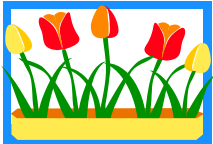


COMMUNITY CALL

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SPRING FORWARD

On Sunday, March 10th, at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time begins. Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour.



SPRING BRUNCH WITH A BABY SHOWER!

Spring will eventually come! Plan now to attend our Spring Brunch on Sunday, March 31, after worship. Not only will it be a time to enjoy great food and fellowship, but how about a chance to shop for new spring and summer baby clothes?!

All baby items will be donated to the Parent Life (formerly known as Teen Moms) program of The Red River Youth for Christ. Items needed are any size diapers, spring and summer clothing: newborn sizes for baby boys and girls; sizes 12-18 months and 18-24 months for toddler girls and size 2T for boys. Cash donations will also be welcome.

Linda Bass, from the Red River Youth for Christ, will be at our worship service that Sunday to talk more about Teen Moms and their needs and how you can help this wonderful mission.

Mark your calendars, buy some cute practical baby items, and get ready to enjoy our tasty brunch of egg bakes, fruit, and other yummy foods. If you would like to bring food, there will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board or talk to Vicki Peihl or Nancy Kassman.



PONDERINGS

FROM PASTOR CATHIE



Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. As I write to you it is snowing, again. Even though we may be tired of shoveling snow, the snow is a wonderful image of the gift God has given us in creating the heavens and the earth. As I watch our nine-month old puppy, Calvin, eagerly rush out into the snow, taking bites of the snow, and jumping onto snowbanks that are bigger than he is, I am reminded of the life of all God's creatures. We have been truly blessed to be God's children. I know, and you know, that doesn't mean life is always easy.

As Christians, we are followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus' life wasn't always easy either. We waited, not so patiently, for the birth of Jesus during Advent. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we celebrated the birth of Jesus. The angels announced his birth, the

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shepherds left their flocks to see Jesus. In January, we celebrated the visit of the Magi and Epiphany. Herod was not happy that the Magi did not return as he told them. The precious baby in the manger, the one born to be the Messiah, was taken by his parents to Egypt because his life was already in danger before he was two years old.

We have been following the lectionary during the season of Epiphany, as Jesus is baptized, spent time in the wilderness, and went back to his home synagogue where he read from the Isaiah scroll and managed to irritate the people to the point of attempting to run him out of town to toss him over the cliff. Like the time his family escaped to

Egypt, Jesus walked away, moving on to begin his ministry. Jesus' ministry was filled with prayer, teaching and preaching, and healing.

We begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 6. While we shift our thoughts toward Jesus' ministry, there is a foreboding anticipation of the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The people of God waited for the Messiah though the Pharisees and people in power were skeptical and threatened by this Son of God/Son of Man.

During this season of Lent, we will follow Jesus as he moves from one place to another. It isn't just the physical travels of Jesus that we will follow; we will follow his movement through the human

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Community Presbyterian Church Lenten Series - 2019

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

Day/Time	Worship Service	Title	Scripture
March 6, 2019 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday	A Time of Reconciliation with God	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
March 10 10:00 a.m.	1 st Sunday in Lent	God Moves into the Desert	Luke 4:1-13 Romans 10:8b-13
March 17 10:00 a.m.	2 nd Sunday in Lent	God Moves past All Obstacles	Luke 13:31-35 Philippians 3:17-4:1
March 24 10:00 a.m.	3 rd Sunday in Lent	God Moves Over the Fence	Luke 13:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
March 31 10:00 a.m.	4 th Sunday in Lent	God Moves Down the Road	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
April 7 10:00 a.m.	5 th 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

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experience. It is Jesus' encounter with temptation, joy, suffering, and death that shows us a different way. It is his ministry of teaching and miracles as well as the story of his death and resurrection that move us to grow as Christians, as followers of the gospel.

Lent encourages us and gives us time to dig deeper into ourselves, to examine just who we are as Christians. The best part of taking time to look at ourselves, is that we find out that we are not alone, God is with us, walking with us, listening to us, wiping our tears and rejoicing with us as we travel this road to Easter.

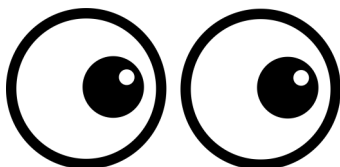
Our Lenten Series for 2019 is, "God on the Move: Exploring God's Work Through the Travels and Teachings of Jesus." Join in with your brothers and sisters in Christ as we begin our journey with the Ash Wednesday Service complete with the Imposition of Ashes and finish with Easter when God moves out of the tomb.

Take time to review the chart on the previous page with the Lenten Series dates and times listed, as well as the title and scripture readings. We are on the move with God!!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you,

Pastor Cathie

**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.

THANK YOU!

Community Presbyterian Church extends its thanks for \$250 in a Neil and Nancy Jordheim Pass-Through Gift Grant of the FM Area Foundation.



The FM Area Foundation is a nonprofit, community foundation created by and for the people of Cass County, North Dakota, and Clay County, Minnesota. The FM Area Foundation helps people give back to the community and ensures the needs of the community are addressed now and in perpetuity. Working in partnership with individuals, families, businesses, and professional advisors, the FM Area Foundation manages charitable funds and provides grants to qualified nonprofit organizations and causes.

**COMMUNITY CALL NEWSLETTER MAILING
FOR MARCH**

This month, we're trying something different with CPC's Community Call. Instead of using the U.S. Postal bulk mail services, we're sending out a smaller number of first-class mail newsletters. The remaining newsletters will be delivered in electronic form via email and in paper form for whomever would like a copy on the front welcome table and the table directly outside the sanctuary.

This is a one-month trial, so we're open to what you think. The bottom line goal is to make certain we get the newsletter into the hands of those who will use and benefit from it. Let Gayle Thostenson know your thoughts in person or email or call (atgtet@far.midco.net or 492-0630).



**2018-2019
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 Easter weekend (4/21). In addition, CPC Youth/Children Sunday School will NOT meet March 17.

FEBRUARY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, February 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, Chad Nelson, Adam Montgomery, and Mary Jo Moorhead. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong, and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Laurie Elhard.

Introductions were made and new Session members were welcomed.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of January 16, 2019
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, March 20, 2019
- c. elect treasurer, Carolyn Meester and Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong, for a one-year term
- d. Vicki Peihl requests to use the fellowship hall after worship on March 31, for the Spring Brunch

Moderator's report -

- First FaceTime meeting with Mary DeJong and Michael Hickman on Saturday, January 19, 2019.
- Moderated congregational meeting on Sunday, January 20.
- Took Joe Obermeyer to lunch after congregational meeting.
- January 23, 2019 - Provided articles for February newsletter.
- January 24 - met with Deacons.
- Met with family of Becky Roberge, mother of Max Irish, on January 23.
- Officiated at funeral on Saturday, January 26, West Funeral Home.
- Attended/took notes for Care for Congregations Pod on Monday, January 28.
- Participated in class taught by Dr. Steve Reed, professor at Jamestown on January 28. Topic was developing a Lenten Lectionary Sermon Series

for 2019. Hosted by Jamestown Presbyterian Church.

- January 29, upon request from West Funeral Home, met with Jean Besisto regarding funeral for her husband, Ted. Officiated at Ted's funeral at West Funeral Home on Saturday, 2/2/2019.
- Sunday, February 3, Linda Bishop and I visited with and served the Lord's Supper to Esther Hemm and her son's, Curtis and David.
- Monday, February 4 - moderated Session meeting for Mendenhall Presbyterian Church in East Grand Forks.
- Took two vacation days on Tuesday, February 5, and Wednesday, February 6, to finish a paper for UDTs DMin program.
- Thursday, February 7, was a snow day due to the weather (worked on sermon prep at home). Both Roberta and I worked Friday morning to get bulletins printed for Sunday.
- Saturday, February 9 met with family of Dave Dotting, officiated at the funeral on Tuesday, February 12 at West Funeral Home.
- Sunday, February 10 met with Worship Committee after worship service.
- Wednesday, February 13, met with Confirmation students and mentors.
- Saturday, February 16, met with Mary DeJong and Michael Hickman via FaceTime.
- Tuesday, February 19 - meeting with Jenae Meske with Great Plains Food Pantry regarding the summer 2019 children's meal program (more info to session at meeting).
- Wednesday, February 20 - will meet with Christian Education committee prior to Session meeting.
- Prepared 5 worship services: January 20 with re-affirmation of faith for Bob Kozojed; January 27 with Ordination/Installation for Newly Elected Officers; February 3 with communion; February 10 and February 17th.

Clerk's report -

- i. 58 served communion on Sunday,
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February 3, 2019.

- i. Bob Kozojed was received into membership at CPC by reaffirmation of faith on Sunday, January 20, 2019.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, February 3, 2019 will be Lee Dobrinz, Chad Nelson, Mike Misheski and Adam Montgomery.

The financial report was discussed. The audit report was presented and sent to the Stewardship Committee for implementation. They will report back to Session. The payroll will be handled through the Synod. The use of offering envelopes was discussed. The reports were received.



After reviewing the basic functions of each church committee, it was decided that Bob Kozojed would be the liaison for Trustees and Chad Nelson would be the liaison for Service and Fellowship.

Stacy Mesa has requested to be baptized on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.

A Special Presbytery meeting will be held at United Presbyterian Church in Jamestown on Friday, February 22, at 1:00. Boots Misheski and Pastor Cathie will be representing CPC.

An orientation for new elders will be held on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion was held regarding taking offering at special worship services. A basket will be placed at the doors for those wishing to make an offering.

Terry Meester and Brian Elhard are donating new uniforms to the softball team. They will be blue with green lettering and the PC/USA emblem on the sleeve. (If summer ever comes.)

Discussion was held regarding placing a candle in the back of the sanctuary. The candle would symbolize bringing the light of Jesus into the church and then

sending the light of Jesus out into the world. The suggestion was sent to the Worship Committee for consideration.

Deacons: Home visits and communion visits continue. A communion training will be held for new deacons. They will be delivering spring baskets. Help is needed to assist Lui-za Martin move on March 2.

Christian Education: Third grade Bibles will be passed out on Sunday, March 31. The elementary curriculum has been chosen and will last for 2-3 years.

Mission: The Emergency Food Pantry drive is ending, and One Great Hour of Sharing will be the next mission focus.

Trustees: There has been lots of snow removal! [See view through narthex window.]

Worship: Consider signing up for the Ministry of Greeting. Greet fellow worshippers on the lower level for a half hour before the service starts. New sanctuary banners have been ordered and will be displayed on March 3. A new top for the sanctuary shelf is being considered.

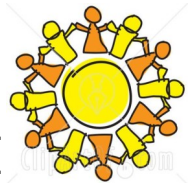
No reports: Nominating, Personnel, Service and Fellowship, and Stewardship committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:55 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.



MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

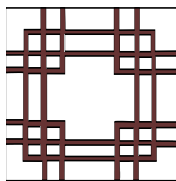
BIRTHDAYS

- 3-3 Karen Steele
- 3-8 Troy Montgomery
- 3-9 Amy Bucholz
- 3-10 Claire DeJong
Zoe Elhard
- 3-15 Irene Martin
Sophia Petik
- 3-19 Lydia Leopold
- 3-21 Melissa Engebretson
Patrick Talley
- 3-22 Bonnie Thompson
- 3-24 Dawn Larson
- 3-25 Michelle Bucy



ANNIVERSARIES

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



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES

There will be a short Bible study at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 6. Since this is Ash Wednesday, we will not serve refreshments. There will be a quick discussion on the upcoming Spring Brunch, and we will finish up before Ash Wednesday worship service.

Our topic of discussion will be regarding a prayer closet and how to take time to worship and pray to God. Why do we need a prayer closet or special spot? So we can hear God's answers to our prayers. Come join us at our Bible study to hear more about times and places to pray. Everyone is welcome; each lesson is separate from the others. Our book is called "Prayers with Power."

If you have any questions, please talk to Vicki Peihl. Let's hope we aren't stormed out again this month!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are:

Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Other times by appointment



CONFIRMATION

Finally, the weather cooperated and the confirmands were able to have confirmation class on February 13th! Our topic was "What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ?" One of the scriptures we read was Mark 8:34-38 where Jesus calls the disciples to "take up their cross."

Our special guest was Greg Sterup. He shared scripture passages from Romans and 1 Corinthians about the different gifts we each have been given from God. Greg's gift is working with wood, so he brought in a wood cross project (see photo). Greg did some research and created a design for a cross using 3 kinds of wood. He used scraps of walnut, spalded maple, and cherry from prior projects. The symbolism that is found in the cross was not planned by humans, like many things in our lives, the outcome was guided by God.

Greg pointed out that the crosses each have flaws, just like we are not perfect. God still loves us just as we are. The colors of the wood represent the two men and Jesus who were each on a cross at the crucifixion. The dark wood represents the man who did not want or ask for forgiveness. The light color represents the man who asked Jesus for forgiveness, and the red cherry wood, represents Jesus' blood which was shed for us.

Greg came with bundles of what looked like wood sticks. He taught the confirmands, mentors, and parents how to put the puzzle-like pieces together to form a cross. Each person received a cross to take home. Thank you for sharing your special gift with us, Greg.



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15,000	43.00	29.00	20.00	17.00	14.00	12.00	9.00



MARCH 2019

Head Ushers: March: Steve Hanna

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	4	5 Bell Choir at Faith Lutheran 6:30 p.m.	6 Bible Study 10 a.m. Presbyterian Squares 5:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.	7 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Worship Com. 11:15 a.m.	11 Choir 7:00 p.m.	12 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Bell Choir at Faith Lutheran 6:30 p.m.	13 Prayer time 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Churches United  Serv. 4:00 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	14 PW Card Group 1 p.m.	15	16
17 NO Children/Youth Sunday School Worship 10:00 a.m.	18	19 Bell Choir at Faith Lutheran 6:30 p.m.	20 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	21  Newsletter is due Today!!!! PW Card Group 1 p.m.	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	25	26 Bell Choir at Faith Lutheran 6:30 p.m.	27 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	28 PW Card Group 1 p.m. Deacons 7:00 p.m.	29	30
31 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.  Spring Brunch/Baby Shower  after worship	<p>***** Non-church scheduled events: Mon. through Fri. – Preschool in the fellowship hall; Mon. evenings: TOPS; Sat. & Sun. p.m.— Holy Revival Movement Worldwide *****</p> <p>April newsletter deadline: March 21 *****</p>					

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**Sunday
 Worship Hours:**

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

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