



The Courier

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

Our Vision: This is the place where you will experience Christ.



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Gin and other spiritual matters.....

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!
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YOU ALL are the ones who made “Kingdom Rock VBS” the success that it was.

We had 80 children registered and 50 volunteers. “Holy cow”, you say; why does it take so many volunteers? 38% of the people on campus were “helping”!! Do you remember my It Takes a Village spiel? Well the week of June 3-6 this “village” of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church rose to the occasion! Helpers were everywhere...shopping, saving bottles, helping to decorate, adapting crafts, being innovative with the Bible stories, in the Narthex, in the kitchen, outside, in the worship center, in the sound booth, in the chapel, in CE 1 and CE 2, in FH 1, setting up and tearing down...oh...just all over the place before, during, and after. The volunteers also included each of our staff... Karen, Chuck, Rachel, Clint, and yes, GOD.

We ate, played games, did crafty imagination things, heard Bible stories, met Truman, Duke, Swift, Sir Valiant, Victoria, and Pip (our Bible Buddies), and got wet. Not all of the wet came from the heavens...our Elementary Games people have a “thing for water sports.”

Needless to say, IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! One of the truly great things about the whole process was sharing. We shared caring for and teaching our CLPC and neighborhood children (remember what you promised when they were baptized). We shared laughter and fun with them and each other. We taught them good Biblical stuff and had fantastic fellowship together! Everyone “experienced Christ”.

THANKS once again for making VBS 2013 a truly magical place!

Ginny Canning



Bobbi Bancroft	Chris Giesecke
Dee Jordan	Steve Norris
Tom Huntington	Linda Baldwin
Sarah Oteni	Bob O'Neill
Hawley Botchford	Mike Scullion
Carolyn Hornung	



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Editor's Note: Some articles may be edited for space. Some are left intact by request of their authors.



Adult Bell Choir

The Voices in Bronze will return to the bells on Tuesday August 13, 2013. If you are interested in joining this group or want to be a substitute, please contact Rachel Carrier at the church office at 239-481-3233, ext. 24

Gloria Choir

Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, Aug.28 at 6:45pm in the rehearsal room in CE 1. If you would like to join this marvelous group of singers and enjoy praising the Lord, come to the first rehearsal.

We will take good care of you and your voice!

Contact Rachel Carrier at 481-3233 ext. 24 for more information.

Kids Worship

Kids Worship resumes during the 9:00am Worship beginning September 8th.

We hope to see new faces. If your child prefers to stay in the church service, there are activities bags filled with a child's bulletin, crayons, pencils, and a coloring sheet centered around the Pastor's message. We would like to encourage your child to grab one of these bags on the way into the Sanctuary (if your child does not attend Kids Worship.)

Angels Rock!

Ages 5 years old through the 5th grade

Practice will be on Wednesdays beginning September 11th in the Fellowship Hall in Room 1. Rehearsal time is 5:15pm -6:00pm.

A Kid friendly meal will be served from 6:00pm-6:30pm.

I look forward to seeing you all again and welcoming our new children.

Call Rachel Carrier at 482-3233 ext. 24



"Now turn to hymn 206. Sing the first verse. Mumble the third. Hum the fifth."



Summer



Summer vacations. They are so much fun, be they at the beach, Disney World, the Grand Canyon or someplace overseas. Personally, I love to hear people tell stories about what they have seen and the places they have been. Sometimes it will lead me to want to visit there. At other times, I can live “through the other person” and have no need to visit because I have seen it “through their eyes!” Just hearing about the vacation can be exciting!

Some years ago I read an article (sorry, I can't remember the author) about prayer as being like God listening to us share our summer vacation stories and also our every day journeys. Think about it for a minute:

When we are about to go on a trip, we will often tell others about where we are headed, and perhaps even asking someone to care for our homes or pets. Every morning when we get up, can we not also talk to God about what we have planned for the day?

Sometimes when we go on a trip, we encounter a wonderful experience that we just HAVE to call home about and share (or now, we use Skype!). Imagine if sometime during the day when you encounter a real joy (or a real crisis), calling “home to God” to share what has just happened!

When we return from our vacations, we often will tell others about the places that we saw or the people that we have met. Sometimes we will share the joys (perhaps something like riding a boat on the Sea of Galilee RIGHT where Jesus walked on the water), or we will share the challenges that we faced (like learning that camel's really do bite...and have nasty looking teeth!!!). Imagine at the end of the day stopping to tell God about your encounters, good and bad.

Every day of life is a journey and gift that was given to us by God. Some days are more exciting than others, but all are a gift. Yet, our God loves to hear our stories...even “what I did on my summer vacation!” So this summer enjoy your time away or your vacations, but I invite you to try something new every day. Try starting and ending your day by telling God about your day ahead or the one you have just finished. And in so doing, just watch how God will be active in all that you think, say, and do.

Have a great summer!

Pastor Clint

Does the church have your correct information?

The deacons are preparing a list of information for our church members, to use when there is a hurricane or other disaster.



If you need to update any information such as address, phone number, etc., please call the church office at 481-3233.

CLPC Family,

Thank you for your blessing and wonderful recognition of my service as a minister as well as my birthday. Your expressions of love and appreciation give me the vitality to keep going.



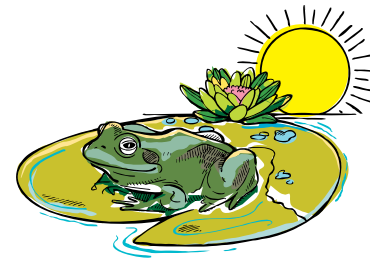
*Bless you all.
Rev. Hal Simones*




Birthdays

2nd Linda Baldwin
Rebecca Potts
Sarah Oteni
7th Bobbi Bancroft
9th Peyton Hornung
10th Gail Peluso
12th Bonnie LeSage
John Kosman
Dee Hahn
Larry Steward
13th June Salanda
15th William Galberach
17th Aaron Charles
19th Shirley Gerstenberger
20th Doris Houston
25th Austin Hayman
Marta Crutcher
Bill Otey
26th Harry Walton
Phyllis Ricketts
27th Ken Van Swearingen
28th Petra DeBolt
Gale Wray
29th Doris King
Marian Keehn
30th Danielle Campbell
31st Kelly Hayman

Anniversaries

2nd Ken & Lisa Kendall
9th Kevin & Dianne McFadden
10th Larry & DeAnna Steward
12th John & Donna Phelps
13th Jeff & Ann Radcliffe
20th Jeff & Cindy Basler
22nd Clint & Amy Cottrell
23rd Gordon & Helen Davis
27th Kurt & Joanne Daume



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service Times 8 am Morning Prayer 10 am Worship Service 10:15 am Kids Worship 11 am Iglesia Presbiteriana	1 9:30 am Project Linus 12 pm Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	2 9 am Tutoring Class 7 pm Ministry Teams PARKING LOT WORK-NORTH SECTION	3 9 am PIP 6:15 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy Scouts PARKING LOT WORK-NORTH SECTION	4  INDEPENDENCE 	5  PARKING LOT WORK-SOUTH SECTION	6
7	8 12 pm Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	9 7 am Men's Breakfast	10 9 am PIP 6:15 pm Praise Team 7 pm Boy Scouts	11	12 7:00 am Real Est. Breakfast	13
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JULY 2013


Chancel Guild
July 2013 Schedule

5th Jackie Oestriech **19th** Irene Thiessen
Dorothy Troy Betty Schaarschuch

12th Doris Houston **26th** Irene Thiessen
Rebecca Potts Pam Smith


If you can't work your day, swap with someone or call me. Thanks for your continued help.
Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild Dir.

COFFEE HOUR FOR SUMMER




Coffee hour has taken a vacation for the summer and will return again on Sunday, October 6th.

FLOWER GUILD
JULY 2013




July 7th	Elly Bartoe
July 14th	Jean Dodd
July 21st	Kirk Charles
June 28th	Sally Fontaine

Men's Breakfast



The next Men's Breakfast will be Tuesday, July 9th at 7:00 a.m. at the Sunflower Café .

Blood Drive Success!



BLOOD DRIVE The Blood Drive on June 2nd was a big success!! We donated 14 pints to the Lee Memorial Health System. Several regulars got caught in the shift to 10 a.m. service, so we should do even better next time. **THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE THE CONTINUING GIFT OF LIFE!!**

Summer's Golden Days



*Summer spills her golden days
Upon the earth in lush displays.
She softly sways the apple trees
As songbirds sing sweet melodies.
Summer wears a flower flock
Of goldenrod and hollyhock.
She spreads her magic uncontrolled
In blankets colored bright and bold.
Summer sings her lullabies
To buzzing bees and butterflies.
Silver moonbeams light the night;
I see a falling star in flight.
God sends the Summer scenery,
The birds, the bees, the greenery.
His tranquil nights and sun-filled days
He sends in summertime displays.*

Poet, Nora M. Bozema

Did you know that we have a recycling trash bin for **Cardboard Boxes Only** behind Fellowship Hall??



If you have boxes to discard, please remember to **break down the boxes** before putting them in the container.

Thank you!!



Count the stars

"Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them," God told Abram (Genesis 15:5, NRSV). On a clear summer night, especially if you can get away from city lights, try this yourself: "Look toward heaven and count the stars "

Although none of us can count them all, someone has calculated (don't ask me how!) that if a grain of sand represented a star, you'd need 94,608,000 railroad hopper cars full of sand to represent all the stars of the universe. If you watched all the cars pass by, one per second, you'd be standing there for three years!

As we gaze at the sky on a warm summer night, our minds can't comprehend such a vast universe. Yet our hearts can comprehend a God great enough to craft it.



Electronic Giving – A convenient alternative...



Electronic Giving is a simple, convenient way to tithe and/or give a regular offering. It provides an alternative to the drudgery of weekly check writing, provides an opportunity for our seasonal attendees to better support our ministries year-round, and can help all of us stay on track with pledges, even when we cannot attend service. It is a safe and proven method used by many to pay their utility bills, home mortgage, and car loan. Donations are accepted via checking/savings accounts and credit/debit cards. Getting started will be easy. To give electronically, visit www.clpc.us and click on the link "Give Here to Give Online." If you have any questions, call Karen May in the office at 481-3233.

"THINKING ABOUT GOD"

God is like Coca Cola,
He is the real thing!

God is like General Electric,
He lights your path!

God is like Bayer Aspirin,
He works wonders!

God is like Hallmark Cards,
He cared enough to send the very best!

God is like Tide Soap,
He removes the stains others leave behind!

God is like Dial Soap,
Aren't you glad you know Him, don't you
wish everyone did?

God is like American Express,
Don't leave home with out Him!

[Author Unknown]

Someone has said, "Vacation is what you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer."

There are good reasons to take a vacation every year: spending time with friends and loved ones, experiencing physical and mental refreshment, enjoying changes in scenery and routine, and preparing for another year of productivity.

Please enjoy your vacation! Try to be faithful to the Lord by attending church while you're away, if you have the opportunity.

Just remember that during vacations and weekend getaways, you're especially missed by your friends at church.

Have a wonderful summer!



**Deadline for August Courier articles
is: July 15th**

A Prayer for July 4th

Almighty and ever-loving God, we humbly praise you for the nation in which you have allowed us to live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities.

We thank you for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, special wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness.

Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of the land we love. Amen.