

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE/LOSE THE HAIR UPDATE!...WE DID IT!!!**

We have met our challenge from Pastor Kent to collect 2500 food items – more than double the previous Food Share record for CV! It is truly amazing what we can do when we partner together with God in our hearts & the desire to make a difference in the lives of others. The food shelf greatly appreciates & relies on the continued support of members of CV to meet the needs of local families who are struggling. Many heart felt thanks from the Social Ministries Committee for making this such a tremendously successful food drive! We will celebrate our efforts next Sunday at both services, where among other special events, we will witness Pastor Kent keeping up his end of the bargain with a barber in tow...You may never get a chance like this at church again so **DON'T MISS IT!**

**CV ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**...need to be turned in to the church office no later than 12:00 Noon **TODAY**.

**SWAT TEAM SERVICE PROJECT**...Feed My Starving Children...Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>...11:00 AM – 2:00 PM...Sign up at the **“Information Desk”**.

**CAMP WAPO FUNDRAISING!**...The campers are offering 2 evenings of babysitting so you can enjoy a break! Babysitting will take place here at CV; Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM & Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Please feed your kids before they come, or pack them a “sack supper”. Ages invited: Infant on up. Games, crafts, movies & snacks will be provided. Please sign up at the **“Information Desk”**. There will be a free will offering taken to help offset the cost of camp.

**ON BEHALF OF THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE**...We're not sure if you are aware, but our committee has been dwindling this past year. We need fresh ideas on how to reach our visitors & encourage growth on our committee. We would like to invite all the people of CV to come to our next committee meeting on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. We are not asking you to join our committee (but please feel free). We are just asking for some ideas & direction. We thought maybe the first step would be to ask past committee members & joyful servant participants to come & share what were the most influential factors that caused them to become members. Then hopefully we can draw on those successes to formulate a plan to be more effective in recruiting new members. We would greatly appreciate any input you have & hope that you will come April 9<sup>th</sup> to visit with us. Thank you so much!

**LOOKING FOR TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS**...for the last Faith Trek rotation which begins April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please consider leading in the CV Cinema or assisting in one of the other rooms. Contact Claudia Glinski for more details. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the nursery.

**SPIRIT BOUND 2008 SPRING BEDDING PLANT FUNDRAISER**...It is time for our fourteenth annual Spring Bedding Plant Fundraiser. Here's how it works. Most everyone plants flowers & plants in their yards as soon as the danger of frost is past. We would like you to consider ordering your plants from Spirit Bound. Our members earn money toward their Tour with Spirit Bound for every item that you order. Please make checks payable to Spirit Bound. Order forms are due **TODAY!**

**ALLELUIA SOUND HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR & THE GOOD VIBRATION BELL CHOIR**...from the First Congregational Church in Crystal Lake, IL., will be leading us in music filled worship on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at both services! We are excited to welcome this 30 member musical youth ministry to CV! If you would be willing to help with a Sunday lunch for the kids, please contact Andrea & John Perendy.

**WOMEN'S BWCA WEEKEND**...August 1-5, 2008. Cost is \$180; Sign up & pick up the packet of information at the **“Information Desk”**. Informational meeting **April 20<sup>th</sup>**, in the Youth Room, following the second service. Call Kathy Wittnebel at 952-890-8286 with questions.

**IS IT CRAZY TO START THINKING ABOUT SUMMER ?**...Not at all! In fact, the Children & Family Ministries committee is already starting to plan for VBS. Yes that is right! Vacation Bible School will take place July 20-24 (with a special program on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>). Registration will start in May, but mark your calendars now. Come & have an amazing adventure with music, drama & POPCORN.

**WHILE YOU ARE WRITING DOWN THE DATES FOR VBS 2008**...we will be in need of grown – ups to help out. Moms, dads, grandparents, aunts & uncles...please consider being a part of the lives of our children during this very popular event. Mark your calendars, we will make extra popcorn for you too! Please contact Stacey Klein at 952-431-9124 if you have any questions.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**...we are now taking orders for altar flowers for 2008. The following Sundays are available: April 6, 27; May 18; July 20, 27; August 10, 17, 24; September 21, 28; October 5; December 21. The cost of an altar bouquet is \$27.50. If you are interested in ordering flowers for one of these Sundays, please contact Marilyn Kujawa at 952-432-4956.