

COMMUNITY CALL

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SPRING FORWARD

On Sunday, March 11th,
at 2:00 a.m., Daylight
Saving Time begins.
Please remember to turn
your clocks forward one hour.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



"Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ." Our
greeting is considered a

Pauline greeting, and I share it with
you as we journey through the season
of Lent through the month of March.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. The
liturgy from the Book of Common
Worship invites Christians, "To ob-
serve a Holy Lent by self-examination
and penitence, by prayer and fasting,
by works of love and by reading and
meditating on the Word of God."
Whether you were able to attend our
Ash Wednesday service, or not, you
are invited to observe a holy Lent.

The invitation gives us some clues as
to what it means to observe a Holy
Lent. Before we get too far into this
journey, we need to be willing to look

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PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S RUMMAGE SALE IS APRIL 21

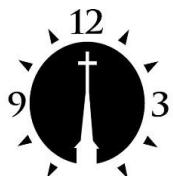
It's time to get out your
rummage for the Presby-
terian Men's Rummage
Sale on Saturday, April 21. More de-
tails will be forthcoming in the weekly
reminders and the April newsletter.

We need an all-out effort of men AND
women. Set up is typically on Friday in
the afternoon, so If you can't help on
21st, we can gladly use folks on the
20th.

If you plan to donate electronic or
computer equipment, please get them
to Andrew Thostenson by very early
April so he can properly recondition
them for sale. If you
need help bringing
out your rummage,
contact Andrew as
well at:



701-492-0630 or atgtet@far.midco.net



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The pastor's office hours
are:

Monday-Thursday

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Other times by appointment

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at ourselves. Yes, we need to look at ourselves at least every year, if not daily. What do we mean by looking at ourselves, or self-examination? For Christians, it means that we need to take time to sincerely reflect on our own faith regularly. Lent provides an opportunity for us to find time to be honest with ourselves, to look at the past year and be able to ask ourselves, "How have we grown as Christians this past year?" or "What seemed to get in our way of growing as a Christian?"

Sometimes the answer is, we did not grow, we may have slid backwards. We are humans, and we are not perfect, although we have been known to act like we are perfect, and place expectations for perfection onto others. We are not always as humble as Jesus reminds us to be. We get frustrated and irritated for many reasons, and we can open our mouths and say words that are hurtful and harmful to others. We can let the sense of power and privilege get in the way of caring for others. We don't necessarily plan to be that way, but it certainly can and does happen.

God has given us a gift to be able to examine ourselves on a regular basis, particularly during the season of Lent. One of the ways we can examine ourselves is to find a place where the distractions are few, and we are able to be by ourselves in solitude. It seems to work best if we have a place where we can listen to God, as well as talk with God. Take some time to think about where you can find a peaceful place. Jesus was known for seeking out places where he could be alone in solitude. He used that time to spend time listening and talking with God. Go to God in prayer and reach out your hands to others. A Holy Lent includes hearing God and following Jesus by serving others.

A Holy Lent includes prayer, and it also includes continuing to read and meditate

on the Word of God, the scriptures in the Bible. An easy way to decide what scripture to read is to find the list of scripture readings for each Sunday and worship service during the month of March. Look in this newsletter, and you will find a listing of the scripture for each worship service <on page 4>. You will also find a listing for each of our worship services <also on page 4>.

Lent provides that time during the church year when we are reminded of all that Jesus taught the disciples, and all who read scripture, the Word of God. Each day we get to start our day anew.

It is also a time to repent, to continue to grow as a Christian. Look for God in the face of each person you meet. Make a gratitude list, starting with thanking God for each new day, for the beauty of God's world, and for growth as a Christian so you can share the good news!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

ANOTHER WAY TO SERVE

We at CPC are in dire need of Pre-K and 1st-5th grade Sunday School teachers. Delightful children and youth from these classes are ready to learn from God's word, but they need someone to share it with them.

We have great curriculum and resources for each group which allow you to study God's word with a fun lesson plan. The connections you make with these young persons will be ones you'll always cherish. Besides that, you'll be keeping the promise you've made over and over again at each child's baptism.

Bring questions to Cathy Birrenkott, Lia Dobrinz, Melanie Hansen, Tammy Nelson, or Gayle Thostenson. Sign up on the bulletin board in the old narthex.



ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES



The annual meeting of Community Presbyterian Church was held on January 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Cathie Bishop. The clerk verified there was a quorum present with 50 people in attendance.

The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Community Presbyterian Church from January 22, 2017 were presented and approved.

Becky DeJong presented the membership report. 2017 had 10 membership gains and 12 membership losses resulting in 181 members of CPC.

Carolyn Meester presented the Financial Report with the aid of a power point presentation. Members can see the detailed financial report found in the annual report.

The congregation was asked to look over all 2017 committee reports. No questions were asked or comments made.

Andrew Thostenson reviewed the budget with the aid of a power point presentation. The budget is based on actual spending. The detailed budget can be found in the annual report.

Andrew Thostenson presented the Terms of Call for Rev. Cathie Bishop. She left the sanctuary during this discussion. It was proposed that Rev. Bishop be given a 4% raise. Discussion was held regarding the separation of salary and housing. It was stated that the pastor may divide these amounts as deemed necessary for tax purposes. Corrections were made to the printed terms of call: 2017 Total Compensation should be \$65,996.10, proposed increase to the business expense should be \$0.00 making the total proposed compensation \$2,825.70.

Terry Meester presented the list of elders for the Class of 2021 to be elected.

Laurie Elhard, Melanie Hansen, and Michael Misheski were presented. The moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Terry Meester presented the list of Deacons for the Class of 2021 to be elected. Linda Bishop and Steve Hanna were presented. The moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Terry Meester presented the list of Trustees for the Class of 2021 to be elected. Lynn Hummel and Greg Sterup were presented. The moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations.

Terry Meester presented the list for the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2019 to be elected. Mike Arvidson, Terry Meester, Dave Ruhnke and Jack Smith were presented. The moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations.

Thank you to all who have served and will continue to serve on the various committees to make our church run smoothly. Special thanks go to our Treasurer, Carolyn Meester and the Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong. Thank you to Andrew Thostenson and Kevin Galt for their dedication to our computer system and electronics.

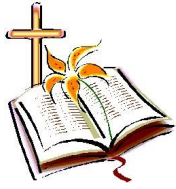
The meeting was closed in prayer by Moderator Bishop at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session

SERVANTS NEEDED



We need you to assist in the delivery and preparation of meals at Churches United for the homeless and Salvation Army. We help serve the meal at Churches United the second Wednesday of every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, November) at 4:00 p.m. and the Salvation Army every fifth Sunday. See Dixon Moorhead for details of how you can help.



MARCH SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

- March 4 -
Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-7; Psalms 19
I Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22 (sermon text)
- March 11 - Fourth Sunday in Lent
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2: 1-10
John 3:14-21 (sermon text)
- March 18 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33 (sermon text)
- March 25 - Palm/Passion Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-17
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 15:1-47 (sermon text)
- March 29 - Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
I Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (serm. text)
- March 30 - Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalms 22
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42 (sermon text)
- April 1 - Easter Sunday
Isaiah 25:6-9; Acts 10:34-43
Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
Mark 16:1-8 (sermon text)

LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship

- March 4- 10 a.m. -
3rd Sunday Service in
Lent with Communion
- March 11 - 4th Sunday Service in Lent
- March 18 - 5th Sunday Service in Lent
- March 25- Palm Sunday Service
- April 1 - Easter Service with Communion

7:00 p.m. Worship

- March 29 - Maundy Thursday Service
with Communion
- March 30 - Good Friday Service



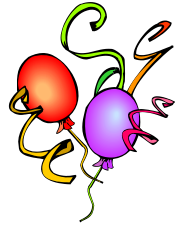
MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 3-3 Karen Steele
3-8 Troy Montgomery
3-9 Amy Bucholz
3-10 Claire DeJong
Zoe Elhard
3-11 Bob Galt
3-15 Irene Martin
Sophia Petik
3-19 Lydia Leopold
3-21 Patrick Talley
Melissa Engebretson
3-22 Bonnie Thompson
3-23 Randy Ackerman
3-24 Dawn Larson
3-25 Michelle Bucy

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3-1-14 - Kirby and Amanda Keller
3-4-78 - Bruce and Vicki Riedinger
3-14-64 - Chuck and Bonnie Thompson



PRAYER TIME



for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

Philippians 4:19

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

PRAYER CHAIN

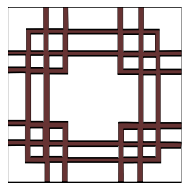
Sharing our needs and concerns in prayer with our church family brings us closer to one another and lightens our load. If you have a prayer concern, please contact Gayle Thostenson (atgtet@far.midco.net or 492-0630). Also, it's never too late to join the prayer chain. To become a member, just let Gayle know.



SPRING BRUNCH NEWS



Watch for details of the Spring Brunch in the upcoming Community Call and Weekly Reminders. Expect to enjoy a delicious egg bake brunch following church on a Sunday in April. A free will offering will be taken.



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Think about the disciple Peter: he was impulsive, yet daring. For our lesson in March, we will study more about Peter and what made him tick. We will meet at 5:55 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7. Bring a dish to share and your own water or pop. Be ready for a lively discussion on the last disciple in our series.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:00 as we begin a new yet-to-be-announced topical study in God's word.



All are welcome! Contact Pastor Cathie or Gayle Thostenson for more details.



JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We meet in the upstairs conference room about 9:00 a.m. We will begin our study of II Peter. Don't hesitate to join us. There is always coffee, comradery, and God's gift of the Bible.

2017-2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Children and Youth Sunday School schedule will be coordinated, for the most part, with the West Fargo Public School schedule. So, if there is no school scheduled on a Friday or Monday, there may be no youth/children Sunday School scheduled for that week.

CPC children/youth Sunday School will NOT be meeting on March 11, April 1 and 22. The last day of Sunday School will be May 20.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 19th, Fargo Marathon.



OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

If you are looking for ways to get involved with our church, we can help! The Service & Fellowship Group is currently seeking volunteers to share their talent and time in the following areas:

- ⇒ Creating a Community Presbyterian Church Facebook page. With a Facebook page we could let our community know about our mission projects, our service activities, groups that meet in our church, and all the FUN that we have!
- ⇒ Forming a group to help stay connected with people. This would include following-up with members who we haven't seen in a while, as well as following-up with visitors to our church.
- ⇒ Coffee and fellowship. Sign-up sheets are currently in the narthex with available dates to help serve coffee/treats following the church service. The option of being reimbursed from the goodwill offering basket is available if you choose.
- ⇒ Ushering during the church service. Sign-up sheets are conveniently located on the same pages as coffee and fellowship.

If you would like to get involved with any of the above activities, please sign up in the narthex or contact Sue Hanna at 701-781-4325 for more information.

A TIME FOR SINGING

CPC Choir has made some changes. Choir now meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

If you haven't been able to join us before, this is the time to do it! If you or someone you know has a love for music and singing, kindly direct them to Kevin Galt (kgalt10244@aol.com) or simply join us Monday night for a night of fellowship and praising God through singing.



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

For 2/16/2018

General Operating budget
2018: \$146,185.80 / 52
weeks = \$2,811.26 per week.



Budgeted Exp. to date: \$ 16,867.56
Actual giving \$ 14,995.75
Actual expenses \$ 15,199.53
Net income to date \$ 203.78-

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54.

Per Capita amount for 2012 is \$44.00 for each confirmed member. The unpaid balance at the end of the year is paid out of the church general fund. Please mark on your check or envelope funds you are contributing to Per Capita.

When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you. Seek joy in what you give not in what you get.

2018 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT



2018 Per Capita was approved at the October Presbytery Meeting. The per capita apportionment is based on the funds necessary for the Presbytery/ Synod/General Assembly to do their essential ecclesiastical work.

2018 Per Capita Apportionment breakdown is:

General Assembly (GA)	\$ 7.78
Synod of Lakes & Prairies	\$ 5.40
Northern Plains Presbytery	\$30.82
Total 2018 Per Capita	\$ 44.00

The Presbytery office has a free brochure which will help individuals understand the fundamentals of Per Capita and Unified mission. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact the office at pnpooffice@gmail.com or 701-772-0783.

CALLING ALL LITURGISTS & MUSICIANS

Having a second voice lead the liturgy enhances everyone's worship experience as does music in worship. Please prayerfully consider assisting in worship as liturgist or musician and sign up.



REMINDER TO RETURNING SNOWBIRDS



You told us when you were ready to fly off to warmer climates and you haven't missed a newsletter or CPC mailing. But now as you plan to return to your northward home, please don't forget to let us in on your plans

Please inform the church (701-282-4135 or office@cpcwf.org), regarding the time you will return home so you won't miss any CPC mailings. Please note: the U.S. Postal Service does NOT forward CPC newsletters. They are returned to us when the address is vacant along with a charge for the service.

DEACONS



If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized or needs a visit, contact the Deacons.

If anyone in the congregation would like home communion service please contact Lise Alves.

Sue Larson	701-893-6484
Deb Matzke	701-282-9463
Boots Misheski	701-388-7160
Lisa Steffen	701-282-5308
Caroline Talley	701-282-3273
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Lise Alves, Session Liaison	701-412-8689

PRESBYTERY NEWS

A copy of Presbytery of the Northern Plains' monthly newsletter is on the narthex bulletin board. You can access your own copy of *Lights of the Northern Plains* under Publications on its website:

<http://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>



**April Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, March 22**