

# COMMUNITY CALL

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## SPECIAL CPC ANNOUNCEMENT

Per Session, starting Wednesday, March 18, 2020, the Sunday worship service will be transitioned to an online platform and groups of 10 or more people will not be allowed to use the church. This will remain in effect through Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

*This newsletter was published on Tuesday, March 24, 2020.*

*Watch for updates regarding CPC's meeting policy, additional online activities, and calendar items in your personal email and on the CPC website at [www.cpcwf.org](http://www.cpcwf.org).*

## LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE

- April 5 - 10:00 a.m.  
Palm Sunday  
Worship Service
- April 9 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday  
Worship Service with Communion
- April 10 - 7:00 p.m. Good Friday
- April 12 - 10:00 a.m.  
Easter Sunday Worship Service  
with Communion



## PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



"May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you." Philemon 1:3

Our greeting this month is from the New Testament Epistle of Philemon. It is Paul's shortest letter and likely the last letter that Paul wrote. It struck me that its 25-verse appeal for Philemon accept to Onesimus was based on love.

Only recently have we been truly concerned with the Coronavirus, otherwise known as COVID-19. The news has been talking about it for a while. As humans, it seems we either did not really understand what it was or were hoping that it would just go away. That is not going to happen. Our Session met on Wednesday, March 18, to really talk about the Coronavirus.

It has been a difficult week as we have slowly recognized the serious nature of COVID-19. In some ways, it hasn't felt "slowly;" it has felt like we've been assaulted by reality. Like Philemon it

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seems God is trying to get our attention. Our lives have been turned upside down and our 'normal' life has stopped. In the last week, I have had 14 meetings or other obligations cancelled. We have gone from being able to visit our people in the hospital or care centers to not being allowed to be with our people who were very ill or dying.

It is real. We are not to gather in groups of 10 or more. We are scrambling to find ways to honor our loved ones who went to heaven this past week, and to continue to share the love of God with one another.

I think the hardest thing is not being able to visit in-person with one another. As Christians, we are community people. We generally like being with our friends and our families. When we are not able to be with one another, we feel lonely. And loneliness has a way of turning into being sad and depressed, wondering if anyone cares for us. It can be particularly difficult for those who do not really understand what is happening.

This is a time when we need to reach out to others. We need to be creative and find ways to consciously think about others, not just ourselves. Jesus told us to reach out to others and to share the good news! Pick up the telephone and call someone who may be lonely so they know you are thinking about them. Use the technology and social media for good things! Or, pick up a pen and write a letter or note to someone and actually put it in the mail! Find ways to reconnect with people you haven't talked with or seen for a while.

Right now, there are many organizations that are needing our help as well. The Salvation Army is not serving meals, instead they are putting together sack lunches to hand out to those who are hungry. It still takes people to put sack lunches together and if you can, your contribution to making the sack lunches

or handing them out would be appreciated. Churches United for the Homeless is in the same situation. They are putting sack lunches together for those who are hungry, but are not staying at the shelter.

Perhaps one of your neighbors would appreciate someone picking up their groceries or offering to take care of children home from school to give parents a break. Take time to think about who your neighbors and friends are and who might appreciate your presence or help during this time.

Continue to pray for others daily. Listen to God. You might be surprised how and where God may be leading you. Most important, find ways to be part of the community together with others.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Pastor Cathie

### **APRIL SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP**

- April 5: Palm Sunday  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14-27, 66
- April 9: Maundy Thursday Service  
Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
I Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 12:1-17, 31b-35
- April 10: Good Friday Service  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22  
Hebrews 4:14-16, and 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42
- April 12: Easter Sunday  
Jeremiah 31:1-6  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18
- April 19: 2nd Sunday of Easter  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
- April 26: 3rd Sunday of Easter  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35



## MARCH CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Lee Dobrinz, Melissa Engebretson, Melanie Hansen, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Leopold, Mike Misheski, Adam Montgomery, and Chad Nelson. Laurie Elhard was present via conference call. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Chad Nelson.

### Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of February 19, 2020
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, April 15, 2020

### Moderator's Report:

- March newsletter articles submitted by March 20.
- Preparation and Worship service on Ash Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
- Visited Michelle Jenner at Sanford Hospital on Thursday, February 27, 2020; Tuesday, March 3; Saturday, March 7; Sunday, March 8; Tuesday, March 10; Wednesday, March 11; Thursday, March 12. Michelle died Saturday, March 14 at 2:20 a.m.
- Friday, February 28: Wedding Rehearsal for Claire DeJong and Zack Pfau and Saturday, February 29: Wedding for Claire and Zack Pfau.
- Sunday, March 1, Deacon visit -Chad Nelson, Linda Bishop, and Pastor Cathie served communion to Louise Johnson and Delores Horn (2) at Sheyenne Crossing and Michelle Jenner and family (6) at Rosewood.
- Monday, March 2: Moderated Session at Mendenhall, East Grand Forks.
- Tuesday, March 3: PNP Personnel Committee, performance review for Marji Ackerman with Lana and Deanna via Zoom.
- Wednesday, March 4: Moderated

Session at Grandin.

- Thursday, March 5: Linda Bishop and I met with Jessica regarding the Blood Drive on March 30.
- Monday, March 9: 2:00 p.m. Care for Congregations POD Zoom call.
- Tuesday, March 10: Part of Team A - Bob, Becky, and Pastor Cathie for Session clean-up.
- Wednesday, March 11: Met with Melissa for Elder training and Worship Committee discussion.
- Sunday, March 15: Kenya Report after potluck with Carrie and Derek Leopold and Patty Smith.
- Monday, March 16. Meeting with Jenner's at 8:00 a.m., West Funeral Home regarding funeral for Michelle Jenner.
- Tuesday, March 17: Gideon Visit.
- Wednesday, March 18 - Moderated CPC Session.
- Sunday worship preparation: Sunday, February 16, with communion; Sunday, February 23; Ash Wednesday; Sunday, March 1, with communion; Sunday, March 8, and Sunday, March 15.

### Clerk's report -

- i. 45 served communion on Sunday, March 1, 2020.
- ii. Claire DeJong and Zack Pfau were married on February 29, 2020.
- iii. Michelle Jenner died on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Her funeral will be held at West Funeral Home on Saturday, March 21, 2020.
- iv. Esther Hemm died on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Her funeral will be at West Funeral Home on Monday, March 23, 2020. She will be buried at Sunset Memorial Garden Cemetery.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

A very serious and solemn discussion was held concerning the Covid-19 virus. Immediate action was taken to protect the health of our congregation. Session is monitoring the ever-changing situa-

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tion, staying in contact with each other and adapting our church functions as necessary.

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The Kenyan meal on March 22 and the Spring Brunch on March 29 have been postponed. The men of the church have decided to not participate in the West Fargo Spring garage sale in April.

Deacons: The shut-in list was updated. Contact to these members will be made through cards and phone calls.

Mission: T-shirts are being designed that can be purchased and worn in the community so that we can be identified as a CPC through our mission and outreach projects.

Service and Fellowship: The committee is discussing ways to encourage volunteerism.

Stewardship: Please continue giving faithfully to the church. A letter will be e-mailed to the congregation encouraging continued tithing and listing options of how to do this electronically.

Trustees: The Sheyenne St. & 7th Ave. project that has been impacting the corner of our church parking lot has been divided into two projects. The Sheyenne Street Project does not include CPC anymore and will now end at 6th Ave. This project will be completed in 2021. CPC is now part of the 7th Ave. Project which will be completed in 2022. The nursery room was divided in half. The south end of the room will be used for music storage and the north end will continue to be the nursery. – Bob Kozojed

Worship: Our committee is a fairly new group of people working together, so we

will discuss upcoming services, what is going great, if there are any concerns and any new ideas. – Melissa Engebretson

No reports: Christian Education, Nominating, Personnel committees.

Tuesday, March 31st, at 7:00 p.m. – interim meeting of Session via conference call.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky DeJong

### **APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 4-1 Susan Gross
- 4-2 Becky DeJong  
Molly Nelson
- 4-3 Rylan Keller
- 4-4 Ryder Matzke
- 4-5 Veril Larson
- 4-6 Brent Talley
- 4-14 Cathy Birrenkott
- 4-15 Lucas Misheski
- 4-18 Chris Shone
- 4-19 Amanda Keller
- 4-20 Lynn Hummel
- 4-23 Zaryn Hansen  
Ellie Strand
- 4-24 Alex Misheski
- 4-25 Audrey Binger
- 4-27 Andrew Thostenson
- 4-29 Brooklyn Keller
- 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

### **2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR**



Sunday School for those 3 years and older will be meeting every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. with the following exceptions: There will be NO Sunday School March 22 & 29, April 12.





## PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S RUMMAGE SALE POSTPONED

Sadly, uncertainty about whether the West Fargo Parks District (WFPD) will cancel its Spring Rummage Sale due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19, coupled by the reluctance of people to even gather for a sale, resulted in this postponement. Instead, we will plan to participate in the Fall sale which is also sponsored by the WFPD. Please keep your rummage for a few more months!

In the meanwhile, Bob Kozojed suggested, if the Three Lions Pub (TLP) is open, we gather for nostalgia sake to enjoy each other's company Friday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. Veterans of the sale have gathered at TLP for several years on the eve of the sale. This has become tradition, so if we can tip a pint together, we'll gird ourselves for the Fall sale. See you there. We hope.

Andrew Thostenson  
For the Presbyterian Men

## ROUND TUIT SPRING BRUNCH POSTPONED



Sorry. We just couldn't get round tuit this Spring with our delicious brunch! Sadly safety and health made more sense than to gather in fellowship and risk anyone becoming ill.

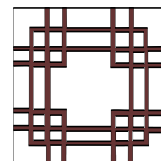
Donations are still welcome for the chance to purchase some round tables. If all goes well, there is a possibility the brunch may be held in the Fall! Here's hoping you all find some chances to get round tuit with some of your other projects in your home!

## PRAYER CHAIN



If you have a prayer concern, please contact Gayle Thostenson ([atgtet@far.midco.net](mailto:atgtet@far.midco.net) or 492-0630). To have your name added to the prayer request e-list, just let Gayle know.

## APRIL PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED



We are living in a time of uncertainty. We pray and hope all settles down soon and the spread of the Coronavirus will be stopped. Our final lesson on Prayers was to remember to thank God for all He does for us - anything from the water we drink to the healing of those who are sick. Even when He does not answer our prayer as we wanted, we need to say thank you for He is always with us.

Even though we will not meet in April, please open your Prayer study book and review lesson 12. Answers to the questions are on pages 104-105. We will reconvene next Fall with our new Bible study on Wicked Women of the Bible. In the meantime, keep washing your hands, get lots of sleep, and stay healthy. Each night, I give thanks to God for all of you who come to the Bible study, challenge your leaders, and keep us all fed. God bless you all!

*"May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God."*

Ephesians 3:19



## REMINDER TO RETURNING SNOWBIRDS

You told us when you were ready to fly off to warmer climates and you haven't missed a newsletter or CPC mailing. But now as you plan to return to your northward home, please don't forget to let us in on your plans.

Please inform our church office (282-4135 or [office@cpcwf.org](mailto:office@cpcwf.org)) when you will return home so you won't miss any CPC mail.



## YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

2-29-2020

General Operating budget  
2019: \$153,000.00  
Weekly needed to meet  
budget: \$2,943.45

Actual giving to date \$ 18,708.24  
Actual expenses to date \$ 25,526.89  
Net income to date \$ -6,818.65

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 May.

Per Capita amount for 2020 is \$47.00 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 that you are contributing to Per Capita.

*Out of love and gratitude for the Lord, we will always want to give to Him. Love compels us to give. To those we love, we give. Friends in Christ, God's counsel tells us that, when we give our hearts to the Lord, our desire to give will follow.*

## APRIL MISSION FOCUS

CPC's mission focus for April is One Great Hour of Sharing. For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.



This year's theme, *Called to Repair the Breach!*, focuses on three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. All work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need to provide them with safety, sustenance, and hope.

For more information about One Great Hour of Sharing, go to

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

## WHY NOT SEND SOME SUNSHINE?



With visitor bans at hospitals and care centers, many of our CPC members and friends are left alone. They miss us; we miss them. Why not brighten both of your days with a word of encouragement? You could give them a call, send an email, or drop a card in the post.

Numerous CPC members and friends reside at local care centers. Others are limited to their homes by health or disability. You can find their addresses in the CPC Directory of Members and Friends. Depending on how this newsletter is delivered to you, their contact information is attached to or enclosed in this newsletter email. You could reach out to them right now. Will you?

## 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 Chad Nelson.

Lise Alves	[C] 701-412-8689
Linda Bishop	[H] 701-282-8515
	[C] 701-200-1818
Terry Meester	[C] 701-799-5102
Boots Misheski	[C] 701-388-7160
Dixon Moorhead	[H] 701-277-1414
	[C] 701-200-9709
Vicky Whitcomb	[H] 701-282-9292
	[C] 701-809-2483
Chad Nelson, Session Liaison	[C] 701-541-0940

**May's Community Call  
deadline  
will be  
Wednesday, April 22**



# APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May newsletter deadline: Wednesday, April 22 Non-church scheduled events: Saturday & Sunday p.m.—HOREMOW Mon. to Fri.—Preschool in the fellowship hall; Monday evenings—TOPS						
5  Palm Sunday Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Bells at Faith+Jor. Lutheran 6:30 p.m.?	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. –Tentatively scheduled	<i>Mundy</i> <i>Thursday</i> Worship  7:00 p.m. PW Card Group 1 p.m.	<i>Good</i> <i>Friday</i>  Worship 7:00 p.m.	
12 <i>Happy</i> <i>Easter!</i>  NO Sunday School Worship 10:00 a.m. 	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Bells at Faith+Jor. Lutheran 6:30 p.m.?	Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m.		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.		Bells at Faith+Jor. Lutheran 6:30 p.m.?	 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m.	Crystal Springs Retreat	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.		Bells at Faith+Jor. Lutheran 6:30 p.m.?	Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	PW Card Group 1 p.m.	Head Users: April: Brent Montgomery May: Lynn Hummel	

## Pre-authorized debits customer authorization form

I authorize Community Presbyterian Church and the financial institution listed below to initiate electronic debit entries, (and if necessary, credit entries and adjustments for any debit entries in error) to my:

[ ] checking account                      [ ] savings account                      for \$\_\_\_\_\_

*(This authority will remain in effect until I have cancelled it in writing.)  
(Changes can be easily made)*

\*Please select from the following options to make contributions:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Bank Routing Number (9 digits):

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Account Number:

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**Forms accepted at any time**

	Approximate Weekly Commitment Proportionate to Income						
Annual Income	15%	10%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%
100,000	288.00	192.00	135.00	115.00	96.00	77.00	58.00
75,000	216.00	144.00	100.00	87.00	72.00	58.00	43.00
60,000	173.00	153.00	80.00	69.00	58.00	46.00	35.00
50,000	144.00	96.00	67.00	58.00	48.00	38.00	29.00
45,000	130.00	87.00	61.00	52.00	43.00	35.00	26.00
40,000	115.00	77.00	54.00	46.00	38.00	31.00	23.00
35,000	101.00	67.00	47.00	40.00	34.00	27.00	20.00
30,000	87.00	58.00	40.00	35.00	29.00	23.00	17.00
25,000	72.00	48.00	34.00	29.00	24.00	19.00	14.00
20,000	58.00	38.00	27.00	23.00	19.00	15.00	12.00
15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

### **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  
Tammy Nelson      Gayle Thostenson

#### **Deacons**

Chad Nelson, Liaison  
Lise Alves      Boots Misheski  
Linda Bishop      Dixon Moorhead  
Terry Meester      Vicky Whitcomb

#### **Mission**

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

#### **Nominating**

Lee Dobrinz, Liaison  
Terry Meester      Jack Smith  
Dave Ruhnke

#### **Personnel**

Adam Montgomery, Liaison  
Lia Dobrinz      Brent Montgomery  
Carolyn Meester

#### **Presbytery Delegates**

Yvonne Hummel  
Andrew Thostenson  
Kevin Galt--Alternate

#### **Service & Fellowship**

Laurie Elhard, Liaison  
Carolyn Meester

#### **Stewardship**

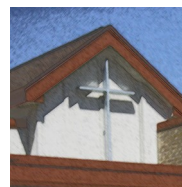
Mike Misheski, Liaison  
C. Meester      Andrew Thostenson

#### **Worship**

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison  
Dawn Larson      Mary Jo Moorhead  
Marj Meester

#### **Communion Prep Team:**

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



#### **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  
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Treasurer: Carolyn Meester

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