Involvement/Leadership
- Meaningful Connections - Small Group
- Encouraging "Sweat Equity"



2. Invitation into Faithful Fellowship

- To Build Our Connections with One Another
- Clarifying Our Identity; What PRCC is About
- Projecting Our Values Outward to Invite Others In
- Broaden Our Impact on the World



3. Updating Our Resources to Facilitate Ministry

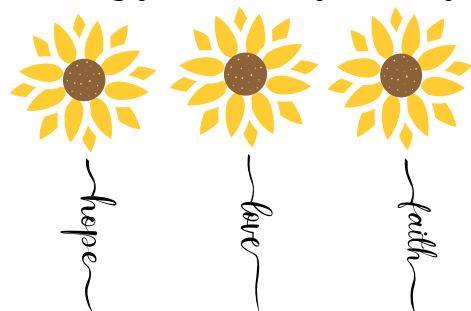
- Teaching Faithful Stewardship
- Building a Foundation for Generations to Come
- Investing in Safe and Welcoming Spaces
- Updating Our Technology



We realize there is a lot going on and things are moving quick, so if you have questions or ideas please reach out to anyone on the BOD and we will share everything we know with you! Looking forward to seeing you for Rally Sunday!




Peace and gratitude,
Dan Smith
Chair of the Congregation



August Birthdays

8/2	Rosie Pringle	8/21	Jimmy Muenzer
8/4	Jay Crowley	8/21	Pete Muenzer
8/6	Eddy Dase	8/22	Scott Larson
8/8	Terry Krah	8/22	Justin McCarty
8/9	Denise Steele	8/22	Paul Rauch
8/10	Gisella Milla	8/23	Archer Geye
8/11	Mary Lynch	8/25	Bill Scharringhausen
8/11	Sean Lynch	8/26	Max Chandler
8/12	Chloe Sanderson	8/26	Rich Sivertsen
8/13	Liz Swanson	8/27	Angie Papassavas
8/15	Mary Hannon	8/27	Jan Steiner
8/16	Zach Nelson	8/28	Leena Swanson
8/16	Carrie Plach	8/29	Bob Mack
8/17	Will Smith	8/30	Everly Makar
8/18	Aria Geye	8/31	Andrea Goodwin
8/19	William Zarach	8/31	Joe Salamone

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h2>August 2025</h2>					1	2
3 8:30 Outdoor 9:30 Loving Lunches 10 am Worship 3 pm Chicago Dogs	4 7 pm Trustees	5 6 pm Ministry Council 7 pm Youth Committee	6	7 9 am Men's Breakfast 11:30 am Lincoln Park	8	9
10 8:30 Outdoor 10 am Worship w/ Children's Meetup	11 7 pm Finance	12 7 pm Welcome/Mem 7:30 Stephen Min Supr	13	D207 1st Day!! 14 9 am Men's Breakfast	15	16
17 8:30 Outdoor 10 am Worship	18 6:30 pm Exec Comm	19 12 pm Kindred Spirits Cafe	20 6 pm SPRC	D64 1st Day!! 21 9 am Men's Breakfast	22	23 CHURCH CAMP at Tower Hill, MI
24 8:30 Outdoor 10 am Worship	25	26 12 pm Kindred Spirits Cafe	27 2:30 pm Wacky Wed.	28 9 am Men's Breakfast	29	30
31 8:30 Outdoor 10 am Worship	If you notice an error on the calendar, please share that information with office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org .					



stephen MINISTRY

by Sarah McCarty

Do you ever have days when you are a model of productivity? An energetic ball of “get it done”, checking things off your to-do list like a champ? Nothing can stand in your way as life falls into place around you, and you can rest in the satisfaction of a job well done.

While I may have experienced this phenomenon once or twice in my lifetime, I admit that it’s not my natural state. More often than not, I get hung up on the details, derailed by my own thought processes and desires to make my life efficient. Appointments are left unmade, cards of encouragement left unwritten, and grocery shopping put off for another day in an effort to get the timing perfect, the words just right, or because sometimes things just feel like they require more energy than I have to give.

On my best days, these minor obstacles are momentary thoughts that I dismiss before I cross off another task on my checklist. But when I’m struggling, or off-balance, or stretched too thin, a minor obstacle can knock everything off course.

As Stephen Ministers, we want to remove as many obstacles as possible for those who are in need of a listening ear. Not sure if what you’re experiencing rises to the level of Stephen Ministry care? Have a conversation with a Stephen Minister. Don’t have enough time to devote to a caring relationship? We’re flexible in our timing and relationships can last from a single visit to months to years. Have a prayer request that you’re not quite ready to share with the world? We’re here to pray with you and keep your confidence. Not sure who to reach out to? The names and photos of our Stephen Ministers, as well as the email addresses of our Stephen Leaders (those who train our Stephen Ministers) are listed below.

All of us will face challenges at some point in our lives, and feeling God’s presence through the love and care of community can provide comfort and clarity. If you would benefit from being in conversation with a Stephen Minister, we are ready for your call.

Sarah McCarty: sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Anita Rifkind: anitar@att.net **Naomi Siebert:** naomi.siebert@gmail.com

Laura Sissman: lsissman741@gmail.com **Liz Swanson:** liz@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



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Salamone



Laura
Sissman



Liz
Swanson



Sarah
McCarty

Volunteer Spotlight

Each month we highlight one of many extraordinary volunteers whose contributions are making a difference at PRCC!

This month we recognize

Dave Swanson



Dave came to PRCC in the mid 1990s! He has always been involved with music - Beatles Night, Wall of Sound, choir (in church and international choir trips) and playing in church services at different times! Dave has been involved with the Youth, chaperoned Youth Mission Trips and worked on committees such as Senior Pastor Search Committee and Finance as a Fund Manager! Currently Dave is on the Nominating and Staff Parish Relations Committees! Dave has left his mark on PRCC through his years of service as well as sharing his musical talents and voice with all of us! Thank you, Dave, for being quick to laugh and always willing to jump in and help at PRCC!

Membership Committee Info Sessions!

Are you interested in learning more about Park Ridge Community Church? Join us on one of the dates listed below to hear all that PRCC has to offer and what it means to be a member of this church. All info sessions will take place at PRCC from 7-8 pm.



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**OCT.
14**

FALL INFORMATIONAL SESSION

➤ New Member Sunday - October 26

**JAN.
13**

WINTER INFORMATIONAL SESSION

➤ New Member Sunday - January 25th

**APRIL
7**

SPRING INFORMATIONAL SESSION

➤ New Member Sunday - April 19th

Questions? Email: membership@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Building Projects

Our Board of Trustees are keeping busy this summer as they oversee a number of significant projects around our church!



ROOF/STEEPLE: Because of significant hail damage, our roof, gutters, downspouts, and flashing will all be replaced. This includes the copper around our steeple. When the team was on the scaffolding inspecting the steeple, they saw additional damage. This will mean that the anticipated steeple repairs (planned for 2030) will be completed in conjunction with the roof while the scaffolding is in place. The roof and gutters will be paid for through an insurance claim, but the steeple repair will come from the Capital Replacement funds. ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION: Sept. 6

FIRE ALARM/ SECURITY UPGRADES:

We have entered into contract with Illinois Alarm to install a new fire alarm system, as a part of our security upgrades. The two other components of this project are security doors on the Sunday School hallway and camera/remote release at Butler Place. These updates are being primarily funded through a Federal Grant, with a private donation covering the overage. ESTIMATED BEGINNING DATE: Sept.

WINDOWS: The remaining windows have been ordered to replace those in Jordan Hall, bathrooms, offices, Choir room, Library, and Parlor. This will complete the Window project that began several years ago. ESTIMATED INSTALL DATE: November

AIR CONDITIONING: The Board of Directors approved beginning the air conditioning project, using some estate funds already earmarked. Phase One will provide A/C to the Sanctuary, Offices, Choir room, Jordan Hall, and Library. ESTIMATED DATE: ASAP!! 😊



Church Ministries will continue during construction. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and flexibility in the coming days, weeks, and months!

August News

PRCC Circle 10

Join Us for the Swap-A-Looza on September 23!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
JORDAN HALL 7-9PM
PRCC'S WOMEN'S CIRCLE 10 INVITES YOU TO

September Swap-a-looza



ALL ARE WELCOME FOR AN EVENING OF FRIENDSHIP, BEVERAGES, DESSERT AND "SHOPPING."
A \$5 SUGGESTED DONATION WILL GO TOWARDS THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE 10 FUND WHICH SUPPORTS OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY.

PLEASE BRING 3 HOME DECOR OR PERSONAL ACCESSORY ITEMS TO SWAP. EXAMPLES INCLUDE PREVIOUSLY LOVED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS READY FOR A NEW HOME, IE. FRAMES, WREATHS, VASES, BOWLS, ETC. AS WELL AS HANDBAGS, JEWELRY, SCARVES, HATS. MAYBE YOU HAVE AN UNUSED GIFT CARD HIDING IN A DRAWER TO PASS ALONG. NO CLOTHING, PLEASE.
AND YOU'LL GO HOME WITH 3 "NEW TO YOU" ITEMS!!

QUESTIONS AND/OR RSVP TO JAMIE @ 847-344-1692 OR TRICIA @ 847-707-0713

SAVE THE DATE:

November 19
ABC Bunco Night
(Hosted by Circle 10)

Men's Breakfast



Thursdays at 9 am

Calling Men of all ages! Join us for coffee and pastries at 9 am every Thursday in the Church Library. We chat about the latest news, check in with each other about life, and enjoy the absence of an agenda! All are welcome!

Kindred Spirits Café

Tuesdays at 12:00 pm

Free for lunch on Tuesdays? Join us for an hour of fun and fellowship each week in Jordan Hall! Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert. Our programming changes monthly, so see the schedule below for our August plans. Email Sarah with questions or to be added to our email list:

sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

- August 5: No KSC
- August 12: No KSC
- August 19: Celebrate August Birthdays & Summer Catch Up!
- August 26: Bingo!



Knitting Knights

September 15 @ 1 pm

The Knitting Knight group met in July to learn how to make adorable little owls. Thank you to Dorothy Lehman and Mary Hannon for your excellent and patient teaching skills! Next project will be prayer squares. If you are interested in helping us out by knitting or crocheting a prayer square, reach out to Liz Swanson or pick up a pattern in the church office. They will be collected and used by the Stephen Ministers in the fall.

Our next meeting time will be Monday, September 15th at 1:00 pm.



You are the light of the world.
Matt 5:14.

PRCC RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 7th

Celebrate as we kick off the ministry year



One Service: 10:00 AM

with a special backpack blessing!

LUNCH & FUN

FOLLOWING ON THE LAWN



Amazing Ministries Planned for the Fall!

The Ministry Council Meeting on Aug. 5th will look in-depth at the year ahead to align our ministries and ensure a robust and well-aligned calendar of programs, ministries, and events!

CROP WALK
October 19th

Walk with our team as we seek to address hunger locally and around the world. CWS needs our support like never before!

www.crophungerwalk.org



Fall Square Dance
October 18 at 7 pm



2x2 Retreat:
"I need you to survive"
October 3-5

Register with a friend, a spouse, or a neighbor as we consider the importance of leaning on one another! Retreat will be held at PRCC Friday Evening, Saturday, and conclude in worship on Sunday, with options to come and go as your schedule allows.

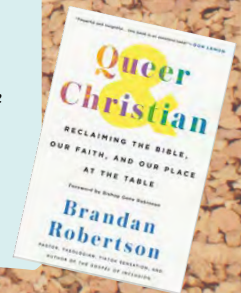


UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAYS

Sept 7 - Rally Day - ONE SERVICE
Sept 14 - Senior Sunday w/ Ministry Fair - ONE SERVICE
Sept 21 - Youth Sunday w/ Potluck Lunch - ONE SERVICE
Oct 5 - World Communion Sunday
Nov 2 - All Saints Sunday
Nov 16 - Consecration Sunday w/ luncheon - ONE SERVICE
Nov 30 - Advent begins
Dec. 14 - Christmas Pageant
Dec. 21 - Choir Cantata & Blue Christmas @ 7pm

Cohosted "Meet the Author" Event
September 23 at 7 pm

Rev. Brandon Robertson, known as the "TikTok Pastor" has written *Queer Christian* and several other books addressing LGBTQ inclusion in the Christian faith. Come meet him and learn more at PR Presbyterian Church.



Amy Grant Christmas Concert

December 3
7:30 pm
Rosemont Theater



Christmas Stroll through Park Ridge
December 13

ABC Night
November 19 at 7 pm

Join in Appetizers, Bunco and Cocktails with PRCC friends!



Jazz

Jazz in January
January 31, 2026

Trunk or Treat
October 26 from 3-5 pm



Sunday Night Supper
September 21



Bring items to worship on Rally Day, September 7th!

- Spiral Notebooks
- Sketchbooks
- 2-Pocket Pencil Holders
- Headphones

**BACKPACKS
FOR ALL AGES NEEDED**

✎ Writing & Drawing Supplies

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons & Large Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Washable Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Watercolors

Paper & Note-Taking

- Loose Leaf Paper
- Notebooks
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Post-It Notes (3x3)
- Index Cards (3x5)
- Quad Ruled Graph Paper

Organizational Supplies

- Pencil Case
- 2-Pocket Folders
- 2-Pocket Plastic Folders
- 3-Ring Binders (1-1.5 in)
- Subject Dividers
- Clear Sheet Protectors

Cutting & Gluing

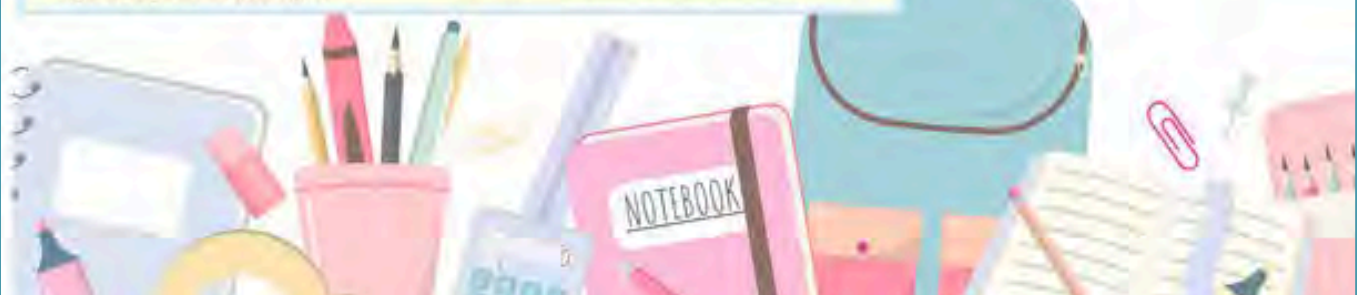
- Scissors (Round Tip & Regular)
- Glue Sticks
- Liquid Elmer's Glue

Other Supplies

- Dry Erase Eraser
- Ruler
- Headphones/Earbuds
- Play-Doh (for younger students)
- Calculator (Texas Instruments TI-34)

KIDS
▲BOVE
▲ALL

Kids Above All ensures children, ages 0-24, facing poverty, violence and injustice have every opportunity to realize their full potential.



Outreach News

SERVE WITH US!

Scan the QR code to learn more or volunteer!



Lincoln Park Community Shelter

Aug. 7 & Sept. 4

We prepare and cook a healthy meal for approximately 35 adults who are experiencing homelessness on the first Thursday of each month. Our prep/cook time is 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. [SIGN UP](#) if you are available to help. We need 3 people to prep/cook and 1 person to deliver the prepared meal to Lincoln Park.



Loving Lunches

Next Assembly Date: Sunday, Aug. 3. Please [SIGN UP HERE](#).

We are in need of food items! Can you help?

There is an ongoing need for donations of items used to pack 160 Loving Lunches each month! We lovingly accept donations of the lunch items! Contact Paula Mack at pcbmack@gmail.com for more information or if you know an outside group or organization that would like to help.



Sunday Night Suppers

Save the Date: September 21

Volunteers from our congregation prepare a healthy meal for approx. 7 people and will serve at a NEW site, First United Methodist Church! Meals will resume in the fall at a new location, Park Ridge United Methodist Church.

Welcome New Members!

In June, we welcomed two new members, Sue Douglass and Susan Greenwood. If you would like to learn more about our dynamic Outreach Committee, please contact our co-leaders, Jamie Knoblauch or Rich Roecker.



OUTREACH FOR ALL!

At PRCC we strive to provide meaningful outreach to the community and beyond! We love for ALL ages and abilities to participate in our efforts! We hope you'll serve with us soon!

Children's Ministry

Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry



Sunday School News

Our Sunday School kids had a great time reconnecting at our July 20th gathering—so much laughter, play, and meaningful time together. We're looking forward to continuing that momentum at our next meet-up on August 10th!

We're especially excited for Church Camp at Tower Hill, August 23rd–24th. It's a weekend full of fun, faith, and community—think campfires, beach time, shared meals, and worship under the trees. It's a special opportunity for all ages to grow in connection with God and one another.

As we prepare for a new Sunday School year this fall, we're inviting families to register and consider getting involved. We're looking for teachers, youth assistants, and of course, lots of kids ready to learn and grow. We can't wait for the year ahead!

Nursery Supervisor Needed

Start Date: August 31

Sundays, 8:30–11:30 AM

(Extra hours available for special events)



We're looking for a warm, reliable person (18+) who loves kids to care for infants and toddlers during Sunday worship. Please contact Morgan if this sounds like a good fit for you!
morgan@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

Children's Ministry



We're Looking for Sunday School Teachers!

Love kids? Love sharing faith? We're building our teaching team for the upcoming year and would love your help—no experience needed, just a caring heart and willingness to serve.

Email Morgan if you're interested!

Register Now for 2025–2026 Sunday School!

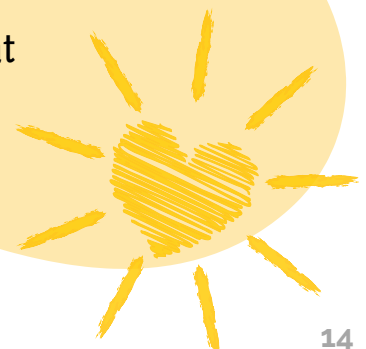
We're excited to welcome your children back to Sunday School starting September 7th! Registration is now open for children in Pre-K4 through 5th grade. Please visit the PRCC website to sign up. We'll continue using our engaging Sparkhouse curriculum, designed to help kids grow in their faith through:

- Bible stories
- Music
- Crafts and games
- Age-appropriate activities
- Service projects and so much more!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Morgan at

 morgan@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

Let's grow in faith and community together this year!



PRCC Youth 6TH-12TH GRADES

youth mission trip

celebration

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21:

- YOUTH LEADING WORSHIP
- CELEBRATION LUNCH FOLLOWING

**ALL CHURCH
POTLUCK!
WE WILL PROVIDE
GRILLED & FRIED
CHICKEN--BRING A
SIDE TO SHARE!**

**2026
MISSION TRIP
REVEAL!**

**ANNOUNCED AT THE
CELEBRATION
LUNCH!**

On September 21st, Youth will participate in leading worship. **Following, the congregation is invited to a Celebration Potluck Lunch** to hear more stories from our South Dakota Mission Trip. ALSO--the 2026 destination will be revealed!



"I HAVE SET YOU AN EXAMPLE
THAT YOU SHOULD DO
AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU."
- JOHN 13:15

PRCC Youth: 6TH-12TH GRADES

YOUTH MINISTRY

**6TH - 12TH
GRADES**

Beginning after Rally Day, Sept. 7
*Wacky Wed. will begin on Aug. 27

**1ST & 4TH
SUNDAYS**

11:30 AM - 1 PM

HOLY CHOW

1ST SUNDAYS: MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

4TH SUNDAYS: HIGH SCHOOLERS

Youth will gather for lunch with Pastor Mollie
to chat about meaningful topics & support each other!

SERVE SUNDAY

ALL YOUTH

Once a month Youth will join in various hands-on service projects that
make a difference. Bring your heart, hands, and friends!

**2ND
SUNDAYS**

11:30 AM - 1 PM

**3RD
SUNDAYS**

TBD

CONFIRMATION

7TH GRADE & UP

Through field trips, guest speakers, & lessons Confirmants will develop
an ownership and commitment to grow in faith as a member of PRCC.

*meeting times will vary depending on field trips

SOCIAL SUNDAY

ALL YOUTH:

Whenever there's a 5TH Sunday, it's time for fun!
No agenda--just a chance to kick back and enjoy time together.
*some events will be off-site (bowling, movies, etc.)

**5TH
SUNDAYS**

TBD

WEEKLY

WACKY WEDNESDAY

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: 2:30-3:30 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ALL YOUTH: 10 AM WORSHIP

Celebrating Our Story

Summer Snapshots

SENIOR CONTACT ICE CREAM SOCIAL



SUMMER WORSHIP



GENERAL SYNOD



SOCIAL JUSTICE



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



YOUTH MISSION TRIP



Our Prayer Ministry

Our prayers reflect the heart of this community—its gratitude, its sorrow, its hopes, and its needs. In these prayers, we seek God's presence, guidance, and peace, trusting that we are held in divine love, both as individuals and as a collective body of faith. We especially lift up those on our long term prayer list:

Laura Beaudion, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Ginny Feurer, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Tommy Mack, Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Pete Muenzer, Sam Orth, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bernice Zabawski

General Prayers

- We lament with communities in terror as ICE raids devastate neighborhoods, gatherings, and places thought to be safe. We pray for transgender folks, that in spite of decisions at the federal level, each would know their worth remains intact. We pray for all of those facing housing insecurity.
- We give thanks for the gift of music and the ways music uplifts our various journeys.
- We pray for Pastor Carol in her time away that she would be restored and rest in God's goodness.
- We hold Dan M. and Maggie P. in our prayers.
- We pray for a family experiencing difficulties that they would be restored to one another.
- We pray for the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Iran, Israel, Gaza, and all places where violence occurs.
- We pray for Churches all around the world, including those who are engaging in life-giving ministry in much needed places, including our siblings in Romania.
- We pray for Pastors Mollie and Carol as well as all of the delegates headed to the General Synod.
- We pray our nation that the founding ideals would continue to be perfected and that we would find a way to unite as a country for liberty and justice for all.
- Prayers continue for Karl S. as he continues his trip in Honduras.
- Scott and Siri ask for prayers for family members who are experiencing many changes in job situations.
- We pray for the communities in Texas who are facing flood damage, including the loss of loved ones, homes, and entire communities.
- We give thanks for the testimony and leadership of those continuing to make good trouble by denouncing evil and injustice in the world.
- We pray for a loved one who has been unemployed for 8 months and is losing hope.
- We pray for Kathy and Marc that they might feel your presence, your patience, your strength for each day.

Jays

- We celebrate the Board of Directors' retreat in June and all of the planning and goal setting happening for the years ahead.
- We give thanks for Maeve and her family as we celebrate her baptism! We give thanks for the baptism of Annabelle this and the gift that our children are in our midst.
- We celebrate the extraordinary joy of Pride in Park Ridge and the leadership of this congregation within our broader community. We give thanks for the Chicago Pride Parade and pray for all of those participating in celebrating the LGBTQia+ community.
- We give thanks for the opera Sasha's directing and the children and adults who have been blessing through their participation.
- We celebrate a transformational youth week of service in Sisseton, new friendships, new kinship with native siblings, and God's visible presence throughout.
- We celebrate with those enjoying birthdays and anniversaries, especially Winnie E. as she turned 90, Jack T. who turned 99 (both in June), and Char K., who turned 100 in July!
- We give thanks for Senior Ice Cream Socials and guest preachers who make us think.
- We honor and give thanks for all the men in our lives who have offered fatherly love: dads, stepdad, adoptive dads, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, friends' dads, and those who have been spiritual fathers.
- We celebrate with Rich and Ulla Britt S. their 50th wedding anniversary, which they will celebrate in Iceland.
- We give thanks for the work of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ and all the ways God is still speaking and moving through our collective church action.
- We join in celebrating with Jim and Judy Sindt this week as they mark their 60th wedding anniversary!



Our Prayer Ministry

Healing & Recovery

- Tricia W. asks for prayers for her mother, who is recovering at home after having a stent placed earlier this week.
- An anonymous request for prayers for a loved one who has been struggling with his mental health in residential treatment.
- We hold a family in our prayers who had a particularly difficult week navigating mental health challenges.
- Please pray for Sam O., who has been accepted into a new cancer treatment trial.
- We hold in our prayers Pastor Carol's grandmother Mary Elise as she begins hospice care.
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- Kym asks for prayers for her brother as he recovers from surgery.
- John S. asks for prayers for Father Frank, as he is recovering from a car accident and a broken neck.
- Prayers continue for Stephanie L's mother Marilyn as she heals from a more complicated heart valve replacement procedure.
- Dan S. asks for prayers for his team member Mark F, whose last scan showed signs of cancer growth and is beginning radiation.
- Mary B. asks for prayers for her friend just diagnosed with a rare form of stomach cancer.
- We pray for a child experiencing medical challenges and having tests run.
- Sally and Tim M. ask for prayers for their friend who will be having a medical procedure this week due to a pre-cancerous lesion on her pancreas.
- We ask for healing for Jean D, a friend of Sally and Tim M., who recently suffered a stroke. Please also pray for Chris, Jean's son, and his wife, Terri, as they help manage Jean's recovery.
- We pray the Kym will experience relief for the ongoing pain in her hand.
- We pray for Jim M. to experience relief from ongoing knee and arm pain.
- We pray for Berty's brother Marion, as he continues to deal with complications following cancer treatment and adjusts to life on a feeding tube indefinitely.

Life in the Resurrection

- We hold Marlies B. and her family in prayer as they mourn the loss of her stepson, who entered life in the resurrection on June 12.
- We hold the Joyce family in our prayers as they mourn the passing of Brendan's grandmother, Rosemary Argus, who entered life in the resurrection on June 18.
- We hold Pastor Carol's family in prayer as they gather to celebrate the life of her great Aunt Joan.
- We hold in prayer a family who is mourning the loss of a loved one to suicide. May they be surrounded by God's peace as they process many difficult emotions.
- Mark H. asks for prayers for his daughter-in-law, Meredith, and her family as they mourn the unexpected loss of her mother, Vicki Fox, who entered life in the resurrection on July 9.
- We hold Eugene and the Jarvis-Gerritson family in prayer as they celebrate the life of Eugene's father, William Jarvis, who entered life in the resurrection on July 16.
- We pray for the Williams family as Bill's cousin Bernadine entered life in the resurrection on July 22. Please keep her husband, daughters, mom and siblings and all extended family in your prayers as they grieve this great loss.
- We pray for the family and loved ones of Sandy Caley, best friend of Dan Smith's mother, who entered life on July 26.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.





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