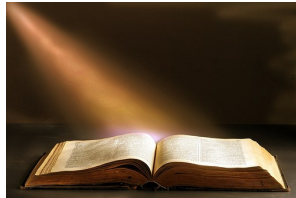


# COMMUNITY CALL

**Pastor:** Rev. Catherine Bishop; **Ministers:** The People of God  
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## BIBLE STUDIES AVAILABLE

At CPC, there's something for all adults who want to better their learning of God's Word. The following studies are available this Fall. See the calendar for specific dates.



- ♦ Adult Sunday School  
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in conference room  
*The Prophecies of Jeremiah* by Jeff Smith
- ♦ Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in narthex  
*Hope: Your Heart's Deepest Longings* by Jack Kuhatschek
- ♦ Ladies Circle  
Every 2nd Tuesday in the narthex  
at 12:30 p.m. for lunch  
at 1:00 p.m. for Bible Study  
*What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by Merryl Blair.  
For more information, see page 5.
- ♦ Presbyterian Squares  
Virtual & In-Person Bible Study  
Devotions sent via email and beginning in 2022 meeting in person at the church  
*Weird Bible Stories We Never Heard in Sunday School*  
For more information, see page 5.

## PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



To all of you who are dearly loved by God and called to be God's people. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7; Common English Bible)

It is FALL! The trees are turning colors and the nights are cooler. Around Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo, we are beginning to see the trees turning yellow. Soon we will see colors of red and orange, first on the trees, and then they will tumble to the ground. Fall is a time of change. It happens every year, yet we are often surprised at how quickly the trees change colors and the limbs turn bare. Change. It can be scary, but it is also beautiful. Fall is a time for transformation and new perspectives.

God created a wonderful world for us  
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to experience. You have heard me say this before, and I am going to say it again: we live in a world of four seasons in the northern hemisphere. We get to experience a wonderful world of Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer! What do you enjoy most during the season of Fall? As you are pondering your answer, think about each of the seasons and what you like best in each of them.

Did you know that the first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday? The first celebration of World Communion Sunday was held at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA in 1933. In 1936 it was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world. Imagine churches around the world where we are all one in the Spirit with Jesus Christ!

On Sunday afternoon, October 3, we are going to have our first ever-for-us Pet Blessing! Bring your pets...dogs, cats, or pictures of your pet. We will have a short service for our animals, and then we will bless each animal (or their picture). Afterwards we will have treats for pets and their humans. It begins at 2:30 p.m. at the church on the south lawn. Please have each of your pets on a leash or in a carrier.

It has been a while since we have had a Confirmation Class. This is our year. Please pray for our confirmands, their mentors, and their pastor as we focus on "Confirmation for a Growing Faith: BIG God, BIG Questions." We will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. for some food to nourish our bodies, followed by study and learning about God's world and what it means to be a Christian in the Presbyterian



Church. As you might expect, there will be room for lots of questions!

On October 31, we will acknowledge Reformation Day. Martin Luther's "Ninety-five Theses" posted on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany is what people often remember. Luther is cited as the one who began the splintering of the church. However, there have been many other men and women whose voices have made a difference in the Christian Church over the years. Power struggles in the church over land, money, and rule have continued. Yet, the Spirit has moved through the world, bringing healing to the

Church along the way. As Christians, we can rejoice when all people are welcomed as full and equal participants in the Body of Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Cathie



### **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

Having a second voice lead the liturgy enhances everyone's worship experience. A "slide flipper" helps the congregation participate using the projected order of worship. Please prayerfully consider assisting in worship. To sign up, go to the CPC bulletin board or contact Melissa Engebretson.

### **OCTOBER SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP**

Oct 3	World Communion Mark 10:2-16
Oct 10	Mark 10:17-31
Oct 17	Mark 10:35-45
Oct 24	Mark 10:46-52
Oct 31	Reformation Day John 8:31-36



## SEPTEMBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Lee Dobrinz, Melissa Engebretson, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Adam Montgomery, and Gayle Thostenson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Carrie Leopold was present via Zoom. Treasurer - Carolyn Meester and Mary Jo Moorhead were absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Pastor Cathie Bishop.

### Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of August 18, 2021.
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, October 20, 2021.
- c. JoRelle Grover from Churches United would like to have a 5-minute Mission Moment on October 17 to talk about the new food pantry located in West Fargo.
- d. Moderator's report -
  - Thursday, August 19 - Newsletter articles provided to Gayle by deadline.
  - Thursday, August 19 - Met with Rhonney Greene regarding his transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Austin.
  - Upon request on August 14 - I visited Jeff Kloster for a total of 7 times at Sanford until he was transferred to Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, NE on August 31, 2021. Jeff had been involved in an airplane crash west of West Fargo in August.
  - Monday, August 23 - met with Jo Relle Grover regarding Churches United's "new" Food Pantry in West Fargo. I invited her to participate in a Moment for Mission at CPC on October 17, 2021.
  - Tuesday, August 24 - Provided Touchmark at Harwood Groves a worship service for residents.
  - Thursday, August 26 - Provided Mod-

erator Training for Pastor Penny Millspaugh who is a part-time lay pastor for Mendenhall Presbyterian Church in East Grand Forks. Pastor Penny drove down to West Fargo for the training.

- Thursday August 26 - met with Vitalant resource, Jessica, along with Linda Bishop and Boots Misheski in preparation for the blood drive CPC will hold on September 27, 2021.
- Thursday, August 26 - Moderated Joint Session meeting for Grandin and Hunter.
- Friday, August 27 - met with Kevin Galt regarding changes for new worship format.
- Sunday, August 22 - Met with Larry Swingen and his mother Lorna Swingen to plan a funeral for Larry's father and officiated the service at CPC on Saturday, August 28.
- Tuesday, August 31 - attended Bell Choir Practice, polished bells.
- Wednesday, September 1 - attended Christian Education committee.
- Tuesday, September 7 - attended Bell practice, set up bell schedule.
- Wednesday, September 8 - Attended Worship Committee.
- Thursday, September 9 - attended Stewardship Committee.
- Monday, September 13 - attended the Service & Fellowship Committee.
- Tuesday, September 14 - attended the afternoon Ladies Circle/Bible Study: "What My Grandmothers Taught Me."
- Tuesday, September 14 - drove to Red Lake Falls, MN to moderate their Session meeting.
- Wednesday, September 15 - discussed the Care for Congregations with Rev. Robert Drake.
- Wednesday, September 15 - will provide opening devotions and moderate CPC Session.
- From August 19-September 15 prepared worship for August 22, August 29, September 5 with communion, and September 12, 2021.

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Clerk's report -

- ◇ 38 served communion on Sunday, September 5, 2021.
- ◇ Session minutes will be read on Saturday, October 9 for 2019 and 2020 in Casselton, ND.

Discussion was held regarding acquiring equipment to aid in distance meetings.

Elders, to serve communion on October 3, 2021, will be Lee Dobrinz, Adam Montgomery, and Gayle Thostenson.

Session continues to monitor the ever-changing Covid situation.

Andrew and Gayle Thostenson requested the use of the parking lot for two of their vehicles from September 21 – October 3 until their storage unit is available. They will park their vehicles as necessary during the two weeks.

**Committee reports:**

**Service and Fellowship:** A photo directory for CPC is being discussed and planned. The date of the Fall Bazaar/Vendor Show has been changed to December 4.

**Stewardship:** Informational mailing about stewardship is being sent out this week. Our hope is that members and friends of CPC will prayerfully and carefully give consideration to their tithing for the coming year. Year-to-date contribution reports and Pledge Cards will be mailed out in early October. The Pledge Cards should be returned by Sunday, November 21, 2021. We returned to "normal" procedures for passing the collection plate beginning Sunday, September 12, 2021. Andrew gave a quick lesson on using the QR codes for making contributions during the service on September 12th. The application for forgiveness of the PPP loan has been submitted. We received the Satisfaction of Mortgage paperwork for Project Open Door. - Yvonne Hummel

No reports: Christian Education, Deacons, Mission, Nominating, Personnel, Trustees, and Worship committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Moderator Cathie Bishop at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky DeJong

### **OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 10-2 Delores Horn
- 10-4 Stephanie  
Corneliussen
- 10-8 Denny Braaten
- 10-9 Brenda Witt
- 10-13 Carol Braaten
- 10-16 Rae Irene Kercher
- 10-17 Jenni Hummel
- 10-29 Larry Peihl

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

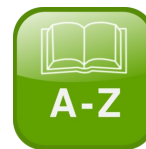
- 10-4-86 Lee and Stephanie Corneliussen
- 10-7-17 John and Melissa Engebretson
- 10-8-94 Paul Campbell

and Cathie Bishop

- 10-13-73 Lynn and Yvonne Hummel
- 10-13-13 Jim Gallagher

and Blair Moorhead

- 10-21-16 Tucker and Amy Bucholz



### **CPC DIRECTORIES**

Newly printed directories of CPC Members and Friends will soon be available in the church narthex.

Need a digital directory? Ask Gayle Thostenson, and she will deliver one to your email address.

### **A BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Our pets are a blessing to us, so join us in blessing them! Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to A Blessing of the Animals on the south CPC lawn Sunday, October 3, at 2:30 p.m.

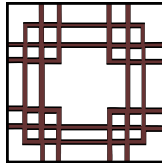




### LADIES CIRCLE

Ladies, join us for Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Circle in the narthex. If you like, bring a sack lunch and have fellowship at 12:30 p.m. Otherwise, come ready to begin Bible study at 1:00 p.m. Coffee and treats will be shared later. This year's Bible study is entitled *What My Grandmothers Taught Me*. On October 12, we will study chapter 2.

### **PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES: WEIRD BIBLE STORIES WE NEVER HEARD IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**



*A study that can be done  
in person or received via email!*

It's been so long since our group has met in person and plans were to meet this Wednesday, October 5. However, I just found out that I will be out of town for work that week. So instead, I will e-mail the beginning lessons for this fall. We will plan to meet in person after the first of the new year.

I had planned lessons on Spiritual Gifts, but with the uncertainty of physical meetings, I found another study to use that can be sent out like last year. Get ready for the weirdest, most ridiculous stories in the Bible. Ones we didn't study in Sunday school! Topics like boy falls asleep in church, falls out window and dies; money found in fish's mouth, guy dies by sword that is hidden in his fat; kids making fun of prophet mauled to death by bears; a talking donkey saves a prophet, and still other interesting stories.

If you would like to get the Weirdest Bible Stories story via email, please let me know by emailing me at [vrpeihl@gmail.com](mailto:vrpeihl@gmail.com). Look for the first email to come sometime in October with more to continue in November. Watch the newsletters for when we will start up in-person. Everyone is invited to come when we meet again. In the meantime, stay healthy and have a good Fall!

Vicki Peihl

### MISSION FOCUS



The mission focus for October is Nexus-PATH. Formerly known as PATH, Nexus is a nonprofit, 501 (C)(3) organization, headquartered in Plymouth, Minnesota. It serves thousands of youth and families, providing community-based mental health services, foster care and adoption services, and residential treatment programs across four states.

For many years, our congregation has supported PATH by contributing to their youth who 'graduate' from the foster care system. Young adults are provided assistance in the transition from foster care to independent living in the areas of crisis management, education, employment, grocery shopping, housing, life skills, meal preparation, money management, nutrition, personal and home safety, peer socializing, positive parenting, and study skills.

Even with this training, these folks can become overwhelmed as they begin life on their own. That's where we come in. CPC helps provide many of the essential needs for their first home.

You can help by donating the following consumables: garbage bags, deodorant, contact solution, laundry soap/dryer sheets, dish soap, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, and Ziploc bags. In addition, new or gently used donations of garbage cans, toasters, bed sheets, towel sets, dish sets, pillows, kitchen items, bathroom supplies, pots and pans, can openers, pizza cutters, vacuums, and reusable plastic containers would be welcomed.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. It is through your help that these young adults become self-reliant and positive contributors to their communities.

For more information go to:  
<https://www.nexusfamilyhealing.org/nexus-path-family-healing>



## YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

8/31/2021

General Operating budget 2021:

\$151,788.00

Monthly needed to meet budget:

\$ 12,649.00

Total Giving August \$ 9,855.77

Total Expenses July \$ 9,532.21

Per Capita amount for 2021 is \$48.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope you are contributing to Per Capita. Total Per Capita received to date is \$3,069.00.

*He, who fed His people in the desert with manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.*

## AFTER CHURCH TREATS ARE BACK!



The Service and Fellowship Committee will bring service groups back in October. Everyone loves the treats, coffee, etc. So, please keep an eye out for the list to find what group you are in. We are looking for a leader/co-leader for each group to get volunteers lined up. Please contact Melissa Engebretson (701-866-8767) if you are interested in being a leader for one of these groups.



## CPC YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER NEEDED

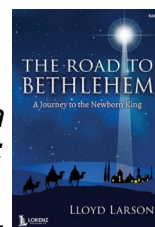
CPC is searching for a youth ministry leader. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Kevin Galt or go to

[https://www.facebook.com/jobs/job-opening/485505139234739/?source=post\\_homepage\\_stream](https://www.facebook.com/jobs/job-opening/485505139234739/?source=post_homepage_stream)

## CANTATA PRACTICE TO BEGIN

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ, the Lord.*

Luke 2:11



Just as God can take a modest place like Bethlehem and turn it into an integral part of a glorious story, God can take you and me and transform our lives and eternal destiny. Singers, come, join us in the CPC sanctuary Wednesday evenings to prepare to tell that story in song. The cantata is Lloyd Larson's *The Road to Bethlehem: A Journey to the Newborn King*.

All vocal ranges are needed. Music cds will be provided for individual practice. Performance date will be decided on the first night of practice on October 6 at 7:00 p.m.

For more details, see the CPC calendar or music director Kevin Galt.

## DEACONS



If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized or needs a visit, please contact the Deacons. If anyone in the congregation would like home communion, please contact Gayle Thostenson.

Lise Alves [C] 701-412-8689

Linda Bishop [H] 701-282-8515

[C] 701-200-1818

Dawn Larson [C] 701-261-9609

Boots Misheski [C] 701-388-7160

Dixon Moorhead [H] 701-277-1414

[C] 701-200-9709

Vicky Whitcomb [C] 701-809-2483

Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison

[H] 701-492-0630

[C] 701-412-6387

**November's  
Community Call  
deadline will be  
Thursday, October 21**

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

### **Community Presbyterian Church Committees**

#### **Building & Grounds Trustees**

Bob Kozojed, Liaison  
Brian Elhard    Larry Peihl  
Lynn Hummel    Jack Smith  
Marty Matzke    Dwight Steffen

#### **Christian Education**

Kevin Galt, Liaison  
Melanie Hansen    Gayle Thostenson  
Elizabeth Strand

#### **Deacons**

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison  
Lise Alves    Boots Misheski  
Linda Bishop    Dixon Moorhead  
Dawn Larson    Vicky Whitcomb

#### **Mission**

Carrie Leopold, Liaison  
Lee Dobrinz    Rev. Donna Monteith  
Kevin Galt    Mary Jo Moorhead  
Boots Misheski    Dave Ruhnke  
Bonnie Thompson

#### **Nominating**

Lee Dobrinz, Liaison  
Laurie Elhard    Dave Ruhnke  
Terry Meester    Jack Smith

#### **Personnel**

Adam Montgomery, Liaison  
Lia Dobrinz    Brent Montgomery  
Carolyn Meester

#### **Presbytery Delegates**

Lise Alves    Andrew Thostenson  
Dixon Moorhead  
Kevin Galt--Alternate

#### **Service & Fellowship**

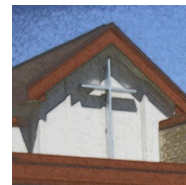
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Linda Bishop    Carolyn Meester  
Laurie Elhard    Vicki Peihl

#### **Stewardship**

Yvonne Hummel, Liaison  
C. Meester    Andrew Thostenson  
Michael Misheski

#### **Worship**

Mary Jo Moorhead, Liaison  
Zoe Elhard    Marj Meester  
Dawn Larson    Mary Jo Moorhead  
Communion Prep Team:  
Mary Bastle    Marj Meester  
Mitzi Hager    Dixie Smith  
Nancy Kassman    V. Whitcomb



**Sunday  
Worship Hours**  
9 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Worship Service

### **The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo**

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong  
Moderator: Rev. Catherine B. Bishop  
Treasurer: Carolyn Meester

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**OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW GOD;  
TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; TO SHARE CHRIST.**