

From Disciple to Apostle

Thank you to Angelie Ryah for preaching this past week, sharing her story with us, and reminding us all of the power of stepping out into the world. We are disciples who learn at the feet of Jesus who then go into the world as apostles of God's love. An excellent but somewhat intimidating prayer is to remember to ask God now and then: "*God, how do you want to use me in the world today?*" Plan to be surprised by God's willingness to answer that prayer with immediacy and power.

Crescent Cove Task Force

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Crescent Cove forum on Sunday. If you have any additions or questions or comments for the task force about the process so far, please get those in to the church office. The CC task force's next meeting is tonight—Wed, July 20 at 6:45pm.

Eagle Scout Project

Last Saturday, Josh LeClair and his Scout troop and church volunteers got a massive amount of trees cut, branches hauled, and buckthorn pulled in the church back yard. Here's what you need to know now:

1. There is a ton of firewood available in our back forty. Please help yourself to any wood back there. Invite family and friends to do the same. The ground is hard and can easily handle the weight of cars and pick-ups and trailers.
2. We will be chipping the huge piles of branches on this next Saturday, July 23, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Helpers are welcome, especially Lorenz. Bring ear protection.

Looking Ahead: Pastors' Vacation

The GebbenGreen family will be on vacation from August 1-14 (heading up north for a week and then south for a wedding of one of Phil's Iowa nephews). The EPC Elders will lead worship on August 7, and Rev. Deb DeMeester will preach and celebrate communion on August 14. Please notice the switch of communion from the first to the second Sunday of August.

School Tools for Highland Park HS

As we prepare to support our next door neighbors through a School Tools Drive this summer, the community liaison at HPHS, Kim Sabo, was consulted for a current listing of the most needed items for the classrooms. This is the list the teachers gave:

Ø *Tissues (#1 request)*

Ø *Post-it notes*

Ø *Bus Tokens*

Ø *Pencils/Pens*

Ø *Back Packs*

Ø *Painters Tape*

Ø *Scotch Tape*

Ø *Manilla Folders*

Ø *White Board Markers*

We will start to gather these items in August and bring them to the teachers before classes begin in September. Any questions, contact Pastor Julie.

Directory Update

Please correct Robert Ekstrand's address and phone in your church directory. The correct address is Polar Ridge Senior Living #408

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North St. Paul, MN 55109

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Prayers

- For Andrew Kingsriter who came down with a rare and debilitating lung infection, putting him in the hospital for over a week. He plans to head home to the care of mom & dad, Elaine & Bryan, very soon for some more recovery time.
- For Fred Clary, who continues to recover at home and is feeling better by the day.
- For the folk in our community struggling with back pain—especially Frank Alden, Marilyn Monson, and Lois Grewwe.
- For our nation and world in a time of upheaval and violence. May we breathe in God's love and breathe out God's peace with each breath we take.

Peace and love to you all, Pastor Phil