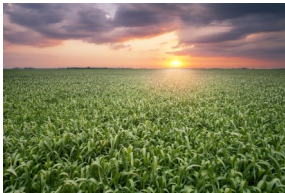


COMMUNITY CALL

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Join us this Summer! CPC Summer worship services begin at 10:00 a.m. Fellowship follows at 11:00 a.m.

ALL-AGE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY TO BE HELD JULY 14TH



Jesus Loves Me. This I Know.

Vacation Bible School is coming to CPC with a twist. It's for everybody on a Sunday.

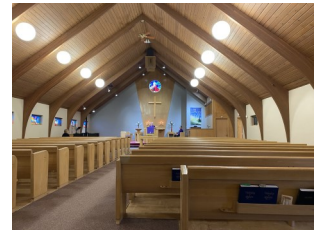
Here's how it works. On Sunday, July 14, we'll gather for worship. Kevin Galt will preside, and Bonnie Thompson and the Puppets will present the sermon and something extra. Following worship, Dawn Larson will lead the congregation in singing the "Golden Oldies" of VBS in *Wee Sing with Dawn*. Directly afterwards, we'll go downstairs for *Build Your Own Sandwich*.

There will be much, much more into the afternoon. We'll have crafts for the older and younger, games and activities for everyone, all to remember the words of an old favorite song, "Jesus Loves Me. This I Know for the Bible Tells Me So."

Watch for more information on how you can help and participate in upcoming CPC announcements and sign-up sheets.

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:



July 7	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
July 14	Kevin Galt VBS Sunday
July 21	TBD
July 28	Andrew Thostenson
Aug 4	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
Aug 11	Kevin Galt
Aug 18	TBD
Aug 25	Andrew Thostenson

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JUNE CLERK'S CORNER



Session conducted its needed business through e-mail on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. Elders participating were Melissa Engebretson, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Lauber, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, Bonnie Thompson, and Gayle Thostenson. Clerk of Session, Becky DeJong and Acting Moderator, Rev. Sarah Bigwood were present.

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of May 15, 2024
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, July 17, 2024
- c. HOREMOW would like to use CPC's sanctuary on Friday, June 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The International Director of HOREMOW, Pastor Paul Rika, will be visiting from Nigeria at that time.
- d. Gail Matzke's funeral will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with visitation one hour prior at CPC.
- e. Clerk's report –
 - ◇ Confirmands Ezra Dobrinz, Grace Hager, and Zach Hansen joined the church on May 19, 2024.
 - ◇ Gail Matzke died on June 17, 2024. Her funeral will be on Sunday, June 23, 2024.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, July 7, 2024 will be Carrie Lauber, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson.

Committee reports:

Christian Education: The committee met with Carolyn & Terry Meester to plan for the CPC Church Picnic, slated for Tuesday, June 25, at the Meester's home. The main meal and beverages will be provided. Everyone is welcome and asked to bring a salad, dessert, or chips along with a lawn chair if able. Rides will be shared so that everyone who wants to come may share in the

event. Outside games will be ready for players and spectators. Announcements and reminders will be sent via internet, displayed in church, and shared in person.

Additionally, plans were made for the All-Church Vacation Bible School Sunday slated for July 14. Bonnie Thompson and crew will be conducting much of the worship service using puppets. A make-your-own-sandwich/salad will follow the service along with crafts, games, activities, and music (traditional and new) for all ages. Theme is Jesus Loves Me. Signs and publicity options are being researched for inviting members of the community to this special day.

- Gayle Thostenson

Deacons: Deacons met to prepare greetings for CPC members and friends for the upcoming month. We also reviewed the changing needs of our Deacons friends and prepared to gather family contact information. 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

No reports: Building & Grounds Trustees, Mission, Nominating, Stewardship, Worship committees.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

WEDNESDAY 10:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES



Every Wednesday, from now until the end of August, all are welcome to join us as Bonnie Thompson leads a study of Romans.

According to the study, Romans may be the most important letter you may ever read. It is considered Paul's masterpiece, giving a clear and full explanation of the Bible's gospel message. Come and be encouraged and challenged by the new life and the new lifestyle we have in Christ.

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 7-2 Bob Kozojed
- 7-4 Carly Hager
- 7-8 Curtis Hemm
- 7-13 Grace Hager
- 7-16 Cami Birrenkott
- 7-17 Marj Meester
- 7-19 Boots Misheski
- 7-20 Don Rehling
- 7-22 Tammy Bahls
- 7-30 Yvonne Hummel
- 7-31 Rhonney Greene

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7-17-04 Joe and Melissa Eiter
- 7-20-68 Dave and Gloria Ruhnke
- 7-30-11 Zachary and Elizabeth Strand



AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 8-1 Gayle Thostenson
- 8-9 Donna Jenner
- 8-11 David Hemm
- 8-14 Chuck Thompson
- 8-15 Maverick Engebretson
Carol Sterup
- 8-18 Dixie Smith
- 8-27 Phyllis Hofsommer
- 8-30 Erica Truhlicka
- 8-31 Nancy Kassman
Lisa Steffen

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8-18-73 Bob and Susan Gross
- 8-20-66 Rae and Edsel Kercher



PRAYER TIME

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, or kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Join us for a half hour of prayer at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, July 3 and August 7, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

S-W-O-M IS BACK!

Churches United for the Homeless is open for volunteers to serve meals, and they need CPC to help them. CPC volunteers who serve meals at Churches United for the Homeless every **S**econd **W**ednesday **O**dd (numbered) **M**onths, are needed as much as ever! Our summer day of service is Wednesday, July 10, at 5:00 p.m.



Address questions to Gayle Thostenson.

SUMMER PEACHES



Red River Youth for Christ (RRYC) once again plans to sell its 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/>



MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our May mission focus, collecting funds to support the serving of a hot lunch to students at Mpangua School in Chogoria Presbytery.

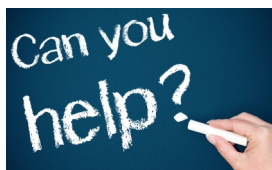
Our June and July focus is collecting diapers and wipes for Churches United, to be distributed by them to families who need them. We are collecting size 5 and 6 diapers, as well as wipes. If you are unable to shop for diapers yourself, Donna and Boots will be glad to do the shopping for you. Let's get another car-load collected this year!

Our August focus will again be collecting money to purchase winter wear for the schoolchildren at Bdecan. There is no school in Tokio, so the students attend Warwick, Four Winds, Devils Lake or Minnewaukan. This means that most of the students ride an hour or longer on the bus to get to school, and they are not allowed on the bus in the winter without a coat, snow pants, boots, hat and mittens. They are also not allowed outside at recess without proper attire.

At present, the Ministry Team has about \$2,500 in the clothing line item, but need at least \$6,000 to properly outfit the children of the church. We may not be able to collect the full \$3,500 needed, but let's see how close we can get. Also, if you knit or crochet, and want to make hats and/or mittens, bring them to church during August, and we will get them to Bdecan. Thank you for your support.

NEEDS FOR SERVICE

We are in need of more ushers, people willing to serve coffee/treats, liturgists, and slide flippers. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider serving your church community in one of these ways.



PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE



The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) completed a CPC profile at the end of April. It was then placed on the website of our Presbytery of the Northern Plains. We recently posted our open pastor position on CPC's website as well. Our advising pastor, Rev. Sarah Bigwood, will be sending that to multiple pastoral groups.

We have had some interest but no formal applications at this time. We have prepared a list of interview questions and are ready to start the interview process when applications come in.

In the meantime, please continue to pray for our church, the pastor God has intended for us, and for the PNC.

If you have questions or comments, please contact one of the PNC members. They are Kevin Galt, Carolyn Talley, Terry Meester, and Linda Bishop.



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
05/31/2024**



General Operating budget
2024: \$124,012.00
Monthly needed to meet budget:
\$10,334.33

Total Giving April \$ 9,920.81
Total Expenses April \$ 7,022.69

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.

- July 7 - Group 1
- July 14 - Group 1
- July 21 - Group 2
- July 28 - Group 2
- Aug 4 - Group 3
- Aug 11 - Group 3
- Aug 18 - Group 4
- Aug 25 - Group 4

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 (701-492-0630, 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



**OPPORTUNITY
TO HELP
YOUR COMMUNITY**

If you are a gardener, you may be able to help by sharing your vegetable harvest. Veggies for the Pantry will soon park in our parking lot Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. until the first frost. They will accept donations of surplus garden produce from you and others in the area for the F-M Emergency Food Pantry who will share with people who are in need and normally do not receive fresh produce. CPC itself will be contributing by sharing produce from its backyard garden.

Veggies for the Pantry is also looking for volunteers who will sit in the CPC lot Monday nights and collect garden produce from those who wish to share. Please let Gayle Thostenson know if this is something you wish to do.

Thank you, in advance, for sharing your surplus garden produce with the hungry in our community.

**The September Community Call
deadline is Thursday, August 22**









JULY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Head Ushers: July: Mike Thompson August: Chuck Thompson</p>	1 Christian Education Committee 6:00 p.m.	2	3 Prayer 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m.	4 <i>Happy Independence Day!</i>	5	6
7 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m. 	8	9 Stewardship/ Personnel Com. 6:30 p.m.	10 Bible Study 10 a.m. Churches United Service 5 p.m.  Trustees 7:00 p.m.	11 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	12	13
14 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m.	15	16	17 Mission & Outreach 5:45 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	18 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	19	20
21 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m.	22	23	24	25 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. NO Deacons meeting	26	27
28 Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 11:00 a.m.	29 Veggies for the Pantry  6:30–7:30 p.m.	30	31	September newsletter deadline: August 22 Non-church scheduled events: Sat. & Sun. p.m.—HOREMOW Most Monday evenings—TOPS		



AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>September newsletter deadline: Thursday, August 22</p> <p>Non-church scheduled events: Saturday & Sunday p.m.—HOREMOW; Monday evenings—TOPS</p>						
4 Worship 10:00 a.m.  Fellowship following	5 Veggies for the Pantry  6:30–7:30 p.m.	6	7 Prayer 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m.	8 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Worship Committee 7:00 p.m.	9	10
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Community Presbyterian Church Committees

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Lee Dobrinz Larry Peihl
Melanie Hansen Jack Smith
Veril Larson Brent Talley

Christian Education

Gayle Thostenson, Liaison
Emma Broe Melanie Hansen
Kevin Galt

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Rev. Donna Monteith

Nominating

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

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Presbytery Delegates

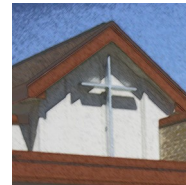
Andrew Thostenson + TBD
Dixon Moorhead
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

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