

COMMUNITY CALL

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WATCH OUT FOR NEW TIMES AND RALLY SUNDAY!

Beginning on Sunday, September 11, Sunday School **for all ages** (That means children, youth, parents, AND grandparents, are welcome!) will recommence at 9:00 a.m., followed by worship at 10:00 a.m.



Make a morning of it! Fun, fellowship, and food. Join your kids for a fun group lesson and craft. Continue the learning at worship, followed with food at a potluck downstairs in the fellowship hall.

WEST FEST IS SEPTEMBER 17

West Fest is just around the corner (Saturday, September 17th). Like the last two years, we would like to share with the community. We will be hosting a food stand in the parking lot free of charge. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Churches United for the Homeless.

Will you help us? Sign up to donate or volunteer on the West Fest sheet in the narthex.

For more information, to donate or volunteer, contact Steve Hanna (701-793-5109 or sehanna05@aol.com).



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



To members and friends of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo, children of faith. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

As I sit down to write to you, I find many "Ponderings" on my mind. It is already August and we are preparing the newsletter for September. To me, it is amazing that time just keeps going on and on and on. We are at another of those "change" times when we move from summer into fall. For many people summer is a time of family gatherings, spending as much time as possible outside, enjoying the summer weather. In North Dakota summer is a time of beautifully painted images...the grass is green, the sunflower fields are bright yellow, and the multiple colors of the flower beds are

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breathtaking.

I have noticed the days are getting shorter already, a sure sign that we are moving into a different season. We are moving into the season of fall, a time when people reluctantly leave their leisure at the lake, returning to a regular schedule which includes activities and learning opportunities at Community Presbyterian Church. Read the full newsletter!



A church is not just a building, it is a group of Christians who come together to worship Jesus Christ, to praise God and sing of our love and commitment. It is a group of all ages of Christians who come together to continue learning about what it means to be a Christian, studying both the Old and New scriptures, and learning how we can share the good news of Jesus Christ by going out into the world to care for others as well as for caring for our church family and friends. A church is a group of Christians who come together in prayer, to listen to the needs of others, and pray daily about ordinary things of life; not just for ourselves, we also pray for one another.

I am fascinated with one of the ordination vows that all who have been ordained as a deacon, a ruling elder, or a teaching elder say YES to in their role as a leader of the church. The vow asks, "Will you **pray for** and seek to **serve the people** with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?" Your ordination vows as deacons and elders are a life-long commitment, not just for the times that you are actively serving on the Session or Board of Deacons. Even if you have yet to experience being ordained to a leadership role within the church, you are a follower of Jesus Christ, and praying for others and serving your brothers and sisters in Christ is a fundamental part of being a Christian.

During August, my sermons were based on scriptures from the book of Hebrews. We focused on chapters 11, 12, and 13.

Hebrews is written in the style of a sermon with the author focusing on living as a faithful Christian. The series began with Hebrews 11:1 and set the stage for us to think about just what it means to be a faithful Christian: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

As a community of Christians, we do not know what the future brings or what is around the corner. Our focus needs not to be about worrying about what will happen next, but to make sure that our ac-

tions and voices demonstrate our faith each day, in everything we do.

Two quotes about FAITH came across my desk this past week so I share them with you as an encouragement to exercise your faith daily:

"It is surely an exercise of faith for us to see Christ in each other."

Dorothy Day

"Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

**AN
OPPORTUNITY
TO HELP
STOP HUNGER**

Get ready to walk! This year's CROP Hunger Walk, that is. It begins Sunday, October 2, at 1:30 p.m. at First Congregational UCC, 406 8th St S., Moorhead, MN (1:00 p.m. registration).

This is an important way to help feed the hungry, near and far, as we join ecumenically and as interfaith partners in this work of compassion. Besides that, it's fun!!! For more info, go to <http://www.crophungerwalk.org>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2: CROP Hunger Walk
October 5: Confirmation Class begins
October 14 & 15: Presbytery at Rolla
October 29 & 30: PW Bazaar
October 30: Youth Sunday

JULY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on July 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Cathy Birrenkott, Linda Bishop, Lee Dobrinz, Sue Hanna, Dawn Larson, Terry Meester, Bruce Steele, and Andrew Thostenson. Pastor Cathie Bishop, Clerk Becky DeJong and Treasurer Carolyn Meester were present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Cathie Bishop.

Consent Agenda:

- a. next session meeting – Wednesday, August 17, 2016
- b. approval of the minutes of June 22, 2016
- c. Matzke/Buchholz wedding – rehearsal Thursday, October 20 – evening, wedding Friday, October 21 – all day
- d. The Fall Bazaar will be rescheduled.

Moderator's report:

- Wrote/submitted "Ponderings from Pastor Cathie" for July/August 2016 newsletter
- Met with Sandra Buchholz regarding Hospice Programs and her availability to meet with Deacons
- Hospital visit (1) and home visits (3)
- Prayer service for Marlys Martin, Friday June 24 at 7:00 p.m. and funeral service for Marlys Martin, Saturday, June 25, 2016
- Met with Bonnie Thompson and Samantha Herman to plan Youth Sunday and re-set the date from November 13 to October 30
- Began conversations with Amy Matzke and Tucker Buchholz who have requested their wedding be at CPC on Friday, October 21, 2016
- Led church service for residents at Parkview Terrace and Golden Living in Moorhead, on July 7
- Met with Mike and Ty Arvidson regarding confirmation and church membership at CPC on July 12
- Met with the Mission Committee on

July 12

- Met with the Trustees on July 14
- Prepared draft of confirmation program for 2016-2017, shared with Christian Education at their meeting on July 20
- Volunteered and appointed to read ordination exams in 2017. Will represent the Presbytery of the Northern Plains.
- Have enrolled in an on-line class called "Prepare/Enrich" for pastors as they work with couples planning to be married
- Volunteered to clean out Pat Langfitt's garage on Monday, July 18
- Will be attending Synod School in Storm Lake, IA the afternoon of July 24 through July 29. I will be available via phone and will ask Pastor Donna Monteith to be available, if needed.
- Working with Barb to assure we have the worship services ready through the end of August, and for September 18

Clerk's report: 44 served communion on Sunday, July 3. Marlys Martin's funeral was held June 25 at CPC, burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

The financial report was discussed.

CPC will host the Spring Presbytery meeting on April 21-22, 2017. Save the date and be prepared to help host this special event.

Dustin and Stephani Krueger have requested to have their son, Sawyer Lowell Krueger, baptized on September 25, 2016.

Copies of the Assembly in Brief, a summary of PC(USA) General Assembly's meeting this summer, will be made available in the narthex.

Christian Education Committee: Confirmation will begin on October 1, 2016. Six youth will be participating. If you know of others interested please contact the church. Sunday School teachers are needed!!! Rally Sunday will be on September 11 – hurray for Sunday School!

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Missions Committee: Lee Dobrinz and Dixon Moorhead met with the leaders of HOREMOW (Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide) to reinforce the building use policy and church regulations. The food pantry will be the mission focus in August. A survey will be conducted in September to get feedback on involvement in different missions. A tracking and recording system of our mission gifts is being compiled.

Stewardship Committee: A mid-year financial report, available at the end of August, will include a graphic display to explain our major expenses and resources.

Trustees: Thank you to Dale Matzke for mowing the church lawn and to Chuck Richards for painting the outside of the church. Per the Child Protection policy, windows will be placed in eleven classroom doors. Quotes are being obtained for carpet cleaning/replacement in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Worship Committee: Kevin Galt and Dawn Larson will attend the Church Choral Music Expo in Fargo. Discussion was held regarding World Communion Sunday.

No reports: Deacons, Nominating, Personnel, Service and Fellowship Committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Andrew Thostenson at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session

AUGUST CLERK'S CORNER

The regular meeting of Session was held on August 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Linda Bishop, Lee Dobrinz, Sue Hanna, Dawn Larson, Terry Meester, Bruce Steele, and Andrew Thostenson. Pastor Cathie Bishop, Clerk Becky DeJong and Treasurer Carolyn



Meester were present. Cathy Birrenkott was absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Cathie Bishop.

Linda Bishop made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded and carried.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of July 20, 2016
- b. next session meeting – Wednesday, September 21, 2016
- c. church shower for Amy Matzke on Thursday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m. – use of narthex from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Moderator's report –

- Completed on-line training for Prepare/Enrich – a customized couple assessment which identifies a couple's strength and growth areas. Will be used for premarital counseling and education. May also be used for marital counseling.
- Have scheduled four premarital meetings with Amy Matzke and Tucker Bucholz in preparation for their wedding on October 21, 2016.
- Have met with a couple interested in joining CPCWF.
- Attended Synod School in Storm Lake, IA from July 24-29 as week of continuing education. This was my first time at Synod School. I would highly recommend it for anyone... session and deacon members, and all members and their families. They had great children's programming. Many grandparents brought their grandchildren. We worshipped twice daily, in the morning and after dinner in the evening. The classes I attended were: Folk Music as Theology, A Plethora of Leadership Resources, Proposed Revisions of the Directory for Worship, and Bible Study on Jude.
- Attended "Boundaries Training" with PNP at United Presbyterian Church in Jamestown. On August 4, received

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my certification [required of all pastors and pulpit supply every three years].

- Traveled with Mary Jo Moorhead to Bdecan Presbyterian Church for committee meeting and delivered donations from CPCWF, on Saturday, August 6.
- Met with Carol Sterup and Sue Hanna regarding revisions to CPCWF Wedding Policy.
- Visited and prayed with the Youth prior to leaving on their camping trip to Itasca on August 9.
- Attended community meeting at the WF City Hall regarding the Sheyenne Street Transportation Study.
- Several face-to-face meetings, phone calls and tweets with congregation members regarding personal issues.
- Met with the Trustees on August 10.
- Met with the Deacons at 6:00 p.m. on August 17, 2016.
- FUTURE: I am scheduled to attend a meeting on August 23 for a "Faith Community Conversation about the Drug Epidemic" sponsored by the Dakota Medical Foundation. The conversation will be between law enforcement and faith community leaders.

Clerk's report - 28 people served communion on Sunday, August 7.

Lise Alves made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded and carried.

Elders to serve Communion on August 28, 2016 will be Lise Alves, Linda Bishop, Lee Dobrinz, and Bruce Steele.

The financial report was discussed. Lee Dobrinz made a motion to approve the financial report. Motion was seconded and carried.

Cathy Birrenkott would like to hold a family shower for Amy Matzke on Sunday, September 11 at 2:00 in the fel-

lowship hall. Dawn Larson made a motion to approve the request. Motion was seconded and carried.

The Martin family would like to donate a stained-glass angel to the church in memory of Marlys Martin. Lee Dobrinz made a motion to approve the request. The Trustees will coordinate the details with the Martin family and submit a final proposal to Session for approval. Motion was seconded and carried.

Our cleaning service company charges \$250.00 if needed to clean up after a special event. This amount is now noted in our building use policy. Lee Dobrinz made a motion to change to janitorial fee from \$75.00 to \$250.00. Motion was seconded and carried.

The CPC Wedding Policy has been updated. Lee Dobrinz made a motion to approve the wedding policy, with amendments made per discussion. Motion was seconded and carried.

A committee will be formed to create a "Funeral Resource Guide for CPC".

The Deacons met with Pastor Cathie to coordinate home and hospital visits. Information was shared on Hospice and Palliative care options.

Service and Fellowship Committee: Hurray - people are requesting to be on Service and Fellowship groups!

Due to a conflict, the Fall Bazaar has been rescheduled for October 29-30. The committee made a motion to approve the Fall Bazaar. Motion was carried.

Stewardship Committee: Financial graphs have been created and will be presented to the congregation in September.



Trustees: The parking lot is finished! Thank you to Chuck Thompson for the striping. Carpet issues in the narthex, sanctuary, and

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fellowship hall are being discussed. Glass window panes for the classroom doors will be installed soon. The front doors need to be adjusted. Andrew Thostenson volunteered to work on this project. Clean Up Day: come spruce up your church on Saturday, October 8 (time TBA). The locking of the back door continues to be a problem. Note: If the back door is unlocked with a key then the only way to lock it is with a key!

Worship Committee: Liturgists are needed. Vi Galt will supply the bread for World Communion Sunday, October 2. The Cantata will be held during the worship service on Sunday, December 18. The committee made a motion to approve the Cantata. Motion was carried.

No reports: Christian Education, Mission, Nominating, and Personnel Committees.

Session training on the Book of Order will be held on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting closed with prayer by Linda Bishop at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong, Clerk of Session



**FACEBOOK,
INSTAGRAM, TWITTER?**



Community Presbyterian Church does not have an official Facebook account, but that could change soon. CPC is looking for a team of individuals to make up a new Social Media Committee. This team will create and manage social media for the church. If anyone is interested in helping on this committee, please contact Sue Hanna (701-781-4325 or srhanna01@gmail.com).

CPC DIRECTORY IS HERE!

A new edition of Directory of Members and Friends of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo is available in the church narthex.

A digital version of the directory is also available. If you have not received one and would like one, please e-mail Gayle Thostenson at atgtet@far.midco.net.

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 9-1 Andrea Corneliussen
- 9-3 Ava Hauge
- 9-4 Ryan Bastle
Bria Matzke
- 9-6 Meghan Hanna
Bruce Steele
Amanda Herman
- 9-12 Gordy Pederson
- 9-13 Ann Chale
Parker Nelson
- 9-16 Dale Matzke
Vicky Whitcomb
- 9-17 Lee Dobrinz
- 9-19 Debbie Matzke
- 9-23 Uneva Dobrinz
- 9-25 Louise Johnson
Joan Hall
- 9-27 Nancy Herman

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9-7-63 – Delbert and Donna Jenner
- 9-9-78 – Larry and Linda Bishop
- 9-18-54 – Dale and Gail Matzke
- 9-25-93 – Brent and Carolyn Talley
- 9-26-97 – Derek and Carrie Leopold
- 9-27-14 – Reed and Brittany

Montgomery

- 9-29-79 – Veril and Dawn Larson

IT'S A BIRTHDAY PARTY!



Come celebrate Dorothy Jenkins 80th birthday on Saturday, October 15, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the narthex of Community Presbyterian Church.

All are welcome!

THINK AHEAD TO SPRING

Mark the date! On April 21 and 22, 2017, Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo has been given the distinct privilege of hosting Presbytery of the Northern Plains Spring meetings. Watch for opportunities to share CPC hospitality, meet new friends in Christ, and become informed in the ways of our sister congregations in our presbytery.



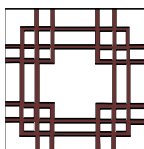


WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RECOMMENCES

Beginning September 21, join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the sunny narthex as Bonnie Thompson leads us through a new Bible study series. To begin, we will finish Being Faithful in a Secular World. Afterwards, we will study Revelation—The Triumph of God.

All are welcome!

PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES- DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY



Can you name all 12 Disciples? The names of John, Peter and Judas come quickly to our minds. Do you have a favorite disciple or perhaps can relate better to one than the rest. I think of Peter and how impulsive he was.

This year we will learn more about the disciples. Our first meeting will begin at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, September 14, with a light supper followed by our Bible study on the Disciples. Bring your Bible and be prepared to name the original 12!



LADIES CIRCLE RESUMES

Ladies join us for Tuesday afternoon Ladies Circle. It will recommence September 13th in the church narthex. If you like, bring a sack lunch and have fellowship at 12:30 p.m. Bible study for all will begin at 1:00 p.m. The study this year is Who Is Jesus?

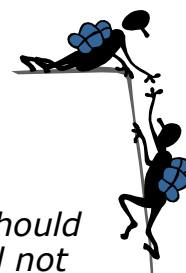
BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a bridal shower for Amy Matzke at the church September 22 at 6:30 p.m. Amy will be marrying Tucker Bucholz on October 21. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

For more shower details, watch upcoming weekly reminders.



**HELP!!!
WE
CANNOT
DO IT
WITHOUT YOU!**



Teach a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Prov. 22:6

What better way to do this than to join our Sunday School team as a teacher? We have several openings for this coming year, and **we need you!** Share your love of Christ with CPC youth. No experience is necessary, curriculum is provided. It takes a small amount of planning time during the week, and less than one hour on Sunday morning. Most any age you feel comfortable with could be possible. If you have a partner that you might be most comfortable teaching with, ask them too! A year's commitment is not necessary. We'll take you for a month or on an alternating basis.

Please email LeAnn Tenderholt at Le_Ann_T@yahoo.com or call/text her at 701-388-1594 **now**.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S 2016 FALL BAZAAR & BAKED POTATO LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH,
11:15 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

BAKED GOODS,
CRAFTS, JEWELRY,
AND MORE
COFFEE AND GOODIES
POTATO BAR LUNCH





**SAVE THE DATES:
SYNOD SCHOOL
JULY 23-28, 2017**

Editor's Note: The article below is from Presbyterian News Service regarding Synod School

2016 held at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

**LAKES AND PRAIRIES' WEEK-LONG
MIDSUMMER MINISTRY DRAWS 630**

by Duane Sweep

EAGAN, MINNESOTA – The sounds could be coming from any busy school office responding to the myriad requests of all those who enter the doors. But this school is different. It's Synod School, the annual midsummer ministry of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. It's a week-long event – Sunday afternoon through Friday noon – that always runs the last week in July at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

This year 630 people – including ages from 5 weeks to somewhere in the 80s – took part, most living on campus and some taking up residence in local hotels. Synod School is the last one of its kind in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This year's attendance mark established a new record, surpassing the previous mark of 620 set in 2011.

"I don't know where my mom and dad are," says one young boy, who walks into the office Tuesday afternoon.

Deb DeMeester, the synod's director of leadership development and lead staff support for Synod School, lends the lad her phone — situation resolved.

The Synod School office, tucked into Siebens Forum on the BVU campus, is a hub for routine queries and the unexpected.

Someone else waits for first aid for a scraped elbow. And someone else turns in the missing nametag.

DeMeester, in her first year as the go-to person for all things Synod School, says,

"I'm just not that organized." But she is. Sarah Dickinson, pastor of Discovery Presbyterian Church in Omaha, Neb., stops by to tell DeMeester Synod School is "going wonderfully." She has attended Synod School 13 of the past 14 years, often helping with worship, teaching classes and providing "support where I can." This year she is attending Synod School without any of those responsibilities.

Dickinson's husband, Jeff, provides tech support for Synod School, running projection from the back of Schaller Chapel for packed morning and evening worship services. He also fills the same role for convocation presentations, this year featuring John Bell, the renowned preacher, teacher and lecturer who is a member of the Wild Goose Resource Group, an autonomous project of the Iona Community in Scotland.

A young girl comes in to claim a name tag that has been turned in at the office. "Chocolate or red licorice?" Pam Prouty asks. The girl picks chocolate — and gets her name tag.

Prouty [is] the synod's stated clerk [and] ... fills that same role in the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys while serving as parish associate at First Presbyterian Church in Redwood Falls, Minn., where her husband, Scott, is pastor.

She's in the office to put together the announcement slide show for that evening's worship – things like the mini-classes that night, the Star Wars movie, coffee-house entertainment, the upcoming open mic session, and the "huge" collection jar where contributions small and larger are adding up for the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

"You sit here and there's everything," DeMeester says.

A dad comes in. He needs a ride to Walmart to get his daughter, who's been in a fender-bender. She's fine, but the car can't be driven. He gets a ride.

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"We're all new this year," DeMeester says. "The staff here, me, we're all new, but I think it's going really well."

Then someone stops in to pay fees for the golfing outing slated the next afternoon.

Synod School offered 70 classes this year, ranging from the serious to the more light-hearted – from "Embracing Conflict" to "Go Dutch," or the versatility of cooking in a cast-iron Dutch oven or skillet, and from "Stress Management in Ministry" to "God at the Box Office."

"I want to change classes," someone says. She gets the other class.

There are all-morning classes, all-afternoon classes and one-hour classes Monday through Thursday. Class times are compressed on Friday to allow for lunchtime departure. Mini-classes, sometimes on subjects attendees develop during the day, take place in the evening. Convocation speaker Bell also met for continuing discussions in the evening.

Worship takes place Sunday evening and in the morning and evening Monday through Thursday. Burns Stanfield, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Boston, along with his wife, Lorraine, and numerous friends, led evening worship. Leading morning worship were Stephanie Anthony and Jody Branson from First Presbyterian Church in Hudson, Wis., where Anthony is pastor and Branson is organist, accompanist, and director of music and liturgical arts.

Everyone eats in BVU's Siebens Marketplace Food Servery — breakfast, lunch and dinner — and when the menu doesn't suit an individual's palate, there's always the ever-present hamburger offered from the grill. And then there's typically a line for the soft-serve ice cream.

A group of junior high students come



searching through the office for classroom supplies and they spot the candy bowl on the table. But before they can get to the candy, someone says, "Only if you take broccoli from the salad tray, too." Most do.

Every now and then someone comes through the door wearing a tie-dyed T-shirt — a staple of Synod School.

In recent years, Synod School has begun incorporating an artist in residence into its program. This year it's Cathy Newcomb of Sioux Falls, S.D., leader of the PC(USA) new worshipping community, "Through the Lens." She shares the spiritual and visual aspects of photography as a form of worship. She also taught the class, "Visio-Divina: Bringing Cameras and Christ Together."

And, much like Synod School, the story goes on.

When Synod School wrapped up Friday, the countdown began to next summer's event. Someone will make a Facebook post about the number of days regular attendees have to wait until next year's last week in July.

Planning is already underway for the 2017 Synod School. J. Herbert Nelson, stated clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), will be the convocation speaker at next summer's Synod School, which runs Sunday through Friday, July 23-28, 2017 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Nelson was elected in June to the PC (USA) stated clerk post at the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the denomination. He had been serving as director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness in Washington, D.C., a position he filled in 2010.

Claudio Carvalhaes, a well-known speaker and worship leader, will lead evening worship at the 2017 event. Carvalhaes, a native of Brazil and faculty member at Union Theological Seminary

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in New York City, has previously served on the faculty of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and McCormick Theological Seminary.

Synod School is never really too far away from those who keep track in the Facebook group. It has the fun name, incorporating a famous quote from the movie, "Field of Dreams." You may recognize it: Synod School — 'Is this heaven?' 'No, it's Iowa!'

For more information regarding Synod School 2017, talk to Paul Campbell who taught a class there this year or to Pastor Cathie who attended classes this July or go to:

<http://www.lakesandprairies.org/synodschool>

VACATION CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Cathie will be out of the office on vacation from September 2nd through September 14th. Guest preachers will be Vicki Riedinger for Sunday, September 4, and Andrew Thostenson for Sunday, Sunday 11.

During this time, for pastoral care issues, please contact Lise Alves, Deacon Liaison, (lise.alves@ndsu.edu or 701-412-8689) or Rev. Donna Monteith ([W] 701-484-5515; [C] 701-866-3882, or grpresby1@midconetwork.com).

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class for high school-aged youth will begin Wednesday, October 5th, at 6:00 p.m. The program will include instructional time with Pastor Cathie as well as time with mentors and discipleship opportunities. Families of known confirmands will be receiving further information in the next few weeks.

If you know of anyone ready to participate in confirmation, please contact Pastor Cathie. CPC members and friends are welcomed to volunteer as mentors. Please tell Pastor Cathie if you are interested.



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

for 8/17/2016

General Operating budget
2016: \$154,778.00 / 52
weeks = \$2,976.50 per
week.

Actual Giving	\$75,490.00
Budgeted Expenses	\$98,224.00
Budget Shortfall	\$22,374.00-
Actual giving	\$75,490.00
Actual expenses	\$90,197.00
Shortfall	\$14,707.00-

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. We currently have funds in the building fund account to cover the payment for September.

Per Capita amount for 2016 is **\$43.50** for each confirmed member.

If we give generously to others and for the building of God's kingdom, He will find ways to bless us. We can never out give God. Jesus tells us to "give, and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38). Our giving will reap blessings.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME IS BACK



Children's church for children in grades K-2 will recommence sometime this Fall. Watch for an official start up date in upcoming weekly reminders and CPC e-mail updates.

Designed specifically to help children grow as worshipers and to prepare them to participate in the worship service, this program is not traditional Sunday school. It is exclusively focused on worship.

Want to occasionally help with this program? Lessons are completely organized and ready to go for you. Contact Lia Dobrinz for more information.

**October Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, September 22**