

COMMUNITY CALL

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON MARCH 30, 2025

The Pastor Nominating Committee of Community Presbyterian Church (PNC) is pleased to present to the congregation the Rev. Dr. Jason Cunningham. The PNC believes Pastor Cunningham is the one chosen by God to lead our congregation to future spiritual and membership growth in our church.

On March 30th, Pastor Cunningham will conduct the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The service will be followed by a congregational meeting when members will vote on terms of call.

You may attend in person or virtually. Directions have been sent via email on how to attend virtually. For more information on how to attend virtually, please email cpcnews@midco.net or call 701-412-6387.

Please make an effort to attend this important meeting.

EASTER EGG- STRAVAGANZA

Anyone, preschool through fifth grade, hop on down to the sanctuary front after worship on Sunday, April 13, for some Easter fun! We will start with an Easter story followed by an Easter Egg Hunt!



WELCOME!

Community Presbyterian Church extends a special invitation for you to attend worship services this Lenten Season. You may do this in person or online at cpcwf.org.

April 13 -- Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. followed by an Easter Eggstravaganza for kids, aged Pre-K through 5th grade

April 17 -- Maundy Thursday with Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Apr 20 -- Easter Sunday service with Communion at 10:00 a.m.

No matter where you are, let us all join in celebrating with joy God's amazing grace and triumph over sin.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter, April 20.

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MARCH CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, and Andrew Thostenson. Melissa Engebretson and Temporary Moderator Becky DeJong were present via Zoom. Bonnie Thompson was present via phone. Carrie Lauber was absent. Kevin Galt, representative from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), was present.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of February 19, 2025
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, April 16, 2025
- c. Motion to call a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 30, following worship for the purpose of receiving a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee and voting to extend a call to the candidate they present. Andrew Thostenson made a motion to approve the request. Motion was seconded and approved via e-mail.

Kevin Galt reported that the PNC has found a candidate for our open pastor position. Rev. Jason Cunningham will preach at Community Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 30, 2025. Immediately following the worship service there will be a Special Congregational meeting for the sole purpose of calling Rev. Cunningham into active service and supporting the terms of call as presented. The congregational meeting will also be available by Zoom.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, April 6, 2025 will be Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Bob Kozojed, Carolyn Meester and Dave Ruhnke. Elders to serve communion by intinction on Maundy-

Thursday, April 17, 2025 will be Carolyn Meester and Andrew Thostenson. Elders to serve communion on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 will be Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Dave Ruhnke, +.

The Men's Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at CPC. Crafters are welcome to set up booths. A classroom in the basement will be dedicated to storing any valuable treasures until the rummage sale event.

The sound system and computer system for the sanctuary will be upgraded.

Discussion was held regarding a computer system for the new pastor. We will ask him what some of his preferences are before purchasing anything.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds Trustees: The Trustees met on March 3. Larry Peihl reported on repairs to boiler. Cost was \$1,500. Boiler is now fully functional. Andrew Thostenson reported on a light fixture replacement in the upstairs annex hallway and bulb replacements throughout the building. Mel Hansen will survey the conference room for removal of dated and junk items. Andrew and Mel will dispose of or place in storage unneeded items this next month. Veril Larson will obtain bids on removing dead trees and limbs from the church property. Larry will review water usage concern and effect repair on suspected upstairs urinal. On the horizon, declutter basement classrooms. The automatic flushing systems in all the toilets will be replaced.

- Andrew Thostenson

Christian Education: Family Fun Night will be March 26 at 5:00. We will watch *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids* and enjoy sloppy joes. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for additional food. Palm Sunday is April 13. The kids will walk with palms and do special music with Kevin Galt. After the service there will be fun activities for the children.

- Amy Grossman

Personnel and Stewardship: The Stew-

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ardship and Personnel committees met on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. We discussed the new pastor call. We will work with the PNC on a job description and employee handbook. We also discussed a church wide stewardship campaign. With a new pastor comes additional expenses.

- Carolyn Meester

No committee reports: Deacons, Mission, Nominating, Worship.

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

BRING OUT YOUR RUMMAGE

CPC's Annual Rummage Sale is set for Saturday, May 3, 2025. It will be held

AT THE CHURCH. Our usual location (Veterans Arena) is no longer an option because West Fargo Parks has repurposed the Community Room. So, we will hold it at the Church from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, the 3rd of May.

In the meanwhile, bring out your rummage! We will accumulate rummage in a spare classroom in the annex basement; a sign will be on the door.

Set up day will be Friday, May 2nd, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Since we will be holding the sale at our church, we will not need to transport tables, but we will still need to sort and price the rummage for the Saturday sale. All leftover rummage will be donated to the Boys Ranch.

We need:

- ⇒ Rummage—bring to the church and store in the basement classroom from 4/1 to 5/2
- ⇒ Help with setup from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 5/2
- ⇒ Rummage wranglers and helpers during the sale on Saturday from 8:00



- a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 5/3
- ⇒ People to help fold tables, box surplus rummage, and haul the surplus to the Boys Ranch from about 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 5/3

Finally, all proceeds will support the general mission of the church. This past year, rummage sale funds helped purchase digital microphones for the sanctuary and a new computer for the office.

If you have rummage you need help moving or have additional questions, contact Andrew Thostenson (e-mail at athostenlaptop@msn.com or phone at 701-373-9388).

PRAYER TIME

for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.

Philippians 4:19

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.



Spring Presbytery



**Saturday
April 5**

**Worship 10am
Hybrid Meeting 10:45am**

at

**University of Jamestown
Reiland Fine Arts, Classroom 123**

Additional information,
registration packet, and Zoom
link can be found on website

northernplainspresbytery.com

*we hope to
see you
there*



APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER BIRTHDAYS



4-1	Susan Gross
4-2	Becky DeJong
4-5	Veril Larson
4-6	Brent Talley
4-14	Cathy Birrenkott
4-20	Lynn Hummel
4-23	Zaryn Hansen
4-27	Tim Hager
4-27	Andrew Thostenson
4-30	Carolyn Talley

ANNIVERSARIES

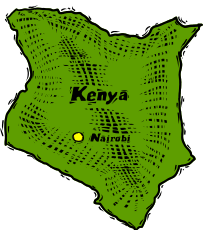
4-2-77	Greg and Carol Sterup
4-9-88	Dwight and Lisa Steffen
4-13-68	Denny and Carol Braaten
4-21-79	Larry and Vicki Peihl

FOCUS ON MISSION & OUTREACH



Thank you to all who donated to the Food Drive for the Emergency Food Pantry during February. The food has been delivered, and was much appreciated.

During Lent, we are collecting money for One Great Hour of Sharing. We have designated our donations to go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance because of the number of disasters that have occurred recently. Our goal is \$2000; let's see if we can meet (or exceed???) that number! We will finish up this offering on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

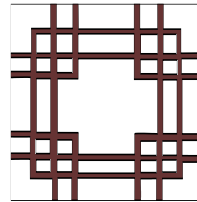


On April 20th and 27th, we will do a mini mission project for our sister church in Kenya, where the boy's dorm at their school burned a few months ago. Please remember them in your prayers as well.

PULPIT SUPPLY

CPC has been blessed by an active and devoted group of preachers. The following are scheduled to preach in the upcoming weeks:

April 6	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
April 13	Kevin Galt
April 17	Maundy Thursday Rev. Jim Wilson with Communion
April 20	Easter Sunday Andrew Thostenson With Communion
April 27	Rev. Jim Wilson



PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY: LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD

Our last lesson for the Voice of God talks about waiting for God - we all know how hard it is to have patience! We get frustrated when God doesn't answer our prayers right away. Yet, by waiting God may give us more than we ever hoped for!

We will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, at the church. Hope you can make it. We will also discuss ideas for our next Bible study to start in the fall.

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM: CHOGORIA PARTNERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM



Presbytery of the Northern Plains

Presbytery of the Northern Plains sponsors multiple students in the Chogoria Presbyteries to attend school. Some have individual sponsors and some are sponsored by the Presbytery of the Northern Plains. We are looking for donations to help keep these sponsorships going. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jamie Nortstog (701-339-0912 or jnorstog@gmail.com).

YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE 2/28/2025



General Operating budget
2025: \$149,437.00
Monthly funds needed to meet budg-
et: \$12,453.

Total Giving February \$ 7,668.32
Total Expenses February \$ 7,768.95

Per capita amount for 2024 is \$50.00 for each confirmed member. Please mark on your check or envelope as contributing to per capita. Total assessment for 2025 is \$5,300. So far, \$1,435 has been paid toward per capita.

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
Acts 20:35



SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Service & Fellowship groups are providing scrumptious drinks and treats following each worship service. To help us remember, group assignments will now be posted in each newsletter. Here is the schedule for the next two months:

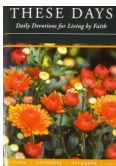
April 6	Group 4
April 13	Group 1
April 20	Group 1
April 27	Group 2
May 4	Group 2
May 11	Group 3
May 18	Group 3
May 25	Group 4

For more information see the narthex bulletin board. To be added to a group, see Linda Bishop or Carolyn Meester.



DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

Our Daily Bread and These Days are available



in differently-sized print. Feel free to take one home for daily use.

THE DEACONS CAN HELP YOU



If you need immediate pastoral care, you can call a Deacon for assistance.

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

Jenni Hummel	[C] 701-371-7640
Dawn Larson	[C] 701-261-9609
Boots Misheski	[C] 701-388-7160
Patty Smith	[H] 701-540-6658
	[C] 970-209-3517
Cary Talley	[H] 701-282-3273
Bonnie Thompson, Session Liaison	[C] 701-799-8598



SAVE THE DATES

Presbyterian Women
Presbytery
Spring Gathering
April 12, 2025
Presbyterian Church
of Langdon
423 8th Ave
Langdon, ND

Presbyterian Women
Synod Spring Gathering
June 12-15, 2025
Ramkota Hotel and Watertown
Event Center
1901 9th Ave. SW,
Watertown, SD

For updated information, watch the websites of Presbytery of the Northern Plains or Synod of Lakes and Prairies (<https://www.northernplainspresbytery.com/>); (<https://www.lakesandprairies.org/>).

**May's Community Call
deadline is
Thursday, April 17**

EMPOWERING WOMEN TO BECOME SPIRITUAL LEADERS
CONFERENCE 2025

INSPIRE. EMPOWER. LEAD.

Sat, May 3
2025

9:00 - 5:00
AM PM

**Baker Downer
Presbyterian
Church**
11927 123rd Ave S,
Baker, MN

REGISTER NOW

www.eventbrite.com/e/1261604074749

Women Leading with Purpose and Spirit

- Deepen spiritual connection and self awareness
- Develop leadership skills grounded in spiritual values
- Foster a supportive community of like-minded women
- Be equipped to lead with authenticity, courage, and purpose

Cost

\$199 for the day

This conference has been subsidized by a grant from the Presbyterian Women!!!

Your cost - \$20!!



LEADER

Carrie Lauber



LEADER

Kelly Meyer

Watch for
Women's
Servant
Leadership
Conference Fall
2025!



More Information Scan Here



APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Ushers: April: Brent & Carl Talley May: Melanie Hansen & Amy Grossman-Tomsich						
6 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	7	8 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Mission & Outreach 6 p.m. Stewardship & Personnel 6:30 p.m.	9 Trustees 7:00 p.m.	10 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	11	12 Presbyterian Women Spring Gala in Langdon
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Easter Eggstravaganza to Follow in Sanctuary	14	15	16 Prayer time 9:30 a.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	17 <i>Newsletter is due Today!!!</i> PW Cards 1 p.m. <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Worship 6:30 p.m. 	18 <i>Good Friday</i> 	19
20 <i>Easter Sunday</i>  NO Sunday School Worship 10 a.m. 	21	22	23	24 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. NO Deacons Mtg	25	26
27 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	28	29	30	Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings: TOPS; Saturday & Sunday p.m.— HOREMOW Sunday 12-3 p.m., 3rd Friday 7-10 p.m.—GOSHEN—Fellowship Hall		

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

Building & Grounds Trustees

Andrew Thostenson, Liaison
Melanie Hansen Larry Peihl
Veril Larson Brent Talley
Terry Meester

Christian Education

Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Liaison
Emma Broe Melanie Hansen
Kevin Galt Gayle Thostenson

Deacons

Bonnie Thompson, Liaison
Jenni Hummel Patricia Smith
Dawn Larson Cary Talley
Boots Misheski

Mission & Outreach

Carrie Lauber, Liaison
Kevin Galt Dave Ruhnke
Boots Misheski Bonnie Thompson
Rev. Donna Monteith

Nominating

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison
Linda Bishop Yvonne Hummel
Mel Hansen Dawn Larson

Personnel

Carolyn Meester, Liaison
Lia Dobrinz A. Thostenson
Kevin Galt

Presbytery Delegates

Kevin Galt Carrie Lauber
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

Stewardship

Carolyn Meester, Liaison
Kevin Galt Carolyn Meester
Yvonne Hummel A. Thostenson

Worship/Service & Fellowship

Dave Ruhnke, Liaison
Linda Bishop G. Thostenson
Emma Broe Rev. Jim Wilson
Carolyn Meester



**Sunday
Worship Hours**
10 a.m. Worship Service
Fellowship following

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo

Clerk of Session: Becky DeJong
Moderator: Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood
Co-Treasurers: Yvonne Hummel
Andrew Thostenson

Melissa Engebretson
Amy Grossman-Tomsich
Carrie Lauber
Carolyn Meester
David Ruhnke
Bonnie Thompson
Andrew Thostenson

**Our mission is to know God;
to be led by the Holy Spirit; to share Christ.**