

COMMUNITY CALL

Ministers: The People of God

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RUMMAGE MADNESS: APRIL 26 & 27

Since 2002, the all-church rummage sale has been an important fundraiser. In recent years, proceeds from this sale have gone to replacing the office computer, painting supplies, tune-ups for the lawnmower, and a heavy-duty cart for our conference room television.

Donated items can be brought to the southwest door of the Veteran's Memorial Arena (which is the delivery entrance to West Fargo High School) any time after 1:30 p.m. and until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26th.

If you are unable to deliver donated items, we will gladly pick them up. If you have electronic or computer equipment to donate, please get them to Andrew Thostenson by April 14th so he can properly recondition them. (Note: tube televisions and exercise equipment cannot be sold.)

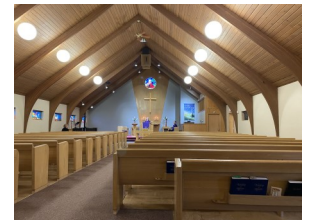
We need help (men and women) moving tables, setting up, pricing, accepting payments, wrangling rummage, and tearing down. Your help in any and all of these endeavors will be greatly appreciated.

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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:



Apr 7	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
Apr 14	Kevin Galt
Apr 21	Vicki Riedinger
Apr 28	Andrew Thostenson
May 5	Rev. Donna Monteith with Communion
May 12	Kevin Galt
May 19	Jim Wilson
May 26	Andrew Thostenson



SYNOD SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

Synod School is offering \$50 scholarships to the first 70 first-time registrants. See more on the CPC bulletin board or on page 3.

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MARCH CLERK'S CORNER



The regular meeting of the Session was held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Elders present were Carrie Lauber, Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke, and Gayle Thostenson. Acting Moderator – Rev. Sarah Bigwood was present. Becky DeJong, Bob Kozojed, Melissa Engebretson, and Bonnie Thompson were present via Zoom.

The meeting was opened with devotions and prayer by Bob Kozojed.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of February 12, 2024
- b. next Session meeting – Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

The financial report was read, discussed and received.

Elders to serve communion on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 will be Carolyn Meester, Bob Kozojed, and Dave Ruhnke. Elders to serve communion on Sunday, April 7 will be Carolyn Meester, Dave Ruhnke and one other to be determined.

Rev. ST Sirleaf, senior pastor of the One Family Christian Center International, has requested to use the sanctuary on July 26 and 27 to conduct a wedding ceremony.

Discussion was held regarding CPCs participation in the Lilly Endowment Grant. Session chose not to pursue the grant at this time.

Boots Misheski has requested to have her great-granddaughter, Charlotte Rose Misheski, baptized on May 5, 2024. Charlotte's parents are David Misheski and Hannah Windjue. Rev. Donna Monteith will perform the ceremony. Fellowship Hall has been reserved for the family following the service.

The Fargo Marathon is May 31- June 1. Bob Kozojed will contact the organizers and find out if CPC can have an aide station or will deliver tables to the stations. Watch for further details. Think...

brats on a stick!!!

Carrie Lauber has applied to the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with an interest in pursuing a commissioned lay pastor position. The Session has unanimously endorsed this decision and will pray and support her on this journey!

Committee reports:

Christian Education: Palm Sunday arrangements were made. Palm branches will be distributed to entire congregation as they enter the sanctuary. At Children's Time, Sunday School children will also collect the fish for One Great Hour of Sharing. After the service, an Easter Story will be read followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Plans were made for Confirmation Day on May 19. With a possible Senior Recognition Day planned around the same time.

Mark your calendars for April's CPC Family Night on Tuesday, April 23, with dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. and activities starting at 6:00 p.m. This event will feature Yard Games to be played outside, weather permitting. Sign up to come and/or to bring something to eat on the narthex bulletin board.

- Gayle Thostenson

Deacons: Visits and phone calls have been made; cards have been sent to CPC and Deacons friends. Visitation communion scripts were reviewed and distributed. If you know someone who is in need or would like a visit, please contact one of the Deacons.

- Gayle Thostenson

Mission & Outreach: The mission focus for March is One Great Hour of Sharing and the focus for April will be the YWCA.

- Carrie Lauber

Personnel: The committee discussed the open position for office assistant. If anyone is aware of someone who is looking to work 16 - 20 hours per week, please have them talk to someone on the Personnel Committee. We would

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like to discuss the job duties and flexible schedule.

- Carolyn Meester

Stewardship: The committee discussed sending out mid-year contribution reports with a letter that will include our financial update and details of how per capita is used.

Yvonne Hummel completed the audit in February. She will provide a report. Yvonne will no longer be able to conduct the audit of the church books since she is serving as co-treasurer. We will need to look for someone else to perform this task. If anyone in the congregation knows of someone, please let the Stewardship committee know.

- Carolyn Meester

Worship: Pulpit supply is filled through the end of May. Rev. Donna Monteith preaches on the first Sunday of every month and provides communion.

- Dave Ruhnke

No reports: Buildings & Ground Trustees, Nominating committees.

Meeting closed with unison prayer at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky DeJong

FARGO MARATHON AID STATION



Mark your calendars and watch for the sign-up sheets to participate in CPC's annual Fargo Marathon Aid Station. Fargo's 2024 marathon occurs on Saturday, June 1st.

We can't promise you warm or even dry weather, but we can promise that you'll help the many souls (and maybe even soles) of those running by. Additionally, the CPC fellowship is irreplaceable.

More details to come in the May newsletter.

ALL CHURCH FAMILY YARD GAMES NIGHT SET FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 23



Time:

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Place: To be held Outdoors

at Community Presbyterian Church
or Inside if inclement weather

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun for CPC Yard Games Night. A dinner will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by friendly yard games.

If the weather is nice, this event will be hosted outdoors at CPC. Teams will be determined based on who is in attendance and not set ahead of time. No experience is necessary, and all ages are welcome, from preschool and beyond.

Bring a friend along too!



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/>

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All hands on deck!

- Loading tables into pickups—
Friday 12:30 p.m. at the church
- Table and rummage setup—
Friday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
at the Veterans Arena.
- Rummage Sale—
Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tear down and move tables back to
the church—
Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

If you have rummage or logistical questions, contact Andrew Thostenson at 701-492-0630 or atgtet@far.midco.net.

REMINDER TO RETURNING SNOWBIRDS



Please inform our church office (office@cpcwf.org or 282-4135), regarding the time you will return home so you won't miss any CPC mailings.



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 10, as we worship, praise, and lay our petitions before our Lord and God.

SENIOR SUNDAY



Sometime in May, we will recognize CPC graduating high school seniors. If you know of any graduating seniors affiliated with Community Presbyterian Church, please contact Gayle Thostenson as soon as possible.

HELP US FIND A CPC OFFICE MANAGER

YOU CAN

The Personnel Committee of Community Presbyterian **HELP!** Church is reaching out to our membership for their help. We are asking you to reach out to people or friends you may know that may be looking for a part time job as our Office Secretary/Manager. The perfect person is someone who may be retired and is looking for something to keep them busy or someone who is looking for some additional income.

The job would be 16-20 hours per week. Duties would include working on Sunday worship bulletins, worship slides, answering phones, some basic bookkeeping, and other things related to our daily procedures. Once we have hired a new pastor the office manager would assist the pastor with help he may need to provide our Sunday worship.

If you know someone who may be interested in this position please have them contact one of the personnel committee members Carolyn Meester, Andrew Thostenson, Lia Dobrinz or Kevin Galt.

CONFIRMATION NEWS



Confirmation classes are nearing their end! Since October, students Ezra Dobrinz, Grace Hager, and Zach Hansen along with their mentors --Kevin Galt and Vicki Peihl, have been studying about God, the church, and what commitments are made when one becomes a member.

A recent lesson included a look at the PC (USA) logo. When you look at it, do you see the fish, the dove, the book, the pulpit, the cup, and the fire? These are all symbols of core Presbyterian beliefs. Something worthy of reflection.

Please continue your prayers for this group and their families during this time. May God grant them clarity of understanding, perseverance, and a building of faith.

MISSION & OUTREACH FOCUS



Thank you to everyone who brought donations for our February Food Drive for the Emergency Food Pantry. We collected about 200 pounds of food. Thank You!!!

As a reminder, we are collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing during March. This is the 75th anniversary of the offering, and we have set a goal of \$1,500. That amount would be the equivalent of giving two oxen and a plow to a farmer in a Third World Country, enabling them to feed not only their family, but to also help their community. There are envelopes in the pews, or checks can be made to the church, with "OGHS" in the memo line. Thank you for your support.

In April we will again be helping the residents of the YWCA Emergency Shelter. Housing, counseling and so much more is provided to women and children escaping domestic violence, and also from trafficking. We will be collecting "stuff," with a focus each week:

- Week of April 7,
shampoo, conditioner, & body wash
- Week of April 14
size 5 diapers, (It's difficult to potty train when you share a bathroom with other families.)
- Week of April 21
"feminine hygiene products"
(pads and tampons)
- Week of April 28
new women's panties of all styles,
size 6, 7, and 8.

As always, if you are unable to shop for the items, or uncomfortable doing so, if you may give money to Boots or Donna. They will be happy to shop for you.

Thank you for your support for the missions we highlight each month. If you would like to join us, we meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at the church.

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER



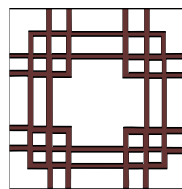
BIRTHDAYS

- 4-1 Susan Gross
- 4-2 Becky DeJong
- 4-5 Veril Larson
- 4-6 Brent Talley
- 4-14 Cathy Birrenkott
- 4-18 Chris Shone
- 4-20 Lynn Hummel
- 4-23 Zaryn Hansen
Ellie Strand
- 4-25 Audrey Binger
- 4-27 Tim Hager
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
- 4-30-66 – Larry and Uneva Dobrinz

PRESBYTERIAN SQUARES BIBLE STUDY



As we read the Bible, we notice the surprising ways God communicated with His people. Remember the burning bush with Moses? How about the dreams various people had? God goes to great and amazing lengths to communicate with us even to this day. Can you think of any unusual ways you felt his voice?

Join us at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, at the church to learn more about the unexpected ways God talks to us. Happy Spring!

SPRING PRESBYTERY MEETING

The spring meeting of Presbytery of the Northern Plains will be held on Saturday, April 20th, at 10:00 a.m. at Room 132 in the Unruh Sheldon Centre of the University of Jamestown (706 College Ln, Jamestown, ND).



YEAR-TO-DATE GIVING UPDATE 2/29/2024



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

Total Giving January \$ 8,168.26
Total Expenses January \$ 6,747.18

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.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it.



SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you everyone who has signed to help server coffee, treats and usher.

- April 7 - Group 2 - Zachary Hanson and Ezra Dobrinz
- April 14 - Group 3 - Chris & Becky Mace
- April 21 - Group 3 - Carly & Tim Hager
- April 28 - Group 4 - Carolyn Talley
- May 5 - Group 4 - Emma Broe
- May 12 - Group 1
- May 19 - Group 1
- May 26 - Group 2
- June 2 - Group 2
- June 9 - Group 3
- June 16 - Group 3
- June 23 - Group 4
- June 30 - Group 5

We are looking for people to sign up for May & 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 DEACONS CAN HELP YOU



If you need immediate pastoral care, you can call 701-353-2020. A Deacon will be able to assist 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



2024 SPRING GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF NORTHERN PLAINS PRESBYTERY AT ARVILLA, ND

When: Saturday, April 27, 2024

Registration: 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$15

RSVP to: Lana Schulz by phone at 701-238-4538 or at lanaj0@cassleton.net by April 22, 2024.


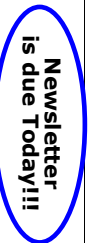


The speaker is Louella Voigt from Luverne, Minnesota. Louella is a member of the USA Mission Experience to the Arizona-Mexico border, will share her perspective on immigration issues.

The mission focus is the clothing closet at Bdecan Presbyterian Church. Household items, such as bedding and kitchen items, are a great need. Additionally, the clothing closet can always use t-shirts, sweatshirts, jeans, shorts, outerwear, shoes, and all types of children's clothes.

**May's Community Call
deadline is
Thursday, April 18**



APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Head Ushers: April: Brent & Cary Talley May: Melanie Hansen & Amy Grossman-Tomsich	1 Christian Education 6:00 p.m.	2	3	4 PW Card Makers 1 p.m. Worship com. 7:00 p.m.	5	6
7 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 	8	9 Ladies Circle 12:30 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. B. Study Mission & Outreach 6 p.m. Stewardship & Personnel 7:05 p.m.	10 Prayer time 9:30 a.m. Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:00 p.m. Mtg Trustees 7:00 p.m.	11 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m.	12	13
14 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	15	16	17	18  Newsletter is due Today!!!	19	20 Presbytery in Jamestown 
21 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	22	23 All Church Family Yard Games 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Games	24 Confirmation 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:00 p.m. Mtg	25 PW Card Makers 1:00 p.m. Deacons 7 p.m.	26 Rummage Sale Set-up	27 PM  Rummage Sale
28 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m.	29	30	May newsletter deadline: April 18 Non-church scheduled events: Sat. & Sun. p.m.—HOREMOW; Most Monday evenings—TOPS			

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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

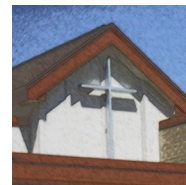
Andrew Thostenson + TBD
Dixon Moorhead
Lee Dobrinz--Alternate

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.**