

COMMUNITY CALL

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 7 Confirmation Sunday
May 14 Senior Recognition
May 21 Last Day of
Sunday School

FARGO MARATHON

It's time to sign up for yet another amazing CPC Fargo Marathon station! We will serve roughly where we did last year, we will serve in the neighborhood El Zagal Shrine near the intersection of 15th Ave. N. and 3rd St. N. That's 12 (1/2 Marathon running N), and 25 (Marathon running N).



We'll need many volunteers to deliver all the marvelous hospitality for which CPC is famous (orange slices, brownies, etc.). Watch for more information in upcoming Weekly Reminders and the narthex bulletin board.

Sign up and look for more details to come in the narthex. Address questions and t-shirt sizes to Bob Kozojed and Dixon Moorhead.

NEW TIMES

With the ending of Sunday School and arrival of Summer comes a change of timing for Community Presbyterian Church. Beginning on May 28th, worship services will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



May God's grace and peace be yours in abundance! We are in the Season of Easter which is 50 days, beginning the evening of Easter Day, ending the Day of Pentecost. Our anticipation of the crucifixion and death of Jesus has ended. Jesus has risen, He has risen indeed! This is the time for Christians to celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church, and continue our own faith formation.

We have also entered the time known as "Daylight Savings Time" which began March 12 and will end on November 5; and we are in the "Season of Spring" which began on March 20 and ends on June 20. There are lots of seasons converging for us. For many of us, this is also a time of graduations and a time for school to end. For our confirmation class, it is a time of being
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confirmed; when our students reaffirm their baptismal covenant, and become members of the church on May 7th.

Life is filled with a variety of seasons, all including change of some kind. Through all the changes, the one to which we often pay the least amount of attention is our own faith development. I have some questions for you (...only you and God get to hear the answers): how different is your scripture reading, your prayer life, and the time you spend with God today compared to 5 years ago? 10 years ago? 20 years ago? More than 20 years ago? Are you spending more time, less time, or about the same amount of time in prayer and time with God, and/or scripture reading? Of all your activities and responsibilities, what percentage of you does God get?

In the gospel readings during this season of Easter, the focus is on Jesus with his disciples' post-resurrection, and prior to the ascension of Christ Jesus. It seems that the intention is to get us to think more deeply about the resurrection and our faith following the resurrection. Repeatedly, Jesus reminds his disciples not to let their hearts be troubled, to accept the peace that Jesus leaves with them, to trust God, to believe in God and Jesus, to pray, and remember he has sent them out into the world just as God sent Jesus to earth.

Here are some verses from the gospels we have read/will read during the Easter Season. Read them, and let the verse settle into your soul, find a space of quiet to ponder them, but most of all, ask God to show you where you need to focus for your own faith formation. Using one or more of these verses: write a reflection or a poem, meditate, pray using a breath prayer, draw or color what the verse means to you.

"Blessed are those who have not seen

and yet have come to believe."

John 20:29b.

"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him."

Luke 24:30-31

"Peace be with you."

John 20:19b, 21, and 26b

"So again, Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.'" "I am the good shepherd."

John 10:7 & 11b

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."

John 14:1

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15

"As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world."

John 17:18.

Live as Easter people and grow in your relationship with God.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

MAY SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

May 7 - 4th Sunday in Easter

Acts 2: 42-47

I Peter 2: 19-35

Psalm 23

John 10: 1-10 (sermon text)

May 14 - 5th Sunday in Easter

Acts 7: 55-60; I Peter 2: 2-10

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

John 14: 1-14 (sermon text)

May 21 - TBD by Guest Preacher

Andrew Thostenson

May 28- 7th Sunday in Easter

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

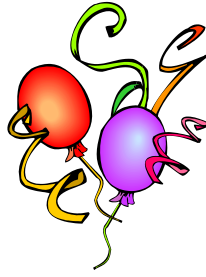
John 17:1-11 (sermon)



MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 5-1 Lee Corneliussen
- 5-2 Tom Kassman
- 5-3 Gloria Ruhnke
Dwight Steffen
- 5-5 Henry Yokom
- 5-6 Steve Hanna
Marty Matzke
- 5-8 Jane Leben
- 5-9 Carolyn Meester
Cheryl Montgomery
- 5-10 Scott Hansen
Zachary Hansen
Justin Videen
- 5-12 Olive Gellner
- 5-13 Larry Dobrinz
- 5-14 Skylar Pederson
- 5-17 Edsel Kercher
- 5-20 Greg Sterup
- 5-22 Olivia Dobrinz
Amy Leopold
- 5-23 Melissa Eiter
- 5-24 Bev Christopherson
- 5-25 Barb Grossman
Mary Jo Moorhead
Mia Strand
Terrance Strand
- 5-26 Reed Montgomery
- 5-27 Vickie Meyer
- 5-29 Zarissa Hansen
- 5-30 Thomas Meyer



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5-3-14 - Dustin and Stephani Krueger
- 5-12-00 - Bob and Violet Galt
- 5-24-03 - Tim and Carly Hager

WE BRING OUT OUR THANKS!



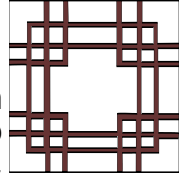
West Fargo's Annual Rummage Sale held on Saturday, April 18th, was a huge success! We netted \$1,096.75 to use toward church projects. THANK YOU for all your help, donations, and shopping.

CALLING YOU?

Interested in serving as a liturgist or musician? Please sign up on the old narthex bulletin board.



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES THANK YOU



The ladies in our Presbyterian Squares group would like to thank everyone who brought, helped out and donated to our fundraiser for a new stove and microwave. Fellowship helps our church family grow closer, and we are grateful for everyone! What a joy it will be to have an oven that really works at the correct temperature and a microwave that is smaller and more modern!

Our Squares will not have Bible study in May, but we will resume our disciples study in September. May you all have a great summer and keep the Spirit in your hearts!

Vicki



SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE

May 7 - 4:00-5:30 p.m. - Games TBA

*May 21 - 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Year End Party

*R.S.V.P. by Sunday, May 14th

Also, please check both your e-mail and the Youth Corner for the latest and most detailed information regarding Soul Train activities.

SENIOR SUNDAY



On Sunday, May 14, we will recognize graduating high school seniors: Angela Corneliussen and Matthew Thompson. If you know of any other graduating seniors affiliated with Community Presbyterian Church, please contact Cathy Birrenkott as soon as possible.

LET'S PLAY BALL!



Fargo-Moorhead Church Softball League will be starting again soon. Want to play on the CPC team? Give Reed Montgomery a call at 701-367-8039.

Beginning May 10th, all games are on Wednesday evenings with the first game at 6:30 p.m. and the second to follow.



SYNOD SCHOOL 2017: LET JUSTICE FLOW

July 23-28, 2016
Buena Vista University
Storm Lake, Iowa

Synod School, an annual midsummer ministry of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), is for laity, clergy, families, and singles. It's fun and mind-stretching courses, worship and singing you'll long remember, and times for both fellowship and private reflection. Discover Synod School and you'll know why so many people keep returning.

Choose among 70+ courses. Examples include Bible studies: *Horizon's Bible Study, Exodus, Minor Prophets, Jesus' Last Days*; body and mind renewal classes: *Yoga, Silk Effects, Zumba, Folk Dancing, Clearing Clutter in our Lives, Repertoire for Church Choirs*, and *Living a Life of Loving Attention to God*; classes for living faithfully in the world: *Addressing the Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences, White Privilege, Syria, LGBTQ folks and friends, Interfaith Relations*; classes for leadership development: *The Productive Pastor, Start with Why, Thriving as a Church Educator*.

Convocation speaker J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of PC(USA), will speak on themes from Amos 5:24. Evening worship will be led by Claudio Carvalhaes, Associate Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Morning worship will be led by Erin Kaye of First Presbyterian Church in Camden, AR and Rachel Corpus of Plymouth UCC in Des Moines, IA.

For more information, links to the catalog of classes, and course descriptions, along with registration details, go to

<http://lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool>

WHERE HEROES MEET ANGELS: THE VA MEDICAL FOSTER HOME PROGRAM NEEDS CAREGIVERS



The motto of the Fargo VA Medical Foster Home program is "Where Heroes Meet Angels." The program provides long term care for disabled or chronically ill Veterans who prefer a family setting over a nursing home. The program partners with people with caregiving experience who live within a 65 mile radius of Fargo-Moorhead and who have extra room in their homes and hearts to care for our nation's heroes. As a Medical Foster Home you would take in up to three Veterans and provide their ongoing care and supervision. A team of medical professionals from the Fargo VA would come to your home to provide medical management of the Veterans. You would be compensated by the Veteran a monthly rate based on the level of care needed. The national average currently is \$2400 per month. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring how to become an approved VA Medical Foster Home, please contact Loni Larson, Medical Foster Home Program Coordinator at 1-800-410-9723, Ext 4394, or email: loni.larson@va.gov.

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.

Sue Larson	701-893-6484
Deb Matzke	701-282-9463
Boots Misheski	701-388-7160
Lisa Steffen	701-282-5308
Caroline Talley	701-282-3273
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Lise Alves, Session Liaison	701-412-8689

CONFIRMATION

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On April 5, Mary Jo Moorhead and Boots Misheski shared features of their recent mission trip to Kenya, including how the mission partnership has evolved between Chogoria and the Presbytery of the Northern Plains; the confirmands also worked on their Statements of Faith. On April 26, they met with the Session; and on Sunday, April 30, the confirmation class took a tour of the Salvation Army facilities. After learning more about the Salvation Army services, they prepared and served dinner to those who gathered for a meal.

May is an exciting time for the confirmation students! Our last monthly meeting together will be May 3 where the topic is Grace and Gratitude as Christians and members of the church. We will be practicing for their "Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant" which will take place during worship on Sunday, May 7.

Confirmation is just the beginning of their lives as members of Christ's church. We all appreciate the prayers and encouragement our confirmands received throughout this year from the congregation of Community Presbyterian Church. The congregation, mentors, and parents have been living their vows to "guide and nurture, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging the one being baptized to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church." Praise God for the saints that have surrounded our confirmands!

Pastor Cathie

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 (atgtet@far.midco.net or 492-0630). Also, it's never too late to join the prayer chain. Just let Gayle know you'd like to receive e-mail prayer updates.



YMCA WOMEN OF THE YEAR



WHEN: Monday, May 1, 2017
5:30 p.m. Social
6:30 p.m. Dinner & Program

WHERE: Delta by Marriott
(formerly Ramada Plaza & Suites)

Twenty-eight fascinating women and five businesses will be in the spotlight during the YWCA's 44th annual Women of the Year awards event! This year two of the nominees come from CPC: Pastor Cathie Bishop and Carrie Leopold.

The event, highlighting the valuable role of these women and businesses in shaping the Fargo-Moorhead community, is Monday, May 1, at the Delta by Marriott (formerly Ramada Plaza & Suites). The social hour, including a Happy Harry's wine raffle featuring a variety of prizes and mystery wine pull, begins at 5:30 p.m., with the dinner and program starting at 6:30 p.m. All nominees will be honored and the evening will culminate with the announcement of this year's recipients in 13 award categories.

Tickets to the event are \$80 and a portion of each ticket is a tax deductible donation to the YWCA. Table sponsorships are also available to showcase your businesses. Proceeds from this event support the mission and programs of YWCA Cass Clay.

Congratulations to the 2017 Women of the Year Nominees!

PRESBYTERY NEWS

A copy of the monthly newsletter published by our Presbytery of the Northern Plains is posted on the left bulletin board in the old narthex. You can access your own copy of *Lights of the Northern Plains* under Publications on its website, : <http://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>

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

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:

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*(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> 1st _____ OR 16th _____	<u>TWICE A MONTH</u> 1st AND 16th _____
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 (A confirmation will be sent to you)

Forms accepted at any time

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

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 Carrie Leopold Carol Sterup
 Adam Montgomery



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

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

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong
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**OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW GOD;
 TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; TO SHARE CHRIST.**