

COMMUNITY CALL

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FALL BACK

On Sunday, November 7th, at 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving Time Ends. Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

1, 2, 3 JOIN THE FUN WITH ME!

The Craft n' Creation group will be meeting again to try our hand at something new on Monday, November 15th, at 7:00 p.m. at CPC. Dixie Smith will be leading us on tips and tricks of how to make a successful paint by number. The paint by number kits have a winter or Christmas theme. We have a limited # of spots so make sure to sign up early. All supplies to complete the project will be provided for anyone who signs up at no cost. Suggested goodwill donation of \$10 will be accepted, but is not required.



Spread the word and invite your friends to join in for a few hours of creativity, laughs, and friendship. To sign up, please contact Laurie Elhard, 701-388-9090, or Melissa Engebretson, 701-866-8767, or sign up on the bulletin board.



CPC ANNOUNCEMENT AND BULLETIN ITEMS

Please submit all content for the Sunday announcements or bulletin items to the office (office@cpcwf.org) no later than noon on Thursdays.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE

Grace and peace to you as we move into November. We thank God for all of you and your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from the hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1st Thessalonians 1:1-3 (CEB)

Our weather is cooler, the days are shorter, and most of us have had our furnaces on to keep warm. We have seen the frost on our pumpkins, the last of our flowers, and the late tomatoes. The first Sunday of November is approaching so we will return to standard time on November 7. While I love living in a four-season area, there is a bit of sadness as we switch to having our snow-blower ready for use rather than the lawn mower.

After the long stretch of "Ordinary"
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Time" or the "Season after Pentecost," on our liturgical calendar, we will change to the "Season of Advent" on Sunday, November 28. It will be Advent from then through Friday, December 24 (also known as Christmas Eve.) Why do we call it Advent? It is the time we prepare for Christ's birth, when we experience expectation and hope. As Christians, this is a good time for us to ponder what we are waiting for in Advent.



We have already begun getting ready for the changes of Advent. Our Christian Education team is working on the Children's Program to be held on December 12 during worship. Our choir is practicing for the Cantata which will also be during worship on December 19.

With Advent beginning on Sunday, November 28, the "Hanging of the Greens" will occur after worship on November 21. Please join in the excitement and fun of preparing for Advent and Christmas. While we have a pretty good system to get everything set up, we need help from many hands to make it happen. It is fun to pull out the hanging advent wreath and candles, the lights in the windows, the Christmas banners, and don't forget the Christmas trees!

I noticed there are some fun opportunities you may want to participate in towards the end of November and in December. The clues are Bingo, Bingo, Elf. Please check this newsletter for more details.

Our Confirmation class of 2022 has begun meeting. We are a small but dynamic group with Charlie Elhard and his mentor, Lee Dobrinz, and Erika Matzke and her mentor, Cheryl Montgomery. Please keep the confirmation class in your prayers as they learn about what it means to be a Christian and member of the church.

Just before the 1st Sunday of Advent, we also have Thanksgiving Day. Some of you will be traveling, others will be hosting a traditional dinner, and some of us will be eating dinner on our own. Thanksgiving in the United States has an interesting history. Some of the people who lived in the land we now call the U.S.A. have a different perspective because of their experiences. As Christians, it is important that we understand that many people experience life differently than we do. Each person is a child of God. Let us all include all the people of God's world in our prayers.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Cathie

**NOVEMBER
SCRIPTURES
FOR WORSHIP**



- Nov 7 24th Sunday after Pentecost and Communion
Psalm 127, Mark 12:38-44
Ruth 3:1-5 & 4:13-17
- Nov 14 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 16, Mark 13:1-8
Daniel 12:1-3
- Nov 21 Christ the King/Reign of Christ
Psalm 93, John 18:33-37
Revelation 1:4-8
- Nov 28 1st Sunday of Advent
Psalm 25:1-10
Luke 21:25-36
Jeremiah 33:14-16

THANK YOU!

Thanks goes out to the CPC volunteers who shared water with the Fargo Marathon runners in late September. They were in early and home by 9:30 a.m. Many hands made for light work and great fellowship. Well done!



OCTOBER CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Lee Dobrinz, Melissa Engebretson, Kevin Galt, Yvonne Hummel, Bob Kozojed, Mary Jo Moorhead, Adam Montgomery, and Gayle Thostenson. Moderator - Cathie Bishop, Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong and Treasurer - Carolyn Meester were present. Carrie Leopold was absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Carolyn Meester.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of September 15, 2021
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, November 17, 2021
- c. Fa-La-La night, December 5, turned into an all-church Bingo night - details TBA. [Editor's note: see p. 6]
- d. Moderator's report -
 - Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021 - Newsletter articles provided to Gayle Thostenson by deadline.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021 - Moderated for Grandin Session Meeting.
 - Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 - Participated in the FM Aide Station for the Half Marathon.
 - Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021 - Attended worship with the HOREMOW gathering.
 - Monday, Sept. 27, 2021 - Participated in the Blood Drive.
 - Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021 - Attended Bell Practice.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021 - Attended Bylaws Meeting.
 - Sunday, October 3, 2021 - Held first CPC Pet Blessing at 2:30 p.m. It was a delightful day!
 - Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021 - Provided Worship for Touchmark in Fargo.
 - Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021 - First Confirmation class meeting.
 - Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021 - Officiated at West Funeral Home for LaVerne Wilcox funeral.

- Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021 - Attended Bell Practice.
- Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021 - Participated in Cantata practice.
- Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021 - Attended funeral for Paul Hyndman (husband of Dianne, Bell Choir member).
- Thursday, October 14, 2021 - Attended Stewardship Committee meeting.
- Monday, October 18, 2021 - Met with Kashif Grant regarding CPC membership.
- Monday, October 18, 2021 - Provided home communion with Gayle Thostenson for Lowell Wiese.
- Tuesday, October 19, 2021 - Attended Dorothy Day Food Pantry West Fargo Grand Opening.
- Tuesday, October 19, 2021 - Attended Bell Practice.
- Wednesday, October 20, 2021 - Participated in Cantata practice.
- Wednesday, October 20, 2021 - Moderated Session at CPC.
- e. Clerk's report -
 - ◇ 52 served communion on Sunday, October 3, 2021.
 - ◇ Review membership list - it will be discussed in November.
 - ◇ The Session minutes for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 were read on October 5, 2021 with 0 exceptions.

AV equipment will be purchased to aid in distance meetings.

Elders to serve communion on November 7, 2021 will be Kevin Galt, Bob Kozojed, and Mary Jo Moorhead.

The financial report was read, discussed, and received. CPC received forgiveness for the second PPP loan of \$19,600. Have you paid your per capita??

The Bylaw Committee met to review and update the CPC bylaws. The updates will need to be approved by the congregation at the annual meeting in January. Be looking for more important information.

Committee reports:

Christian Education - Plans were made
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for the Sunday School Christmas program on December 12, 2021. Gayle Thostenson will send out invitations to parents including those who had children attend VBS. Discussion was held on the need for additional SS teachers. – Kevin Galt

Deacons: Visitation policies for care centers were reviewed. Because of occasional Covid-19 outbreaks, these policies can change frequently. Visitors should call the day of visiting to clarify how a visit should take place.

Updated communion scripts were distributed. Outgoing communion ministry is beginning to blossom. Three total communion visits were made in September, and so far, four were made in October. If anyone in the congregation would like home communion, please contact myself or Pastor Cathie. –Gayle Thostenson

Missions: In July and August, \$905 was collected for winter wear for Bdecean school kids. The money has been received at Presbytery, and clothing is being ordered. Thank you to all donators.

September and October mission focus is Nexus/PATH. Household items are being collected for young people who age out of foster care. Boots Misheski reported that donations are going well.

November and December focus will be the New Life Center. Warm winter clothing is needed. It has been noted that they are unable to keep up with the need for socks. The November focus will be on collecting 100 pairs of socks, while December will focus on collecting 100 pairs of winter gloves. This will be in addition to any other clothing items donated. – Donna Monteith

Personnel: This month, the committee met to discuss the needs and hiring of a new church office administrator. The position is now open, and the committee agreed, in light of the current workforce situation, to start the position at a beginning hourly rate of \$15.00/hour and still averaging 16-20 hours/week. Please forward any leads or interested parties

to Adam.

Pastor Cathie has submitted her holiday vacation plans. She will be out of the office Sunday, December 26 - Monday, January 3. This will require pulpit supply for two Sunday Services: December 26 and January 2. Any Ruling Elder who would like to fill in is strongly encouraged to speak with Adam, as soon as possible. The committee continues to provide support to Pastor Cathie and the Christian Education Committee, with their search for a youth director. We ask all congregants and, specifically, church leadership to help where you can, as we transition with support staff. – Adam Montgomery

Service and Fellowship: A Paint by Number Craft Night is set for Monday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Stewardship: Contribution reports were sent out. Please fill out your Financial Stewardship Commitment form for 2022. Mike Misheski is working on an Employee Retention Credit for the church. Kevin Galt will give a testimonial during offertory time on October 24. Budget reports need to be submitted.

Trustees: We are preparing the church for the upcoming winter months. We are set with the same snow removal company. They have done a great job in the past getting our parking lot cleaned for church services, funerals, and any other activity scheduled in the church.

The SE basement classroom remains an issue with a slight leak in the east wall. Ground shifting has caused issues, and we continue to monitor it and make repairs as needed. – Bob Kozojed

Worship: Advent season is beginning soon so mark your calendars:

Nov 21 – Hanging of the Greens following worship

Nov 28 – first Sunday of Advent

Dec 8 – Blue Christmas service at 7:00 p.m.

Dec 12 – Sunday School Christmas program during worship

Dec 19 – Cantata during worship

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Dec 24– Candlelight service at
6:30 p.m.

Dec 25 – Christmas Day worship
at 10:00 a.m.

Dec 26 – Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

No report from Nominating Committee.

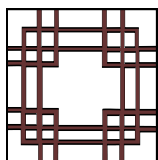
Meeting closed with prayer by Moderator
Cathie Bishop at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

LADIES CIRCLE

Ladies, join us for Tuesday
Afternoon Ladies Circle in the
narthex. If you like, bring a
sack lunch and have fellow-
ship at 12:30 p.m. Otherwise, come
ready to begin Bible study at 1:00 p.m.
Coffee and treats will be shared later.

This year's Bible study is entitled *What
My Grandmothers Taught Me*.



**PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES:
WEIRD BIBLE STORIES
WE NEVER HEARD
IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

An in-person or email study

Our Bible study will continue via email
until January due to COVID and my
work schedule. I hope you enjoyed the
first weird Bible study that came out:
Boy falls asleep during worship, falls out
a window and dies.

I plan to send 2 more weird stories that
we didn't hear in Sunday school in No-
vember. Will it be about the rich fish,
talking donkey, or skeletons coming to-
gether? Sign up now if you want to
"hear the rest of the story" at
vrpeihl@gmail.com.

Stay healthy, warm and have a blessed
Thanksgiving!

**ANIMAL
BLESSING**

Blessings
were shared
at this early
October
event.

**MISSION
REPORT**

November and December's
Mission Focus is the New
Life Center. It has been
meeting needs and transforming lives
through the love of Christ since 1907.
They help people who are homeless and
hurting go from merely surviving to tru-
ly thriving. Their aim is to help people
discover value and find hope. Founded
as the Glad Tidings Mission, the New
Life Center has evolved from an organi-
zation that primarily conducted religious
services and neighborhood outreach
work to a Christian multi-faceted emer-
gency and crisis service center.

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of socks, while December will focus on
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clothing items donated.

For more information about the New Life
Center, go to <https://www.fargonlc.org/>

**NOVEMBER
DATES
TO REMEMBER**

BIRTHDAYS

- 11-3 Dave Ruhnke
Mary Bastle
- 11-5 Jarrett Meester
- 11-6 Amy Grossman-Tomsich
- 11-8 Adam Montgomery
- 11-9 Charlie Elhard
Adynn Tomsich
- 11-10 Vicki Peihl
- 11-13 Sean Alves
Carrie Leopold
- 11-15 Heidi Babb
- 11-18 Brianne Hass
- 11-19 Kayla Hauge
- 11-21 Brent Montgomery
- 11-24 Bob Gross
- 11-25 Erika Matzke
- 11-27 Jacob Witt





BINGO, BINGO, ELF

Friday, November 19 - Carolyn, Lisa, and I will be going to play Bingo at the VFW in West Fargo.

Come join us! We will be there at 6:00 to order pizza. Bingo starts at 7:00. Sign up in the narthex and we will save you a seat.

Sunday, December 5 at 5:30 -

Bingo is coming!!!! Bob will be calling the Bingo! All are welcome so please sign up in the narthex. Everyone should bring two wrapped white elephant gifts. These gifts should be something special from the bottom of your junk drawer and not something purchased at a store. Bob and I will be bringing sloppy joes, and everyone else is encouraged to bring something to share.

Friday, December 10 -

Bob and I are going to Elf the Musical. Come join us! We will meet at 5:00 for dinner (TBA), go to the Hjemkomst theater for the play at 7:00, and then meet for fellowship after the play (TBA).

***This will be a very popular performance and will probably sell out. We have been given a group rate of \$22.00 per ticket (instead of \$28.00) and we have a deadline of November 10 to let them know how many seats we need so that we can sit together. ***

Sign up in the narthex, and let us know if you will be joining us for any or all events of the evening.

Happy Holidaying, Becky

P.S. If you forget when you are at church, you can contact me by texting or calling 701-281-8122 or by sending an email to bfdejong64@gmail.com.



DECEMBER IS COMING SOON!



Mark your calendar early and don't miss out on all the activities in December! Watch for details *and* more activities in upcoming church announcements.

Saturday, December 4

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Sunday, December 5, 5:30 p.m.

Bingo

Wednesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service

Friday, December 10, evening

Dinner, Elf the Musical, etc.

Sunday, December 12, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 19, 10:00 a.m.

Choir Cantata during worship

Friday, December 24, at 6:30 p.m.

Candlelight worship service

Saturday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day worship service

Sunday, December 26, at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Sunday worship service



BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army will be Saturday, December 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Family Fare in West Fargo and Hornbachers in Osgood. These are all inside locations.

Grab a friend and sign up to help ring bells. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn Meester at 793-3245 or cjmeester@msn.com.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Having a second voice lead the liturgy enhances everyone's worship experience. A "slide flipper" helps the congregation participate using the projected order of worship. Please prayerfully consider assisting in worship. To sign up, go to the CPC bulletin board or contact Melissa Engebretson.





YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

9/30/2021

General Operating budget 2021:
\$151,788.00
Monthly needed to meet budget:
\$ 12,649.00

Total Giving September \$ 10,783.02
Total Expenses September \$ 10,132.65

Per Capita amount for 2021 is \$48.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope you are contributing to Per Capita. Total Per Capita received to date is \$3,165.00.

In October, financial statements and pledge forms were mailed to all our members and friends. Please review your contribution report and let us know if you have any questions. Complete the pledge form and return to the church office by November 21, the stewardship committee uses these for budget plans for 2022.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO TEACH



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

Proverbs 22:6

What better way to do this than to join our Sunday School team as a teacher? Share your love of Christ with CPC children or youth. No experience is necessary, curriculum is provided.

Teachers for the preK-fifth grade classes are especially needed, but substitutes are welcome at all levels. Address questions to Kevin Galt, Melanie Hansen, or Gayle Thostenson.



CPC YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER NEEDED

CPC is searching for a youth ministry leader. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Kevin Galt or go to

https://www.facebook.com/jobs/job-opening/485505139234739/?source=post_homepage_stream

HELP WANTED: CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

NOW HIRING

The Personnel Committee is looking for part-time help in the church office to help Pastor Cathie prepare for services, assist with financials, and general office work.

Please refer anyone interested to Adam at (701) 361-4644.

DEACONS



If anyone in the congregation is hospitalized or needs a visit, please contact the Deacons. If anyone in the congregation would like home communion, please contact Gayle Thostenson.

Lise Alves	[C] 701-412-8689
Linda Bishop	[H] 701-282-8515
	[C] 701-200-1818
Dawn Larson	[C] 701-261-9609
Boots Misheski	[C] 701-388-7160
Dixon Moorhead	[H] 701-277-1414
	[C] 701-200-9709
Vicky Whitcomb	[C] 701-809-2483
Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison	[H] 701-492-0630
	[C] 701-412-6387

**December's
Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, November 21**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

Building & Grounds Trustees

Bob Kozojed, Liaison
Brian Elhard Larry Peihl
Lynn Hummel Jack Smith
Marty Matzke Dwight Steffen

Christian Education

Kevin Galt, Liaison
Melanie Hansen Gayle Thostenson
Elizabeth Strand

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Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Lise Alves Boots Misheski
Linda Bishop Dixon Moorhead
Dawn Larson Vicky Whitcomb

Mission

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

Nominating

Lee Dobrinz, Liaison
Laurie Elhard Dave Ruhnke
Terry Meester Jack Smith

Personnel

Adam Montgomery, Liaison
Lia Dobrinz Brent Montgomery
Carolyn Meester

Presbytery Delegates

Lise Alves Andrew Thostenson
Dixon Moorhead
Kevin Galt--Alternate

Service & Fellowship

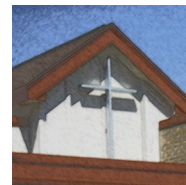
Melissa Engebretson, Liaison
Linda Bishop Carolyn Meester
Laurie Elhard Vicki Peihl

Stewardship

Yvonne Hummel, Liaison
C. Meester Andrew Thostenson
Michael Misheski

Worship

Mary Jo Moorhead, Liaison
Zoe Elhard Marj Meester
Dawn Larson Mary Jo Moorhead
Communion Prep Team:
Mary Bastle Marj Meester
Mitzi Hager Dixie Smith
Nancy Kassman V. Whitcomb



**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
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.**