

## Attitudes of Discipleship

Romans 16:25-27

**Now all glory to God, who is able to make you strong, just as my Good News says. This message about Jesus Christ has revealed his plan for you Gentiles, a plan kept secret from the beginning of time. But now as the prophets foretold and as the eternal God has commanded, this message is made known to all Gentiles everywhere, so that they too might believe and obey him.**

I am filled with joy and hope for the things that God has in store for us here at RLC and ISJ. The ELCA has named the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the 2012 church calendar as attitudes of discipleship. I see how hope and fear fills the air for both congregations. In the past twelve months there has been a growth in connectedness between both faith communities. This has been done through intentional interaction of the people who have responded to the invitation. There is openness amongst the people and our sense of call has been raised to a new level. It is through the focus of the Holy Spirit that we can be transformed into our new life. And in this new life we are filled with boldness to respond actively for those in need.

We begin our journey by listening to Jesus and answering the call before us at RLC and ISJ. Mark 1:17, **“Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”** In the gospel of Mark we see how the disciples take no time to delay or ponder. We too sense an urgency to act because past procrastinations have contributed in part or in whole to the challenges we face nowadays. But just as the fisherman responded to the call of Jesus, we must respond in kind. Jesus is calling us to serve and follow him but he is also calling us to invite others to learn about Jesus. Here RLC has given ISJ a call. We are responding to this call and we can see the fruits that are being produced.

Brothers and sisters, the time to act is now. Let our actions speak louder than our words as we welcome the New Year, working toward strengthening our commitments and our relationship with one another. May the Lord bless us all and give us the confidence to respond to this call. We must strive towards the call of having an attitude for discipleship, a heart for unity and a desire for service. Amen

Pastor Carlos



## COUNCIL UPDATE


### From the January Meeting

Pastor Paul led a discussion on the Proposed Partnership between RLC and ISJ. The discussion centered on seven areas: 1) Modified Latino Strategy; 2) Companion Congregations, Anglo – Latino – Modified; 3) Leadership Education for the People of RLC and ISJ; 4) Lay Leadership Training School; 5) Possible Partnership Ministries; 6) Synod (Synodical term call); 7) Non-negotiables. Pastor Paul will continue this discussion at the Annual Congregational Meeting which follows the 9:30 a.m. church service on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Please attend and learn more about how a partnership with ISJ may affect the future of RLC.

The election of new Council members cannot take place at the annual meeting unless we have people who are willing to run for Council. We need at least three church members to take the place of the three Council members who have completed their three year term. Contact a Council member or call the Church office if you are willing to join the leadership team and help to define the future direction RLC will take.

The furnace in the Friendship Hall has been replaced; however, one of the furnaces in the basement is also in need of replacement. The Church Maintenance budget for 2012 is expected to cover this expense. A motion to renew the church newspaper advertisement for 2012 was approved and ISJ was given approval to use one side of the changeable letter sign in front of the Church.

Faithfully,  
Alan Miralgio  
Council Secretary



*Please  
note...*

Please have your articles including calendar items either in the office, e-mailed or faxed by **FEBRUARY 15.** Thank you.



**Thank You**

Thanks to you, the people of Iglesia San Jose and Puerta del Cielo for your gifts to Christ's work.

## All Who Have This Hope

For Wednesday Lenten Worship this year I will offer different readings from **Weavings**, a publication of the Upper Room.

The editor of **Weavings**, Lynne Deming offers these words: *The writer of First John describes the children of God as “we who have hope in God”.*

- Robert Morris will help us to claim God as the ground and goal of all hope.
- Marilyn McEntrye describes hope as found in waiting, in the radical acceptance of the future.
- Heide Grogan uses vivid imagery and stories to depict hope as being with God.
- Percy Ainsworth will encourage us to move beyond the wilderness and toward the sunrise.
- And Luther Smith will help us to see hope in all seasons and in all our senses.

We live, like those before us and who will come after us, in complex times. We also are invited to live in these times with much hope.

Blessed month

Pastor Paul



We are still collecting cartridges, toners, GPS units, digital cameras and laptops. Please bring them to the Friendship Hall.



### **Food Pantry & The Giving Closet**

Last year Food 4 Life provided food for a total of 2,082 people! Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. The need still goes on so if you are a savvy shopper, clip coupons, shop for sales, maybe you could add a few items to donate to the Food Pantry. Also the Giving Closet is in need of socks (all kinds) men's and women's jeans, sweatpants, sweatshirts, sweaters and coats or clothes for boys. If you have any of these items, please bring them clean and laundered and hang them in the coat room.

## RLC Sports

Rez Hoops has fielded another team in the LAA West Suburban Division. This is our 6th year in the league. We have 9 players participating this year and so far we have a record of 2 wins and 3 losses. Consider coming out to support us in one of our three remaining games this year. If you can't make it, silently cheer for us at home.

1/29/2012	Trinity Roselle	1:30 p.m.	Roselle
2/5/2012	Shekinah Chapel Riverdale	2: 45 p.m.	Roselle
2/12/2012	St. Peter Arlington Hts.	1:00 p.m.	Arlington Hts.



Alex Cole	Walter Johnson
Martha Drogemuller	Russell Kraemer
June Draeger	Marvin Kruse
Bill & Delores Gorr	Jason Miller
Emily Haukland	June Nelson
Mike Jacklin	Arlene Von Schwedler
Helen Johnson	Jill Winters
	Alice Young

Friends, family and members serving in the military:

Evan Hansmire, Ryan Marzec, Luke Bialczak, Brian Hernandez, John Miller, Mike Ignoffo, Robert Dilks, Joshua Kerber and Damian Espinoza.

Friends and family of RLC members: Don & Barb Brunk's niece Pamela Smith-Bergsrud, Karen Shumaker's husband Mark, Katherine Pilz's son-in-law John Gaast, Amy Fatigato, James Maroney, Judi Ditowski, Judi Ferrari's mother-in-law Virginia, Bill Fritz's sister Beverly Jacob, Frank Bonk, Marion Ricker, Nick Zehlin, Rick Trost, Joyce DeWinter's uncle Harold, Rosemary Panzer's daughter Nancy Bianchi, Betsy Schmeiser, Samuel John, Nick & Judy Bauler, Jason and Patty Miller's Uncle Scott, Ping Lazzarini, Dean Jacobsen, Carol Kovach, Briana, Yvonne Thompson, Melanie, Tina's mother Alice Hansen, Iglesia San Jose, Jose Rivera's family, Barbara Nielson, Bonnie Magnifici, daughter of Lillian Vandeburg, JoAnn Biondo's Aunt Marybelle and her brother-in-law Rob, Stan, Joan Vogt, Mr. Anderson

We need to keep **Pastor Carlos** in our prayers to keep him safe. His job as a Chicago police officer brings with it a certain amount of danger.

# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8 <b>6:00 p.m. Budget &amp; Finance</b>	9	10	11
12	13 <b>7:00 p.m. Church Council</b>	14 <b>Happy Valentine's Day</b> 	15	16	17	18
19	20 <b>Presidents' Day</b>	21	22 <i>Ash Wednesday Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Ashes &amp; Holy Communion</i>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 <i>11:00 a.m. Lenten Midweek Worship 6:00 p.m. Soup Sup- per 7:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship</i>			





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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School: Nursery/ - 6th Grade: 9:30 a.m.

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.— 2:30 p.m.

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