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Hello Friends,

Can SPRING really be here? Some days definitely don't feel that way, but the grass is green, the robins have returned and I am seeing green in my perennial gardens. I think everyone is ready to get out and go. Just under 100 people joined us for 'BINGO In The Vineyard'. Life is good.

Our trip to the Netherlands and Belgium was our "True Taste of Spring". We had wonderful weather, beautiful scenery, a spring of flowers to greet us...and a snowstorm to send us off (a four hour delay at the

MSP airport waiting to de-ice the plane and get ok'd for takeoff). There always has to be a little bump in the road, but my VIP travelers were great.

Be sure and check the newsletter for all the things coming. In July, 'The Church Basement Ladies' return to Plymouth Playhouse with their very first show, celebrating 20 years of the Church Ladies. And, we get to be a part of it. Join us for a delicious Church lunch and a show full of laughs and memories of time spent at "your" church. Makes me think of my Grandma Hattie in the kitchen of the little Lutheran Church in Ridgeway making egg coffee in her enamel coffee pot, her fruit salad and angel food cake with custard sauce.

August brings our 'Mystery Trip' and as the name implies, it is a mystery. Our mystery trips are always an adventure, so be sure and get signed up.

September we will travel back to the 'Celebration Belle' for a river cruise on the Mississippi. It has been three years since we traveled this part of the river, so join us as we float the Mighty Mississippi, just like Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn.

October takes us back to the Fireside Theatre for their fabulous dinner and presentation of 'Oklahoma', the first musical by the team of Rodgers and Hammerstein. Mid-October will be a beautiful time for a leaf drive through Wisconsin, AND I am sure there will be stops for cheese and apples and maybe a glass of wine.

And 2026 brings 'Italian Vistas', highlighting all the must-sees in Italy. Check out the insert in this newsletter and call Jodi to get signed up.

We look forward to traveling with you this year.
See you on the bus...

Ronda



Email Jodi at vipconnection@cusb.com to receive this newsletter by email instead of in your mailbox.

**Saturday,
July 26, 2025**

2:00 p.m. Matinee
Plymouth Playhouse
Plymouth, MN

**COST:
\$155.00**

A delicious buffet lunch
before the show is included.



Church Basement Ladies

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**DEADLINE
TO SIGN UP IS
MAY 30th!**
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The ladies are back at the Plymouth Playhouse where it first began with the musical that started it all! The church basement kitchen throughout much of America is often the heart and soul of any church. In 'Church Basement Ladies' we meet the pastor, three kitchen cooks and one daughter who run the kitchen and care for the congregation by preparing and serving the food. Like any great kitchen, problems are solved here as well. We see the 4 women handle a Lutefisk dinner, a funeral, an Easter fundraiser, and a wedding. They stave off potential disasters, have fun, share and debate recipes, instruct the young, and keep the pastor on due course. This musical comedy based on recipes, food, and change in the church is funny, heartwarming, and down to earth. It will bring back memories of many people you know from churches everywhere.

TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

If you are signed up for a tour and it is necessary for you to cancel, we will make every effort to provide either a partial or full refund. However, we cannot guarantee a full refund. There may be times when refunds will NOT be possible due to ticket purchases, meal number guarantees, etc.

If you must cancel, you will receive a full refund IF you find someone else to take your place on the scheduled trip.

If a tour is cancelled due to insufficient reservation numbers, you will receive a full refund. On tours where an outside agent is used, we will adhere to the written cancellation policy of the agent.

Remember standby lists are always welcome. Please call and add your name to any trips that interest you. In case of a cancellation, we will call in the order in which you signed up.

~ Assistance Required Policy ~

On CUSB Bank VIP Connection trips, it is required that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing that assistance. Neither CUSB Bank VIP Connection personnel nor its suppliers may assist with medications or physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. Travelers needing special assistance for other than personal needs must notify CUSB Bank VIP Connection at the time of booking to determine what assistance may be reasonably made available.

Guests are always welcome on our trips, but after traveling with us 3 times, they will pay a Non-Member Price adding 10% to the cost of the trip.

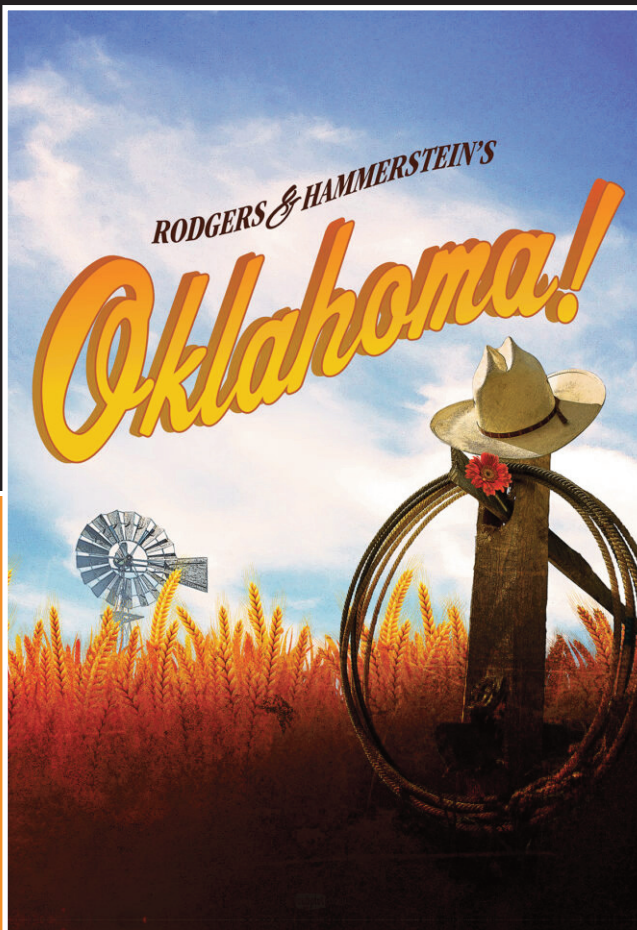
ONE DAY *Mystery*



August 28, 2025

COST: \$200.00

This fun one day mystery is planned especially for you - a time to relax, tour new places, and have fun with friends.



Deadline to sign up is July 18th!

~ THURSDAY & FRIDAY ~

October 16-17, 2025

Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson, WI

Cost: \$320.00

per person/double occupancy

(Single \$385.00; Triple \$300.00; Quad \$290.00)

Cost includes the Show/Dinner, Hotel/Breakfast, One Lunch, Motorcoach/Driver, and All Gratuities

Come join us for an overnight stay in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin! The first day we'll head to the Fireside Dinner Theatre to see an evening performance of 'Oklahoma'. The Fireside presents a fresh, new, not to be missed telling of this American classic! This bright, brassy, boisterous musical comedy is filled with colorful costumes, breathtaking dancing, side-splitting humor, and a musical score featuring such hits as "People Will Say We're In Love", "Surrey With The Fringe On Top", and the rousing title number "Oklahoma!" On our second day, after a relaxing stay at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites in Fort Atkinson and a delicious breakfast at the hotel, we'll head for home but make some fun stops along the way!



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Celebration Belle Fall Cruise

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025
Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

COST: \$130.00

Jump aboard the Celebration Belle for some fabulous live entertainment, scenic views and more! Homemade sticky rolls, fruit, coffee and juice as we board, followed by a delicious, hot, 2 entree lunch buffet are included in this 4 hour Fall Foliage Cruise.



Italian Vistas

March 9-21, 2026



RESERVATION DEADLINE:

**Sept. 3
2025**

Call to reserve your spot today!

Highlights: Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, Florence, Pisa, Tuscan Winery, Venice, Murano Island, Verona, Lake Maggiore, and Stresa

A PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS TRIP!




CHECK OUT THE INSERT INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER FOR TRIP DETAILS.