

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## NEW TIMES

With the ending of Sunday School and arrival of Summer comes a change of timing for Community Presbyterian Church. Beginning on May 28th, worship services will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

## LET'S PLAY BALL!

Fargo-Moorhead Church Softball League will be starting again soon. Want to play on the CPC team? Give Reed Montgomery a call at 701-367-8039.

Beginning May 10th, all games are on Wednesday evenings with the first game at 6:30 p.m. and the second to follow. Spectators are always welcome.



### Date Location(Home/Away)-Opponent

6/7	McKinley E (A)—Bethlehem McKinley W (H)—Atonement II
6/14	Lindenwood #5 (A)—Olivet II Lindenwood #5 (H)—Olivet I
6/21	McKinley W (A)—Heartland McKinley W (H)—Lighthouse
6/28	McKinley W (A)—Ignite McKinley E (H)—Atonement III
7/12	Longfellow W (H)—St. Joseph's Longfellow W (A)—FMAC

\*\*Tournament will be  
July 14 and 15\*\*

## PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



To all God's beloved, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We embark on a journey with summer in June, ok-officially summer begins on June 20, yet our lives change as school is out, the weather is warmer, and we are drawn to spend as much time as possible. We may prefer sitting in a chair just enjoying listening to the birds and feeling the warmth of the sun, riding our bikes, running or walking outside. We seem to spend as much time as possible by or in the water, running through the sprinkler, at the pool, or at the beach.

Regardless of the type of activity we enjoy outside, one of the best parts of summertime is being in God's world. It is a gift to all of us to enjoy the colors,

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textures, and aromas of the creation. Our lives are different in the summer than they are in the winter. The rhythm of the church activities change in the summer as well.

We are still in the season of Easter through May. On June 4, we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost and on June 11, it is Trinity Sunday. Then, we enter the season of "Ordinary Time" in the church year. This is the time between Pentecost and Advent. It is called "ordinary" because we move into a time of more regular elements of worship. The focus is more on the Lord's Day. We will have just completed a cycle of "extraordinary" time with the seasons of Advent and Christmas as well as Lent and Easter.

During ordinary time, we are provided the opportunity to read some of the books of the Bible that do not get as much attention during the "extraordinary" times. This summer, we are going to go on an adventure, as I prepare sermons for you, from six of the Old Testament books. We will start on June 18 with a "Book Sermon Series" on the book of Ruth. This will run through July 9. It is a fascinating story of God's love and kindness, and I am eager to bring the book of Ruth alive for us.

On July 16th, we will begin exploring five of the twelve Old Testament books during sermons, called the "Minor Prophets" or the "Book of the Twelve." There are twelve minor prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. This year, I will prepare "Book Sermons" on Hosea, Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah. These five minor prophets will take us up to Christ the King Sunday, on November 26. The



Advent and Christmas season will begin on December 3.

I am excited about using these Old Testament texts for our sermons during this "Ordinary Time" season. There will be some challenges for all of us, as they are very different from the gospels that I have primarily preached on from the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons this past year. Part of the anticipation is encountering the time before Jesus. The intent is that we will be able to identify and learn more about the world of our Jewish ancestors, and better understand the amazing gift God has given us in the Son, Jesus Christ.

During the week of May 15-19, I attended a continuing education event, the Festival of Homiletics. I am grateful for the call you extended to me which included continuing education. Thank you.

Our worship changes to its summer hours on Sunday, May 28, to a start time of 9:30 a.m. See you then!

Blessings,  
Pastor Cathie

### **JUNE SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP**

- June 4 - Day of Pentecost  
I Corinthians 12:3b-13  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Acts 2: 1-21 (sermon text)
- June 11 - Trinity Sunday  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13: 11-13  
Matthew 28: 16-20 (sermon text)
- June 18 - Ordinary Time  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Book Series on Ruth  
Ruth 1: 1-22 (sermon text)
- June 25: Ordinary Time  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Book Series on Ruth  
Ruth 2: 1-23 (sermon text)



## APRIL CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on April 26, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, Lee Dobrinz, Sue Hanna, Dawn Larson, Terry Meester, Adam Montgomery, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Andrew Thostenson. Moderator Cathie Bishop, Clerk Becky DeJong, and Treasurer Carolyn Meester were present. Confirmands present were Ty Arvidson, Cami Birrenkott, Andrea Corneliussen, Angela Corneliussen, Olivia Dobrinz, and Zaryn Hansen. Mentors present were Lisa Steffen and Vicki Peihl.

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions by Lee Dobrinz.

The confirmation class of 2017 met with and answered questions from Session. The confirmation class and mentors are:

Ty Arvidson – Terry Meester  
Cami Birrenkott – Carolyn Meester  
Andrea Corneliussen – Lisa Steffen and  
Becky DeJong  
Angela Corneliussen – Lisa Steffen and  
Becky DeJong  
Olivia Dobrinz – Vicki Riedinger  
Zaryn Hansen – Vicki Peihl

### Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the minutes of March 15, 2017
- Pay half of the church softball league dues - \$350.00
- Summer worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. starting Memorial Day (May 28) through Labor Day (September 3) with Rally Sunday to be September 10.

### Moderator's report:

- Wrote and submitted articles for April and May newsletters: Ponderings, Confirmation Corner, and prepared Easter Schedule, and Scriptures for April; also for May.
- Participated in Presbytery Council conference call, March 16, 2017
- Visitations/follow-up with Donna Jenner on March 16 and Michelle Jenner

on April 7.

- Hospital visits with Harriet Diede, calls with daughter Nancy Maag; met with family at West Funeral home on March 21, Prayer Service on March 23, funeral/committal for Harriet Diede on March 24.
- Meeting with Reed and Brittney Montgomery on March 21 regarding baptism for Rylee Rose, with Dawn Larson. Baptized Rylee on Sunday, March 26, 2017.
- Met with Linda Bishop and Lise Alves re: Presbytery meeting to be hosted at CPCWF on April 21 & 22. CBB to serve as "official host." Linda, Lise, and I also met with Laurie from Presbytery Office.
- Led worship for Park View residents, and residents of Moorhead Rehab (formerly Golden Living) on March 30.
- Participated in Hand Bell Workshop on April 1.
- Brought communion, with Lise Alves and Boots Misheski to Sheyenne Crossing for: Carolyn Koerselman, Greta Teets, Hank and Hazel Yokum, on Sunday, April 2.
- Taught confirmation class on Wednesday, April 5. Mary Jo Moorhead and Boots Misheski were guest speakers on mission in Kenya.
- Met with family of Bernie Cruz on Thursday, April 6 to plan funeral. Non-member, asked to provide the service to the family by West Funeral Home. Funeral was at West on Saturday, April 8.
- Visited with John Williams who has relocated to West Fargo from Salisbury, NC. Would like to join CPCWF with a letter of transfer along with his two children, Elizabeth and Emmanuel.
- First pre-marital meeting on April 12, with Melissa VanCleve and John Engebretson in preparation for their wedding on October 7.
- Seven Worship services prepared between March 15 and April 26: March 19 and 26 (baptism); April 2 (com-

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- munion), 9 Palm Sunday, 13 Maundy Thursday (handwashing and communion), 16 Easter (communion), and April 23.
- Met with Loveline Ndofov regarding her brother's death; brought prayer service/celebration of life to her home on Saturday, April 15, upon her request.
  - Working with Deacons and Beth Olson, daughter of Carolyn Koerselman, to find rides for Carolyn so she can attend church at CPCWF.
  - Hospital Visits on April 16 to Michelle Jenner, Sanford and Sue Larson, Es-sentia.
  - Wrote and submitted articles for newsletter, April 20: Ponderings, Confirmation Corner, and Scriptures for May.

Clerk's report - 94 served communion on Sunday, April 2, 51 served communion on Maundy-Thursday, April 13 and 137 served communion on Easter, April 16, 2017. Harriett Diede died on March 20, 2017. Her funeral was held at CPC on March 24, 2017. Rylee Rose Montgomery was baptized on March 26, 2017. Her parents are Reed and Brittney Montgomery.

Elders to serve communion on May 7, 2017 will be Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Andrew Thostenson.

The financial report was discussed.

Discussion was held regarding a gift for Barb Jorgenson's retirement.

Due to busy summer schedules, session dates have been changed for the next three months. Session will meet Tuesday, May 23, Tuesday, June 20, and Tuesday, July 18.

John Williams, through a Certificate of Transfer, would like to become a member of CPC. He is from First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Session will be participating in a "Facing Racism" study for six sessions. This top-

ic is important and will be our devotions for the next six meetings.

Christian Education Committee: Sunday School recognition will be April 30. Cake will be served on Confirmation Sunday, May 7.

Mission Committee: One Great Hour of Sharing will be over in April. The mission focus for May and June will be the Bdecean Church. Minute for Mission will become a more regular part of the service. The raffle has been tabled until the fall.

Personnel and Worship Committee: Ads will be placed in the newspaper for our piano/organist position and secretarial position.

Service and Fellowship Committee: Thank you to Lise Alves and Linda Bishop for coordinating the Presbytery meeting at our church. All your hard work was very much appreciated!!

Trustees: A new fan will be installed in the furnace. The lower entry way will be spruced up. Miscellaneous odd jobs will be attended to.

No reports: Deacons, Nominating Committee, Stewardship Committee.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session

**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.

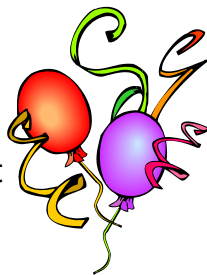
Sue Larson	701-893-6484
Deb Matzke	701-282-9463
Boots Misheski	701-388-7160
Lisa Steffen	701-282-5308
Caroline Talley	701-282-3273
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Lise Alves, Session Liaison	701-412-8689



## JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

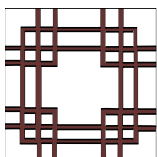
### BIRTHDAYS

- 6-4 Mike Gross
- 6-6 LeAnn Tenderholt  
Melanie Hansen
- 6-8 April Shone
- 6-12 Vicki Riedinger
- 6-14 Rylee Montgomery
- 6-19 Brandon Hanna
- 6-26 Carol Duggan
- 6-30 Dixon Moorhead  
Ezra Dobrinz



### ANNIVERSARIES

- 6-4-88 – Tom and Cathy Birrenkott
- 6-6-48 – Henry and Hazel Yokom
- 6-7-97 – Scott and Melanie Hansen
- 6-8-96 – Terry and Carolyn Meester
- 6-11-83 – Marty and Debbie Matzke
- 6-11-94 – Lee and Lia Dobrinz
- 6-11-99 – Ray and Bev Christopherson
- 6-18-72 – Bruce and Karen Steele
- 6-19-93 – Chad and Tammy Nelson
- 6-27-81 – Thomas and Nancy Kassman



## FUN AT OUR EGG BAKE FUNDRAISER ON APRIL 30

A BIG Thank you to all who came, ate, donated, worked and enjoyed fellowship at our spring brunch on April 30. We raised \$823 for a new stove and ran out of egg bakes! We hope everyone had a great time. Thanks for all your support!

### COLLECTIBLE THANKS

Our thanks go out to all who organized or purchased the many collectibles put out for sale over the last few months. Our grand sales total comes to \$1,600. All collectible funds will benefit a future project for CPC.

## CALLING ALL LITURGISTS AND 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 sharing your musical gifts. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## THANK YOU, TEACHERS!

Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord



Psalm 34:11

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank the following individuals for teaching Sunday School or leading our youth:

Lise Alves  
Cathy Birrenkott  
Pastor Cathie Bishop  
Lia Dobrinz  
Amy Grossman-Tomsich  
Carly Jo Hager  
Melanie Hansen  
Samantha Herman  
Carrie Leopold  
Dixon Moorhead  
Tammy Nelson  
Elizabeth Strand  
LeAnn Tenderholt  
Bonnie Thompson  
Andrew Thostenson  
Gayle Thostenson  
Melissa Van Cleve



## WE RELAY OUR THANKS

Thanks to everyone who was able to help out at CPC's Marathon Aide Station (including some not pictured). Everything went so well. Every one had a role. It was awesome! You guys are amazing!

Stay tuned to gear up for May, 2018!



## SYNOD SCHOOL 2017: LET JUSTICE FLOW

July 23-28, 2016  
Buena Vista University  
Storm Lake, Iowa

Herbert Nelson, right top, stated clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will be the convocation speaker, and Cláudio Carvalhaes, well-known speaker and worship leader, will lead evening worship.

Nelson, a noted speaker and preacher, and a strong force on issues of social justice, previously served as director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C.

Carvalhaes, a native of Brazil, joined the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York City last fall. He previously served on the faculty of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Louisville (Ky.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Just a few years ago, Carvalhaes was the convocation speaker at Synod School.

More than 70 classes for adults will be offered, as well as a full program for children and youth, provide great opportunities for learning, renewal and fun.

For more information, or to register for Synod School 2017, go to:

<http://lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool>

## 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. Just let Gayle know you'd like to receive e-mail prayer updates.



## YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

For 5/17/2017

General	Operating	budget
2017:	\$151,229.52	/ 52
weeks	=	\$2,908.26 per
		week.



Budgeted Exp. to date: \$ 58,165.20

Actual giving \$ 44,284.92

Actual expenses \$ 53,174.70

Net income to date **\$ 8,889.78-**

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. The balance in the building fund account is \$1,913.75. There are not enough funds to make the June payment. If donations are not received for the building fund, money from the general fund will be used to cover the payment.

Per capita amount for 2017 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 *per capita*.

*...each of us grows in faith by assessing the many blessings of our lives and considering our need to give as an expression of our gratitude to God.*



## SALVATION ARMY SERVICE

Confirmants, along with some mentors, and parents served dinner at the Salvation Army on Sunday, April 30, as part of their preparation for their confirmation day on Sunday, May 7.

**July/August's  
Community Call  
deadline will be  
Thursday, June 22**

# Congratulations!

## Graduates

### Class of 2017

**Angela  
Corneliusson**



I will be attending college at Minnesota State University Moorhead where I plan on becoming a paralegal. I have been a part of West Fargo High School's orchestra for seven years. I still plan on playing my violin after high school to expand my ability to become a better musician.



**Matthew  
Thompson**

I plan to go to college at Minnesota State University Moorhead where I will major in Physical Education. After leaving high school, I will most miss my friends and playing basketball at West Fargo High School. However, I plan to still play basketball in leagues with my brother. Throughout this year my faith has helped me overcome many obstacles, and I couldn't have overcome these obstacles without it. Thanks Community Presbyterian Church for all that you do.



## 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> <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> _____ <b>OR</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> _____	<u>TWICE A MONTH</u> <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>AND</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> _____
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**Please print the following:**

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Account Number:

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(A confirmation will be sent to you)

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**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