

COMMUNITY CALL

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COME & MEET CPC'S NEW PASTOR REV. DR. JASON CUNNINGHAM



Who: All CPC Members and Friends

When: Sunday, May 18

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

What: Worship service at 10:00 a.m.
to be followed by a light lunch with
cake.

How exciting! Rev. Dr. Jason Cunningham will begin his work with Community Presbyterian Church in May. His first day in the office will be May 15 with the first official worship service on Sunday, May 18.

Come, join us in welcoming him, as we worship together, followed by a light lunch of make-your-own-sandwich with cake for dessert.

Pastor Jason's installation date is scheduled Sunday, June 22. Watch for more details of this special event in the June Community Call and upcoming email and church announcements.



SERVANTS NEEDED

We need assistance in serving meals at Churches United the second Wednesday of every odd month (January, March, May, July, September, November) at 5:00 p.m. Our next service date is Wednesday, May 14. Please sign up in the narthex.

BRING OUT YOUR RUMMAGE



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

Set-up day will be Friday, May 2nd, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will need to sort and price the rummage for the Saturday sale.

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

For more information, see the narthex bulletin board or contact Andrew T.

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA**



A special congregational meeting of Community Presbyterian Church was held on March 30, 2025 at 11:15 a.m. The meeting was opened with scripture and prayer by Moderator Rev. Dan Billings. The clerk verified there was a quorum present with 53 members in attendance.

The stated purpose of the meeting is to call Rev. Dr. Jason Cunningham to be the Designated Pastor at Community Presbyterian Church and to approve his terms of call.

Kevin Galt, Chairman of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), described the work of the PNC and introduced Pastor Cunningham professionally and personally. Each member of the PNC, Linda Bishop, Carolyn Talley and Terry Meester, spoke of Pastor Cunningham's attributes with regard to CPC.

Kevin Galt made a motion to call Rev. Dr. Jason Cunningham as our Designated Pastor and approve his terms of call. Pastor Cunningham was asked to leave the sanctuary during the following discussion. The congregation was informed of what a Designated Pastor means, the terms of call were reviewed and questions were asked and answered. Moderator, Rev. Dan Billings, called for a ballot vote on the motion. Two Session members counted the ballots of those present and those votes were added to the members present online.

A special thank you was given to all who have helped in the absence of a pastor since the summer of 2023.

The Moderator asked for a motion to dismiss the Pastor Nominating Committee from active service.

The Moderator asked for a motion to authorize Session to approve the minutes of the congregational meeting after be-

ing attested to by the Moderator and Clerk of Session.

The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn.

Rev. Dr. Jason Cunningham was informed of the unanimous vote and asked to return to the sanctuary to close the meeting in prayer at 12:03 p.m. Welcome Pastor Cunningham!

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

**APRIL
CLERK'S CORNER**



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke and Andrew Thostenson. Temporary Moderator Becky DeJong was present. Bonnie Thompson was present via Zoom. Carrie Lauber was absent.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Andrew Thostenson.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of March 19, 2025 and Special Congregational meeting on Sunday, March 30, 2025.
- b. next Session meeting - Wednesday, May 21, 2025

The financial report was read, discussed, and received.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, May 4, 2025, will be Amy Grossman-Tomsich, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke and Bonnie Thompson.

The Men's Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at CPC. The basement is starting to fill up with valuable treasures!! Items will be priced early, setup is on Friday, May 2, and teardown is after the sale on May 3. Helpers are wanted and needed!

A business grade HP laptop will be purchased for Pastor Cunningham.

We are all excited for Pastor Cunningham's arrival. His first Sunday to

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preach will be May 18, 2025. There will be a light lunch served immediately following worship. This will be the perfect time to meet and greet! Did I mention that there will be cake?!

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds Trustees: The auto flush urinal fixtures have been retrofitted due to excessive water use, and the water usage has plummeted. The turf has been fertilized, and crabgrass has been treated. A bid for removing dead and dying trees on the church property has been obtained, and one more bid is being sought. Downspouts will be installed by May 1. The conference room and storage rooms have been surveyed for clutter which will be removed before the end of April. Surplus items will be offered for sale at the Rummage Sale. Light color lighting has been standardized in the Narthex. Sump pumps have been switched to the street for summer drainage. The new pump and old circulation pump for the boiler have been serviced and will be put into hibernation for the summer by May 1. Furnace air filters have been replaced. Window air conditioning units will be installed the first half of May in the pastor's office and conference room. Bids for installing a heat pump mini-split are being solicited for the pastor's office.

- Andrew Thostenson

Christian Education: The next Family Fun Night is May 28th 5:00 p.m. to 7:00ish. A lasagna supper will be served followed by Pictionary. A signup sheet will be posted shortly. The theme for Summer Vacation Bible School will be "Fruit of the Spirit" which will focus on understanding the nine fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23.

- Amy Grossman-Tomsich

Mission & Outreach: The Mission Committee met and finished up One Great Hour of Sharing and will be doing a special focus on our sister congregation at Kajiangpau from Easter through May. We'll be focusing on raising money to go

toward the rebuilding of the dormitory that burned down at the secondary school there. June and July will be a diaper drive.

- Carrie Lauber

Worship: Pulpit supply is filled through May 11, 2025.

- Dave Ruhnke

No committee reports: Deacons, Nominating, Personnel, Stewardship

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

**MAY DATES
TO REMEMBER****BIRTHDAYS**

5-2 Tom Kassman
5-3 Gloria Ruhnke
Dwight Steffen
5-6 Marty Matzke
5-8 Jane Leben
5-9 Carolyn Meester
5-10 Scott Hansen
Zach Hansen
5-13 Larry Dobrinz
5-17 Edsel Kercher
5-20 Greg Sterup
5-22 Olivia Dobrinz
Chris Mace
5-23 Melissa Eiter
5-25 Barb Grossman
Mary Jo Moorhead
5-27 Vickie Meyer
5-29 Zarissa Hansen

ANNIVERSARIES

5-24-03 - Tim and Carly Hager

**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 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our God and King.





**SYNOD SCHOOL
RE-FORMING
"NORMAL":
EXPANDING HOPE**

**JULY 20 –25, 2025
BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY
STORM LAKE, IA**

Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. We seek 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. People come from all over the country with their friends and families to share in this week of worship, study, play, and life together. It is an opportunity to learn something new, to continue conversations begun by key speakers with others over meals or a board game, to share talents of creativity and music, to worship without being in charge, to be energized for service, and to enjoy not having to cook for a week.

Many of us carry perceptions of what "normal" is, without ever really questioning or examining them. Mary Ann McKibben-Dana notes, "the 'myths of normal' permeate almost every aspect of human experience— not just in mental health, but also in race, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, class, disability, nationality, religion, and more." These myths don't really serve us well, or fit every individual, family or community. Both Mary Ann and Liz Theoharris, our worship leader, will explore how our personal experiences of hope might expand as we let go, or reform, our understanding of "normal" in today's world.

"With that kind of hope to excite us, nothing holds us back!"

2 Corinthians 3:12(The Message)

For more information go to:

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

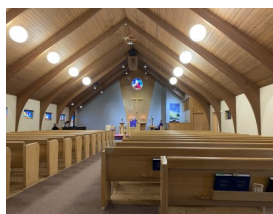
**MISSION & OUTREACH
COMMITTEE UPDATE**



Mange Tak! Danke schoen! Muchas gracias! Domo arigato! Merci beaucoup! Words fail us at saying "Thank you!" for your support for missions.

We met and surpassed our goal for One Great Hour of Sharing with a total of \$2,474.47, which we designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help with rebuilding after all the fires and storms we have faced this past year.

Beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing through May, we are collecting funds to assist our sister congregation in Kenya, Kajiampau. There is a school connected with the church. They have dormitories for the students to stay in during the week, so that they don't have to walk miles to and from school every day. Last month the boys' dorm burned down. The students were evacuated with only minor injuries, but one of the neighbors, who was helping to fight the fire, lost his life. We would like to contribute about 1/5th of the funds needed, or \$2,000. Please prayerfully consider helping these students have beds to sleep in again, instead of classrooms and hallways. Thank You!



**PULPIT
SUPPLY**

Many thanks go out to the devoted team of CPC preachers who have kept our congregation spiritually nourished over the past two years. Prior to the arrival of our newly called pastor, Rev. Dr. Jason Cunningham, the following are scheduled to preach:

May 4	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
May 11	Kevin Galt

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

5/18 Last Day of S. School



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE

03/31/2025



General Operating budget
2025: \$149,437.00

Monthly funds needed to meet budget:
\$12,453.

Total Giving March \$ 9,274.40
Total Expenses March \$ 7,427.64

Per Capita amount for 2025 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, \$1,695 has been paid toward per capita.

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."



SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

May 4 - Group 2
May 11 - Group 3
May 18 - Group 3 - need servers only
May 25 - Group 4
June 1 - Group 4
June 8 - Group 1
June 15 - Group 1
June 22 - Group 2
June 29 - Group 2

We are looking for people to sign up for May and June. 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.

**The deadline for articles
in the June Community Call
is Thursday, May 22**

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



CHURCH FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at our Family Fun Night!

Date: May 28th
Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Activities:
Lasagna Dinner
Pictionary



Bring your family and friends for a delightful evening filled with delicious food and exciting games. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sign-up sheets are in the church narthex.

GOODBYE



While May brings us a new pastor, we will also be saying goodbye to a special member of CPC's team. Mid-May we will bid farewell to CPC's office manager, Tracie Tveito.

Tracie came to CPC when we were in great need of help. Her work of putting together worship media and bookkeeping has been exemplary. Her friendship is cherished.

We will miss you, Tracie. May God be with you in your future ventures.

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



MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>June newsletter deadline: Thursday, May 22</u></p> <p>Monday evenings: TOPS; Saturday & Sunday p.m.— HOREMOW</p> <p>Sunday 12–3 p.m., 3rd Friday 7–10 p.m.—GOSHEM—Fellowship Hall</p>				<p><u>Head Ushers:</u></p> <p>May: Melanie Hansen & Amy Grossman–Tomsich</p> <p>June: Jack Smith</p>		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 			Christian Ed 6:00 p.m. Prayer 7:15 p.m.	PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m.		
11 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	12	13 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Stewardship/ Personnel Com. 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16	17
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.			Trustees 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.		
18 Last Day of S. School Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Light Lunch & Cake Following Worship	19	20	21	22 <u>June Newsletter Articles Are Due Today!!!</u>	23	24
			Session 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.		
25	26	27	28 Church Family Fun Night  > Meal 5:00 p.m. > Games 5:30 p.m.	29	30	31
NO Sunday School Worship 10:00 a.m.	<i>Memorial Day!</i>			PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Deacons 6:00 p.m.		

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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. Dr. Jason Cunningham

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.**