

COMMUNITY CALL

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FARGO MARATHON UPDATE



The Fargo Marathon this year is from May 28th – June 1st. In the past 2 years, CPC has helped with delivering tables and supplies on Friday evening. We did have an aid station since the very first year for 17 years. Then a flood took our aid station out in 2021. The Marathon group does know we would like an aid station back.

With Mark Knutson passing away in 2023, his assistant James Botnen was supposed to take over. The Fargo Marathon was bought by Venture 3 years ago. Venture has decided to go separate ways from James Botnen. Venture has received our CPC information from James. I have not received a call to help at an aid station or the delivery of tables and supplies. If that call comes through, a sign-up sheet will be put up in the Narthex along with a church announcement. Watch for updates in upcoming CPC emails.

Bob Kozojed
Trustees / Buildings and Grounds



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 8. 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:



May 5	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
May 12	Kevin Galt
May 19	Jim Wilson with Communion
May 26	Andrew Thostenson
June 2	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
June 9	Kevin Galt
June 16	TBD
June 23	TBD
June 30	Andrew Thostenson



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

5/19 Confirmation Sunday
Last Day of S. School

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APRIL CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Elders present were Melissa Engebretson, Bob Kozojed, Carrie Lauber, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson. Acting Moderator – Rev. Sarah Bigwood and Clerk of Session - Becky DeJong were present. Bonnie Thompson was present via Zoom.

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. approval of the minutes of March 25, 2024
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, May 15, 2024
- c. Mitzi Hager has requested the use of 10-20 chairs and 1-2 tables for a June 2 graduation. She would like the tables and chairs from May 31-June 3.
- d. The Christian Education committee would like to have communion served on Confirmation Day (and Pentecost) on Sunday, May 19. Rev. James Wilson has graciously offered to serve since he is preaching that day. Pastor Sarah has granted permission for him to do so per Session approval.

Carrie Lauber has requested the use of 20 chairs for a baby shower on May 17-18.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Elders to serve communion on Sunday, May 5, 2024, will be Bob Kozojed, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson.

The Fargo Marathon has changed hands. We have made our wishes known that we would like to be involved. If we are asked to help, then a sign-up sheet will be posted.

Committee reports:

Building & Grounds Trustees: The Trustees have changed the furnace filters, moved downspouts on the north side of

the building, reset outdoor timers, checked sump pumps, replaced faulty faucets in the basement bathrooms and replaced the battery and outdated adult pads on the defibrillator. Lynn Hummel will mow again this summer. Thanks Lynn!

A new light was installed on the east exterior wall that shines down on the round window at night. We are hoping to highlight the stained-glass window of Jesus for people as they drive by. The light switch in the music room is feeding the light and needs to be left on. It is lit from dawn to dusk. Thanks Larry!

- Bob Kozojed

Christian Education: The Christian Education Committee met to work out the details for CPC's All-Church Family Night on Tuesday, April 23. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with Yard Games beginning at 6:00 p.m. This event is planned for outdoors, but will still occur indoors if the weather requires it. We hope much of the congregation will join us for this time of fun, food, and fellowship. Sign-up sheets are on the church bulletin board.

May's All-Church Family Net Night is planned to occur outdoors on Wednesday, May 29, at the same times.

Confirmation classes are nearly complete with a meeting with Session on May 15 and Confirmation Day on May 19. We would like to share the Lord's Supper during worship that day. Permission to do so will be requested of our guest preacher for that day, of Presbytery via Pastor Sarah Bigwood, and of Session.

Vacation Bible School was discussed. Parents will be contacted to determine when families are available to participate.

- Gayle Thostenson

Personnel: We have hired a new office manager, Traci Tveito. Office hour details will be worked out after her office training.

- Carolyn Meester

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Worship: Pulpit supply is filled through the end of May.

- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: Deacons, Mission, Nominating, Service & Fellowship, Stewardship committees.

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:40 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
Mia Strand
Terrance Strand
- 5-26 Reed Montgomery
- 5-27 Vickie Meyer
- 5-29 Zarissa Hansen



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5-20-17 - Tim and Grace Chandler
- 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 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.



ALL CHURCH FAMILY NET NIGHT MAY 29 - 5:30-7:00 P.M.

To be held *Outdoors*
at Community Presbyterian Church
or *Inside* if inclement weather

Come one, come all! Everyone is welcome to join in the fun for a net night. Volleyball, basketball, maybe even badmitten. If it has a net, we'll play it. Players and spectators are welcome.

Dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by friendly net games. If the weather is nice, this event will be hosted outdoors at CPC. Teams will be determined based on who is in attendance. No experience is necessary, and all ages are welcome, from preschool and beyond. Bring a friend along too!

Sign-up sheets are in the church narthex.

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. Registration begins April 1. **Scholarships are available.**

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. The week includes acclaimed worship leaders, convocation speakers, and an artist in residence.

For more information go to:
<https://lakesandprairies.org/engaging-leaders/synod-school/>

**YEAR-TO-DATE
GIVING UPDATE**

03/31/2024



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

Total Giving March \$ 10,941.26
Total Expenses March \$ 4,117.97

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.

"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 5 - Group 4 - Emma Broe
- May 12 - Group 1
- May 19 - Group 1 - need servers only
- May 26 - Group 2
- June 2 - Group 2
- June 9 - Group 3
- June 16 - Group 3
- June 23 - Group 4
- June 30 - Group 4

We are looking for people to sign up for May, June, and July. 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 your church family. If you have a prayer concern, please contact Gayle Thostenson (492-0630, atgtet@far.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



**MISSION & OUTREACH
COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Thanks to all who contributed to One Great Hour of Sharing in March. We passed our goal of collecting \$1,500, that is, providing a yoke of oxen and a plow to a farmer.

Our April collection of items for the YWCA Emergency Shelter is going well. The items will be loaded out after worship on May 5, to be delivered that week, so you have until then to get them to the church. As a reminder, we are collecting shampoo, conditioner, body wash, size 5 diapers, pads and tampons, and new women's panties, size 6, 7 and 8.

Due to scheduling difficulties, we do not yet have a Mission focus for May, so stay tuned for updates.

**WE BRING OUT
OUR THANKS!**





Thanks to all who helped with the CPC Rummage Sale. Results will be reported in June's Community Call.



**The June Community Call
deadline is Saturday, May 20**



MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June newsletter deadline: May 22 Non-church scheduled events: Monday evenings—TOPS Sunday p.m.—Holy Revival Movement Worldwide						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 		Bells 6:30 p.m. Stewardship/ Personnel Com. 7:30 p.m.	8 Churches United 5 p.m. Confirmation Meal 5:30 p.m. Class 6:00 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Christian Ed. 6:00 p.m.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Happy Mothers' Day!</i> Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.		14 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Mission & Outreach Com. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer 9:30 a.m. Confirmation with Session 7:00 p.m.	PW Card Makers 1 p.m.		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 Pentecost Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.		Bell Choir practice at CPC 6:30 p.m.	 Newsletter deadline is today!!!	PW Card Makers 1 p.m.		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
NO Sunday School Worship time TBD 	<i>Memorial Day</i>	Bell Choir practice at CPC 6:30 p.m.	All Church Family Net Night Meal 5:30 p.m. Games 6:00 p.m.	PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Deacons 7:00 p.m.		
Head Ushers: May: Mel Hansen & Amy Grossman- Tomsich June: Jack Smith						



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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

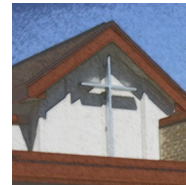
Andrew Thostenson + TBD
Dixon Moorhead
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

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**
9 a.m. Sunday School
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.**