

# Shepherd's Staff

June 2015

*We gather to worship, we go to serve our Lord.*

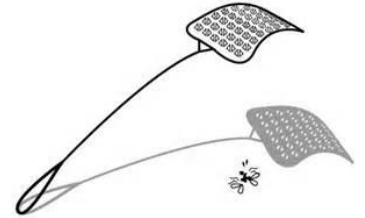
***"You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth!"***

*Parkersburg Christian Reformed Church*

*Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m. ~ Church School 10:45 a.m. ~ Life Plus Wed., 6:30 p.m.*

## Annoyances

Talking with others I find I have some company in the things that annoy me. My dislike for the common fly it seems is shared by many. It is no wonder as the germ carrying, noisy, flying little critter is so pesky, not to mention that they even like to bite when I am working in the garden or yard. I have even gone so far as to wonder, on a bad day anyway, if God made a mistake when he made the fly!



It does give me some consolation to know that this is not even remotely the case. For one thing I know they do help in disposal of things I like to see gone. Dead animals are not the most delightful things to have lasting forever and so, with the help of these little nemeses, the cleaning up gets underway. They may even have other qualities that I have not looked into because I may even learn they are more valuable than I would like, such as assisting in pollinating the flowers and garden plants that I do like.

The plentiful supply of flies does give me a bit of a challenge as I often try to single-handedly try to get them all with a simple fly-swatter! This often becomes a pastime while cooking on the grill, which seems to attract them in greater numbers than I can get at. And how many of us have said to others that we would like to have been a fly on the wall when an interesting discussion is going on which we are not a part of? Still, I do dislike (I try not to hate) very much the little persistent monsters.

It is a good thing that the argument of God making a mistake at the things that annoy is untrue. I can at times imagine that as God looks at me I can be just as annoying as the fly. Still not only does God tolerate me, he even goes so far as to tell me he loves me! This can be remarkable because we could easily look less significant than flies judging by how people look when we are in or on tall buildings.

It does give me a sense of peace knowing that the God who called flies into existence also calls me to be his forever child. This too cannot be an accident or mistake because our God does not make mistakes. Hopefully I will be more willing to overlook the little annoying things people do with more grace as I am certain that it is grace that allows me to be less annoying to my heavenly Father. Still, flies do continue to annoy me. I hope God is okay with that as just one of those little things that makes me me!

Pastor Rus

## Sunshine Circle News

The Sunshine Circle ended the year by going to the Peppercorn Pantry for lunch, followed by meeting at church for a final meeting.

Officers for the coming year are:

Marcia – President

Kay - Vice President

Marge – Secretary

Janet - Treasurer

Charlene - Vicar

The following were our Mission Projects:

Shannon Ries 100.00

CRC World Relief 300.00

CRC Home Mission 300.00

Faith Promise 400.00

KNWS Northwestern College 200.00

Back to God Hour 100.00

Food Pantry 100.00

TOTAL \$1500.00

I would like to have a coffee fellowship after a Sunday evening church service sometime this summer. I also would like to thank you for your help and cooperation throughout the year. I have enjoyed it and wish God's Blessing for Marcia on the coming year activities as well as looking for new material for our lessons.

Thank you to Pastor Rus for leading us with our lessons this year.

Sincerely,

AnnaMae

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### JUST FOR THE GUYS!!

Mark your calendars **NOW!!** Keep July 12 (Sunday afternoon) OPEN! A special afternoon is planned for the men of the church, their family members, close friends, grandsons, nephews, etc. An entertaining "Walk the Line" program complete with Frances Edeker as our featured speaker as well as a luncheon. Frances is retired from the Railroad and has lots of life experiences to tell you, from funny to life changing. Our afternoon will conclude with prizes, a luncheon, and other surprises. This will be similar to our Ladies Tea held in February of this year. It will be a 'fun' raiser for our 125th Church anniversary.

So guys, **tell your dad, grandpa, sons, nephews, friends, neighbors... we want the fellowship hall filled.** Keep July 12 open and we will continue to update you in the bulletin and look for your special invitations in your mail slot. You won't want to miss this special event - "Walk the Line."

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We would like to thank Pastor Rus and the Council for the Bible we received at Graduation. We thank you for your spiritual guidance over the past years. We would also like to thank the congregation for helping us celebrate. So many turned out. What a great family we have in the Parkersburg CRC. Thank you again and ask for your prayers as we go on the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa.

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Laura & Nolan

WE LOVE YOU



# June Birthdays/Anniversaries

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## Happy Birthday

- 6/1 Frances VanEllen
- 6/6 Elena Mulder
- 6/17 Lloyd VanEllen
- 6/14 Lillian Reints
- 6/18 Chelsea Meester
- 6/25 June Karsjens

## Happy Anniversary

- 6/9 Cory & Kamie Shepard
- 6/19 Bernie & Hermina Everts
- 6/20 Clarence & June Karsjens
- 6/28 Rus & Mary Boersma

**Reminder:** If you have anything you'd like included in the Shepherd's Staff, please try to have it to Wendy Mulder by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. The goal is to have the newsletter in your mailboxes on the last Sunday of the month.



## CRC Service Schedule

	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Coffee*</i>
6/7	John & Karen (N) Cory & Kamie (S)	Ken Johnson	Pat & Deb
6/15	Steve & Charlene (N) Kevin & Shelly (S)	Ken Kramer	Dennis & Sharon
6/21	Clarence & June (N) Larry & Mary (S)	Ken Mehmen	Clarence & June
6/28	Marlyn & Marcia (N) Ryan & Stacy (S)	Dale Meester	Don & Annie

\*If you are unable to serve coffee on your Sunday as listed, please find your replacement. Thank you.

# Things to Do With Dad Word Search

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B	E	F	V	U	C	E	S	U	N	I	B	A	G	W	H	O	CAMPING
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J	O	L	I	Q	M	K	X	R	T	Y	R	J	L	W	A	L	FOOTBALL
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T	W	Y	N	A	U	U	B	B	V	E	B	B	C	F	I	Q	GARDENING
K	S	B	U	N	E	O	Q	Q	N	E	N	A	W	H	K	C	GOLF
N	T	A	H	K	G	L	T	L	S	J	X	I	R	N	I	Q	HIKING
T	R	L	K	J	N	C	D	A	A	G	R	P	N	P	N	Q	HOCKEY
D	O	L	U	S	K	R	B	D	E	K	L	A	T	G	G	G	HUNTING
X	P	G	N	I	L	W	O	B	U	U	R	E	C	C	O	S	KITEFLYING
V	S	Y	A	R	D	W	O	R	K	C	V	I	P	O	N	T	PICNIC
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