

COMMUNITY CALL

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SPRING FORWARD

On Sunday, March 13th, at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins. Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour.

IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR LENT!

The day of Lent is March 2:
Ash Wednesday Service
is at 7:00 p.m.



Holy Week Begins –

Palm Sunday worship at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Resurrection of the Lord –

Easter Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

*For a Lent sharing calendar, see p. 8.



BRING OUT YOUR RUMMAGE

The Presbyterian Men's Rummage Sale is slated for Saturday, April 23, in the Community Room of the West Fargo Veterans Arena. We need your rummage, but we also need volunteers (men & women) for Friday, the 22th, to set up, manage the sale, and afterwards to dispose of leftovers and return tables to the church.

More details will be in the April Community Call. If you have rummage or have questions, contact Andrew Thostenson (atqtet@far.midco.net, H: 492-0630; C: 793-2883). Contact him as soon as possible regarding computer equipment donations, so the items can be properly reconditioned in time for the sale. All proceeds will go to support the mission of the church.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE

"To the Saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ, grace to you and peace from God our Father." Colossians 1:2 (NRSV)

It has been a long winter! We tend to complain when it is blowing snow and below zero even when we know that winter will go away, and the grass will turn green. The reality when we live in a four-season environment is that our environment will change. Some of us like winter, others prefer spring, or summer, or fall. In this northland, we get to 'taste' each of the seasons. Take some time and think about your own season preference(s), remembering that God has given us all the seasons.

We have been given seasons to remember Jesus. For example, we have just gone through Advent, Christmas, **(Continued on page 2)**

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Epiphany, and Transfiguration of the Lord. Most of that time for us has been winter.

In mid-March, it will be spring! In March this year you are invited to attend our Ash Wednesday service on March 2 at 7:00 p.m. It is the beginning of Lent, a season to reflect on our baptismal call and self-examination. There are 40 days in the season of Lent plus 6 Sundays. Consider reading scriptures during the season of Lent. You can simply open your Bible, especially to the Gospels. During March we will focus on Luke. You can also find daily readings for Lent online.

As I was reviewing various resources to read for the season of Lent, I found several on the PCUSA website. One idea as you are reflecting on your own self-examination, is to ask yourself these questions. When was the last time you felt real thirst? What other thirsts leave your souls parched. Continue to look for ways to examine yourself.

During March I will be using a Lenten series called Character and Calling. It is a Lenten journey with Paul to discover the essentials of Christian character. As you prepare for the series, consider what you might TAKE UP rather than Give Up during this season.

March 6 Lent 1. Belief is the foundation of Christian character.

March 13 Lent 2. Character is formed by imitating the example of Christ.

March 20 Lent 3. Character resists temptation and maintains purity.

March 27 Lent 4. Through Christ we have peace with God and can be at peace with others.

Use your time wisely and make room for self-examination during Lent.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

**MARCH
MISSION
FOCUS**

The Mission Committee's March focus will be the Dorothy Day Food Pantry as part of Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) March food campaign.

GMCC's Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 as a campaign advanced by congregations to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful, and the need so evident, March Campaigns became a statewide initiative just one year later and is now in its 41st year.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help stock and support the capacity of nearly 300 food shelves.

To date, GMCC's Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over \$18.3 million dollars via the FoodFund. 100% of donations designated to Minnesota Foodshare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund and are distributed to participating food shelves.

They envision a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. This initiative directly addresses these issues. We invite you to join our efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity in our communities.

For information on GMCC's mission work, go to :

<https://gmcc.org/march-campaign/>

For Dorothy Day Food Pantry information, go to:

<https://www.churches-united.org/dorothy-day-food-pantry-moorhead>



FEBRUARY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Kevin Galt, Adam Montgomery, Yvonne Hummel, Laurie Elhard, Carrie Leopold, Cheryl Montgomery, and Gayle Thostenson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Bob Kozojed, was absent. Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong was absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Kevin Galt.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of January 19, 2022
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, March 16, 2022
- c. reinstated Lia Dobrinz – per request
- d. Moderator's report –
 - January 21, 2022 – provided items for newsletter.
 - January 23, 2022 – preparation and sermon for worship.
 - January 25-30, 2022 – covid quarantine at home.
 - January 28 – return to work/5 days of mask wearing.
 - Catch up for February worship preparation, including uploading for Sunday worship each week.
 - February 3 – Worship Committee meeting.
 - February 6, 2022 – prepped for worship service and communion.
 - February 8, Boots Misheski and I visited two people, Jane Leben and Kay Munch. We also provided communion for each of them.
 - February 9 – Confirmation.
 - February 10 – met with young man from the High Rise across the street. He and his girlfriend attended worship on Sunday, February 13.
 - February 13 – worship with ordination/installation and moderated

- Grandin's Annual Meeting.
- February 15 – Provided worship for Touchmark at 4:30 p.m.
- February 16 – Moderator for CPC Session. Session members will learn from Lee to set up processes for the new "Owl" prior to session. [Editor's note: this training is to be rescheduled due to an electrical outage at the time of the meeting.
- e. Clerk's report -
 - i. 40 served communion on February 6, 2022.
 - ii. Cheryl Montgomery was ordained as an Elder; Laurie Elhard and Gayle Thostenson were installed as Elders on February 13, 2022. Jenni Hummel was ordained as a Deacon, and Dixon Moorhead was installed as a Deacon on February 13, 2022.

Adam Montgomery made a motion to approve the consent agenda and agenda. Motion was seconded and carried.

The elders to help serve communion on March 6, 2022 will be Cheryl Montgomery, Kevin Galt, and Laurie Elhard or Gayle Thostenson.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Zoom meetings will no longer be used for the Sunday worship service, YouTube will be the option used.

Added to the Action List to report at the next meeting the comparisons for each option.

Carrie – Zoom
Laurie – Google Meets
Adam – TEAMS

Carrie Leopold made a motion to pay Andrew Thostenson for the Zoom subscription until another solution is provided. Motion was seconded and carried.

Carrie Questions:

1. Discussion on participation and expectation of those serving on Session.
2. How to add items to the meeting

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agenda? Contact Pastor Cathie or Becky prior to the meeting if possible.

3. Would there be interest in a retreat for the Session group?

Request for baptism for Asher Montgomery, son of Reed and Brittney Montgomery on Sunday, May 15th.

Kevin Galt made a motion to accept the request. Motion was seconded and carried.

Discussion on parliamentary procedure. Sometimes it is used, and sometimes it is not. The order is Motion, Discussion, Vote. We need to honor and respect everyone's opinions.

Committee reports:

Deacons: The Deacons meeting focused on informing new Deacon, Jenni Hummel, of the tasks of Deacons inside and outside the church. Rides continue to be given to those who request them as needed. Two communion visits were made in February. – Gayle Thostenson

Personnel: Prior to the meeting, the committee was exploring non-traditional means of advertising for the open position of office administrator, including the use of social media. During the meeting, Cheryl Montgomery expressed interest in the position as a means to volunteer and utilize her financial and office experience to accommodate the church and its financial position. The committee happily accepted the offer, with a start date to be determined for March 2022.

Stewardship: QuickBooks update – we still feel that we will need to update our current version of QuickBooks, but we can wait until later this year. Perhaps a subscription-based version should be considered.

We are very concerned about the bookkeeper/secretary position not being filled yet, as there is no separation of duties (checks and balances) for our treasurer. At this time, she receives the bills, approves the bills, pays the bills, and balances the books. As far as de-



posits, she receives the deposits, makes the deposits at the bank, and balances all the books each month. In order to protect her, and our church, we recommend that an even greater effort be placed on finding a new employee as soon as possible, even if it means increasing the starting wages. This is an audit issue!

Discussion was held about the purpose of the Stewardship Committee, and what we can and should be doing to increase the need for and awareness of the need to increase tithing to the church. This will be an ongoing discussion, and we will reach out to others in the congregation for their ideas and guidance. The financial stability of our church is at stake; we need to increase giving if we want this church to continue to exist. – Yvonne Hummel [Editor's note: as with most reports in Clerk's Corner, Stewardship was submitted prior to the Session meeting.]

Mission: Dorothy Day Food Pantry – there is a food match for March. One Great Hour of Sharing for April. – Carrie Leopold

Worship: What has gone well: peaceful atmosphere, music, banners

Challenges: finding volunteers

Ideas and thoughts on how to grow the church:

- ♦ More appealing - energetic - motivation

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- ◇ Invite new people
- ◇ Need to keep Presbyterian Order of Worship
- ◇ Work on getting backups for worship spots
- ◇ Educate the leadership and congregation on what it means to be a welcoming church
- ◇ Develop discipleship within the church
- ◇ Survey of what people like and dislike so that we have a better understanding
- ◇ Work on building stronger bonds between the people who currently attend

What positions do we have to have to conduct worship: Ideally, all the following would be covered, however, the following list is in priority order.

- 1) Preacher (must have) – 1 person
- 2) Sound/Video Board – 1 person
 - a) Suggestion on additional people: Charlie Elhard, Jarrett Meester, Reed Montgomery (Laurie will contact them to see if they are interested)
 - b) Kevin and Andrew will work on creating a handbook "An Idiots Guide" to the sound board and are willing to train new volunteers.
 - c) Simplifying the way we do things:
 - i) Zoom – do we need to use this platform on Sunday morning to livestream. Both Andrew and Kevin were in agreement that Zoom is not needed and just adds another layer on Sunday morning. The group agrees to discontinue using Zoom on Sunday morning. Instead, the website will only have the link to the YouTube live stream. (Laurie will let Session know of this decision)

***The committee recommends to Ses-**

sion that CPC take over the financial responsibility of the Zoom account to be able to contact online meeting. (Laurie will bring to Session)

ii) YouTube – concerns were raised about copyright and YouTube flagging the worship service even though CPC has all the proper music rights in place. Andrew will leave video on YouTube to see if they get flag for copyright issues.

3) Pianist – 1 person

4) Slides – 1 person

5) Liturgist – 1 person (helpful and recommended, but preacher can do this position in a pinch)

6) Usher – 1 person (helpful and recommended, but could go without on a Sunday and put basket by the doors for collection)

Praise Music: It was discussed that the praise music will move from before the call to worship to before the Call to Confession at the beginning of March. Both Kevin and Cathie were in agreement to try to new spot and see how it goes.

The committee expressed gratitude to the time and effort that Andrew and Kevin have put in to help the church during the Covid. – Laurie Elhard

Service and Fellowship: We touched base where we are sitting with the startup of the service groups and the leaders we have gotten. We want to ask for 3 more group leaders to help make this successful. Next month we are going to find a date to have a meeting with the ladies who previously hosted the Fall bazaar to get some information from them as we work on our vendor show. We are hoping to get some participation in the Build a Snowman and Contest and Coco Bomb Class hosted by Zoe Elhard.

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We have a few head usher spots open still and hoping to find a few people to fill them. – Melissa Engebretson

Comment to Service & Fellowship group: Glad to see the S&F groups back together. We still need leaders for 3 groups. Can we get the dates of service added to the list of members and then mail the list to members?

Trustees: Ermina, from I&E Cleaning, offered the church a professional carpet cleaner at no cost. The Trustees gratefully accepted this offer. The roof has continued to be monitored for snow depth throughout the winter and there are no issues of concern. – Bob Kozojed

No reports: Christian Education and Nominating committees

Carrie Leopold made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Meester

**MARCH
DATES
TO REMEMBER**

BIRTHDAYS

- 3-3 Karen Steele
- 3-8 Troy Montgomery
- 3-9 Amy Bucholz
- 3-10 Zoe Elhard
- 3-15 Irene Martin
- 3-16 Declan Bucholz
- 3-19 Lydia Leopold
- 3-21 Melissa Engebretson
- 3-22 Bonnie Thompson
- 3-24 Dawn Larson
- 3-25 Michelle Bucy
- 3-30 Stacy Leopold

ANNIVERSARIES

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



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



CPC is in need of more individuals to sign up and take on different roles to make our worship service a success. Each Sunday we need a minimum of six people to cover the following areas: liturgist, special music, usher, PowerPoint operator, preparers of communion, and soundboard operator. Each of these positions have different skills that are required. Which one can you could fulfill?

Do you feel confident to read in public? You could be a liturgist.

Do you embrace technology? Sound board might be waiting for you.

Can you stay focused during worship (and not distracted by the wonderful music, prayers and other Sunday service commotion)? PowerPoint operator is in your wheelhouse.

Volunteering to do something new and putting yourself out there can be stressful and scary, but the Worship Committee is here to support you. Training will be provided, and we will help you grow into the position of your choosing. The first step is to pray about which position you are being called to try. Once you have it narrowed down, reach out to Laurie Elhard, Worship Committee Liaison, to get the ball rolling.

Laurie Elhard
701-388-9090

**LOOKING FOR
SERVICE GROUP
LEADERS**



We are excited to have our service groups back up and running! To help make this groups successful we are looking for leaders/co-leaders for groups 1, 2, and 4. If you have interest in leading one of these groups, please contact Melissa Engebretson (701-866-8767 or melissa-v32@mnjd.org).



**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING
UPDATE**

1-31-2022

General Operating budget
2022: \$144,805.00

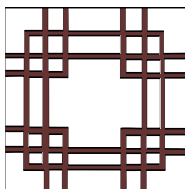
Monthly needed to meet budget:
\$ 12,067.00

Total Giving January \$ 10,602.68
Total Expenses January \$ 10,316.36

Per Capita amount for 2022 is \$48.00
for each confirmed member. Please
mark on your check or envelope you are
contributing to Per Capita. Total assess-
ment for 2022 is \$6,912.00.

- Stewardship is the path; Generosity is the adventure.
- Generous givers make God and His purposes their highest priority.
- Enjoy God's generosity to you ... then share it with others.

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



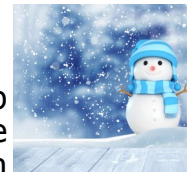
A study just for you through your email!

Dem bones was our last Bible study in February - bones? Yes, we should have done that one in October for Halloween! What will be our March weird stories? Stay tuned to find out! There will be a final lesson in April with plans to meet in person next Fall once again with a new Bible study.

In review, we learned about the overly grotesque fat king, the talking donkey, the fish with a coin, the floating ax head, a boy who fell asleep in church and died, and teasing kids attacked by bears.

Just email me at vrpeihl@gmail.com if you want to read any or all of them and I can send them to you.

**WANT TO
BUILD A SNOWMAN?**



The Service and Fellowship Committee is hosting the Second Annual Snowman Building contest. You can build it individually or as a group. Once your snowman is complete, take a picture of it and send it to melissav32@mnjd.org.

Be creative, it does not have to be your standard snowman. It could be a snow dog or cat or maybe a whole snow family. Let your imagination run wild. The deadline is approaching fast, as we are asking for all pictures to be submitted before March 15th. Each photo received will be posted on CPC's Facebook page for people to vote on their favorite.

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.

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| Lise Alves | [C] | 701-412-8689 |
| Linda Bishop | [H] | 701-282-8515 |
| | [C] | 701-200-1818 |
| Jenni Hummel | [C] | 701-371-7640 |
| Dawn Larson | [C] | 701-261-9609 |
| Boots Misheski | [C] | 701-388-7160 |
| Dixon Moorhead | [H] | 701-277-1414 |
| | [C] | 701-200-9709 |
| Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison | [H] | 701-492-0630 |
| | [C] | 701-412-6387 |

**MARCH
SCRIPTURES
FOR WORSHIP**



- Mar 6: Belief: Rom. 10:8b-13
- Mar 13: Discipline: Phil. 3:17-4:1
- Mar 20: Holiness: 1 Cor. 10:1-13
- Mar 27: Reconciliation: 2 Cor. 5:16-21

**March's Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, February 17**



MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center">Head Ushers: March: Terry Meester April: Brent & Carolyn Talley May : Adam Montgomery</p>		1 Bell Choir practice at CPC 6:30 p.m.	2 Christian Ed. 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.	3 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	7 Service & Fellowship Com. 7:00 p.m.	8 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Bell Choir practice at CPC 6:30 p.m.	9 Confirmation 6 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. Worship Com. 7 p.m.	10 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m. Stewardship 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	14	15 Bell Choir practice at CPC 6:30 p.m.	16 Session 7:00 p.m.	17 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m.	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	21	22 Bell Choir practice at CPC 6:30 p.m.	23 Newsletter articles are due Today!!! Confirmation 6 p.m.	24 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m.	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	28	29 Bell Choir practice at CPC 6:30 p.m.	30	31 PW Card Group 1 p.m. Deacons 6:30 p.m.	<p><u>April news deadline: March 23</u> Non-church scheduled events: Saturday, Sunday p.m.— HOREMOW Daily Monday through Friday— Preschool in the fellowship hall Monday evenings—TOPS</p>	