

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## RUMMAGE MADNESS: PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S RUMMAGE SALE

Setup: Friday April 26  
Sale: Saturday, April 27

We need rummage. Donated items can be brought to the southwest door of the Arena, which is the delivery entrance to West Fargo High School, any time after 1:30 p.m. and until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26th.

If you are unable to deliver donated items, we will gladly pick them up. If you have electronic or computer equipment to donate, please get them to Andrew Thostenson as soon as possible so he can properly recondition them. (Note: tube televisions cannot be sold and should be disposed during spring cleanup week.)

The sale will be held Saturday, April 27, at the Veteran's Memorial Arena from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

We need help (men and women) moving tables, setting up, pricing, accepting payments, wrangling rummage, and tearing down. Your help in any and all of these endeavors will be greatly appreciated.

- Loading tables into pickups— Friday 12:30 p.m. at the church.
- Table and rummage setup— Friday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Arena.
- Rummage sale—Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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## PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE

"Grace to you and peace from our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:2

Happy Spring! The weather is warming up, and the snow seems to be slowly melting away. For many of us this has been a difficult winter. The weather was cold, below zero for longer than we like, and the snow and blowing snow felt like it was never going to end. We cancelled two confirmation classes because of the weather and even one Sunday worship service! Those are things completely out of our control. We can get crabby and short-tempered when things don't fit our expectations. We are human. We forget that we aren't the ones in charge. It is not unusual for us humans to be angry that it was so cold and upset that we had to shovel and use the snowblower. Sometimes we even shake our fists at God for the inconvenience we have

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experienced.

Now that we have had our temper tantrum - yes, even adults can have tantrums - we can stand back and look at the last couple of months with a different perspective. We remember that we live in the world God created for us. In North Dakota we enjoy the four seasons. Many of us truly enjoy the change from the darkness of winter and cold to the spring of new life and freshness in the air. Then, we have the colors of summer arrive. We complain about how hot it is, totally forgetting how much we complained about the cold. After summer comes fall; then, we are back to winter again, and the cycle continues.

At this time of the Lenten season, we need to take a deep breath, remembering the hardship and anguish Jesus went through, for us. Jesus was beaten; Peter denied him; Jesus was mocked; Jesus went before the council, went before Pilate, and went before Herod. This was not a short process: it was grueling and intense. In the end, Jesus was sentenced to death; he was tortured, and

he was crucified for our sins.

In Jesus' ministry, he shared God's love, taught the disciples to pray, and taught the people, including us, about what it is to be followers of Christ, to be disciples so we can share the Good News of Jesus Christ to our neighbors locally, and throughout the world. The season of Lent and of Easter is a significant time for those of us who call ourselves Christians. We are blessed to have a church home, to be able to worship without fear, and a congregation who appreciates one another and those outside our church walls as well.

At Session last night, we talked about seeing if there are any churches that have been or may be in the future, impacted by flood damage. We ask all of you to keep your eyes and ears open so that we can reach out and provide assistance to our brothers and sisters. I ask you to not only look for churches with flood damage, to also be alert and observant regarding other needs in our community.

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Community Presbyterian Church Lenten Series – April 2019

God on the Move: Exploring God's Work Through the Travels and Teachings of Jesus.

Day/Time	Worship Service	Title	Scripture
April 7 10:00 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	God Moves Us to Empty Ourselves	John 12:1-8 Philippians 3:4b-14
April 14 10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday	God Moves to the Cross	Luke 23:1-49 Philippians 2:5-11
April 18 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday	God Moves to the Disciples	1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April 19 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday	God Moves to Tears	Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42
April 21 10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday	God Moves out of the Tomb	Luke 24:1-12 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
April 28 10:00 a.m.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter	A Surprising Turnaround	John 20:19-31

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Lent continues into April. As Christians, it is our opportunity to build our relationship with God, read our Bibles, pray, and demonstrate our care for our neighbors. It is not only all about us, it is about all of God's children whether it is the people in our own church or the people of Christchurch from New Zealand. May we continually look for opportunities to care for others, build relationships with our neighbors and find ways to serve one another. Come and worship on Sundays in April, during Holy Week, on Maundy Thursday, and on Good Friday.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Cathie

**APRIL  
DATES  
TO REMEMBER**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 4-1 Susan Gross
- 4-2 Becky DeJong  
Molly Nelson
- 4-4 Ryder Matzke
- 4-5 Veril Larson
- 4-6- Brent Talley
- 4-10 Dustin Richard
- 4-14 Cathy Birrenkott
- 4-15 Lucas Misheski
- 4-18 Chris Shone
- 4-19 Mandi Keller  
Beverly Montgomery
- 4-20 Lynn Hummel
- 4-23 Zaryn Hansen
- 4-23 Ellie Strand
- 4-24 Alex Misheski
- 4-25 Audrey Binger
- 4-27 Andrew Thostenson
- 4-30 Carolyn Talley

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4-2-77 – Greg and Carol Sterup
- 4-9-88 – Dwight and Lisa Steffen
- 4-11-15 – Aaron and Brianne Hass
- 4-13-68 – Denny and Carol Braaten
- 4-21-79 – Larry and Vicki Peihl
- 4-30-66 – Larry and Uneva Dobrinz



**CONFIRMATION**

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Looking forward to Confirmation on May 12, our students continue to look at 4 BIG Questions. These are questions they will be answering before being confirmed.

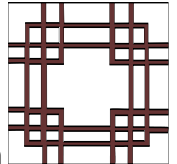
As a congregation, we thought you might like an opportunity to know what our confirmands are being asked.

Here are the questions:

1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
2. Who is your Lord and Savior?
3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
4. Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Our challenge to you: think about those questions for your life today and consider how you would answer.

**PRESBYTERIAN  
SQUARES  
MEET APRIL 3**



Have you ever been with someone who did all the talking and you didn't get a chance to say anything? Is that how your prayers to God are? Prayers to God is really a two-way conversation between you and God. Puzzled? Join us at our next Bible study to learn more.

Our Bible study will meet at 5:55 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at the church. Please bring a dish to share and your own water or pop. We start with food and conversation and then will study more about how to pray to and listen to God. This will be our last lesson until September when we will resume our study on prayer. Think spring and see you then!

## MARCH CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Lee Dobrinz, Laurie Elhard, Melanie Hansen, Bob Kozojed, Mike Misheski, and Chad Nelson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Adam Montgomery and Mary Jo Moorhead were absent. The meeting was opened with devotions by Lise Alves.

### Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of February 20, 2019
- b. Next Session meeting - Wednesday, April 17, 2019
- c. Becky DeJong requests the use of 6-7 old tables and 20 folding chairs for Mary DeJong's groom's dinner on Friday, June 7.
- d. Claire DeJong and Zack Pfau would like to use the church on February 28 and 29, 2020 for their wedding.
- e. Lee Dobrinz requests to use 30 folding chairs and 4 tables for a graduation party on May 31-June 2

### Moderator's Report

- Submitted articles for March newsletter, February 21.
- Visited Larry and Uneva in their new apartment at Sheyenne Crossing, Thursday, February 21.
- Trained new deacons on taking communion out to shut-ins, Thursday, February 21.
- Attended Deacon's meeting on Thursday, February 21.
- Attended Special Presbytery meeting in Jamestown on Friday, February 22.
- Visited Valeria Youle and family members at Sanford Hospital, Tuesday, February 26, 27, 28, & March 1. Valeria died on Friday, March 1. Met with family members, officiated at Valeria's funeral on Saturday, March 9 at CPC.
- Participated in Care for Congrega-

tions Pod Zoom call on Wednesday, February 27.

- Confirmation class on Wednesday, February 27.
- Helped Luiza Martin move to her new apartment on Saturday, March 2.
- Visited Audrey Binger and Kay Munsch at Sanford Broadway on Tuesday, March 5.
- Prepared and led Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, March 6.
- Met via FaceTime with Mary DeJong and Michael Hickman on Saturday, March 9 regarding upcoming marriage.
- Cancelled Sunday School and Worship on March 10 due to snow storm.
- Traveled to East Grand Forks to moderate Session for Mendenhall, Monday, March 11.
- Visited Carolyn Koerselman at Essentia Hospital on Tuesday, March 12.
- Attended new ecumenical, weekly text study in Fargo, on Wednesday, March 13, and Tuesday, March 19.
- Collaborated with letter to the Forum editor regarding condolences to the people of Christchurch, NZ. Printed in Forum Opinion section on March 19.
- Cancelled Confirmation class for Wednesday, March 13, due to snow storm.
- Worked at home, writing sermon, Thursday, March 14, due to snow-storm.
- Came into work on Friday, March 15, to finish prep for Sunday service.
- Attended bridal shower for Mary DeJong on Saturday, March 16.
- Participated in choir practice and bell practice in February and March.
- Prepared Sunday worship & preached February 24, March 3, March 10 (prepared only), and March 17.
- Will meet with new elders for orientation on Wednesday, March 20, prior to Session.

### Clerk's report -

- i. 52 served communion on Sunday, March 3, 2019.
- ii. Valeria Youle died on March 1, 2019

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Her memorial service was held at CPC on March 9, 2019.

Alex Misheski, in working to obtain his Eagle Scout badge, would like to start a community garden at CPC. Alex will head this project with the help of the trustees and volunteers from the church. The garden will be a 12 foot by 24 foot plot containing a variety of vegetables. 2/3 of the produce will be sold at the farmer's market for a free will donation and the other 1/3 will be given to those in need.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, April 7, 2019, will be Melanie Hansen, Bob Kozojed, Mike Misheski, and Chad Nelson. Elders to serve by intinction on Maundy Thursday will be Laurie Elhard and Chad Nelson. Elders to serve communion on Easter Sunday will be Lise Alves, Lee Dobrinz, Mike Misheski, and Chad Nelson.

The financial report was discussed and the report was received.

CPC will advertise the Easter services in the Forum and Pioneer.

A small group will meet to continue discussing the CPC Facebook page. Please contact a Session member if you are interested in working on the Facebook page.

CPC would like to help those affected by the flood. If you hear of a need, please let Session know.

Deacons: Home visits and communion visits continue. A communion training was held for new deacons. Spring baskets will be delivered.

Christian Education: The storage closet is being cleaned out. Senior Sunday and the last day of Sunday School will be on May 19th.

Service and Fellowship: Sandy Sundays will be held the first Sunday in April, May, and June – donuts!

Stewardship: After reviewing the audit a



suggestion was made to implement a different procedure for counting cash revenue. Meetings are being held to discuss promoting a culture of giving. One focus will be to retire the church debt.

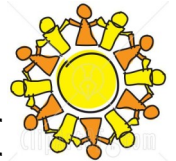
Trustees: There has been lots of snow removal! A door with a window was placed in Pastor Cathie's office. Filters that were changed once a year will now be changed every six months to help keep the church's filter systems cleaner.

Two of the three sump pumps have been replaced. With the help of Lee Dobrinz, snow will be removed away from the church walls on the south side of the building. The trustees will work with Alex Misheski on the community garden to help determine the location. One of the sheds has a rotten floor so either a new platform will be built or a new shed purchased.

No reports: Mission, Nominating, Personnel, or Worship committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky DeJong

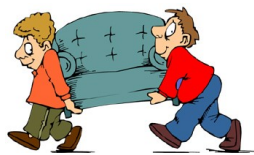
**PRAYER CHAIN**

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 (492-0630 or atgtet@far.midco.net). To have your name added to the prayer request e-list, just let Gayle know.

**SENIOR SUNDAY**

On Sunday, May 19, we will recognize graduating high school seniors: Andrea Corneliussen, Olivia Dobrinz, and Zaryn Hansen. If you know of other graduating seniors affiliated with Community Presbyterian Church, please contact Melanie Hansen as soon as possible.

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**RUMMAGE MADNESS:**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**MEN'S**  
**RUMMAGE**  
**SALE**

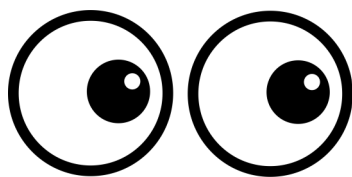


Sale tear down and move tables back to the church - Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you have rummage or logistical questions, call or leave a message with Andrew Thostenson at 492-0630 or 793-2883 or e-mail atgtet@far.midco.net.

All proceeds from the sale will go to support the mission of the church.

Let the madness begin.



**STILL  
LOOKING  
FOR YOU!**

Vacation Bible School will be coming in June this year. The Christian Education Committee is looking for individuals who are willing to assist as (co-) coordinators, teachers, crafters, game leaders, musicians, crew leaders--the list goes on. If you can see yourself in any of these positions, if God is calling you to serve Him within VBS, please contact Melanie Hansen.

**REMINDER TO  
RETURNING SNOWBIRDS**



Please inform our church office (office@cpcwf.org or 282-4135), regarding the time you will return home so you won't miss any CPC mailings.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CALENDAR**

April 21 Happy Easter!  
No Sunday School  
May 19 Senior Recognition  
Last Day of Sunday School

**May's Community Call  
deadline will be  
Thursday, April 18**

**YEAR-TO-DATE  
GIVING UPDATE**

3-20-2019



General Operating budget  
2019: \$149,928.50  
Weekly funds needed to meet  
budget: \$2,883.24

Actual giving to date \$ 26,622.05  
Actual expenses to date \$ 30,140.85  
Net income to date \$ -2,018.80

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54. There are funds in the building fund account to cover the mortgage payment through October.

Per Capita amount for 2019 is \$46.00 for each confirmed member. The unpaid balance at the end of the year is paid out of the church general fund. Please mark on your check or envelope funds you are contributing to Per Capita.

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

**PRESBYTERY MEETING**

The Presbytery of the Northern Plains will meet Saturday, April 6, at First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead (2900 5th St S).

For more information go to:  
northernplainspresbytery.com/



**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.

Linda Bishop	[H] 701-282-8515
	[C] 701-200-1818
Steve Hanna	701-793-5109
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Dixon Moorhead	[H] 701-277-1414
	[C] 701-200-9709
Gayle Thostenson	[H] 701-492-0630
Vicky Whitcomb	[H] 701-282-9292
	[C] 701-809-2483

Lise Alves, Session Liaison  
701-412-8689



# APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 31	April 1					
7 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	8 9 Bells at Faith Lutheran 6:30 p.m. Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study	10 Confirmation 6 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	11 PW Card Group 1:00 p.m.	12 13	13 6 Presbytery at Moorhead  1st Pres	
14  Palm Sunday Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship Com. 11:15 a.m.	15 16 Bell Choir practice at Faith Lutheran 6:30 p.m.	17 Bible Study Starts again at 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed 6 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m. 	18  Newsletter is due Today!!! PW Cards 1 p.m. <i>Maudy Thursday</i>  Worship 7:00 p.m.	19 <i>Good Friday</i>  Worship 7:00 p.m.	20	
21 <i>Happy Easter!</i>  NO Sunday School Worship 10 a.m.	22 23 Bell Choir practice at Faith Lutheran 6:30 p.m.	24 Bible Study 10 a.m. Confirmation 6 p.m.	25 PW Cards 1 p.m. Deacons 7 p.m.	26 Rummage Sale Set-up Crystal Springs <u>Retreat</u> 	27 PM Rummage Sale 	
28 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.	29 30 Bell Choir at Faith Lutheran 6:30 p.m.	*****May newsletter deadline: April 18***** Non-church scheduled events: Mon. through Fri. – Preschool in the fellowship hall; Mon. evenings: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m.— Holiness Revival Movement Worldwide				

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### **Community Presbyterian Church Committees**

#### **Building & Grounds Trustees**

Bob Kozojed, Liaison  
Lynn Hummel      Jack Smith  
Marty Matzke      Dwight Steffen  
Larry Peihl      Greg Sterup

#### **Christian Education**

Melanie Hansen, Liaison  
Lia Dobrinz      Gayle Thostenson  
Tammy Nelson

#### **Deacons**

Lise Alves, Liaison  
Linda Bishop      Dixon Moorhead  
Steve Hanna      Gayle Thostenson  
Boots Montgomery      Vicky Whitcomb

#### **Mission**

Mary Jo Moorhead, Liaison  
Lee Dobrinz      Dave Ruhnke  
Kevin Galt      Bonnie Thompson  
Boots Misheski

#### **Nominating**

Lee Dobrinz, Liaison  
Mike Arvidson      Dave Ruhnke  
Terry Meester      Jack Smith

#### **Personnel**

Adam Montgomery, Liaison  
Lia Dobrinz      Brent Montgomery  
Carolyn Meester

#### **Sanctuary**

Mary Bastle      Marj Meester  
Carol Duggan      Dixie Smith  
Mitzi Hager      Vicky Whitcomb  
Nancy Kassman

#### **Service & Fellowship**

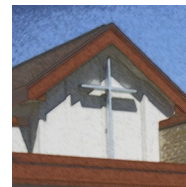
Chad Nelson, Liaison  
Carolyn Meester

#### **Stewardship**

Mike Misheski, Liaison  
C. Meester      Andrew Thostenson

#### **Worship**

Laurie Elhard, Liaison  
Mary Bastle      Carol Sterup  
Nancy Kassman



#### **Sunday Worship Hours:**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### **The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo**

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong  
Moderator: Rev. Catherine B. Bishop  
Treasurer: Carolyn Meester

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