

COMMUNITY CALL

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 6 Teacher Appreciation Day
May 20 Senior Recognition
Last Day of Sunday School

SATURDAY, MAY 19TH, IS THE DAY!!

The Fargo Marathon is slated to begin on Saturday, May 19, and CPC Helping Hands will be aiding once again. While the location is yet to be announced, your help is definitely needed.



We have gained the reputation of bringing warm encouragement to all—regardless of their speed and distance. Brats, cookies, donuts, and fruit have no doubt started this, but our Community spirit has as well. This is a way to share God's love to many—all in one day.

Watch for more information in Weekly Reminders and on the narthex bulletin board.

Let's gear up! Sign up now along with t-shirt sizes in the narthex. Address questions to Bob Kozojed.

NEW TIMES

With the ending of Sunday School and arrival of Summer comes a change of timing for Community Presbyterian Church. Beginning on May 27th, worship services will be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR CATHIE



I greet you this month with the text from Romans 1:7-8, in "The Message" translated by Eugene Peterson. "You are who you are through this gift and call of Jesus Christ! And I greet you now with all the generosity of God our Father and our Master Jesus, the Messiah. I thank God through Jesus for every one of you."

Read the greeting again and hear your call from Jesus Christ. Hear the generosity of God and Jesus Christ. Hear my gratitude for you.

We are still within the season of Easter and will be for most of May. It is appropriate to keep the meaning and significance of Easter in our hearts and minds always and particularly now. Our Gospel readings emphasize the story of Jesus during the time between

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his resurrection and his ascension. As we read Jesus' interactions with his disciples we hear his love, his patience, and his challenge to the disciples as he prepares them to persist in understanding and carrying the message to the world.

This is our opportunity to remember and persevere in our own awareness of just how much God loves us, so much that he gave his Son to die for us. It is also the time for us to hear Jesus' voice as he prepares the disciples, as we are God's children and disciples of Jesus Christ.

Jesus asks us to remember how much we are loved, to keep his commandments, and to love one another because Jesus has chosen YOU. Everything that Jesus did and said was to fulfill the scriptures. Even though Jesus will be physically gone from the earth, he sent the Holy Spirit to guide us and to be with us. On the Day of Pentecost, we will remember how the Advocate came to the disciples and is with us.

In remembrance of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who came to be with the disciples and with us, we encourage everyone to wear **RED** on May 20. On that day we will also recognize our high school seniors who are graduating. As we send them off to the next phase of their lives, we can do so trusting that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and our Advocate, the Holy Spirit will be with the graduates, guiding them throughout their lives.

In May, we will be baptizing Declan Bucholz, son of Amy and Tucker, following Jesus' command that we "go out making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28: 19-20.



Jesus has called us to feed the hungry. We have an opportunity to feed the hungry in our own neighborhood this summer. In collaboration with Great Plains Food Bank, we will be distributing lunch to children at the playground on 7th Avenue, across from South Elementary School. We will need volunteers to make this happen, so please pray and listen to God calling you. Tell others of the ministry of Jesus that we will be participating in this summer. Do you have a neighbor, friend, or family member that would like to volunteer with you? More details will be coming... be ready to accept Jesus' call.

I ask that you also keep me in your prayers as I begin my studies in the Doctor of Ministry program, otherwise known as "DMin" at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. I will be at UDTs in Dubuque, Iowa from May 22-May 31. Dixon Moorhead will be in the pulpit on May 27.

Each day, I give thanks for the generosity of God, for each of you, and the call God has extended to all of us as individuals and as Community Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Cathie

MAY SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP



May 6 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17 (sermon text)

May 13 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19 (sermon text)

May 20 - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-16:15 (sermon text)

May 27 - Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17
Romans 8:12-17 (sermon text)
Pulpit Supply: Dixon Moorhead

APRIL CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of Session was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Lise Alves, Lee Dobrinz, Laurie Elhard, Sue Hanna, Melanie Hansen, Mike Misheski, Mary Jo Moorhead, and Andrew Thostenson. Moderator Cathie Bishop, Clerk Becky DeJong, and Treasurer Carolyn Meester were present. Adam Montgomery was absent.

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions by Becky DeJong.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of March 21, 2018
- b. Next Session meeting – Wednesday, May 16, 2018
- c. Pay half of the church softball league dues - \$375.00
- d. Summer worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. starting Memorial Day (May 27) through Labor Day (September 2) with Rally Sunday to be September 9.
- e. Dixon Moorhead and Boots Misheski will be the delegates for CPC at the spring Presbytery meeting – Mary Jo Moorhead made a motion on March 26, 2018 to approve the representatives. Motion was seconded and carried.

Moderator's report –

- Newsletter articles submitted for April: Ponderings, Scripture for April.
- Prepared and led three worship services the last week of March/Holy Week: 25 Palm Sunday; 29 Maundy Thursday; and 30 Good Friday Service.
- Wednesday, March 28 – met with Deacons, training on taking communion to those hospitalized or homebound.
- Co-leading the Wednesday morning Bible Study, "Bad Girls of the Bible," with Gayle Thostenson.
- Participated in Zoom video confer-

ence with the Presbytery Care for Congregations Pod on Monday, March 26.

- Hosted Elizabeth and Emmanuel Williams Friday, April 6-9; visited John in hospital; communicated with school personnel; contacted church in Rochester, MN for John and his family. They moved to Rochester to live with John's niece and be closer to medical care for John. I received a couple of texts from John, the kids are in school, they have talked with "Community Presbyterian Church of Rochester," and John has appointments at Mayo this week so they are getting settled into their new environment.
- Met with Worship Committee on Wednesday, April 11.
- Visited with Valeria Youle, former member, at her home on April 12. She has asked to be put back on as a member and be on the newsletter list so she can stay in contact with the church.
- Attended Presbytery meeting at Casselton on Friday, April 13.
- Turned in two book reviews for DMIN program on March 24 and April 17.
- Prepared and led three worship services in April: 1 with communion, 8, and 15.
- Met with Roger and Lois Wadell, former members, on Monday, April 16.
- Attended practice for CPC Choir and Bells. Sang with CPC choir on Palm Sunday and Easter; played Bells at Faith Lutheran and CPC on April 15.
- Attended West Fargo Commission meeting on Monday, April 16, regarding plans to update intersection of Sheyenne Street and 7th Avenue.
- On Monday, April 16, began training new Office Specialist Roberta Cruz, along with Carolyn and other volunteers.
- Will attend Christian Education Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 18.

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Clerk's report -

- i. 46 served communion on Maundy-Thursday and 102 served communion on Easter Sunday, April 1.
- ii. Declan Layne Bucholz was born on March 16, 2018. His parents are Tucker and Amy Bucholz.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, May 6, will be Lise Alves, Linda Bishop, Melanie Hansen, and Adam Montgomery.

The financial report was discussed.

Tucker and Amy Bucholz have requested to have their son, Declan Layne Bucholz, baptized on Sunday, May 6 or 13, 2018. Pastor Cathie and Mary Jo Moorhead will meet with the parents to discuss the responsibilities of baptism. Motion was seconded and carried.

The summer food program, in coordination with the Great Plains Food Bank, is still being discussed and considered. The program will run from June through mid-August.

Discussion was held regarding the sharing garden. It was decided that it will take time to plan and properly prepare the soil for gardening. This needs to be done right in order to succeed.

The Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

Christian Education: Teacher Appreciation will be Sunday, May 6, and Senior Recognition will be Sunday, May 20. Vacation Bible School is being discussed.

Deacons: Home visits are being made; communion is being served; rides are being arranged to church for several members, and May Day baskets will be delivered.

Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing is under way! The goal was a \$1,300.00 farm bundle but that has already been surpassed. Keep up the good work. Fish banks have been distributed and will be collected at the end of April.

Personnel: Roberta Cruz has been hired as the Office Assistant. She brings knowledge, experience, and a life force

that will serve our church well. Welcome!!! Pastor Cathie will be gone on May 27th and Dixon Moorhead will provide pulpit supply.

Stewardship: CPC now has a brokerage account. Stocks can be gifted to the church, put into the brokerage account, and then liquidated into the church funds.

Trustees: The water over-usage problem has been solved. We should be done with snow removal!! There will be no round-about in front of the church in the near future. We will lose a few parking spacing when the curbs are redone.

Worship: Summer will be a time for experimenting with new things during worship. The Passing of the Peace will be eliminated and new songs will be introduced in various ways so that the congregation can learn them easier. May 20 is Pentecost Sunday: wear your red!

No reports from Nominating or Service and Fellowship committees.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Cathie at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong



**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER
THURSDAY,
MAY 3**

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 3, 2018, and will be observed at the Holiday Inn at 3803 13th Avenue South in Fargo.

When: Noon to 1:00 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. All are welcome to come to one or both times.

The National Day of Prayer was signed by President Harry Truman on April 17, 1952. President Ronald Reagan amended it in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May as the National Day of Prayer. The purpose of the National Day of Prayer is to call together all people of different faiths in the United States to pray for our nation and its leaders.

Cost: FREE

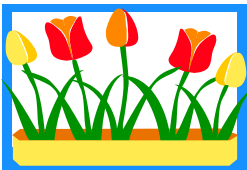
MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

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
- 5-13 Larry Dobrinz
- 5-17 Edsel Kercher
- 5-20 Greg Sterup
- 5-22 Olivia Dobrinz
Amy Leopold
- 5-23 Melissa Eiter
- 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

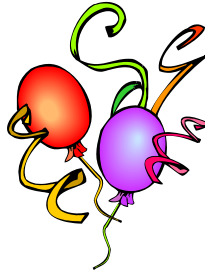
- 5-3-14 – Dustin and Stephani Krueger
- 5-12-00 - Bob and Violet Galt
- 5-24-03 - Tim and Carly Hager
- 5-20-17 – Tim and Grace Chandler



SPRING BRUNCH THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who brought food and donated to our Spring Brunch on April 8. There were lots of delicious egg bakes, rolls, muffins, and desserts for everyone to enjoy. Food was even taken out to a couple of our shut-in families.

A total of \$391.52 was raised for the church to be used for various needs. Thanks be to God for our church family who comes together to enjoy food and fellowship!



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 2nd, all games are on Wednesday evenings with the first game at 6:30 p.m. and the second to follow. Spectators are always welcome.



SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN



CPC is partnering with the Great Plains Food Pantry to provide meals for children. We will be serving noon meals at the playground south of South Elementary School on 7th Avenue. Great Plains provides the food, we provide the servers, from noon to 12:30 from June 4 through August 10.

See future Weekly Reminders and Announcements for more information.

CPC PREPARES COMMUNITY GARDEN



Before we can have a garden to share with the community, we need to prepare the soil and learn more about what that truly means. We are inviting area churches who have gardens to come to CPC and share what they have learned.

Watch for more details to come.

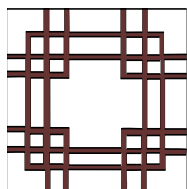
DEACONS



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
Sue Larson	701-893-6484
Lisa Steffen	701-282-5308
Carolyn Talley	701-282-3273
Boots Montgomery	701-281-0028
Lise Alves, Session Liaison	701-412-8689



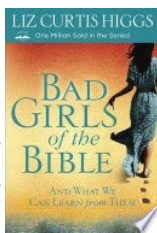
PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study will resume in September with a new study to be determined. In the meantime, enjoy your spring and summer. Set a goal to read one, two, or all four of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John this summer to refresh the study we had on the disciples.

God bless!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:00 as we discuss *Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn from Them*. Bible study sheets are available on the table outside the sanctuary.



All are welcome! Contact Pastor Cathie or Gayle Thostenson for more details.



JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL!

We meet in the upstairs conference room about 9:00 a.m. We will finish the year studying the biblical view of Christian service and Christian liberty.

Don't hesitate to join us. There is always coffee, comradery, and God's gift of the Bible.

PRAYER TIME

These I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.



Isaiah 56:7

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

*Come, my young friends,
and listen to me, and I will
teach you to honor the Lord.*

Psalm 34:11



Sunday, May 6, is Teacher Appreciation Day. The Christian Education Committee would like to thank the following individuals for teaching Sunday School or leading the young and old of Community Presbyterian Church:

Cathy Birrenkott
Lia Dobrinz
John Engebretson
Melissa Engebretson
Melanie Hansen
Dawn Larson
Carrie Leopold
Dixon Moorhead
Tammy Nelson
Jackie Petik
Elizabeth Strand
Andrew Thostenson
Gayle Thostenson

For every lesson they prepared, the love of God has been shared.

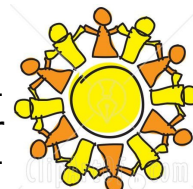


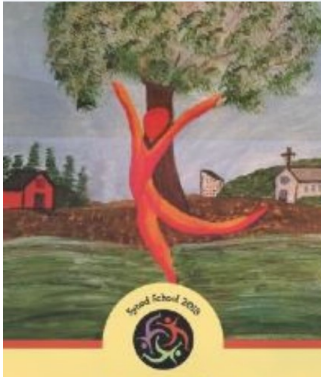
SENIOR SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 20, we will recognize graduating high school seniors: Zarissa Hansen, Molly Nelson, and Christopher Shone. If you know of other graduating seniors affiliated with Community Presbyterian Church, please contact Melanie Hansen as soon as possible.

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.





**SYNOD SCHOOL
2018:
DANCE
JOYFULLY
WHERE'ER
YOU MAY BE**

July 22-27, 2018
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.

Classes include several covering justice issues, such as *Honor thy father and mother: recognizing and responding to elder abuse*, *The Kurds*, *Doctrine of Discovery: Why do we say Columbus discovered America*; covering contemporary culture and faith, such as *Christmas cards: the true story*, *Sheldon Cooper on relationships*; covering congregational life, such as *Imagination and leadership*, *Living into our call: laypersons in the 21st century church*; and much more, such as *The economy of God*, *Yoga: vacation style*, *The city of God* and *Main Street USA: how to understand and serve your hometown*.

Convocation speaker Jason Brian Santos, mission coordinator for Christian formation at the Presbyterian Mission Agency, is an ordained teaching elder and holds a doctorate in practical theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. He will explore what it means to be an intergenerational "Sabbath People" whose lives are characterized by holy practices. Evening worship will be led by Jana Childers, professor of homiletics and speech communications,

dean of the seminary and vice president for academic affairs at San Francisco Theological Seminary. Music leaders will be Hans Peterson and Nelson Morlock.

For more information, links to the catalog of classes, and course descriptions, along with registration details, visit www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool or call 800-328-1880, ext. 207.

**OPPORTUNITY
WAITS
FOR YOU
WITH POLAR
BLAST VBS**



Take this opportunity to make CPC the coolest place in town. That's what you get to do when you sign up to become Vacation Bible School's (co-)coordinator.

This year's summer event will span three days using the curriculum Polar Blast. With this curriculum, you'll have resources to keep you cool, calm, and collected and music so good it gives you chills.

With this event comes opportunities for many individuals in our church. We'll all get to 'chill out' and meet new friends in our community, build friendships within our church, use our God-given talents, spend time with the youth for a day or three—to name a few.

Summer is coming soon. So sign up now for Polar Blast, where Jesus' love is cool.

We expect to hear from you soon.

Melanie, Lia, Tammy, Gayle



**MEMBERS
NEEDED**

Do you have a special heart for children or youth? Would you like a voice or hand in helping the young grow in their faith in Christ? If either is true, there is a place to serve at CPC.

The Christian Education Committee would like to add new members to its team. Please contact Melanie Hansen with questions or interest (701-526-6213).



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

For 4/18/2018

General Operating budget
2018: \$146,185.80 / 52
weeks = \$2,811.26 per week.

Budgeted Exp. to date: \$ 42,168.90

Actual giving \$ 39,378.20

Actual expenses \$ 34,424.16

Net income to date \$ 5,254.04

This does not include the mortgage payment of \$3,146.54.

Per capita amount for 2018 is \$44.00 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.

- ✓ Stewardship is the path, Generosity is the adventure.
- ✓ Generous givers make God and His purposes their highest priority.
- ✓ Enjoy God's generosity to you ... then share it with others.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The pastor's office hours are:

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

Other times by appointment



WE BRING OUT OUR THANKS!



Presbyterian Men's Annual Rummage Sale held on Saturday, April 21st, was a huge success! We netted \$2,100.20--our second highest total! All funds will be used toward church projects. THANK YOU for all your help, donations, and shopping.

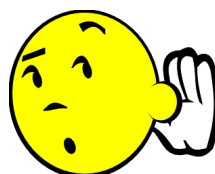
**June Community Call
deadline will be
Thursday, May 17
(Please note the earlier date)**

PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 20TH

Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus Christ. In honor of this celebration, we are encouraging everyone to wear **red** to worship on Sunday, May 20th.



IS GOD CALLING YOU?



Do you like to organize and enjoy the fellowship of our church? Do you have a desire to further our children's relationship with God? Do you enjoy children, but aren't comfortable teaching? Well, the job of Sunday School Coordinator is right for you or for you and a Co-coordinator.

As the coordinator, you would have input on all decisions regarding CPC education, work closely with the Christian Education Committee, and receive active support from the committee in managing Sunday School activities.

Ask yourself and ask God if He is calling you for this rewarding challenge.

Please call any committee member if you are interested or have questions.

They are:

Melanie Hansen,	701-526-6213
Session Liaison	
Lia Dobrinz	701-866-1681
Tammy Nelson	701-541-0941
Gayle Thostenson	701-492-0630

SERVANTS NEEDED

We need you to assist in the delivery and preparation of meals at Churches United for the homeless and Salvation Army. We help serve the meal at Churches United the second Wednesday of every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, November) at 4:00 p.m. and the Salvation Army every fifth Sunday. See Dixon Moorhead for details of how you can help.

