



The Salt Shaker

OCTOBER 2014

First Presbyterian Church Near Ely, 11100 Spanish Road, Ely, Iowa 52227

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CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP & KOLACH SUPPER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Serving 4:00-7:00 p.m.

**Adults \$10, Children \$5 (3-12 yrs)
Kolaches \$10 per dozen**

**Visit the Country Store for
crafts, homemade goods,
garden produce and more!**

Musical guests: Iowa Accordion

Club - 3:30-5:45 and Bluegrass

musical by Riverbottom Ramblers - 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Mission Trip Reflection Essay by Morgan Eadie

The flood officially started on September 9, 2013. The cool front over Colorado clashed with southern humid monsoonal air, which caused a load of rain that Colorado didn't see coming. Their flood spread across a range of almost 200 miles and that affected 17 counties. Their flood resulted in at least 8 deaths, nearly 19,000 homes damaged, 50 state highway bridges badly damaged, and at least 6 people gone missing. There was an estimated one billion dollars in damage.

Though we did not complete anything life-changing in Colorado, we definitely did make a big difference. It was so neat to interact with people from an area who almost went through what Cedar Rapids went through in 2008. It felt great seeing all of the volunteers save our land and people during our flood, and it felt even better this time knowing I was one of those volunteers that gave others that same feeling.

During the week, we were working by a ditch and I found what was left over of a red fence. Well, it is faded, tar-

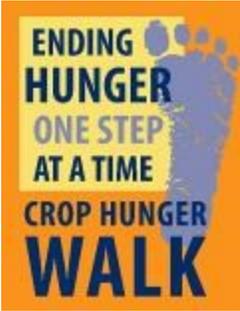
nished and old, but for some reason I was immediately drawn to it. I can't think of one Youth member who did not give me the "What the heck?!" look.. What can I say? I am an artsy person! A few days later, our youth group went to a warehouse labeled Help International to volunteer there because we had bad weather. The boys got to do all of the heavy-duty work, Grace and Michaela sorted clothes with Jessica, the cool volunteer, and Rachael and I got stuck sweeping. An old weathered fence and sweeping, two things most of us would overlook in a heartbeat. But, whenever a volunteer walked past us, they actually thanked Rachael and me for sweeping, and some even told us how important the job actually is. They said dirt and litter constantly get stuck in the wheels of the carts they push. It slows everything down and looks dirty.

Back to the fence... I am in the process of making that into a piece that no one would be able to overlook, no matter how hard they tried.

When you think about it, isn't that how God looks at us? Sometimes we may look at ourselves in a negative way, but God, and even the people around us all see something beautiful. So, what I want you all to get from my story, is to count on God to show you how wonderful you truly are, whether you are feeling like a million bucks, or a dirty leftover fence stuck in a ditch.



From the Pastor



Hunger and poverty are rampant in our world, and escalating in the current economic conditions. Something can and must be done about them. Our local CROP Hunger Walk is a great place to start. For a few hours and a few miles, friends and

neighbors will be coming together to, in the words of I John 3:18, "...love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."

On Sunday afternoon, the Ely/Shueyville CROP Hunger Walk will be held to show our love and active concern for neighbors in need near and far. The participants, ranging from newborns to nonagenarians, will be raising awareness and funds to change the world in real and measurable ways -- digging wells that will bring clean water to villages; providing seeds and tools so that people can grow their own food; helping communities and families rebuild after disaster. Whether it's responding to flood and tornado damage in parts of the U.S., or helping to rebuild earthquake-damaged homes in Haiti, CROP Hunger Walks are making a difference.

CROP Hunger Walk funds will benefit the overall work and ministry of Church World Service -- working around the world to help those in need help themselves through refugee assistance, self-help development programs, advocacy, and disaster relief. And, it's important to note that 25 percent of what we raise will help local food programs in their important work here in our area.

So please mark your calendars and join us, whether as a walker or sponsor. Together -- with your family, group, or congregation -- we can change the world, one step at a time.

Sign up with Bill Serbousek to donate, collect donations and/or walk in the CROP Walk.

The trail is a perfect opportunity to walk with friends, family, and a stroller. It is level and paved. The walk will be just under 3 miles. Bring the kids. Bring a neighbor. Bring a friend.

If you can't walk, you can collect donations. If you can't collect donations, you can pray for the people across the world as well as the walkers on October 5.

1:00 p.m. at entrance of Ely City Park Trail
Thank you. See you then.

*In Christ,
Pastor Julie*



LOVE Packages

Our congregation is planning to donate some unused materials from church to LOVE Packages International. It is an organization that collects Christian literature and materials to foreign countries for distribution. If you have any contributions from your homes, please bring them to Pastor Julie's office between the Soup Supper and November 1.

Items can include: Bibles; reference books and commentaries; Christian magazines; daily devotionals, children's materials (like puppets, Bible games, nativity sets, Bible puzzles, etc.)

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Jodie Chadima is organizing volunteers for the soup supper. Please send your new/updated email address to office@elypres.org so the office has it on file, and so Jodie can send out the electronic sign up list to you via SignupGenious.com. It's an easy way to volunteer. Jodie can be reached at **jschadi**

SOUP SUPPER NEWS



It is important for us to get the word out about our Supper. Please consider taking a yard sign AND handing out Save-the-Date cards, (all available soon in the church basement). Posters will also be available to post in businesses.

DATE: Saturday, October 18, serving from 4-7 p.m.

PRICE: Adults - \$10, children 12 and under - \$5, children 3 and under – free

ENTERTAINMENT BY: Iowa Accordion Club and Riverbottom Ramblers

KOLACHES - \$10 per dozen (5 dozen limit) and Country Store items, too.

PLEASE BRING AS YOU ARE ABLE

We are remaining a nonprofit organization when it comes to our community fundraisers. We are limited to two per year: **THE SOUP SUPPER** and the Tractor Ride. This allows us to have our Soup Supper just as we have always done it (with a few changes explained below). Food Safety regulations have become more stringent every year. So, please consider bringing:

- **HOMEMADE CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP:** Please follow food safety rules at home, and bring the soup to the church **HOT**, right off the stove. (We don't ask for a certain amount, however, soup from 2 chickens would be great)
- **HOMEMADE KOLACHES:** Kolach flavors: Cherry, apricot, poppy seed, raspberry, strawberry, etc. **However, no cottage cheese nor nut filling since it contains egg and dairy.**
- You may make kolaches at home, or schedule a time for a group (such as a family) at the church. Times open for a group are Friday afternoon and Friday evening. Bakers will be at the church on Friday morning, October 17, and Saturday morning, October 18.
- **PICKLES:** Please furnish purchased or refrigerator pickles.
- **CARROTS AND CELERY:** Cleaned and cut into serving size.
- **COUNTRY STORE:** Lots of items – **no cream pies or home canned goods.**
- **SIGN UP TO HELP WORK: As you know, everybody is needed to help. Sign-up genius on line – or call Jodie Chadima at 845-7038.**

NEW CHANGES

- All food servers will need to wear hats or a scarf (we are working on getting items with church name) and if handling food directly, wearing plastic gloves.
- Washing dishes has also changed since we do not have a commercial dish washer, training is required.
- **We MUST train the waitresses and waiters – new rules for food safety at the tables. This training is mandatory.**

A lot of investigation has been done this year to make sure we are in compliance with the ever-increasing rules. We've never had any issues with our food, and praise the Lord for that. Here's to another successful Soup Supper, working together with the joy of the Lord!

Joanne K. Chadima and Becky Grenis, co-chairs
Let's enjoy serving our community with great food and fellowship!
 Joanne K. Chadima, jkchadima@southslope.net, & Becky Grenis

Stock the Country Store Shelves

WANTED: Your home-made or hand-made craft items, jams & jellies, produce, gourds, and baked goods. Items may be dropped off beginning Sunday, Oct. 12 after church, Monday, Oct. 13 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. or Saturday, Oct. 18. Drop off items in the church living room. Please pre-price all items to be sold.

Sympathies

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Ben Wieneke and Ashley Sheldon who delivered a daughter, Aubrey Shannon Wieneke, 11lb. 1.6 oz., 12 inches long, born on Sept. 14 and died shortly following an emergency delivery. Grandparents are Todd and Stephanie Parker; Great Grandparents are Glenn and Sharon Modracek.

Christian Education

Please continue to pray and support our Sunday School leaders and helpers: Christal Bressler, Jodie Chadima, Angie Ehle, Diane Reist, Rene Tedrow, and Dawn Zacek. We are in need of two additional regular volunteers for classes and occasional Sunday School Opening leaders.

- ☐ 10:45 Sunday School Opening in sanctuary
- ☐ Ages 2 - Preschool: 10:50-11:00 music in sanctuary; 11:00-11:45 classroom
- ☐ K-2nd: 10:50-11:30 Classroom, 11:30-11:45: Music in sanctuary
- ☐ 3rd-6th: 10:50-11:30 classroom, 11:30-11:45: Music in sanctuary

We start every Sunday with the song "This is the Day" and will have lots of new and creative activities this year.

Age 2-Preschool

K-2nd /3rd-6th

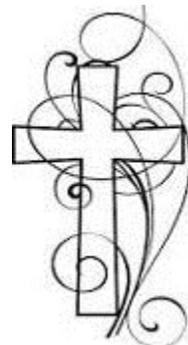
October 5	Rebekha & Isaac	Jacob Tricks Esau
October 12	Rebekha, Isaac, Jacob & Esau	Esau forgives Jacob
October 19	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
October 26	Jacob Has a Dream	Joseph & His Bros.
November 2	Jacob & Rachael	Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will continue with SINGING THE UNSUNG: a DVD and discussion series reflecting on the theology of the church's song and plug into the movement of Iona ecumenism, social justice, healing, reconciliation, and the renewal of worship in our church.

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the church living room.

- October 5: Improving Congregational Singing
- October 12: The Thin Place that is Iona
- October 19: No SS
- October 26: Christian Music Around the World
- November 2: Why We Worship



Property News

In the month of September, the Property Committee began to improve the energy efficiency of the church in preparation for the coming winter and beyond. In order to lower utility expenses the committee dedicated significant time to:

The sound room (located above the alter). Bill Serbousek taped and caulked multiple areas to seal cracks and eliminate cold air gaps. Bob Zvacek made modifications above the ceiling vents to also block cold air, but not inhibit the flow of sound from the vents.

An acoustical ceiling is in the process of being installed in most of the first floor addition (offices, classrooms, music room and hallway areas behind the sanctuary). Energy efficient lighting has also been installed. Bob and Bill took this opportunity to Insulate any openings to help reduce drafts, too.



Energy Star double pane windows have been ordered to replace the remaining old basement windows. Jim Serbousek is overseeing the installation of the window project.

A new kitchen hand-washing sink was installed by Bob in the basement. This sink is required for meal preparation and we will enjoy its benefits at the upcoming soup supper and future events.

A commercial-grade mower was purchased to replace the previous rmower to care for the church grounds and manse property.

Thanks to everyone who serves on the Property Committee and the extraordinary time, effort, manpower, and equipment you generously donate in order to make the church property a safe, beautiful, and comfortable place to worship. ~ *Phil Huedepohl, Property Committee Elder*

Out of Chaos, Hope

For weeks, we have heard about the humanitarian crisis along the southern US border. Every day hundreds of children make the perilous journey to our border by foot or as stowaways on trains, vulnerable to smugglers, and the relentless desert heat. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with congregations as they minister to the needs of these children.



What You Can Do: **Give** financial support for relief. Give online, or by texting PDA to 20222 to give \$10, or by mailing a check to Presbyterian church (USA), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. **Act** Assemble *Gift of the Heart* hygiene kits and school kits (see details at pcusa.org/heart-kits). **Pray** for the protection of children who have traveled hundreds of miles to escape violence. Learn more at www.pcusa.org/pda.

October Worship Schedule

October 5: World Wide Communion
Message: *Quitting*, Matthew 21:23-32

October 12: Message: *Caesar's Coins*,
Matthew 22:15-22

October 19: Message: *Permanency*,
Matthew 22:34-46

October 26: Message: *Where the Saints Sat*

Adult Bible Study meets

each Wed. at
9:30-10:30 a.m.

in Ely at The
Retreat Coffee
Shop. Please

join Pastor Julie for coffee, conversation and reflection.



Youth Group News

Hello from the Youth Group!

We are back to Sunday School and have begun some new things in Youth Group as well. In Sunday School, we are studying Moses in the book of Exodus. We also are spending time looking in the Bible stories for Names of God and Attributes of God. We invite you to come check out our list in the Youth Room!

In September, youth also hosted a pancake breakfast to kick off the Sunday School year. Thanks to all who attended and ate pancakes with us! A Big thank you to Jennie Netolicky and Viola Zahradnik for providing fruit, and Jodie Chadima and Brian Thompson for directing in the kitchen!

In October, Youth will be walking in the Breast Cancer walk and CROP walk. Many youth will be serving and helping with our church's Chicken Noodle Soup Supper. Youth Plan to host a Halloween party for preschool and elementary kids on Saturday, Oct 25, and follow that with a lock-in that night.

Looking ahead to the remainder of the year, Youth plan to host the Senior Thanksgiving meal on November 15. We plan to participate in Operation Christmas Child, also in November. In December, we are researching an overnight youth conference in Minneapolis called Planet Wisdom – more details to come on this trip.

~ Blessings, Angie



Halloween Fun!

Kids are invited to a **Halloween Party** for preschool through 6th graders on Saturday, Oct. 25. Wear a costume, play games and have spooky, **safe** fun. Sponsored by the Youth Group.

October Youth Calendar

Sunday, October 5:

6:45 a.m. meet at Angie's for Especially for You race; 10:45-11:30am: Sunday School; 1:00 pm CROP walk; 6:30-8:30pm: YG Senior High Only



Sunday, October 12:

10:45-11:30 am: Sunday School; 6:00 p.m. Second Sunday Supper; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Group

Saturday, October 18:

Help at Soup Supper
Sunday, October 19: No Sunday School; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Group Jr/Sr high

Saturday, October 25: Time TBA for Kids Halloween Party/Youth Lock-in

Sunday, October 26: 10:45-11:30 a.m. Sunday School; **NO YOUTH GROUP**

Save the dates:

November 15: Senior Thanksgiving meal

December 5-6: Planet Wisdom



ATTENTION LADIES

Ladies Night Out in October will try something new! All members and friends are invited to join us on October 26 for the Old Creamery Theater performance of "The Basement Church Ladies." Contact Jennie Netolicky if you plan to attend at 848-4712. Discount admission for group of 15 or more.



MENS NIGHT is Tuesday,

October 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Shueys in Shueyville. Let Steve Schuett or Matt Zacek know if you can attend.

All men of their church are invited to take part in dinner and fellowship.

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UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ **Sunday, November 2: Day Light Savings Ends**
- ◆ **Save the Date! November 15 Thanksgiving Senior Meal provided by the Youth Group**

			1 9:30 Adult Bible Study at The Retreat, Ely Coffee Shop 6:15 pm Bell Choir /7:30 pm Chancel Choir	2	3 Office hours 9-1	4
5 World Communion Food Pantry Sunday CROP Walk 1:00 at Ely Walking Trail	6	7 Office hours 9-1	8 9:30 Adult Bible Study at Ely Coffee Shop 6:15 pm Bell Choir/7:30 pm Chancel Choir	9	10 Office hours 9-1	11
12 Children's Choir performance No Youth Group <u>Begin set-up for soup supper</u>	13	14 Office hours 9-1	15 9:30 Adult Bible Study <u>6:30 pm Dining set-up for soup supper</u> 6:15 pm Bell Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	16	17 Office hours 9-1 <u>Kolach baking at church</u>	18 <u>Kolach baking 6-11am</u> <u>Chicken Noodle Soup & Kolach Supper 4-7pm</u>
19 <i>Put Things Right Sunday</i> No Sunday School; No Adult SS (clean up)	20	21 Office hours 9-1	22 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Ely 6:15 pm Bell Choir/7:30 pm Chancel Choir	23 Session Meeting 6:30 pm	24 Office hours 9-1	25 Kids Halloween Party /Youth Group Lock-In
26 Ladies Night Out No Youth Group	27	28 Office hours 9-1 Mens Night	29 9:30 Adult Bible Study in Ely 6:15 pm Bell Choir/7:30 pm	30	31 Office hours 9-1	



Operation Christmas Child Clyde Fogle, 73, is a prolific toymaker. He heard about Operation Christmas Child through the grapevine, and realized that the Samaritan's Purse project was a perfect recipient for his toys. Now he donates about 10,000 toys each year to help fill shoeboxes that have spare room when they are inspected before shipment. Six to eight hours a day, six days a week, Clyde is busy in his workshop. Cutting, shaping, sanding, and drilling. On average, he makes 10,000 toys per year.

As a father and grandfather, he feels it is important for children to develop through play, but he knows that many children do not have that opportunity because they may not have fathers. If they do, the fathers may not be able to provide toys for the children.

"It just fills me with a sense of purpose, I guess you might say, that I have really enlightened and filled a child with a joy that maybe that child hadn't had in a long time," he said. He is motivated by the need in developing countries, which was expressed to him by his missionary friends in Haiti. They explained that toys can be an unimaginable luxury to children who are elated if they are able to get the school supplies they need. He also draws inspiration from thousands of people across the country, who use their talents and resources to pack shoeboxes.