

COMMUNITY CALL

Ministers: The People of God

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DON'T FORGET

During the summer months, Sunday fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship at 10:00 a.m.



YARD GAMES, HOT DOGS, & S'MORES

To Be Held
Outdoors
at CPC
or

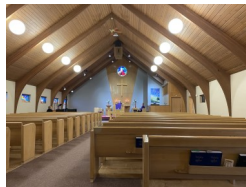
Indoors if Inclement Weather

It's back by popular demand. On Wednesday, August 22nd, CPC's All Church Family Night will be once more presenting yard games, hot dogs, and s'mores. We'll be starting a little earlier due to the earlier sunset and school starting the next day, but if you need to come late, come anyway. Dinner time: 5:00 p.m.

*will continue through the evening
Games start: 5:30 p.m.; end: 7 p.m.

PULPIT SUPPLY SCHEDULE

Personnel Committee has been working with CPC elders and Presbytery of the Northern Plains to provide messages for Sunday worship. A comprehensive listing can be found on the narthex bulletin board.



The following are scheduled to preach in the upcoming weeks in August:

Aug 6 Rev. Donna Monteith
with communion

Aug 13 Kevin Galt
Aug 20 Dave Ruhnke
Aug 26 Carrie Leopold

PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



According to Paul, he was called by God's will to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, as was his brother, Sosthenes. Listen to God's message to the church in Corinth: *To those who have been made holy to God in Christ Jesus, who are called to be God's people. Together with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, He is their Lord and ours!*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 CEB

I am writing to you, dear friends, because I want to leave you with memories of the times we all may want to remember. Some of you were here when CPC called me, others have come during the time I have been at Community Presbyterian Church.

My first Sunday with you was on Palm
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Sunday, March 20, 2016. It was a wonderful way to begin meeting our CPC family, and the next Sunday was Easter! I have always been grateful that we began our time together on Holy Week, followed with the Resurrection of the Lord.

I love that CPC takes communion to those who are not able to attend church and that we have a vibrant Deacons team who visit with those who are not always able to attend church.

There are many things we can talk about that have demonstrated that CPC is a church that serves God. Here are some things that come to mind: members of our church reach out to the community like Churches United, the New Life Center, Salvation Army and more. Serving meals is a vital part of caring for others. For several years, CPC was able to work with the children providing lunch during the summer through Great Plains Food Bank, and CPC has a long relationship helping with Aid Stations with the Marathon.

Members of CPC faithfully work with the Bdecan Church, providing food and clothing, especially winter clothing! The Mission/Outreach team along with those attending CPC provide items for families such as diapers and help those who are ready to go out on their own, yet need things like bedding, kitchen items, etc. It takes a village to care for others.

What else? We have a group made of members from CPC and from Faith Lutheran who practice and play "Bells" together. CPC offers Blood Drives, Animal Blessings, and provides a worship service for a "Blue Christmas" for those

who are struggling with having lost a loved one. One of our favorites in September is the "West Fest" that is sponsored by West Fargo. The CPC Parking Lot becomes the place to have hotdogs and goodies. CPC asks for donations that will go towards community needs.

The point of all of this is that Community Presbyterian Church is more than just Worship on Sunday morning. It takes active people who are willing to care for the people around us. Many times, it means caring for people who do not look like us or have different backgrounds than we do.

I am grateful that I was called to be your Pastor. Please think about what it means to you, to be a member of CPC. What could you do differently in the future to make CPC an even better Church?

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

IN GRATITUDE

Kristi Dixon and family would like to express their gratitude to all who assisted in the funeral service of her mother, Delores Horn. Thank you for everything!

Thank you!

DEACONS

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

Lise Alves	[C]	701-412-8689
Linda Bishop	[C]	701-200-1818
Jenni Hummel	[C]	701-371-7640
Dawn Larson	[C]	701-261-9609
Dixon Moorhead	[C]	701-200-9709
Patty Smith	[H]	701-540-6658
	[C]	970-209-3517
Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison		
	[H]	701-492-0630
	[C]	701-412-6387

JULY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Kevin Galt, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Yvonne Hummel was absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Melissa Engebretson.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of June 21, 2023
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, August 16, 2023
- c. Moderator's report:
 - June 22: Newsletter articles sent to Gayle.
 - June 22: Attended the Deacons gathering at Gayle and Andrew's home.
 - June 28: Provided worship for St. Catherine's at 2:00 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., both my husband, Paul, and I attended the "All Church Family Softball Tailgating" and enjoyed the softball game.
 - June 30: Paul and I drove to Watertown, SD to watch "Jump" – our grandson is their drummer...so we could not miss that opportunity!
 - July 6: Linda Bishop and I visited Lois Wadell Thursday afternoon and I attended the Worship Committee at 6:30 p.m.
 - July 11: Provided worship for Touchmark at 4:00 p.m.
 - July 13: Provided worship for Park View Terrace in Moorhead at 9:00 a.m. Later, Paul and I were invited and participated in the Three River Garden Club Tour (Our CPC Garden was June Garden of the Month.).
 - July 19: Participated in the FM Pres-

byterian Clergy meeting at 10:00 a.m., attended the CPMT Scholarship meeting from 4-5 pm, and attended and moderated the CPC Session meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- Prepared for and participated in CPC Sunday services: June 25, July 2 including communion, July 9, July 16.
- On July 23, the congregation will have a special meeting for the sole purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between Rev. Catherine B. Bishop and Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo, ND. Rev. Donna Monteith will moderate. I will then lead the outdoor worship, and there will be a meal to follow.
- Sunday July 30, *I will lead the Worship for the congregation for the last time. Thank you for this Session: for the good times, crazy times, sad times, and the difficult times...all of them were part of what it means to be a Session. Blessings to all of you. - Pastor Cathie*
- d. Clerk's report -
 - ♦ 48 served communion on Sunday, July 2, 2023.

The elders to help serve communion on August 6, 2023 will be Kevin Galt, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

West Fest is Saturday, September 16. CPC will be doing extraordinary things that day!! Bob Kozojed will make an announcement in church on Sunday, August 13, to tell you the plans. Be ready to sign up and join in the fun!

Children's Bibles for PreK-2nd will be purchased. Bibles for PreK-2nd and 3rd - 6th will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for children to use during worship.

Committee reports:

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demand – The August All-Church gathering will be a hotdog feed, cornhole tournament and various yard games!!!

The committee is coordinating Rally Sunday with Service and Fellowship, and they are organizing a confirmation class for the coming year.

- Kevin Galt

Deacons: In June, the Deacons met to plan in-person and phone visits with Pastor Cathie for the month of June. Several visits will be made individually. Others will be made in groups. If you or a loved one are unable to attend church and would like a visit, please contact Pastor Cathie before July's end or contact a Deacon. The Deacons will be working with Personnel Committee to work out a post-July process for providing prompt and gracious pastoral care for those in need.

-Gayle Thostenson

Personnel: Thank you Morgan for your time and talent. All you did was appreciated. Morgan will be leaving CPC on Friday, July 21. Notices have been placed for the need of a new Office Assistant. Congregation members are asked to volunteer time when available.

- Kevin Galt

Stewardship Committee:

- ⇒ Reviewed the monthly financials. Reviewed the designated accounts detail.
- ⇒ Discussed purchasing a new computer for the church office, costing approximately \$750.00. The one we have desperately needs to be upgraded.
- ⇒ Andrew will provide an in-depth discussion regarding the church's current financial position during the August Session meeting. We feel this will be helpful in hiring a new pastor.
- ⇒ Discussed revising our 2023 budget to reflect our current situation. We

decided to leave the budget as it is, at least for now.

- ⇒ We will be investigating new multi-media systems for worship.

-Yvonne Hummel

Worship: Donna Monteith will preach on Sundays when communion is served. A pulpit supply list is posted in the narthex.

- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: Buildings and Grounds, Mission, Nominating, Service and Fellowship committees

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 6:39 p.m.

Pastor Cathie,

The Session has greatly appreciated your grace, knowledge, patience and humor. You have led us well and have continually showed us how to follow Jesus in all circumstances. You will be missed!

*With love and amazing blessings,
All of your past and current Session members*

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 8-1 Gayle Thostenson
- 8-9 Donna Jenner
- 8-11 David Hemm
- 8-14 Chuck Thompson
- 8-15 Maverick Engebretson
Carol Sterup
- 8-18 Dixie Smith
- 8-27 Phyllis Hofsommer
- 8-30 Erica Truhlicka
- 8-31 Nancy Kassman
Lisa Steffen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8-18-73 Bob and Susan Gross
- 8-20-66 Rae and Edsel Kercher





YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

6/30/2023

General Operating budget
2023: \$138,671.00
Monthly needed to meet
budget: \$11,556.00

Total Giving June \$ 9,041.00
Total Expenses June \$ 9,271.61

Per Capita amount for 2023 is \$50.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope as contributing to *Per Capita*. Total assessment for 2023 is \$6,750.00 To date, \$2,415.00 has been paid towards Per Capita.

CELEBRATION HELD GOODBYES SAID

Sunday, July 23, a crowd joined in celebration of the time shared between Pastor Cathie and Community Presbyterian Church. The day began with a special congregational meeting to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Pastor Cathie and CPC. This was followed immediately by an outdoor service on the church front lawn.



The worship service included commissioning Carrie Leopold who will be traveling with a group of youth and adults from our presbytery to visit Kenya. At the service's end, Pastor Cathie was presented with a Bed & Breakfast gift certificate to use on one of Paul's and her biking adventures along with a Scheels Sports gift card. Later, she was presented with a Book of Memories and Reflections which features guests' greetings along with photos and notes submitted by CPC members and friends. A prayer quilt asking for prayers of God's blessings for her through retirement was to be given at the month's end. After worship, an indoor potluck was held.

Pastor Cathie's last day preaching was set as July 30th. We thank her for her gift of service and wish her God's best.

AUGUST MISSION FOCUS



Thank you to everyone who has donated diapers and wipes for Churches United. Due to scheduling issues, they will be loaded for delivery after worship on August 6, so you have until then to get them to the church. If you would like to donate, but aren't able to shop, get the money to Donna Monteith, and she will buy them en route to deliver them, if not before. Let's keep those little bottoms dry!

Our August focus will be collecting money to send to Bdecan so that they can purchase winter wear for the kiddos in their district. We are again estimating that \$100 will outfit a child, and we would again like to outfit 50 children. We contacted those doing the purchasing, and they are able to buy a coat for \$30, snow pants for \$23, and boots for \$38. We have some handknit caps and mittens that will be going up, but we estimate that \$5 would buy either mittens or a cap. If you wish to donate cash, please place in a pew envelope that you mark Bdecan, or write Bdecan in the memo line of your check, and place either in the collection plate. Please give as God leads you. Thank you for remembering these children.

Looking ahead, we will again be collecting household items for those served by PATH who are aging out of foster care. There should be some good sales coming up as students head back to school, so keep your eyes peeled for bargains.

Thank you for all you do to spread the love of Christ around the community and beyond.

**September's Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, August 24**

Pre-authorized debits customer authorization form

I authorize Community Presbyterian Church and the financial institution listed below to initiate electronic debit entries, (and if necessary, credit entries and adjustments for any debit entries in error) to my:

☐ checking account ☐ savings account for \$_____

*(This authority will remain in effect until I have cancelled it in writing.)
(Changes can be easily made)*

*Please select from the following options to make contributions:

<u>MONTHLY</u> 1 st _____ OR 16 th _____	<u>TWICE A MONTH</u> 1 st AND 16 th _____
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Please print the following:

Name _____

Address _____

Financial Institution: _____ Branch: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bank Routing Number (9 digits):

Account Number:

Please return to:

Office

Community Presbyterian Church

702 Sheyenne St.

West Fargo, ND 58078







(A confirmation will be sent to you)

Forms accepted at any time

	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate to Income						
Annual Income	15%	10%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
100,000	288.00	192.00	135.00	115.00	96.00	77.00	58.00
75,000	216.00	144.00	100.00	87.00	72.00	58.00	43.00
60,000	173.00	153.00	80.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00
50,000	144.00	96.00	67.00	58.00	48.00	38.00	29.00
45,000	130.00	87.00	61.00	52.00	43.00	35.00	26.00
40,000	115.00	77.00	54.00	46.00	38.00	31.00	23.00
35,000	101.00	67.00	47.00	40.00	34.00	27.00	20.00
30,000	87.00	58.00	40.00	35.00	29.00	23.00	17.00
25,000	72.00	48.00	34.00	29.00	24.00	19.00	14.00
20,000	58.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	19.00	15.00	12.00
15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00



AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <div>Head Ushers:</div> <div>August: Chuck Thompson</div> <div>September: TBD</div> <div>October: Larry Peihl</div> </div>						
	July 31 Christian Education 6:00 p.m. 	1	2	3 Pw Card Group 1:00 p.m. Worship Com. 7:00 p.m.	4	5
6 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	7 Veggies for the Pantry Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m. 	8	9 Trustees 7:00 p.m.	10 Pw Card Group 1:00 p.m. Stewardship 5:45 p.m.	11	12
13 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Presbytery's Kenya Travelers Return	14 Veggies for the Pantry Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m. 	15	16	17 Pw Card Group 1:00 p.m.	18	19
20	21 Veggies for the Pantry Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m. 	22	23 CPC All Church Family Night 5:00 p.m. dinner 5:30 p.m. games begin	24 Pw Card Group 1:00 p.m.	25	26
27 Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	28 Veggies for the Pantry Bells at CPC 6:00 p.m. 	29	30	31 Pw Card Group 1:00 p.m. Deacons 6:30 p.m.	<div> <div>September news deadline:</div> <div>August 24</div> <div>Non-church scheduled events: Saturday, Sunday p.m.— HOREMOW Monday evenings—TOPS</div> </div>	

Newsletter articles
are
due Today!!!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

Building & Grounds Trustees

Bob Kozojed, Liaison
Lee Dobrinz Jack Smith
Melanie Hansen Brent Talley
Lynn Hummel

Christian Education

Kevin Galt, Liaison
Emma Broe Gayle Thostenson
Melanie Hansen

Deacons

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Lise Alves Dawn Larson
Linda Bishop Dixon Moorhead
Jenni Hummel Patricia Smith

Mission & Outreach

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

Nominating

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison
Joan Hall Dawn Larson

Personnel

Kevin Galt, Liaison
Lia Dobrinz Andrew Thostenson
Carolyn Meester

Presbytery Delegates

Lise Alves Andrew Thostenson
Dixon Moorhead
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

Service & Fellowship

Linda Bishop Mary Jo Moorhead
Carolyn Meester

Stewardship

Yvonne Hummel, Liaison
Kevin Galt Andrew Thostenson
Carolyn Meester

Worship

Dave Ruhnke, Liaison
Emma Broe Mary Jo Moorhead
Patricia Smith



Sunday Worship Hours

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
10 a.m. Worship Service

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong
Moderator: Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood
Treasurer: Yvonne Hummel/
Andrew Thostenson

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Yvonne Hummel
Bob Kozojed
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OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW GOD;
TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; TO SHARE CHRIST.