

COMMUNITY CALL

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Join us this Summer! CPC Summer Sunday worship services will occur at 10:00 a.m. Fellowship will follow at 11:00 a.m.

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CHURCH PICNIC TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH



Mark your calendars and plan for some good fellowship, food, and fun on Tuesday, June 25, when Carolyn & Terry Meester plan to host a CPC Church Family Picnic in their backyard.

Watch for CPC announcements and emails for details regarding logistics such as rides from the church to the Meesters' place, what games will be available, how you can help, and where to find sign-up sheets.

Please find a way to join this special outing as our church family enjoys one another in our walk together in Christ.



SERVANTS NEEDED

We need assistance in serving meals at the Salvation Army the fifth Sunday of the month (June, September, December) at 4:30 p.m. Our next service date is Sunday, June 30th. Please sign up in the narthex.

PULPIT SUPPLY

CPC has been blessed with an active and devoted group of preachers. Worship and Pulpit Supply committees have been working to provide messages for Sunday worship. The following are scheduled to preach in the upcoming weeks:



- June 2 Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
- June 9 Kevin Galt
- June 16 Rusty Bender
- June 23 Jim Wilson
- June 30 Andrew Thostenson
- July 7 Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
- July 14 Kevin Galt
CPC All-Church Vacation Bible School
- July 21 TBD
- July 28 Andrew Thostenson

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MAY CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Lauber, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, Bonnie Thompson, and Gayle Thostenson. Clerk of Session and temporary Moderator, Becky DeJong and Treasurer, Andrew Thostenson were present. Confirmands, Ezra Dobrinz, Grace Hager and Zach Hansen, and their mentors, Kevin Galt and Vicki Peihl, were present. Acting Moderator – Rev. Sarah Bigwood was absent.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of April 17, 2024
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, June 19, 2024
- c. Cary Talley would like to borrow 4 tables and 24 chairs to be picked up on June 15 and returned on June 16.
- d. Clerk's report – Charlotte Rose Misheski was baptized on May 5, 2024. Her parents are David Misheski and Hannah Windjue.

Confirmands Ezra Dobrinz, Grace Hager and Zach Hansen were presented to Session. With poise, humor and knowledge, they answered all questions asked of them. They will become members of CPC on May 19, 2024. Please welcome them to our church family!!

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, May 19, 2024, will be Becky DeJong, Bob Kozojed, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson and elders to serve communion on Sunday, June 2, 2024 will be Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, Gayle Thostenson and one additional elder if needed.

The financial report was read, discussed

and received.

Worship time for the summer will be 10:00 a.m. with fellowship following the service at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Committee reports:

B&G Trustees: The noisy front door has been fixed, the sump pumps are working and the 7th Avenue Project has been put on an indefinite hold.

- Bob Kozojed

Christian Education: The committee met to plan for the upcoming events: Confirmation Sunday, Last Day of Sunday School, Teacher Appreciation, CPC Church Family Night, and VBS.

With Session's approval, three students will be confirmed into membership on Sunday, May 19. Flowers have been ordered; communion will be shared, and cupcakes will be served after the service.

The Last Day of Sunday School is also planned for Sunday, May 19. Kids, be ready to enjoy a special morning starting at 9:00 a.m. downstairs in the Sunday School classroom.

We appreciate all our Sunday School teachers. Thank you to Andrew Thostenson for teaching the Adult Sunday School class, Kevin Galt for leading Sunday School music, Mel Hansen for teaching the Middle and High School Sunday School class, and Emma Broe & Gayle Thostenson for teaching the Elementary Sunday School class. If you are interested in being part of the Christian Education team or in teaching Sunday School/VBS please contact Emma Broe, Kevin Galt, Mel Hansen, or Gayle Thostenson.

CPC NET Night will occur on Wednesday, May 29, with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. with NET games from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Details can be found on the bulletin board. June's CPC Church Family Night is being planned. Watch for de-

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tails in the upcoming newsletter and announcements [Editor's note: See page 1].

An all-church Vacation Bible School is in planning stages. This day is to include all ages of CPC friends and members who love God, fun, and their church family. Dates and details will be forthcoming. [Editor's note: Marked for 7/14]

A large screen has been obtained and is available for use. It will work well for large groups of people to view information from laptops and attached video and DVD players.

- Gayle Thostenson

Deacons: Deacons met to prepare greetings for CPC members and friends for the upcoming month. We also reviewed the needs of our Deacons friends. Visits were discussed and planned. If you know someone who is in need or would like a visit, please contact one of the Deacons.

- Gayle Thostenson

Mission & Outreach: For the remainder of May, the Mission focus will be for the Mpungua Food Program at the school in Kenya. Diapers will be collected during the months of June and July to be distributed to several charities. The focus in August will be the Bdecan Church.

- Carrie Lauber

Personnel: Office Manager, Tracie Tveito, started in April. Please welcome her. It's wonderful to have someone in the office.

- Carolyn Meester

Stewardship: The committee is planning on sending out letters in July or August. We discussed the hiring of a pastor and how it will affect the financials.

- Carolyn Meester

Worship: The pulpit supply has been filled through the end of June with the exception of June 23. If you are inter-

ested in preaching, please contact the Worship Committee.

Sunday, May 19 the three confirmands will be received into membership and communion will be served by Rev. Jim Wilson.

- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: Nominating Committee

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

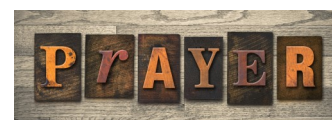
- 6-6 Melanie Hansen
LeAnn Tenderholt
- 6-11 Clara Mace
- 6-12 Vicki Riedinger
- 6-14 Rylee Montgomery
- 6-21 Patty Smith
- 6-30 Ezra Dobrinz
Dixon Moorhead

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6-4-88 – Tom and Cathy Birrenkott
- 6-7-97 – Scott and Melanie Hansen
- 6-8-96 – Terry and Carolyn Meester
- 6-11-83 – Marty and Debbie Matzke
- 6-11-94 – Lee and Lia Dobrinz
- 6-15-02 - Chris and Becky Mace
- 6-18-72 - Bruce and Karen Steele
- 6-27-81 – Thomas and Nancy Kassman



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 1:19

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 5, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.




MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in the drive for the YWCA Shelter in April. The woman at the desk who received the items was positively giddy at the amount and quality of the donations. They were apparently running short of several of the items we collected. Thank you for making the lives of the women and children living there a bit less stressful and more comfortable.

For May, we have started a collection of money to be sent to Chogoria Presbytery in Kenya, our sister Presbytery, to be used for the food program at the Mpangua School. If you remember the cardboard bricks we "bought" a few years ago, that was to build the school. Now we are trying to help feed the students there so they can continue to learn. There is no USDA-equivalent to subsidize noon lunch in Kenya. Parents are expected to provide money or food for the children. The region where the Mpangua school is located is extremely poor at any time, but they are in the midst of a multi-year drought, and many of the parents can barely feed their families, much less send a lunch to school. The school cooks have been feeding the children, and therefore running out of food. The money we collect will be sent through our Presbytery to assure it reaches the proper fund, and is spent accountably. Please give through the offering envelopes in the pews, or mark your checks to designate them for Kenya, or Mpangua. Thank you!

Our June and July mission focus will again be a collection of diapers for Churches United, to be used at the Shelter, in the various apartment buildings they manage, or given through their Food Pantries. This year, we will be collecting size 5 & 6 diapers. And don't forget the wipes! Swim diapers are also welcome, as they take the kiddos swimming as an activity during the summer. Thank you again for your support of this ministry.

SUMMER PEACHES

Red River Youth for Christ (RRYC) once again plans to sell their fresh peaches throughout the summer.  Georgia peaches will be delivered in June and early July while Colorado peaches will be delivered in August.

RRYC offers fruit as a fundraiser to help support its ministry to at-risk youth in the F-M area. Their mission is to make young people feel seen, heard, and valued. They reach teens at pivotal moments by serving weekly meals to hungry students, providing programming within the regional juvenile center, mentoring and equipping teen moms, providing safe, healthy, and life-giving relationships, and so much more. YOU make all this possible. When you buy fruit, the lives of young people in our community are impacted and changed forever.

Peach flyers can be found on the small table in the church narthex. To order online, go to

<https://redriveryfc.square.site/>



SYNOD SCHOOL: MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to the power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

In its 70th year, Synod of Lakes and Prairies' Synod School will be held at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa on July 21-26. It is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. Seeking to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope, the week is designed for laity, clergy, individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children.

For more information go to:

<https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/>

**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE**

04/30/2024



General Operating budget
2024: \$124,012.00
Monthly needed to meet budget:
\$10,334.33
Total Giving April \$ 8,681.01
Total Expenses April \$ 4,232.72

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 2024 is \$6,000.

"...each of us grows in faith by assessing the many blessings of our lives and considering our need to give as an expression of our gratitude to God."



**SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to help serve coffee and treats or to usher.

- June 2 - Group 2 - Bonnie Thompson
- June 9 - Group 3
- June 16 - Group 3
- June 23 - Group 4 -Barb Grossman & Amy Grossman-Tomsich
- June 30 - Group 4
- July 7 - Group 1
- July 14 - Group 1
- July 21 - Group 2
- July 28 - Group 2

We are looking for people to sign up for the summer. If it is your group and you are available to help, please sign up in the narthex. If you are able to help but forgot to sign up, please email the church office at office@cpcwf.org and we will add you to the list.

PRAYER CHAIN

With the CPC prayer chain, we share the needs and concerns of our church family. If you have a prayer concern, please contact Gayle Thostenson (492-0630, cpcnews@midco.net). To have your name added to the prayer request e-list, just let Gayle know.



**THE DEACONS
CAN HELP YOU**



If you need immediate pastoral care, you can call 701-353-2020. A Deacon will help you.

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

- Lise Alves [C] 701-412-8689
- Jenni Hummel [C] 701-371-7640
- Dawn Larson [C] 701-261-9609
- Dixon Moorhead [C] 701-200-9709
- Patty Smith [H] 701-540-6658
- [C] 970-209-3517
- Cary Talley [H] 701-282-3273
- Gayle Thostenson, Session Liaison [H] 701-492-0630
- [C] 701-412-6387

**WE BRING OUT
OUR THANKS!**



CPC's Annual Rummage Sale held on Saturday, April 27th, was a huge success! We netted \$2,194--our second highest total! All funds will be used toward church projects. THANK YOU for all your help, donations, and shopping.

**WE APPRECIATE
YOU!**



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

Psalm 34:11

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank the following individuals for teaching Sunday School lessons to the children, youth, and adults of Community Presbyterian Church: Emma Broe, Kevin Galt, Melanie Hansen, Andrew Thostenson, Gayle Thostenson

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

**The July/August Community Call
deadline is Thursday, June 20**

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:

checking account savings account for \$ _____

*(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:

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|---|---|
| <u>MONTHLY</u> 1 st ____ OR 16 th ____ | <u>TWICE A MONTH</u> 1 st AND 16 th ____ |
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Please print the following:

Name _____

Address _____

Financial Institution: _____ Branch: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bank Routing Number (9 digits):

Account Number:



Please return to:
 Office
 Community Presbyterian Church
 702 Sheyenne St.
 West Fargo, ND 58078
 (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 | 113.00 | 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 |



JUNE 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|---|---|---|--------|----------|
| Head Ushers: June: Jack Smith; July: Mike Thompson; August: Chuck Thompson | | | | | | |
| 2 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following  | 3 | 4 Christian Ed. Com. 6:00 p.m. Stewardship & Personnel Com. 7:00 p.m. | 5 Prayer 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. | 6 PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Worship and S & F Committees 7:00 p.m. | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following | 10 | 11 | 12 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. | 13 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following | 17 | 18 | 19 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Session 6:00 p.m. | 20 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. <i>Newsletter is due Today!!!</i> | 21 | 22 |
| 23 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following | 24 | 25 CPC  All Church Family Picnic | 26 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. | 27 PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Deacons 7:00 p.m. | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship following Salvation Army Service 4:30 p.m. | Non-church scheduled events: Saturday & Sunday p.m.—HOREMOW; Monday evenings—TOPS | | | | | |

******July/August newsletter deadline: June 20******

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

Building & Grounds Trustees

Bob Kozojed, Liaison
Lee Dobrinz Larry Peihl
Melanie Hansen Jack Smith
Veril Larson Brent Talley

Christian Education

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Emma Broe Melanie Hansen
Kevin Galt

Deacons

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Lise Alves Dixon Moorhead
Jenni Hummel Patricia Smith
Dawn Larson Cary Talley

Mission & Outreach

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

Nominating

Melissa Engebretson, Liaison
Linda Bishop Mel Hansen
Joan Hall Dawn Larson

Personnel

Carolyn Meester, Liaison
Lia Dobrinz Andrew Thostenson
Kevin Galt

Presbytery Delegates

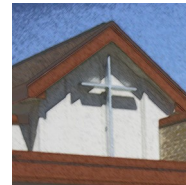
Andrew Thostenson + TBD
Dixon Moorhead
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

Stewardship

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

Worship/Service & Fellowship

Dave Ruhnke/B. Thompson, Liaison
Linda Bishop Mary Jo Moorhead
Emma Broe Patricia Smith
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
Bob Kozojed
Carrie Lauber
Carolyn Meester
David Ruhnke
Bonnie Thompson
Gayle Thostenson

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