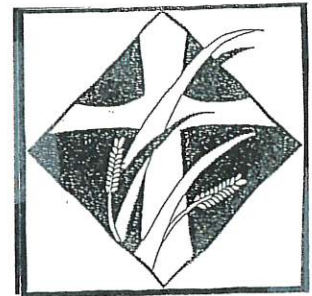




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'Rally Sunday' Set For Sept. 13

Sunday School classes will start up again on Sept. 13 at 9:15. Kids from three years of age through sixth grade are welcome.

In addition, there will be an adult class that will meet on Sunday mornings as well.

While there will be no Sunday class for seventh graders through high school, there will be monthly activities available for them.

Kristin Paul has been involved with organizing youth group activities. She said, "Youth group activities will be resuming again for our kids in the 7th-12th grades."

"We plan to continue with a mix of social, spiritual, and service activities."

"If your middle school or high school student is interested in getting involved, please reach out to one of our committee members to make sure we have included them on our email list."

"Committee members are Kristin Paul, Jessica Starbaker, and Rebecca Zhe."

"And friends are always welcome!" she added.

Christian Education Committee Chair Katie Blija, said "Come one, come all! The bell you hear is the school bell, ringing to announce that Sunday School is starting again on Sept. 13 at 9:15."



Katie Blija

"Students from three years through sixth grade are wel-

come.

"Chris Zhe will teach the 'Littles,' while Katie Blija will be teaching grades 1-6, using the Rotation Model."

"We are excited to begin a new year full of learning and laughter. We look forward to seeing you!"

Tom Rios, who is the teacher of the adult class, said. "As my time on this earth draws nigh, I would like to teach Adult Sunday School on the book of Isaiah."

"When most people try to read the Book of Isaiah, they often stop around chapter 6. This may be due to the Book of Isaiah covering more than 700 years of history and containing some of the most poetic and dense language in all of Scripture."

"But there is great benefit in reading this book: Isaiah's 66 chapters serve as a summary and climax of the entire Bible."

"Isaiah consistently points to God's holiness, His judgment, His mercy and His plan of salvation—and Isaiah's 66 chapters bring this all together."

"Isaiah was as much an evangelist as a prophet; he announced the Gospel—laying out the entire story of Jesus in precise detail seven centuries before it happened."

"Isaiah may be the single most important Old Testament book for

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Tom Rios

Welcome Jason!

by Pam Hatfield,
Personnel Chair

Our search for a new Church Caretaker ended with Jason Van Meter expressing interest, being interviewed, and having excellent work references!

Jason's first Sunday in his new position was July 26.

Jason and his wife, Kristen, joined Rock Prairie a little over a year ago, and they have become active members, always lending a hand to serve our church and community.

Jason said, "I feel like this is my church home and want to serve it like it is my home and do what I can to take care of my home. I'm fully committed to Rock Prairie."



Jason
Van Meter

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Serving As The Body Of Christ

by Rev. Bruce

Our Nominating Committee began a prayerful discernment for leaders to serve the Body of Christ, our church.

As they begin their work, we invite you to pray for them, their work, and for those whom they will ask to serve.

The nominating process is more than a procedural process to fill vacancies; it is a time to discern whom God is calling to serve at RPPC.

With the Holy Spirit's guidance, they will seek to discern gifts and characteristics for leadership. Together, we seek women and men whom God is shaping for servant leadership. In Scripture, Jethro, Moses' father-in-law wisely encourages the delegation of leadership to be a healthy community.

As Presbyterians, we seek Elders and Deacons to share in leadership of our faith community.

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." (Mark 10:43) Elders and Deacons embody this calling in different ways, but both offices share the same heartbeat: to

serve Christ by serving His people.

Elders provide leadership and guide the spiritual life of the congregation. As they lead committees and prayerfully make decisions at Session, they encourage faithfulness, seeking God's vision for our mission and ministry.

Each Elder brings gifts, skills, and characteristics to provide for our life together in worship and the work of Christ in our community as they shepherd members with compassion and wisdom.

Deacons lead through acts of mercy, compassion, and practical care. They extend the love and grace of God to our homebound members.

Deacons also share the compassion of Christ through notes and visits. In addition they share the Lord's Supper with those who cannot attend Worship.

They ensure that no one in the congregation is overlooked or forgotten. Their ministry reflects the Spirit-filled service we see in Acts 6, where leaders were chosen because they were "full of the Spirit and wisdom."

This year, the Nominating Committee invites you to join us in three ways:

- Pray for discernment as we seek those whom God calls;
- Reflect on whether the Spirit may be nudging you to serve in leadership;
- Recommend individuals whose faith, character, and love for the church are evident.

Together, let us seek leaders who will serve with humility, wisdom, and love, so that Christ may be honored in all we do.

Nominating Committee members include Alison Fish, Cindy Kuter, Richard Johnson, Tammy

Porche, Jeri Torpy, Elder Tom Wolfe, and Deacon Christ Stried.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Bruce

Pastor's Schedule

Rev. Bruce will observe the Sabbath on Sept. 4, 10, 18, and 25. He will be on study leave, Sept. 21-23.

Preaching Schedule

**Sept. 6, 15th Sunday
After Pentecost**

*Ephesians 4:11-16; **2 Timothy 2:1-10.

"Leadership Equipping"

**Sept. 13, 16th Sunday
After Pentecost**

**Rally Sunday,
Communion**

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-13;
**Ephesians 6:10-20.

"Spiritual Leadership"

**Sept. 20, 17th Sunday
After Pentecost**

*Philippians 2:1-11; **Mark 10:35-45.

"Servant Leadership"

**Sept. 27, 18th Sunday
After Pentecost**

*Acts 20:28-35; **1 Peter 5:1-11.

"Shepherd Leadership"

Thank You For Giving To The Lord

As we begin a new program year, we give thanks for the Spirit of the Living God, Who prepares us to serve.

We give thanks to those who...

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I am sincerely grateful for your continued scholarship support. Receiving a RPC scholarship throughout my college education makes this particularly meaningful to me.

As I enter my final year of school, I am able to look back and see how I've grown over the past four years.

I entered college with little idea of where it would take me. But I have since been able to pursue academic interests, travel the country, and meet countless friends and peers.

Your investment in my education has allowed me to explore all college has to offer while reducing the financial burden.

I am proud to be a recipient of this scholarship, and I am thankful for the role your support has played in making these years possible.

Thank you.

Mark Arndt

Dear Editor:

On behalf of MercyHealth Development Foundation, I would like to thank you for your recent gift of \$500 to support the House of Mercy Homeless Center.

This contribution supports the House of Mercy as they continue to provide homeless families

emergency shelter and access to community resources,

The House of Mercy Homeless Center creates a strong safety net for homeless and at-risk families by providing a broad continuum of services which begins with basic shelter.

Once crisis needs have been met, programs are offered to foster self-sufficiency. We provide shelter today and the tools needed to independently maintain shelter for a lifetime.

Your generosity will help ensure that our neighbors continue to receive temporary shelter and support that helps them during their most desperate times.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of these families.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Johns, CFRE
Development Director,
MercyHealth

Dear Editor:

Thank you so very much for your donation to our shelter!

We very much appreciate your generosity and caring!

Blessings,
Twin Oaks Shelter
Residents and Staff

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your recent generous donation of \$1,200. Your support is at the heart of HealthNet's work and directly fuels our mis-

sion, helping the community thrive by providing accessible primary care to the underinsured in Rock County.

Because of your generosity, we are able to offer essential services, such as dental care, medical care, mental health counseling, and access to prescription medications at low to no cost for those who might otherwise go without.

Every service we provide helps strengthen individual health and build a healthier Rock County overall.

Your contribution ensures that individuals and families facing real barriers to care can get the support they need to move forward and thrive. Thanks to donors like you, we can continue this important work and make a meaningful impact across our community.

Blessings to you!

With heartfelt gratitude,
Kerry Swanson
Chief Executive Officer,
HealthNet

Dear Editor:

Rock Valley Community Programs, Inc. (RVCP) would like to

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Letter Policy

The PRAIRIE PRESS

welcomes letters from our members and friends.

We will print them all, as space permits.

Send or email or drop off your letter to the Church office,

attn: **The PRAIRIE PRESS**

Please continue to collect aluminum cans.

Drop them off in the bins behind the partition near the main entrance.

The cans are recycled regularly, and the money is sent to the Living Water Mission.

The requested item for the Food Pantry Cart for September is mac and cheese.

God is Good!

Let's fill up the cart and help our less fortunate and struggling neighbors as we show God's love by sharing our own blessings.



September 2026

September 2026							October 2026						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 30	31	Sep 1 3:00pm Personnel Committee Meeting 5:45pm Mission Committee Meeting	2	3 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6 11:45am Fellowship Committee Meeting	7	8 3:00pm B&G Committee Meeting 6:30pm Christian Ed Committee Meeting	9 6:30pm Outreach & Communication Committee Meeting	10 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 10:30am Prairie Pals	12
13 RALLY SUNDAY 10:30am WORSHIP/Communion 11:30am Sundaes Sunday 12:00pm Identity Theft	14 3:00pm Finance Committee Meeting	15 6:30pm Session Meets	16	17 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18	19
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Here's A 'Souper' Idea

by Kay Ward

WANTED:

Two people a month to make

Jason . . .

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Jason moved from Michigan to Wisconsin in 2021. He works full-time at Lemans Corp., as does Kristen. He says he enjoys being with family and friends and reading Christian-based books.

He has three grown children—two daughters and a son—and two grandchildren, as well.

Kristen and Jason will be celebrating sixteen years of marriage this month.

Please welcome Jason as the newest member of our Rock Prairie staff!

soup for Souper Sunday on Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Feb. 28, and April 25.

Last spring, the Deacons sponsored three soup luncheons following Worship. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed some wonderful soup, and when we asked if we should continue having more soup Sundays, there was a resounding "yes."

So, if you would like to make your favorite recipe, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Kay Ward (608-754-2307.)

You will be reimbursed for the cost of the ingredients. A free-will offering will be collected to cover expenses, with any additional money going to Mission.

You will not have to sign up in advance—just come and enjoy!

Rev. Bruce . . .

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- Donated peanut butter and jelly for our three food pantry partners;
- Worked to plan VBS, even though we did not host this year;
- Organized the Consumer Alert Program;
- Covered pastoral concerns while Rev. Bruce was on vacation;
- Prepared the choir loft for new options;
- Assembled the TV technology to explore our options for images during Worship;
- Planned the Aqua Jays potluck, program, and show attendance;
- Trained our new caretaker. Supported our youngest ones in the nursery.

We give thanks for God's gift of encouragement to all who serve in our church.

Fall Worship Time Change

Worship returns to a 10:30 start time on Sept. 6. Sunday School will start at 9:15 on Sept. 13.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible Study meets at 9:30 for an hour. Hope you will join us.

If you would like to be notified if there are any changes to the schedule, please email Rev. Bruce at rev.rppc@gmail.com and he will notify you.

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Presentation On Identity Theft Scheduled For Sunday, Sept. 13, Following Worship

Jeff Kersten, an Outreach Specialist for the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection, will return to Rock Prairie Presbyterian Church following Worship on Sunday, Sept. 13, to speak at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

All members and guests are invited to attend this free educational opportunity. Feel free to bring along some snacks or a sack lunch to this 45 minute presentation (although if his last visit is any indication, there might be a lengthy question-and-answer period following Jeff's presentation.)

He says, "If you come to my presentation, you will learn the warning signs to watch out for, how to protect your private information, respond to identity theft, recover your identity, and more."

As an outreach specialist, Jeff travels around the state educating the public, businesses, and law enforcement personnel on common scams and frauds, privacy protection, data security, identity theft, and other areas of consumer protection.

Jeff has over 12 years of experience as a police officer, and he is a former Consumer Protection Investigator for the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

The Bureau of Consumer Protection at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) provides information and education, mediates complaints, investigates cases, and takes enforcement actions to fight fraudulent and deceptive practices that harm consumers and honest businesses.

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thank you for assisting us with your recent donation of \$500 to help support our Veterans' Transitional Housing Program.

The funds from the Bazaar Mission will allow us to continue to provide a quality service to all those in the community who have sacrificed for our country.

Rock Valley Community Programs, Inc. appreciates and is grateful for your support of our mission and your dedication to the communities you serve.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Ford
Director of Development,
RVCP

Dear Editor:

Thank you to Ann Williams for contacting members of the Rock Aqua Jays organization and asking them to speak at our potluck picnic on Aug. 2. Their stories made everyone appreciate the ski show a little bit more.

Also, thanks to Lindi Paull for her unending excitement for fellowship opportunities at Rock Prairie Church. She is always looking for the next fun thing to organize and perfect so the rest of us can have a fun time. Get ready for October, everybody!

Julie Engebretson



Four members of the Mutabazi family were welcomed into membership of our church on recent Sundays. Jean De Dieux and his son Alex (above) are congratulated by Rev. Bruce and Session Clerk Sharon Krohn on Aug. 9. Jean De's wife Aline and their daughter So-leil (with Alex serving as a translator, below), were also welcomed by Rev. Bruce and Sharon on Aug. 16.



Rally Sunday . . . (Continued from page 1)

making sense of everything else.

"Isaiah's God is not a God who watches from a distance. He is a God who comes down, who enters human history in the form of a servant, who absorbs the cost rather than simply assigning it, who promises not to patch the world but to remake it, and who has been keeping that promise step by step ever since Isaiah first wrote it down.

"I hope you will join us for learning about Isaiah and his book.

"We will begin on Sept. 13 at 9:15. You do not need a Biblical background to gain a full measure of benefit from studying this book with us. Please join us!" Tom concluded.

Parents bringing children to Sunday School are certainly encouraged to join the adult class.

**"Be the change you want
to see in the world."**

—Mahatma Gandhi

Missions Committee Offers Update On Giving

by Cathy Wagner,
Mission Committee Chair

The Mission Committee would like to let our congregation know how their church giving has been distributed during recent months.

January: The 2026 year started out with a diaper drive sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. Diapers and wipes going to Pregnancy Helpline. Estimated value \$2,115.

February: "In Kind" giving collected for Twin Oaks Shelter for the Homeless. Estimated value \$667.

March: Collection for the Presbytery special offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. Money raised \$3,834.58.

April: Cropwalk raised \$1,660. Designated mission-giving funds went to Agrace (\$500), ECHO (\$500), Twin Oaks Homeless Shelter (\$500), Faithworks (\$500), and HealthNet (\$500). Total \$2,500.

May: "In Kind" giving collected for the G.I.F.T.S. Men's Shelter. Estimated value \$267.

June: Designated Mission giving funds went to G.I.F.T.S. (\$500), House of Mercy (\$500), Project 16:49 (\$500).

July: "In Kind" giving being collected for YWCA of Rock County Alternative To Violence Domestic Shelter. Estimated value will be determined by the end of August.

The aluminum can collection receipts go to Living Waters. So far (February through July) we collected \$105. A private donation by Marti and Will Everts bring the collection amount to \$205. Thank you to them.

Project 16:47 Collection Set For September

by Julie Engebretson

Have you seen the beautifully-painted sign above the Mission in Motion cart in the Fellowship Hall?

Thank you to Karen Johnston for spending her day painting it for us!!

Now that it is easy to find the Mission in Motion cart, please

friend's house or sleep in their cars/camp out until school starts the next day.

We can help them by donating full-size hygiene items, cleaning and household supplies, shelf-stable food items and gift cards.

Just about anything that you use every day they also need.

Tammy DeGarmo, from Project 16:49, will be a guest speaker for



support the kids in Project 16:49 during the month of September by donating items to help them.

The name, Project 16:49, was chosen because there are 16 hours and 49 minutes in each 24 hours when kids are not in school. If they don't have a place to stay, they may "couch surf" at a

our Moments For Mission during Worship on Sept. 13.

Please plan to be in church that Sunday to hear her speak on behalf of the kids she works with so you can decide what you can do to help.

Thank you.

And we donated 1,697 prescription bottles to HealthNet.

There you have it—eight months of wonderful generosity and love by YOU.

Great Job!!! Keep it up!!!

Now through the end of the year the last of the Designated Mission Funds will be distributed monthly. We will be gearing up for the Presbyterian Christmas Joy Offering in December.

I challenge us all to do an even better job than we did in 2025, when we collected \$1,896.

RPPC September Birthdays

Sept. 7 Grandma Moses

Sept. 10 Arnold Palmer

Sept. 20 Marge Smith-Peterson

Sept. 23 Bruce Springsteen

Sept. 24 F. Scott Fitzgerald

It's Always Time For Teaching And Learning

September is the traditional month of public schools starting up again after a summer hiatus. That's also true of our Sunday school program at Rock Prairie Church.

All schools everywhere are dependent on teachers for their existence. Therefore, it is appropriate from time to time to focus, just a little, on the importance of teachers.

It has been said, by Henry Adams, that "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

It has also been said that, "Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions." There would be no doctors or ministers or accountants or electricians without teachers.

Another perspective says, about teachers, "Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

If you know a teacher, September is a good time to tell him or her that you wish them a good year in school because you value what they do. But also remember, that in a very real way, all of us can be teachers every day of our lives, in a variety of ways. Lessons taught and learned have a way of influencing the future.

On this page are several pieces about teachers. Let them teach you, or remind you, of something important. And find the time to think back about the people who have been your teachers. Maybe you can tell them—they would really appreciate that!

No Dreaming

I grew up in a neighborhood where the expectation was not college. It was survival.

Get a job, stay out of trouble, take care of your family.

These are not bad values. They

just didn't leave much room for dreaming.

My tenth-grade history teacher, Mr. Abrams, assigned an essay on where we saw ourselves in 20 years.

I wrote one paragraph. I said I would probably work in the plant like my dad.

He handed it back with a note: "This is where you think you will be. I asked where you see yourself. Try again."

I was annoyed, but I rewrote it.

In the second version, I wrote about becoming a lawyer. I had never said that out loud before. Not to anyone.

He wrote back: "There you are."

I am 43 years old. I have been a practicing attorney for 14 years.

I still have that essay.

Three words from a teacher who refused to accept the first answer.

"There you are."

Sometimes, someone has to find you before you can find yourself.

Nobody's Alone

On the first day of school, my daughter came home smiling. I asked what made her so happy.

She said her teacher did something strange. The teacher asked every child to stand up and say one thing they love—football, drawing, dancing, pizza, anything.

Then she said, "If you love the same thing, stand beside them." Within minutes, the classroom turned into moving groups of laughter.

Kids kept shouting, "I'm in! I'm in!" They ran across the room finding others just like them.

The shy ones stopped hiding. The quiet ones started talking.

My daughter said, "Mom, nobody felt alone any more."

Sometimes, the best teachers don't just teach lessons. They

teach children they belong.

Pay It Forward

It was 9 am on a Wednesday at a small elementary school in Raleigh, North Carolina. Drop-off moved slowly. Kids hugged parents goodbye at the curb.

An eight-year-old boy stood alone with his backpack. No lunchbox. No notes in his folder.

His mom had had a stroke three weeks ago. She was learning how to talk again. His dad was working double shifts to cover bills.

Mornings were chaos now. The boy walked into class, sat down, and quietly pulled out crackers from his pocket. Breakfast. His teacher noticed.

She didn't say anything in front of the class. At recess, she knelt next to him. "Hey, you okay?" He shrugged. "Mom forgot. It's fine." But his eyes said it wasn't.

That afternoon, she asked the office for help. The school counselor brought him an extra lunch. He ate it, and then asked, "Do I have to pay you back?"

"No," she said. "You just have to remember how this feels, so one day when you're grown and you notice the quiet kid, you make sure he doesn't eat his crackers alone."

He's 20 now. First year of college. Every Wednesday morning, he volunteers at that same school. Unpacks lunches. Ties shoes. Sits with the kid who has nothing on his desk.

The kindest thing we can do is remember what it felt like to be unseen.

He came to school hungry on a Wednesday morning, and a teacher gave him lunch and a reason to come back.

He remembered and paid it forward when he had the chance.

More Summer Musicians Enhance Worship



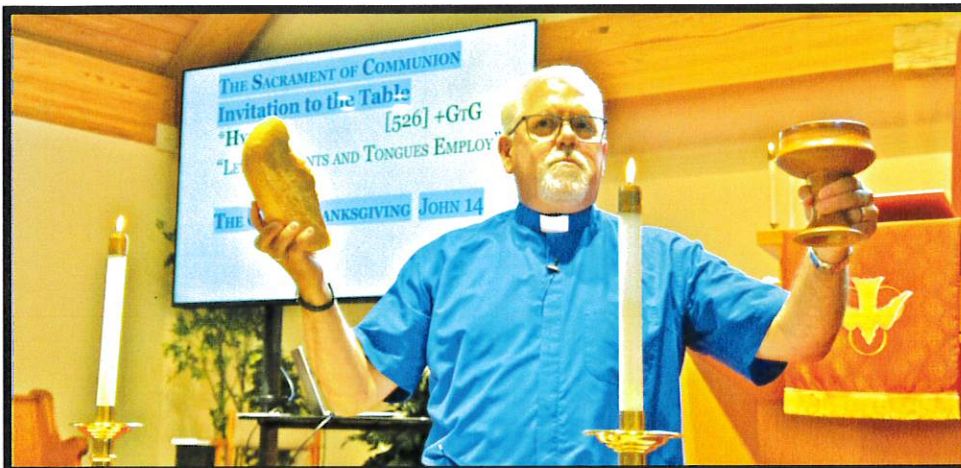
Becky Hann, Ellie Schmidt, Deb Buckingham, and Bonnie White



Craig Hanson



Bobbie Rumpf, Lisa Leadholm, Mare Stewart, and Barb Brown



During the month of August, Rev. Bruce introduced a video screen used during Worship. "This is an experiment to allow us to get a feeling of whether people think having some kind of screen in the Sanctuary is a good idea or not," he said. He added that he has received quite a few responses, and he would welcome more thoughts and ideas. A decision will be made sometime in the fall, so it is possible that a permanent screen will be added. Stay tuned to this channel for further developments.

Picnickers Learn About The Aqua Jays, See The Show

by Julie Engebretson

God gave us the perfect weather for our potluck picnic and Aqua Jays show!

The warming house at Traxler Park was decorated with red, white, and blue to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States.

The Fellowship Committee provided good ol' American hot dogs, beverages, and tableware for everyone.

People arrived at 4:30 with delicious dishes to pass in hand. We had members, guests, and extended family join in—about 55 in all.

We heard from this year's Aqua Jays show coordinator, Kenna Robinson; one of the only two seamstresses and costume designers, Jeanice Fox; current skiers Rowand Robinson, Kasten Woodcock, and Kylie Kim. Actually all of the speakers either are or have been skiers.

Also speaking was the Show Operations Director and Rock Prairie Church Member Lynn Gustafson.

Long before the season started, Kenna and her co-director chose a theme and imagined ways to incorporate it into acts..

This year's theme is based on Disney's film "Monsters, Inc." Once the theme was set, the directors got together with Jeanice and the other seamstress to share ideas.

In a month or two, these talented ladies came back with sketches for all the acts. Then the fabric was ordered and, about two weeks after Christmas, they started sewing.

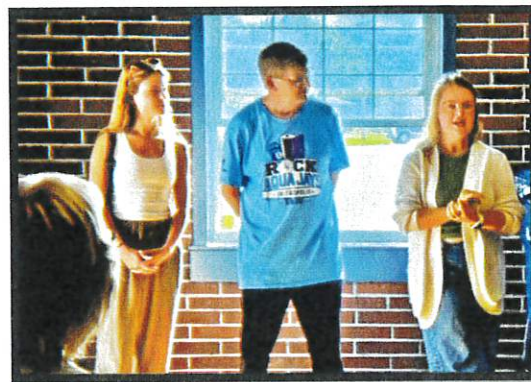
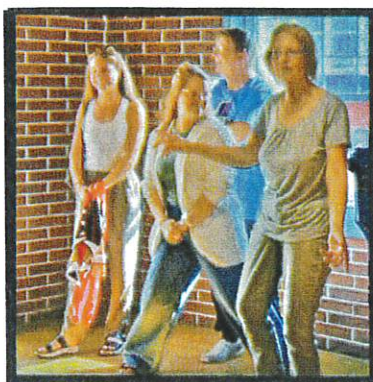
This year, they costumed 70 skiers for 13 acts—not every skier was in every act, but many are in more than one!

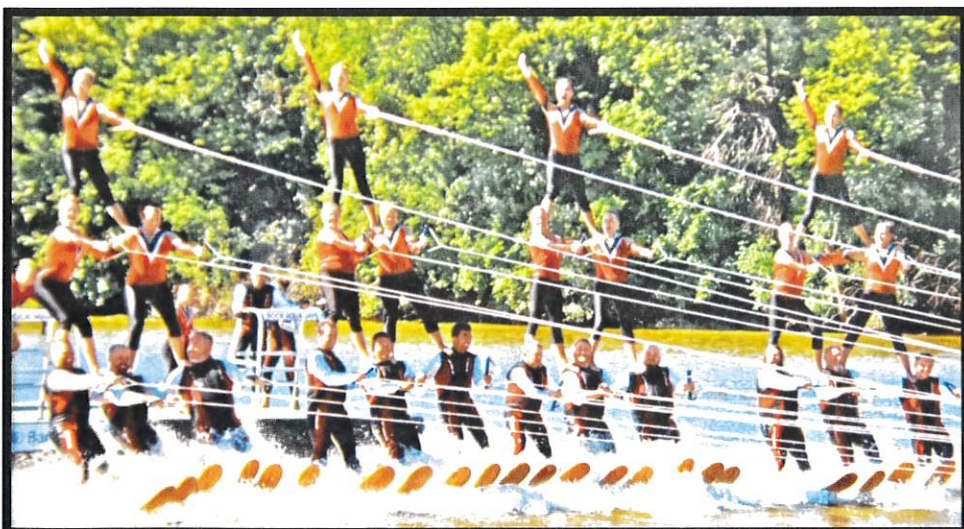
During the cold months, the skiers were busy, too. They practiced many hours indoors to learn routines, and they became comfortable with all the acrobatics that happen during a show.

Then, when the spring hit, they practiced, practiced, and practiced on the water.

At a tournament, they are challenged to compete all their acts

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in an hour or less, so timing and flow are very important.

Lastly, we heard from Lynn Gustafson, the show operations and communication director. She watches everything that happens on the water, and she is in constant communication with the ski boat drivers and the show emcee.

She makes sure that everyone knows when a skier goes down so that the skier is not injured by the boat for the next act before they are picked up by the safety boat.

It was very interesting to hear the different aspects of putting the show together. Everyone portrayed a very clear commitment to strive for excellence in their roles with the Aqua Jays.

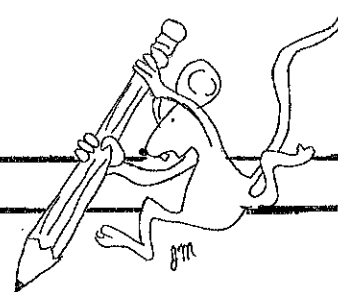
When the speakers were finished, Rev. Bruce lead us in prayer, and then we feasted on all the yummy food. We then enjoyed fellowship time before heading over to the show.

With all the behind-the-scenes knowledge about the Aqua Jays that we had just been given, it made watching the show even more fun.

The boat drivers, the skiers, the costumes, the skits, the music, and the dialogues were excellent!

We wouldn't be surprised if the Aqua Jays brought another National Championship back to Janesville.

(After this was written, it was announced the Aqua Jays had won third place in this year's nationals.)



The Church Mouse

Dear Friends,

Maybe there is something going on in your life this month that you could use some help with. Possibly there is a passage below that might speak to your heart. I'll be praying for you.

(More) *Bible* Emergency Numbers

When God seems far away . . . Psalm 139
 When your faith needs stirring . . . Hebrews 11
 When you are lonely and fearful . . . Psalm 23
 When God seems too small . . . Psalm 90
 When you need assurance . . . Roman 8:1-30
 When you prepare for travel . . . Psalm 121
 When your prayers grow narrow or selfish . . . Psalm 67
 When you want courage for a task . . . Joshua 1
 To get along with your fellow man . . . Romans 12

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—The Church Mouse

(This is a "Church Mouse" taken from the archives of over 30 years of columns printed in The PRAIRIE PRESS. I will be reprinting these old but still relevant and meaningful pieces until someone from the congregation comes forward and volunteers to carry on the tradition of The Church Mouse.—Ed's note)

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