



# Park Ridge Community Church

June/ July 2026

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### Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9 am - 3 pm

*Pastors' are off on Fridays/Saturdays except for emergency pastoral needs.*

**JUNE/JULY ONLY:**

**OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**

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*They drew a circle that shut me out -  
heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.  
But Love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew the circle that took them in.  
- Edwin Markham*



### June 7: Ripples of Grace

Isaiah 43:1-10, 18-19; Acts 10:1-17

Communion w/ Intinction

Rev. Carol Hill preaching; Baptism at 10 am

### June 14: Ripples of Empowerment

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 8:26-40

FOLK SUNDAY AT 10 am

Guest Preacher, Laura Hamm

### June 21: Ripples of God's Likeness

Romans 8:1-11; Acts 13:1-3, 14:8-18

Father's Day; VBS Music at 10 am

Rev. Mollie Foster preaching

### June 28: Ripples of Boldness

Acts 4:13-22, 29-31

8:30 am Pet Blessing

Rev. Carol Hill preaching

### July 5: Summer Road Trip: A Journey Through Scripture & the National Parks

Yellowstone: Psalm 117; Genesis 2:4-17

Communion w/ Intinction

Rev. Carol Hill preaching



# The Pastor's Note

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## Ever-Expanding Circles

Summer is a good time to spend at the water's edge. Whether at an ocean, lake, or swimming pool, I hope you find some water to watch. Allow the rhythm of the water's movement to soothe your soul, and spend time watching ripples - either by skipping rocks, seeing a bird dive in for a catch, a fishing lure land on the surface, or just from splashing...the ripples of the water have a profound lesson for us about God's love. We can sometimes think that God has taught us all we need to learn...and then...our eyes are opened. This frequently happens to me in Bible Study when someone will share their story or perspective or will simply be reading the words of scripture aloud and like a wave rushing over me, I will hear it in a new way.

The sermon series "Draw the Circle Wide" will invite us to continuously draw the circle wider. God's love encompasses everyone. Literally. Even "those people" and people who we are pretty certain are beyond God's reach. Throughout history, the church has been notorious for drawing boundaries that have kept some people out, whether because of some aspect of their humanity, their social situation, or their life choices. We have even felt justified and self-righteous as if we are ascribing to a misguided sense of security and sanctimony by excluding certain people. Those who have been excluded by the church feel it deeply. Drawing the Circle wider changes lives. And changes us.

**THOSE WHO HAVE EXPLICITLY INCLUDED, INVITED,  
AND EMBRACED ALSO FEEL IT DEEPLY.**



Our June series will include welcoming a guest preacher, Laura Hamm, to bring a message. Laura is a transgender woman who is a member at First Congregational Church of Evanston, and hearing from her will almost certainly help us draw our circles wider.

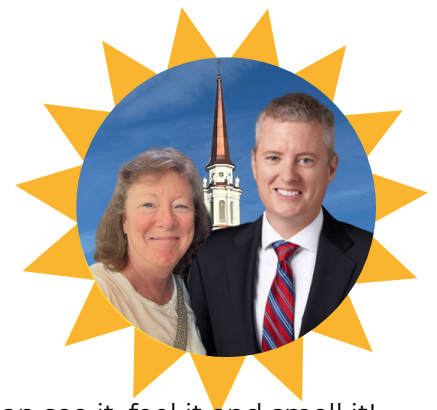
We are going to be learning about how congregations can prioritize mental wellness and use language to de-stigmatize mental health challenges through the W.I.S.E. process. We will try and draw the circle wider as we engage in assessing how our building, worship services and ministries could be MORE accessible to all (A2A). God is inviting us to consider the broad circle that we've been drawing and keep expanding it. This may require some re-thinking, re-assessing, and re-imagining. So, look at the water. Pray that God will open our hearts together, and as a church already committed to diversity of faith and unity in Christ, we may find that drawing the circle wider comes naturally (like a ripple) and is easier than we thought!

**WE DESIRE TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES IN A  
FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHRIST SPIRIT AND  
COVENANT TO ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER IN DIVERSITY OF FAITH,  
SUPPORTING EACH OTHER IN LOVE AND RESPECT.**

Our circle of impact will expand to Tuscany as our Choir participates in Choral festivals, singing at a mass and in the local square. Our circle of impact will include Portland and Chicago, and beyond...can you see the ripples growing? That's the Holy Spirit doing Her thing here and now!



# Board Update



Greetings and good tidings to all,

As I write this, it is the end of May and the season of change is upon us! I can see it, feel it and smell it! This is the best part of the year, right before all the summer plans roll into action and our calendars are filled with BBQs, family get-togethers and summer retreats and then...summer is over in the blink of an eye. Oh it is glorious while it lasts! Rally Day will be right around the corner!

At the May Annual Meeting we looked back over the past year, we really accomplished quite a bit in so many ways. Extraordinary capital replacement projects, continuing to grow the size of our congregation, a vibrant Youth program, a new class of skilled Stephen Ministers, rich Bible Study programming, numerous ways to serve the broader community through Christian Outreach projects and thought provoking services and sermons that challenge us to think beyond our own backyards and to ask ourselves: what does it mean to be a Christian today? For me, and many of you, asking that question has brought me to change and expand my thinking and to take action. [The Annual Report](#) is available on the PRCC website (go to About Us and scroll down to Annual report). Please read it because we are doing amazing things!

The May transition Board of Directors (BoD) meeting celebrated our successes but also looked to the future, we are not done yet! The preliminary Internal Audit findings were positive and provided areas for growth going forward. The dedicated and knowledgeable Finance Committee continues to make changes which strengthen and streamline our financial processes to ensure accuracy and confidence. The Federal Fire/Safety Grant remains active and the safety doors for the Sunday School are ordered and will hopefully be installed by the Trustees over the summer. The Trustees are awaiting bids for the internal steeple project and will then make a recommendation to the BoD. The Trustees anticipate this being an excess of \$100,000. The internal steeple wood beams were damaged by water and time and must be replaced. A Board retreat is planned for August along with a church wide survey which will help guide the Board and our church as we move into the next church year. The BoD thanked the outgoing members, Sue Laurie, Rich Roecker and Dan Smith. Each of them has given of themselves to serve PRCC and our congregation and we are grateful for all they have done! We are better for it. The BoD welcomed the new members, Kathy Berry (Co-Chair Christian Outreach), Julie Smith (Chair Faith Development) and Scott Hollingsworth (Vice Chair of the Congregation. We are so happy to have you!

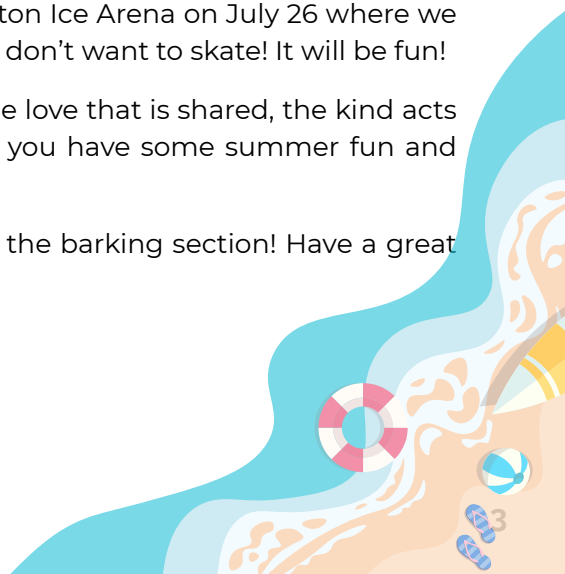
We have more to do, share and experience. PRCC marched in the Memorial Day Parade, our theme was "Love is in the Air!" The Ministry Council meets on June 2 to help plan and coordinate PRCC activities so all of us can be involved. Pride in Park Ridge is June 5, come help represent PRCC! The Youth Mission trip travels to Portland June 7-13! Vacation Bible School (VBS) runs June 15-18! The PRCC Choir will travel to Italy June 17-24 (I will lip-sing with them). There is always room for one more so jump in and have some fun and volunteer! Christmas in July is at the Oakton Ice Arena on July 26 where we will collect school supplies for kids that need them. Come even if you don't want to skate! It will be fun!

I am always amazed by the generosity of the PRCC congregation. The love that is shared, the kind acts and the financial support, this is truly a community church. I hope you have some summer fun and find time for a lazy day under a tree with a good book.

The 8:30 am Sunday outdoor worship has started, and I'll see you in the barking section! Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

*Colleen Moriarty and Scott Hollingsworth*



# JUNE 2026

S M T W T F S

	1 7 pm Knitting Knights 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Yoga	2 12 pm Kindred Spirits Cafe 6:30 pm Ministry Council	3 10 am Women's AA	4 9 am Men's Breakfast 10:30 Lincoln Park Cooking 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	5  4-8 pm Pride in Park Ridge!!	6
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YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO PORTLAND						
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FROM 5-7 PM						
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CHOIR TOUR IN TUSCANY						
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# JULY 2026



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# June/July Birthdays

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| 6/1 Kent Wehman  | 6/28 Dave Wojtowicz   |
| 6/3 Rachel Born; Scott Turransky   | 6/29 Pastor Carol Hill  |
| 6/4 Amy Stewart  | 7/1 Lois Orth-Zitoli; Layla Blocker                                   |
| 6/6 Tom Biedke; Hans Nelson  | 7/4 Sandy Bowen   |
| 6/7 Alex Makkawy   | 7/5 Eileen O'Neill-Burke  |
| 6/8 Keith Nelson   | 7/7 Margie Crockett; Ronald Matzen;<br>Meg Thomas-Cary; Jackie Tilles |
| 6/9 Jack Tilley (100th!!)  | 7/8 Zoe Belle Blocker; Chris Chandler                                 |
| 6/10 Colleen Moriarty; Suz Snowdon   | 7/9 Penny Woo; Olivia Woo,<br>Sasha Gerritson                         |
| 6/11 Sean O'Brien  | 7/10 Claire Kallen; Nancy Skoog                                       |
| 6/15 Jenny Sanderson   | 7/11 Wayne Tumminello; Scott Nelson                                   |
| 6/17 Stephanie Laginess  | 7/12 Morgan Tone  |
| 6/18 Mary Biardo; Jane Curry   | 7/13 Laura Lapp   |
| 6/19 Jane Kenas-Heller; Lesley Ofenloch;<br>Winnie Ericksen                      | 7/17 Drake Gudmundsson; Lizzie Zarach                                 |
| 6/20 Drew Chandler; Nikki Craig; Saralynn<br>Reedy                               | 7/19 Mark Biedke; Evan Simpson  |
| 6/21 J.D. Burke; Aiden Chacko;<br>Grant Gudmundsson; Kent Ulery;<br>Rick Wendorf | 7/20 Alena Goodwin  |
| 6/22 Leah Born; Cindy Klimmeck;<br>Lauri McCleneghan; Alexia Salamone            | 7/23 Dorothy Lehman   |
| 6/24 Tom Goodwin; Dianne Meltreger   | 7/24 George Van Geem  |
| 6/26 Nancy Ady; Sam Hollingsworth  | 7/25 Sara Born  |
| 6/27 Anthony Salamone  | 7/30 Campbell Stewart   |
|  | 7/31 Karen Nelson   |



## Let's Go to the Opera!



In June and July, several of our youth and chancel choir members will be rehearsing along with the talented cast of *La Boheme* by Giacomo Puccini, **directed by our own Sasha Gerritson!** Come and

see this extraordinary production with some of our very own stars! *La Boheme*, a poignant opera, follows poor young artists set in 1830s Paris, focusing on the tragic passionate love story between poet Rudulfo and seamstress Mimi, set against themes of poverty, friendship and the fleeting nature of youth and happiness. Their struggles and romance unfold with unforgettable music, capturing universal emotions of joy, loss and heartbreak in their bohemian lives. June 26, July 1 at 7:30 pm or July 5 at 2 pm. [Click here to buy tickets.](#)



Kind. Gentle. Open. Supportive. Compassionate. Thoughtful.

After nearly 50 hours of training together, these are a few of the words our newest Stephen Ministers use to describe one another. Each of them bring their own unique gifts, experiences, and insights to one central goal: to provide loving care to those who are struggling, living out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

Many of us chafe against the idea of asking for help when we're struggling. Our problems may not seem big enough to warrant special attention. We may not want to admit to others (or ourselves) how deep the hurt runs. Or perhaps we simply feel hopeless, resigned to the fact that things cannot or will not change.

I've got good news and bad news.

The bad news: Stephen Ministers can't solve your problems. We won't tell you what to do or fix the things that are wrong (even if we would desperately love to!). Sometimes healing and growth take time and can be outright painful.

The good news: Something Spirit-filled can begin to happen when someone gives us time, space, and focused attention, exactly what our Stephen Ministers practice. When we allow ourselves to be vulnerable and dig a little deeper into the "why" of an emotion, clarity and peace can rise to the surface. I often imagine a Stephen Ministry conversation looking a little like dumping out my purse on the table: I can see everything that's accumulated inside and then determine what's worth keeping and what I'm ready to discard.

If you are feeling the burden of carrying something heavy on your own, know that you are not alone. Stephen Ministers are ready to talk with you, cry with you, pray with you and provide a safe space to process difficult feelings, big or small. Please reach out to any of our Stephen Leaders or a Pastor if you'd like to know more.

## **Stephen Ministry: One-on-One, Confidential, Christ-Centered**

### **STEPHEN LEADERS:**

**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

# Volunteer Spotlight

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

This month we recognize

## Amanda Hogle



This month, we are highlighting one of our amazing and dedicated Sunday School teachers! Amanda brings so much joy, warmth and creativity to our Children's Ministry! She is always willing to jump in and help wherever she is needed, and she leads Sunday School with care, confidence, and a heart for kids. Amanda has a beautiful way of connecting with children and families alike, helping kids feel seen, welcomed, and excited to learn! Amanda faithfully attends our Children's Ministry Team meetings and shares thoughtful ideas, and helps guide our ministry with fresh, fun and meaningful input. The kids absolutely love Amanda--and so do we!

# PRIDE in PARK RIDGE

Sign Up to  
volunteer!

**JUNE 5TH**  
5:00-8:00 PM

Tshirts  
\$20

**A CELEBRATION  
FOR ALL AGES!**

**Hodges Park**

✨ live music / food trucks/ vendors

✨ guest speakers @ 6 PM

✨ inflatables, facepaint & balloons

✨ drag show @ 7 PM

# Summer News



## Folk Sunday: June 14 10 am service

Join Mark Holihan and crew as they present inspiring Folk tunes at the 10 am service!



### Pet Blessing - June 28 at 8:30 am Worship Service

\*In case of rain, the Pet Blessing will be rescheduled. The 10 am service will be in sanctuary.



All pets are welcome - on a leash, in a tank, in a carrier, or your preferred method of travel! The 8:30 am garden service will include a special blessing of pets by our Pastor. Pastor Carol will bring the message on this special Sunday and give thanks for our pets!



# RALLY DAY!

September 13, 2026

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM**

Worship followed by music, games, Bouncy House AND Deacon Dogs!!



# Summer News

## Senior Contact Ice Cream Social

**Friday, July 10 @ 7 pm**

Senior Contact Ice Cream Social  
Seniors (65+) are welcome.  
Park Ridge Fine Arts Symphony Orchestra follows at 8 pm in Hodges Park.



## 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**

Come one, come all! Join us for an hour of fun and fellowship each Tuesday in Jordan Hall. Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert. Our programming changes monthly, so see the schedule below for our June plans. Email Sarah with questions or to be added to our email list:

[sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org)

**June 2: Celebrate June & July Birthdays**

**June 9: Bingo!**

**June 16: Throwback Potluck - bring a dish to share from another era**

**June 23/30: No KSC**



**Kindred Spirits will not meet in July. We'll resume on August 18.**



# Fellowship News

**IT'S THE MOST  
WONDERFUL TIME...  
OF THE SUMMER!**

**DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 26**

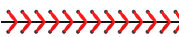
**TIME: 5:30–7:30 PM**

**LOCATION: OAKTON ICE ARENA**

Beat the summer heat and celebrate Christmas a little early! All ages are welcome for an evening of ice skating, fellowship, and other festive fun activities!

Bring your favorite Christmas dish to share for our holiday potluck, and don't forget to show your Christmas spirit—grab your Santa hat, wear your ugliest Christmas sweater, or come decked out in your favorite holiday gear!

As we celebrate, we'll also be giving back. You're invited to bring new school supplies for Kids Above All to place under our Christmas tree, helping local children start the school year with the tools they need to thrive. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## CHICAGO DOGS™

Sunday, August 23rd

3:00 pm

Save the date!

PRCC is heading to the ballpark!  
Tickets will go on sale in July!



# Outreach News

## SERVE WITH US!



### Lincoln Park Community Shelter

**June 4th & July 2nd**

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

**June 14 & July 12. Please SIGN UP HERE.**

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](mailto:pcbmack@gmail.com) for more information or if you know an outside group or organization that would like to help.

# SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Help set up kids for success! We're partnering with Kids Above All to collect supplies for children and youth in need! Be part of making sure every child starts the school year ready to learn and thrive.

Questions? Contact the Outreach Team or Pastor Mollie!

Collecting throughout the month of July!

### MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Spiral Notebooks
- Sketchbooks
- 2-Pocket Plastic Folders
- 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)

# Children's Ministry

Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry



**VBS IS COMING!! REGISTER TODAY FOR JUNE 15-18!** ☀️

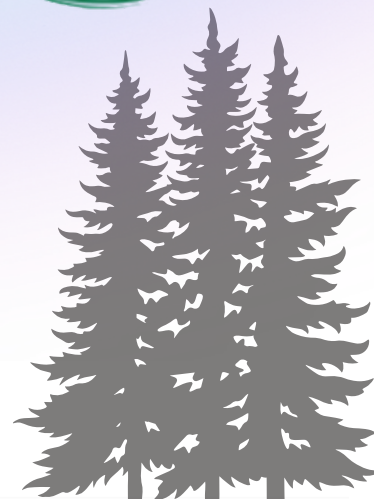


JOIN US FOR TRUE NORTH: TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD — A FUN WEEK FILLED WITH FAITH, FRIENDS, MUSIC, GAMES, AND ADVENTURE!

BE SURE TO REGISTER ASAP SO WE CAN PLAN SUPPLIES AND GROUPS. ALL ARE WELCOME! INVITE FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, COUSINS, OR GRANDCHILDREN TO JOIN THE FUN.

**REGISTER HERE:**

**VBS REGISTRATION**



**PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026**

**TRUE NORTH**  
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

**JUNE 15-18  
5:00 PM- 7:00 PM**

# Children's Ministry

Chase  
Your  
Dreams

# hello SUMMER

**NURSERY CARE IS  
AVAILABLE ALL  
SUMMER & IN  
WORSHIP BAGS ARE  
AVAILABLE FOR  
CHILDREN WHO STAY  
IN WORSHIP.**

**JULY 10, 2026**  
**POPSICLES  
IN  
THE PARK**

Join us at Hodges Park! PRCC will be there before the Park Ridge Orchestra concert at 8 PM, passing out popsicles, saying hello, and enjoying a fun summer evening together. Stop by, grab a treat, and hang out with us – we'd love to see you there!

## SUMMER KIDS SCHEDULE

We won't meet every Sunday during the summer, but we'd love to gather once a month for Messy Church during the 8:30 worship service. We'll meet to learn, play, and grow together through fun, hands-on experiences!

**June 15-18  
Vacation  
Bible School  
5-7 pm!**

[REGISTER NOW](#)



**July 12  
Messy  
Church  
8:30 Outdoor  
Worship**

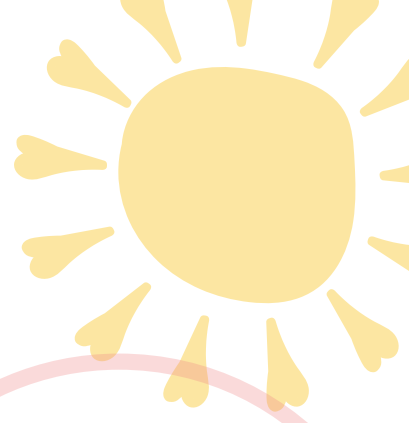
**August 9  
Messy  
Church  
8:30 Outdoor  
Worship**



# PRCC Youth 6TH-12TH GRADES

## SUMMER holy CHOW

PRCC YOUTH



**Home alone for lunch this summer?**  
Come have lunch with Pastor Mollie-- she's buying! We will meet at 12:00 pm in the Butler Place Entry and walk Uptown!

**June 17**  
**July 15**

# POOL PARTY

**AUG. 6TH**  
**4-6 PM**  
**PASTOR CAROL'S POOL!**

All youth entering 6th-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited for a back to school splash party! swimming- hot dogs- fun!



# PRCC Youth: 6TH-12TH GRADES



Pray for us as we prepare for our Summer 2026 Mission Trip!

42 PRCC Youth serving the local community with relationship building and repair projects

Dates: June 7-13

## YOUTH

ANDY BURKUM  
 AIDEN CHACKO  
 LAYLA CHACKO  
 DREW CHANDLER  
 MAX CHANDLER  
 KATIE COLLINS  
 AIDAN CURRY  
 CHARLOTTE DICRISTOFANO  
 JOHN DOBRINSKA  
 BRADY EATHERTON  
 COLE EATHERTON  
 ALENA GOODWIN  
 LUKE GOODWIN  
 DRAKE GUDMUNDSSON

DEUCE HILL  
 RAE HILL  
 ELIZA HINTON  
 SAM HOLLINGSWORTH  
 CHARLIE JAROCH  
 NATE JARVIS  
 ALEX KUPIEC  
 MARY LYNCH  
 SEAN LYNCH  
 REBECCA MACORATTI  
 ISABELLA MAKAR  
 EL MCCARTY  
 REESE MCGUFFEY  
 TIMMY MONAK

ANNA OBERHOLTZER  
 LUCAS RUNTZ  
 LUCY SACOR  
 BRIA SANDERSON  
 CHLOE SANDERSON  
 OWEN SMITH  
 ACE STEELE  
 MARIELA THOMPSON  
 MASSIMO THOMPSON  
 MILES THOMPSON  
 NATHAN WINGER  
 SARAH WINGER  
 OLIVER ZWEIFEL

## ADULTS

PASTOR MOLLIE  
 KATHY CHANDLER  
 TOM GOODWIN  
 BECCA LAPP

CANDACE MCGUFFEY  
 RICH ROECKER  
 FRED SIEBERT  
 SARAH THOMPSON



# SUMMER ROAD TRIP:

*A Journey Through Scripture and the National Parks*



We are going on a Summer Road Trip in Worship so fasten your seat belts! Through Scripture and National Parks, we will experience some of the most beautiful places and consider our faith in new ways! Everyone is invited to participate!

- Share photos on our [Church Facebook page](#) of National Parks you have visited/ are visiting!
- Email [pastorcarol@parkridgecommunitychurch.org](mailto:pastorcarol@parkridgecommunitychurch.org) your stories of experiencing a “holy moment” at a National Park that can be included in the sermon
- Complete the National Parks Checklist and turn it into the office to be entered in our National Parks passport drawing! (Two winners will receive a passport)



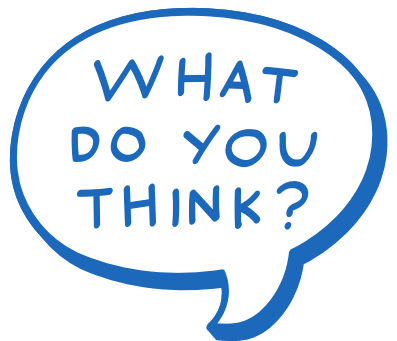
*What is the purpose of a park?*

*What's your favorite National Park?*

*Have you had a God moment at a National Park?*

*Is there value in a road trip?*

*Does God inhabit Creation? Can you see them?*



## Ministry Council

**PRCC Ministry Council includes EVERY ministry area!**

The Ministry Council will meet on **June 2 at 6:30 pm** in Jordan Hall to plan the fall and look at the big picture of the 2026-2027 ministry year! The next Ministry Council meeting will be held on **August 4 at 6:30 pm**. **A church-wide survey is coming soon to help guide the Ministry Council and Board!**

# Celebrating Our Story

## Recent Snapshots

KINDRED SPIRITS CAFE



PRAYER STATION PRAYERS



CONFIRMATION - APR 26



Jeremiah Joyce is here!!



KINDRED SPIRITS CAFE



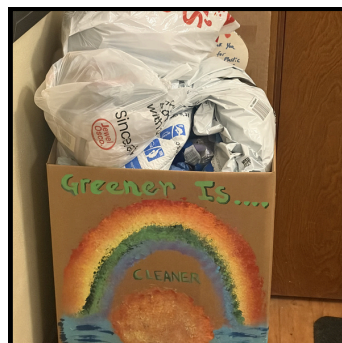
Youth Choir Rocks!



Ringing Chimes at KSC



PLASTIC COLLECTION



YOUTH CAR WASH RAISED MONEY FOR LUGGAGE FEES



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE "Love is in the Air!"



CHILDREN'S SERMON



SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER TEAM SERVING AT FIRST UMC!!



# Our Prayer Ministry

In seasons of sunshine and seasons of thunderstorms, God's love for us persists. We are blessed to share our griefs and our celebrations with this community of faith, trusting that God will hear our uplifted prayers. In particular, we hold up those on our long-term prayer list:

Laura Beaudion, Tom Berry, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Kym Giera, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Kappy Muenzer, Peter Muenzer, Sandra, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bernice Zabawski

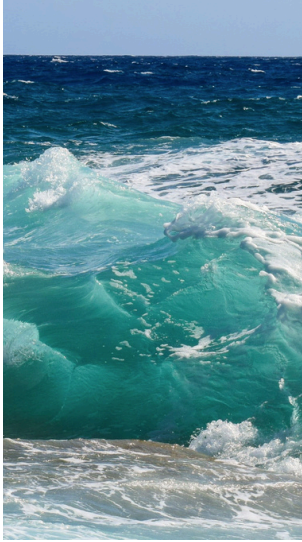
## Joys

- We celebrate with Gina Marie and Christian Stangl on the birth of their daughter Blessi Stangl on Wednesday 4/29.
- We give thanks for this Annual Meeting day, the celebrations, the struggles, the growth, and the transformation of this past year.
- We celebrate that Greg S.'s numbers came back demonstrating the effectiveness of treatment.
- We give thanks for Mothers and for all who serve as mentors, caregivers, and guides throughout life.
- We celebrate with the Joyce family the arrival of their new nephew, Clive Jackson.
- We give thanks with Brendan, Kate, and Sophia J. on the healthy birth of baby Jeremiah Joyce on Tuesday. Prayers continue with Jeremiah as he grows, develops and goes home.
- We celebrate with our graduates as they finish one chapter and begin the next.
- With give thanks for moments of joyful transition: a niece learning to walk, graduates taking their next steps, the pleasures that summer brings.
- We celebrate that Pastor Carol's sister and nephew, Meg and Elijah, have made a successful move to Park Ridge.

## General Prayers

- Andrea S. asks for Prayers for intelligence, good sleep, confidence, and calmness during AP testing for all of our high schoolers.
- Our prayers are with the newly elected leaders of PRCC as they begin new roles and ministries for the next year.
- We pray for Kym as she faces challenges in her apartment.
- We pray for those attending the Pan American Karate Championships in Brazil this week, especially for our dear Sasha as she travels.
- We pray prayers of gratitude for the bravery of those who have offered their lives for the sake of freedom. We pray for families of soldiers who have died in combat, for those whose whereabouts are unknown, and for soldiers who have returned home having lost more than words can describe.

# Our Prayer Ministry



## Healing & Recovery

- Pray for our neighbor, Manny, who suffered a heart attack this week and is in ICU.
- We pray for Pastor Mollie's brother, Brett, as he's been hospitalized.
- We pray for a 3 year old granddaughter who has to have an MRI of her brain and spine.
- We pray for Dorothy L.'s son, Cary, who is home recovering after a serious car accident.
- Kathy E. asks for prayers for her friend, Jill, as she navigates the challenges of illness and injury of both of her parents.
- Dan S. asks for prayers for his team member's wife, Wendy P. who is undergoing tests due to health challenges.
- We hold Janet J.'s friends, Pam and Paul, in our prayers as they continue navigating a difficult health situation.
- We hold in prayer Angie W.'s mother, who entered hospice care recently. We pray for her peace, and that Angie and the rest of her family will feel surrounded by God's presence.



## Life in the Resurrection

- We pray for the loved ones of former member Gail Melick, who entered life in the resurrection last October, but whose life was celebrated yesterday with a beautiful service in Wisconsin.
- Kym G. asks for prayers for her sister-in-law, Maria, who is mourning the loss of her brother, John.
- We hold the family and loved ones of PRCC member, Fred Flener, who entered life in the resurrection on Monday, May 25 surrounded by loved ones. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, July 5 at PRCC.
- We pray for Kent U. and family as they gather to celebrate the life and grieve the loss of their loved one.
- Our prayers are with Dick C.'s neice, Amy, as she faces her last hours of life, surrounded by her mom and five siblings. May they all feel surrounded by God's peace and presence
- Our prayers are with the family of Juniper Blessing, the transgender young woman killed in Washington last Sunday and the for all of those facing the evils of transphobia and homophobia in our nation and around the world.

“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”

Psalm 139:7-10



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