

Fill out the form below, cut it out, fold it in half, tape it, stamp it, and post it or drop it at the church office to register your child for VBS!
(For more information on Concrete & Cranes, see page 1)



Concrete & Cranes

Community Presbyterian Church

Vacation

Bible School

August 8 - 10

Dinner 5:40 p.m.

Activities 6 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

For 3 year-olds through 5th grade grads

Registration Form

Name(s) and age(s)/*completed* grade(s) : _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

All are welcome to dine with us. Please note below how many of you shall join us for dinner.

Sun _____ Mon _____ Tues _____

Will someone besides parents pick up VBS participants?

If so, who? _____

Emergency contact phone #

Are there any special concerns?

☐ I would like to know more about this church.



Place
Stamp
Here

**Attn: Melanie Hansen
OR Gayle Thostenson
Community Presbyterian Church
702 Sheyenne St.
West Fargo, ND 58078**

COMMUNITY CALL

Pastor: Rev. Catherine Bishop; **Office Administrator:** Mary Gross; **Ministers:** The People of God
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CONCRETE & CRANES VBS

Grab your hard hat and tool belt and come to Community Presbyterian Church to build something that will last an eternity! In the evenings of August 8-10, CPC will be building foundations of faith at Concrete & Cranes Vacation Bible School. We would love your help to cement our faith in Jesus!

Listed below are ways to donate your time or talent. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can join our crew for even one day. Sign-up is in narthex.

- Crew leaders for small groups
- Drama builders (actors) for opening and closing the worksite
- Jackhammer Music leader
 FILLED by Kevin Galt
- Bible Blueprint teachers and helpers
- Wrecking Ball Rec leaders & helpers
- Bulldozer Crafts leaders
- Photographer(s)
- Food servers
- Decorators
- Folks that just want to join in the building and have fun

Volunteers should contact Melanie Hansen (mlh060673@yahoo.com and 701-526-6213) or Gayle Thostenson (atgtet@far.midco.net or 701-412-6387).

DON'T FORGET

During the summer months our worship services will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love." Ephesians 1: 2-4.

How grateful we are to be blessed by God, in love! We are blessed to live each day, knowing that God walks with us in times of difficulty and in times of joy. It makes me think about the Old Testament scripture in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. Pick up your Bible and read it again. Consider looking up different translations when you are reading Ecclesiastes. Even though you will find some differences, some translations make it easier for us to under-

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stand what the scripture is saying more clearly. Did you know the word "time" is repeated 29 times! Listen to the rhythm of the sum of the words. We are born...and we die, plant...and are plucked up, we weep...and then laugh, we mourn...and we dance, we keep silence...and then we speak, ending with love...and hate, and war...and peace.

At some time or another, we all run into the reality of life. Everything that is part of those eight verses of Ecclesiastes ends up being something we experience. Whether we are rejoicing the coming of a newborn child or being accepted into the college we wanted, others may be grieving the loss of a loved one. Either way, we can be assured that the Holy Spirit stays with us and guides us.

Sometimes we are not sure what God wants us to do. Rather than being frustrated and angry, we eventually remember that God has called us to reach out, to pray if not in words, let God make sense of your needs. When you are struggling, stop and listen. I do not know about you, but oftentimes, it takes a reminder to listen before I am ready to let go of the way I think things should go.

That applies even with our frustration about having to do things different ways than we had always done. Recently, as we have been coming out of the fog of Covid, it seems that in almost anything we are doing, there is a reminder that as humans, we have to let go of things that we want to hold on tight, so we can make room to what God has in store for us.

CPC is part of the "Youth Summer Lunch Program." We were not able to participate last year. This year, it is the first time we were able to host at the church. We are all loving the idea that we do not

have to carry the boxes to and from the site! However, we have learned some valuable things. It never occurred to us that the youth might not know where Community Presbyterian Church is or even what this building is what we all know as our church. Not everyone has had the same experiences that we have had. We also learned that some religions do not want their people to go into a church that is not theirs. We assumed that everyone would be glad to

come to 'our' church. We now take the carts to the sidewalk so children are able to participate in the food program, regardless of their religious beliefs.

It is a good reminder that in order to be good neighbors, we must get to know others and accept their lives as we would want them to accept ours. Life is a time of learning.

Grace and Peace be with you.
Pastor Cathie

CRAFT N' CREATIONS



Craft n' Creations is back with another fun activity! We are excited to share in fellowship and make candles on Tuesday, July 13th at 6:30 p.m. This is an event for those who have never made candles and for the most skillful of candlemakers.

All supplies to complete the project will be provided for anyone who signs up at no cost. Goodwill donations will be accepted but are not required.

Spread the word and invite your friends to join for a few hours of creativity, laughs, and friendship. To sign up, please contact the church office (701-282-4135 or office@cpcwf.org), email melissav22@mnjd.org, or sign up on the bulletin board by Thursday, July 8th.

JUNE CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Lee Dobrinz, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, Adam Montgomery, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Gayle Thostenson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Melissa Engebretson was absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Mary Jo Moorhead.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of May 19, 2021
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, July 21, 2021
- c. Housing Authority would like use of our parking lot.
- d. Moderator's report:
 - Met newsletter deadline for June, 2021.
 - Tuesday, May 25, met with Mary Jo Moorhead along with Melissa and John Engebretson regarding baptism for Maverick.
 - Wednesday, May 26, 2021, visited Irene Martin while her son, Mike, was in surgery.
 - Wednesday, May 26, 2021, presented a refresher course for Deacons to take communion to those unable to attend church in person.
 - Thursday, May 27, 2021, provided worship service for Park View Terraces.
 - Thursday, May 27, 2021, participated with the preschool at CPC for an end-of-year water balloon activity.
 - Sunday, May 30, 2021, joined several CPC people who served dinner for the 5th Sunday, at the Salvation Army.
 - Tuesday, June 1, 2021, provided worship service for Touchmark at Harwood Groves.
 - Wednesday, June 2, 2021, Mary Jo

Moorhead and I changed the parameters.

- Wednesday, June 2, 2021, participated in Zoom Text Study.
- Monday, June 7, 2021, Youth Summer Lunch Program began and will go through August 20, 2021. Meal sacks will be provided for children/youth 18 and under, and are served Monday-Friday from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet has more opportunities to help feed the youth.
- Monday, Jun 7, 2021, drove up to East Grand Forks to moderate Session for Mendenhall Presbyterian Church.
- Tuesday, June 8, 2021, attended Christian Education meeting.
- Wednesday, June 9, 2021, attended Worship Committee meeting.
- Thursday, June 10, 2021, attended Stewardship Committee meeting.
- Tuesday, June 15, 2021, hosted the CPMT meeting at CPC.
- Wednesday, June 16, 2021, plan to moderate Session.
- Four Sunday services: Pentecost on May 23, Trinity Sunday on May 30, June 6 with Baptism of Maverick Engebretson and Communion, and June 13th.
- e. Clerk's report -
 - ◊ 57 served communion on Sunday, June 6, 2021.
 - ◊ Maverick Engebretson was baptized on June 6, 2021. His parents are John and Melissa Engebretson.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Elders to serve communion on July 4, 2021 will be Kevin Galt and Mary Jo Moorhead.

Discussion was held regarding putting our church information on various social media sites. The Church Center App, Instagram, Twitter, ... were discussed as ways to engage and inform the community about activities at CPC. The need to have one person monitor these sites so that they stay current and consistent

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was also discussed.

Per approval by Worship Committee, a candle will be placed in the back of the sanctuary to symbolize the Word of God going out in the community to do His service.

Per approval by Trustees, a banner and removeable stand will be placed in the parking lot to advertise church events. The first banner will advertise VBS. More banners will be purchased as necessary.

Committee reports:

Christian Ed.: Discussion was held to finalize agenda for VBS. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be posted. A banner for VBS will be ordered. The youth ministry leader job application will be posted on the Concordia and MSUM websites. Gayle Thostenson will check on areas available at NDSU. – Kevin Galt

Deacons: Pastor Cathie presented a refresher course for sharing communion to people outside the church building. Guidelines were given on how to present and arrange for communion visits and supplies. Communion visits were scheduled for the month of June.

– Gayle Thostenson

Service and Fellowship: Movie night is being re-scheduled because of the Pyrotechnic Show at the fairgrounds, and the new date will soon be announced. Coffee and treats will be served this summer – watch for sign-up opportunities. Service and Fellowship groups will begin again in the fall. – Melissa Engebretson

Stewardship: We met on June 10, 2021. Now that the debt is paid off, we planned the Project Open Door re-dedication service and celebration picnic to follow the service on June 27, 2021. Invitations will be mailed out this week. Weather permitting, we will picnic on the lawn just to the South of the Narthex. Pulled pork, grilled brats, drinks, and chips will be provided. We are asking the congregation to bring supplemental potluck dishes and lawn

chairs. Andrew Thostenson and Kevin Galt are heading up the setup and tear down – please contact them if you are willing to assist. – Yvonne Hummel

Trustees: The thermostats have been adjusted for the summer months. The downstairs restrooms on the west side are having plaster issues below the exterior windows. We are starting the process to remove and repair those areas of the exterior wall. – Bob Kozojed

Worship: There will be an outdoor worship service on July 25 with a potluck to follow. Please bring some delicious food to share and a chair to sit on.

No reports: Mission, Nominating, Personnel committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

SUMMER PEACHES

Red River Youth for Christ (RRYC) is once again planning to sell their fresh Georgia and Colorado peaches in late June through August. Pears and nectarines will be made available in late August.



RRYFC offers fruit as a fundraiser to help support its ministry to at-risk youth in the F-M area. Our mission is to love and bring hope to teens by serving weekly meals to hungry students, providing programming within our regional juvenile center, mentoring and equipping teen moms, providing safe, healthy, and life-giving relationships, and so much more. YOU make all this possible. When you buy fruit, the lives of young people in our community are impacted and changed forever.

To order online, go to
<https://redriveryfc.square.site/>

Peach flyers can be found on the small table in the church narthex or at
<https://www.redriveryfc.com/events/peaches/>

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER**BIRTHDAYS**

- 7-2 Bob Kozojed
 7-4 Carly Hager
 7-8 Curtis Hemm
 Dolores Meyer
 7-13 Grace Elizabeth Hager
 7-16 Cami Birrenkott
 7-17 Hudson Babb
 Marj Meester
 Courtney Misheski
 7-19 Boots Misheski
 7-20 Don Rehling
 7-22 Tammy Bahls
 7-30 Yvonne Hummel

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7-17-04 Joe and Melissa Eiter
 7-20-68 Dave and Gloria Ruhnke
 7-29-06 Brian and Heidi Babb
 7-30-11 Zachary and Elizabeth Strand

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 service, please contact Gayle Thostenson.

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|-----------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| 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 |

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. We are also in need of a head usher in September. Please prayerfully consider assisting in worship. To sign up, go to the CPC bulletin board or contact Melissa Engebretson at melissa-v32@mnjd.org.

**JULY MISSION FOCUS**

July's mission focus is the Bdecan Church, a member of Dakota Presbytery, located south of Tokio, ND on the Spirit Lake Reservation. "Bdecan" (pronounced Bah-DAY Chan) means "Wood Lake" in the Dakota language. Bdecan Presbyterian Church is the only Indian Presbyterian Church in the State of North Dakota. It was founded as a mission church in 1879 and formally organized in 1881.

The mission of the Bdecan Presbyterian Church of Tokio, North Dakota on the Spirit Lake Dakota Nation is to grow as Christ's witness in their community and reservation worshipping God through prayer, helping each other, fellowship, and Sunday morning worship. While keeping Christ's love at their center and supporting each one's spiritual journey, they move towards eternal life as one body to fulfill God's will on earth.

It conducts regular Sunday School and Worship services and children's programming in the summer. In addition, it supplies a food pantry and clothes closet for the community's needs.

The need is for winter wear for elementary students. They have long bus rides to and from school each day and are not allowed to ride the bus or go out for recess without warm clothing. Watch CPC announcements for fun ways you can help Bdecan outfit some of the 100 students they serve.

For more information about the Bdecan church, you can go to its website at <https://www.bdecanpresbyterianchurch.org/>

**MISSION THANKS**

Thanks to all who donated items to our Fabulous 50's drive for the Emergency Food Pantry. We are coming very near our goals. If you have items yet to donate, we won't be delivering to the Food Pantry until early July. Final numbers will be announced after the delivery.



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

5/31/2021

General Operating budget
2021: \$151,788.00
Monthly needed to meet
budget: \$ 12,649.00

Total Giving April \$ 8,276.85
Total Expenses April \$ 11,666.26

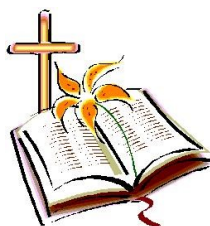
Per Capita amount for 2021 is \$48.00
for each confirmed member. Please
mark on your check or envelope "Per
Capita".

Please mark on your check or envelope
you are contributing to Per Capita. Total
Per Capita received to date is
\$2,764.00.

Let us "spur one another on toward love
and good deeds." Let us continue to en-
courage each other, even if times are
tough. We do not trust in one who is un-
reliable; we trust in the one who is
faithful. Let us continue to be encour-
aged and to encourage one another in
the Lord.

JULY SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

July 4 Ezekiel 36:16-32
Psalm 48
July 11 Joel 2:28-32
Psalm 24
July 18 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
July 25 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14



CPC YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER NEEDED

CPC is searching for a youth ministry
leader to begin work sometime as early
as this summer. 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)



OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & POTLUCK

Sunday, July 25, CPC
will be worshipping
outdoors followed by
a potluck. Please bring some delicious
food to share and a chair to sit on.

SYNOD SCHOOL 2021: CALLED OUT!

July 25-30, 2021
Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa

"Sleeper, awake. Rise
from the dead. And
Christ will shine on you."



Ephesians 5:14, NRSV

Synod School offers week-long classes
in personal and professional develop-
ment and is open to everyone. This pro-
gram, in its 67th year, annually draws
more than 600 people of all ages from
27 states. 2021 includes both in-person
and virtual programming. We invite you
to participate!

This year Jill Duffield, pastor of First
Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC,
and former editor of Presbyterian Out-
look, is our convocation speaker and
Samuel Son, manager of diversity and
reconciliation at the Presbyterian Mission
Agency, is our evening worship leader.
Bryce Wiebe, director of special offer-
ings, will lead the youth convocation
speaker. Heidi and Greg Bolt, co-
pastors of First Presbyterian Church in
Red Wing, MN, will lead morning pray-
ers.

For more information, call 800-328-
1880, ext. 207 or go to

[https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-
leaders/synod-school/](https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/)

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

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

Annual Income	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate to 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



JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August newsletter deadline: July 22 Non-church scheduled events: Non-church scheduled events: Mon. evenings—TOPS Saturday & Sunday afternoons—HOREMOW						
4 <i>Independence Day</i> Worship 9:30 a.m.	5	6	Head Ushers: July: Mike Thompson August: Chuck Thompson September: volunteer needed	1 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	2	3
11 Worship 9:30 a.m.	12	13	7 Prayer time 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m.	8 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	9	10
18 Worship 9:30 a.m.	19	20	14 Softball 6:30 p.m. TBD 7:30 or 8:30 p.m. Worship Committee 6:00 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	15 PW Card Group 1 p.m. Stewardship Com. 7 p.m.	16 17	Softball Tournaments
25 Outdoor Worship 9:30 a.m. Potluck to follow	26	27	21 Session 7:00 p.m.	22 Newsletter deadline is Today!!! PW Card Group 1 p.m.	23	24
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Dawn Larson Mary Jo Moorhead

Communion Prep Team:

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

