

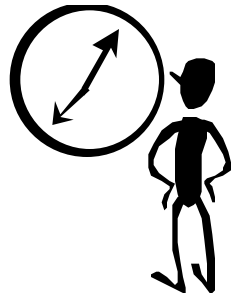
# COMMUNITY CALL

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## PLEASE NOTE!

On November 3rd  
at 2:00 a.m.,

Daylight Saving Time  
ends. Please remem-  
ber to turn your  
clocks back one hour.



## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Christmas is just around the corner! Join the choir for the season! We are preparing for the annual Christmas Cantata, which will be held on Sunday, December 9th. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Give us an hour a week! It promises to be a rewarding experience that will enhance your holiday.



## MENS CHORUS

We've got a song to sing! Watch for future announcements for practice times.

## PASTOR'S PEN

Has it been two years already?

It doesn't seem like it, but it has, in fact, been two years since I was in the thick of planning the Presbytery's youth mission trip to Kenya. Why do I mention this? Because it's happening again! The Presbytery has once again called upon me to serve as co-leader (this time the "senior" co-leader, with Rev. Nancy Emerson of Moorhead) of a Kenya trip, this one scheduled for next summer. It's a



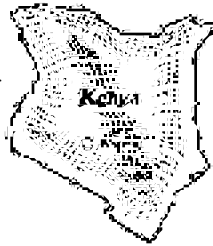
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big, occasionally frightening, responsibility, but I am also very, very excited about it—in part because this trip will offer opportunities for involvement to a much wider range of people—maybe even you! The informational brochures about the trip should be available at the church or from me via email very soon, but here's a sneak preview of the general description of the trip:



The 2008 trip to Kenya will be focused on working, learning, and serving together with our partners in the Chogoria North, Central, and South Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA). We will fly from Fargo to Nairobi on July 29, where we plan to stay at the guesthouse operated by the PCEA the night after our arrival.

We will spend most of our visit in the region covered by our partner presbyteries, centered on the town of Chogoria, which is nestled in the eastern foothills of Mount Kenya. The people of this region depend primarily on agriculture for their livelihood, raising coffee and tea as well as livestock and crops for family use. Chogoria is also home to one of three hospitals owned and operated by the PCEA. Our headquarters will be at the Chogoria Hospital complex, which also houses schools, a church, and Presbytery offices.

Team members will work on one of four teams, each of which will have a special ministry focus. One team will prepare and present a two-day Bible School event for children. One will prepare and share a Bible study and prayer retreat for elders, ministers, and lay pastors. These two teams will each take their "show" on the road, offering their events in each of the three Chogoria presbyter-

ies. A third team will carry out a craft and cooking exchange with the women of Chogoria, and a fourth will undertake some sort of physical work project with our partners. Each team will be led by a captain, who will work with the trip leaders and our hosts to make sure everything runs smoothly. We will also spend time in Chogoria visiting and worshipping with our hosts.

Other activities that may be part of our itinerary include hiking on Mount Kenya, touring a tea factory, visiting PCEA projects in Nanyuki and the Nairobi area, and crossing the Equator. The trip will culminate in a visit to one of Kenya's world-famous game parks, where we will hope to see the "big five" of lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and rhinoceros, as well as many other animals and birds. We will arrive—tired, inspired, and never to be the same again—in Fargo on August 18.

Have I piqued your interest? Can you see yourself as part of the "away" team for this trip, helping with VBS, exchanging crafts, skills, and ideas, praying and studying, or sweating together with brothers and sisters from Chogoria? If so, I hope you'll let me know right away, so we can get you a copy of the brochure. But if not, if going to Kenya just doesn't seem like it's in the plans for you in 2008, maybe you'll be willing to serve on our "home" team, supporting us in prayer and in other ways that I'm keeping as a surprise just now. Let me know if that sounds intriguing, too.

I can't wait to hear from you. Asante sana (Thank you very much).



**VERY GOOD  
BAZAAR RESULTS**

Thanks to all who made the bazaar a success. As of Sunday, the 28th, our profit was \$1,394.70!!!



## BLAIR'S AFRICAN NEWS

Thursday,  
October 18, 2007

Highlights of the last week and a half:

- 2 successful ventures into and wanderings about Nairobi
- Entering a conversation with a man at the market who asked if I was "a man of God"
- actually finding my way to said market on a luxurious mid-week holiday
- 1st attempt at cooking Kenyan tofu = deliciousness
- Getting new assignments at work (planning a handbook for future delegates)
- 1st monthly gathering of volunteers, hearing all about everyone's experiences thus far
- starting yoga class and stretching muscles I did not know existed

One thing from yoga that really struck me was the moment in between poses. We stopped a movement, and then the instructor would say, "Just breathe and be yourself." Now, in this case being myself meant just sort of splaying out exhausted on the mat after testing my flexibility in new and terrifying ways. But obviously, there is more to it than just that physical relaxation. In the calm, breathing moments I was supposed to just be at ease. To find my center for a moment. Not to worry about trying to do a movement correctly, or doing anything correctly for that matter - I was just supposed to embrace who I am and let it wash over me with every breath.

Any anxieties about filling up time, or filling up my bank account, or any of the little trifles that cross your mind when it wanders away just stopped - for the

briefest of moments. It was bliss.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: For more news about her work in Africa, Go to Blair Moorhead's blog at :*

<http://blairinkenya.blogspot.com/>

### NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER



#### BIRTHDAYS

- 11-1 Chris Larson
- 11-3 Mary Bastle  
Dave Ruhnke
- 11-5 Jarrett Meester  
Ardis Sherwood
- 11-6 Amy Grossman
- 11-8 Adam Montgomery  
Joy Taffe
- 11-9 Jackie Petik
- 11-10 Jim Martin  
Susan McIntyre  
Vicki Peihl
- 11-13 Carrie Leopold
- 11-14 Seth Whitcomb
- 11-15 Heidi Babb  
Tina Bastle  
Breanna Olson
- 11-17 Mary DeJong  
Michael Green
- 11-18 Brianne Montgomery
- 11-19 Kayla Videen
- 11-20 Jennifer Jazzkowiak  
Angela Matzke  
Chuck Traylor
- 11-21 Brent Montgomery
- 11-22 Jill Swart
- 11-24 Harriet Diede  
Bob Gross  
Jean Sheeley
- 11-25 Erika Matzke
- 11-28 Kyle Kassman

#### ANNIVERSARIES

- 11-13-94 – Troy and Leann Montgomery
- 11-29-74 – Jon and Vicky Whitcomb



## OCTOBER CLERK'S CORNER

The Session met on Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

The financial report and the minutes of the September meeting were approved. The next meeting of Session will be on November 28th due to Thanksgiving. Elders to serve communion on November 4th will be Boots Misheski, Jim Johnson, Vicki Riedinger, and Melissa Eiter.

Session approved the request from Tina and Ryan Bastle to be placed on the Inactive List as they live in other communities. A request from Miranda Schmidt to remove her from membership was tabled until further information can be given to her. A decision to act on a request from Joy Walen of Horace to hold a Modest Prom Dress Fashion Show in the narthex on November 3rd was postponed until the Clerk can get more information regarding the details of the show. An e-mail vote will be taken to either approve or deny the request. (Clerk's Note: The request was approved following receipt of more information.)

A request to approve baptism for Nathan Craig Whitcomb, son of Seth and Alicia Whitcomb on December 23rd was tentatively approved pending his parents meeting with two elders and Pastor Matt before that. They will be visiting Seth's parents here in West Fargo at that time. Nathan was born on February 4, 2007 in Germany.

The request from PW to put up a sign in the parking lot advertising their Annual Fall Bazaar and Baked Potato Luncheon was approved. Brenda & Jim Bjorklund, Gayle Thostenson, and Rae Kercher will be making the sign.

Progress has been made on revising the Church By-Laws. The committee hopes to have the changes ready for the Annual Meeting in January, 2008.

Session approved changing the name of the Board of Trustees to either the Board of Buildings Trustees or Board of Property Trustees. This was made necessary since the Board of Trustees is supposed to be included in the duties of Session. The Nominating Committee was also instructed to present a full slate of members for the Board of Deacons. We do not have a Board of Deacons at this time. Any members of the congregation who would like to serve as a deacon should let Melissa Barentsen, Nominating Committee Chair, know.

Andrew Thostenson presented the Stewardship Committee's plan for the new capital campaign. This is detailed elsewhere in this Community Call [see p. 10]. Session did vote to approve the items that the Committee requested. They are: to pray for discernment and wisdom, endorse the general outline of the SC's plan, authorize the spending of a maximum of \$500 (an estimate) from the General Fund to cover initial design cost for kitchen remodeling, and endorse notifying the congregation of what is happening with regards to this campaign. Andrew stated that there is approximately \$29,000 to \$33,000 cash on hand for making loan payments between now and late spring. He also stated that between \$6,000 and \$8,000 of the original pledges remains to be paid by church members.

The Christian Education Committee is looking into replacing the chalk boards in the old classrooms with the new erasable white boards like what is in the new

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classrooms. They are in the process of getting bids. All teaching positions for the second section of Sunday School have been filled. They still need Co-ordinating Chairs for the Sunday School.

As you can see the sidewalks in the front and back of the church are now in. Proposals for new storage cabinets in the Secretary's Office have been received, and after getting the price, it will be decided what plan will be selected.

Goody Baskets from the Presbytery were delivered to 5 members of the church.

Pastor Matt will be away on study leave from November 16th to the 20th of November.

Delores Horn  
Clerk of Session

**GIFTS FOR THE COLD**

Our church is a supporter of the New Life Center. As representative of our church, I'm asking our congregation to donate Christmas gifts for the men at Christmas time. The only Christmas gifts the men get are what the auxiliary members bring to our December 14th meeting. I would need them at the church by December 9th, so I can take them to the Dec. 14 meeting. I will have a basket to put them in, marked New Life Center.

Ideas for gifts are: work gloves, socks, razors, t-shirts, long underwear, caps, personal items.

The New Life Center has been serving about 100 persons nightly; they do not turn anyone away. Any questions?

Thank you for helping.

Gloria Ruhnke

**YEAR-TO-DATE  
FINANCIAL REPORT**



Budgeted 2007 giving:  
\$161,828.49. Or 52 weeks  
at \$3,112.09/week.

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>BUDGETED GIVING TO DATE</u>	<u>ACTUAL GIVING TO DATE</u>
10/29/07	\$133,819.87	\$100,858.33

As of October 29, the year to date actual giving to CPC's general fund is at \$100,858 compared to the \$133,820 budgeted for the same time period.

These figures do not include the \$20,000 mortgage payment budget which is being funded from the building fund money market.

Since the last financial update, the note rose to \$20,100; however, it was paid down by \$5,600 in October and stands at \$14,500. The \$5,600 was the back parking lot expense from this summer that was paid out of the general fund. If you recall, this was budgeted into the general expenses for 2007. Actually, this project was originally forecasted in Project Open Door, but put into the 2007 general expenses in the chance that POD pledges were not fulfilled as expected. In October, POD funds were released to cover the expense.

2007 Contribution reports will be sent the week of November 12 along with 2008 pledge forms. A letter will be included giving a forecast of where it looks like we will be with 2007 expenses compared to the expense budget.

**GOD WANTS YOU...**

To work with his beloved children.

Call 281-8122 for details.

## MS SOUL TRAIN SCHEDULE

Nov. 4- 6:30 - dinner  
and newspaper night.

Nov. 11- no school on Mon.- no meeting

Nov. 18- 6:30 - ???

Nov. 25- Thanksgiving - no meeting

Dec. 2- 6:30 - dinner and presents for  
shut-ins/Giving Tree

Dec. 9- no school Monday - no meeting

Dec. 16-Progressive Dinner - details TBA

MS Soul Train is a hungry crew!!! We are looking for people that are interested in soothing our appetites. We need dinners on Oct. 28, Nov. 4, Nov. 18 and Dec. 2. We are also having our Progressive dinner on Dec. 16th and we would like to have drinks, appetizers, salad, and the main course served. Dessert is already spoken for. Please let Becky (281-8122) or Lisa (282-5308) know if you can help. Thank you very much.

## CALENDARS AND CARDS CARDS AND CALENDARS



Happy Birthday - ummm, when is your birthday? Happy Anniversary - uhhh, when is your anniversary? Do you need to send a card to that special someone for that special event? Soul Train can help you out. Have you forgotten the date of that special person's birthday or anniversary? Soul Train can help you out. We will be pre-selling calendars and greeting cards on November 4th and 11th. Each calendar and each set of 12 cards will cost \$6.00. Mark these dates on your calendar and send a note to your friends to remind them. Oh, you don't have a calendar or cards...



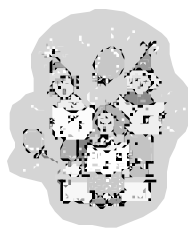
## THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone in our church that helped put on the benefit for our family. We'll never be able to repay all the work and effort that was put into it. We also want to thank all the pie makers, cake bakers, and bar makers. We heard there was flour flying everywhere! We also thank the youth for their help. The cotton candy was excellent! Thank you all so much

The Leopold family.

## JUNIOR CHOIR



Junior Choir (4th grade and older) will meet Friday night, November 2 from 7-9 pm. Plan for a night of singing, fun, and surprises! We will perform in church a week later, on Sunday, November 11. (Meet at 8:30 a.m. for a warm-up on Nov. 11.) We will also be preparing songs to present at the Sunday School Christmas program, A Birthday Party, to be held on Sunday, December 16.

## PATH MISSION AGAIN GOES OVER GOAL!



Pat yourselves on the back for another great finish to our Path baskets for the foster youth! With the donations and some donated money, there were 3 baskets well-filled with stuff for the youth's first apartment. The baskets averaged 36 items - anywhere from laundry soap to dishes to towels and much more. Thanks so much for all your support of this wonderful mission.

## OCTOBER TRUSTEE TALK

October 10--Ray Christopher-son, Bob Galt, Derrick Leopold, Scott Meyer, Bob Olson, Andrew Thostenson, and Larry Peihl (Session liaison) were in attendance.



The trustees heard and approved a report from Ray concerning coordinating work with the SUS group. If all goes according to plan, most work in the sanctuary, with the exception of carpet shampooing, will be complete by the end of October. Shampooing will occur sometime before Thanksgiving.

The trustees decided to lay sidewalks over the next two weeks. (At the time of this writing, this has been completed.)

Bob Galt and Scott Meyer are in discussions with Cheryl Montgomery and Delores Horn regarding installing new cabinets and cupboards in the office. A plan regarding this should be available by the November meeting.

The trustees had preliminary discussions about the 2008 building and operating budget. Andrew Thostenson will follow-up with the Stewardship Committee regarding the trustee's estimates.

It was decided that the trustees should hold an end of the year review of Bob and Debbie Wenzloff at the December meeting. Scott will follow up on this with the Wenzloffs.

The trustees heard concerns regarding the general clutter about the church and especially in the new narthex area. Part of this problem stems from the various building and remodeling projects that are on-going, but legitimately, some is due to members who do not always pick up their items following events or activities. The trustees will monitor this matter and report to the membership in future issues of the Community Call.

Bob Galt reported on his work installing new electrical plugs throughout the older portion of the church building. His work on the main floor is complete and he is moving to the classrooms in the basement.

The trustees reviewed the on-going situation regarding the lighting in the sanctuary. Essentially, the radio controlled light switch which is installed near the new entry door is causing bulbs to pre-maturely expire. Scott will follow up with Prosper Electric on this and have them change the electrical pole from the globes to the canisters above the communion table. This should reduce the load on the switch a perhaps result in better performance.

The trustees, following the formal meeting, removed the air conditioning units in the pastor's office and the conference room.

The next meeting of the trustees will be November 14th at 7:00 p.m.

## TEACHING SLOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!



Sign up on your own or with a friend on the narthex bulletin board for one of the following positions:

Session #3 - Jan. 6 to Feb. 10 -  
Middle School

Session #4 - Feb. 17 to March 30 -  
Nursery, 3-5, Middle School

Session #5 - April 6 to May 11 -  
Nursery, Preschool, 3-5, H. School

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK



Have you heard that church is good for your health? On the last Sunday of every month, you can have your blood pressure checked in the narthex following the worship service.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE CALL

It is that time of year again when the Nominating Committee looks to the congregation to fill the elected offices of the church. This year we have three positions as Elders that will be open, two for Building and Grounds Trustees, and six for Deacons. What's that? Did you notice the word "Deacon"? This is a word that has not been heard by us in a few years. I am excited to announce that Session has approved the re-activation of our Deacon Board. This board will function as our Congregational Care Committee has been functioning the last few years and will replace that committee. The board would consist of six members elected by the congregation to serve on a rotating basis much the same as elders and building and grounds trustees currently are serving. There would be an elder from our Session that will act as the board chairperson and serve as the liaison between Session and the Deacon Board. Session has decided to fill all six positions on the Deacon Board at this time instead of adding two deacons each year for three years, thus waiting until 2010 to have a full board. To begin the rotation, we are asking for two deacons each to serve one year, two years, and three years.

So what are the duties of each of these offices?

1. Elder: Elders serve on Session, the governing body of our church, to exercise leadership, government and to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation, encourage friends in worship and service, equip renew, attend and comfort fellow members. See Titus 1:5-9 and 1 Timothy 3:1-7, 5:22 for characteristics of elders.



2. Deacon: The office of deacon is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. The duty of deacon is to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless and those in distress both within our congregation and in our community. Examples of duties might include; gift baskets, visitation of sick or members unable to attend church services, providing meals, giving rides to members as needed, taking communion to a member unable to attend services or prayers of intercession. See 1 Timothy 3:8-12 for characteristics of a deacon.

3. Building and Grounds Trustee: By definition, a trustee is someone to whom another's property is entrusted. Our building and grounds trustees are charged with the care of our building, its contents and grounds. This might include checking on the church building and trees after a thunderstorm, making sure that the leaky faucet in the kitchen is fixed or getting bids to have the parking lot fixed.

The calling to these offices requires character and call to duty not skill or knowledge. The service in the duties of the church help to strengthen and nurture friendships, attend to fellow church members in need, have a say in the workings of our church and its decisions, and grow intimate relationships within our church family. God gives suitable gifts to all of us, either naturally or acquired, for the various duties of the church. We, as members, are all called to serve, in some way, our church and the church at large. Christ Jesus' ministry is the basis for all ministries and is the standard for all offices within our church. He is the one who came "not to

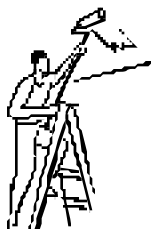
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be served but to serve". Matthew 20:28.

If you know someone who you would like to recommend for service in these offices, please contact a Nominating Committee member.

Marj Meester 282-8297  
Lynn Hummel 282-0697  
Carol Sterup 293-6603  
Melissa Barenthsen 282-8595



### SPRUCE UP THE SANCTUARY

The S.U.S. Committee would like to thank everyone involved with Sprucing Up The Sanctuary. To accomplish so much in 5 short weeks is due to the hard work and dedication of many.

Our S.U.S. Construction Crew included; Jack Smith, Larry Peihl, Ray Christopher, Kevin Galt, Dale Matzke, Allen Meyer, Veril Larson, Derek Leopold, and Greg Sterup. It took 75 man hours to remove the carpet in the choir loft, remove divider walls, demo the two upper levels in the loft area, remove the door behind the organ and sheet-rock over the space and extend the steps. **JOB WELL DONE!**

Next came the removal of the pews, so the ceiling could be cleaned, the walls painted, and the tile waxed. Many thanks to ALL who lent a helping hand that Sunday. Chuck Richard volunteered to texture over the newly sheet-rocked areas and did an awesome job of matching the existing walls.

Once the cleaning and painting was complete, it was time to put the sanctuary back together. So, another hard working crew stepped in: Melissa, Roger and Sam Barenthsen, Bob Galt, Boots Misheski, Bob Olson, Larry Peihl,

Carol Sterup, Bonnie and Chuck Thompson, and Vicky Whitcomb. **GOOD JOB TEAM!**

Greg Sterup and Jim Bjorklund took on the task of cutting down three pews. Two of the shorter pews are now installed in the front of the sanctuary while the third pew is located in the old narthex.

This project was made possible by financial contributions from many members of the congregation. If you would like to assist in offsetting the incurred costs, please us the special giving envelopes found in the pews (Mark them S.U.S.) or contact Roy Johnson.

Our sincere thanks go to all who helped Spruce Up The Sanctuary. S.U.S. Members are: Ray Christopher, Roy Johnson, Derek Leopold, Marj Meester, Allen Meyer, Boots Misheski, Carol Sterup, Bonnie Thompson and Vicky Whitcomb.



### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES

Join us on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the conference room as we explore how God's Word can shape and form us. This study is designed to help us experience the different ways that Scripture can become part of the fabric of our lives.

Everyone is welcome. For more information call Bonnie Thompson at 282-0469.

### 2007-2008

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Nov. 25	Thanksgiving Vacation- No Sunday School
Dec. 23 & Dec. 30	Christmas/New Year's Vacation-No Sunday School
Mar. 23	Easter-No Sunday School
May 18	Last Day of Sunday School Senior Recognition

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE ON CAPITAL NEEDS

Since the fall of 2006, the Stewardship Committee has been working on budgeting and giving issues with an eye towards a capital campaign for 2008. At this past October Session meeting, we outlined our ideas for a follow up to the Project Open Door (POD) effort. What follows is a brief summary of this report.

### In retrospect

To date, with regards to POD, we were and are able to meet all of our commitment to our contractors, complete most of the pressing landscaping needs, purchase tables and chairs for the classrooms, finish the asphalt work on the west parking lot, and continue to pay our monthly mortgage (\$3,146.54). That said, we have about \$23,000 cash in hand to continue making our mortgage commitments into 2008.

### Today

We estimate that we will obtain an additional \$6,000 to \$10,000 in pledges from the original capital campaign no later than January of 2008. This means that we will have between \$29,000 and \$33,000 available to service debt. (This should cover us into the late spring of 2008.) Therefore, we are blessed with a strong financial position and are not being pressed for short term cash.

### Going forward, what do we need to pay for?

As per our agreement with the PCUSA (our mortgage lender), we are obligated to conduct another capital campaign to service and/or retire our debt. Next, the church has pressing building mainte-

nance needs with regards to our roof over the old annex and our east parking lot. Further, we are exploring remodeling the kitchen and doing some more landscaping (a sitting area to the south of the new narthex). Finally, Session is considering a mission component to this capital campaign.

### Where do we need to go?

In November, Session will need to approve the goals of the capital campaign and be prepared to endorse a prospectus to be delivered to the congregation in December. Our goal is to have a campaign plan approved in time for some people to be able to take advantage of December 31 tax year benefits and, then, be prepared to formally explain the campaign to the congregation with informational meetings in January and February of 2008.

As the work on this campaign unfolds, we ask that the congregation be in prayer for discernment for Session and the Stewardship Committee.



### **HEAR THE BELLS RINGING!**

Christmas handbell schedule is:

Sr. Handbell Choir - Sundays following worship

Jr. Handbell Choir - Sun. 4:30 p.m.

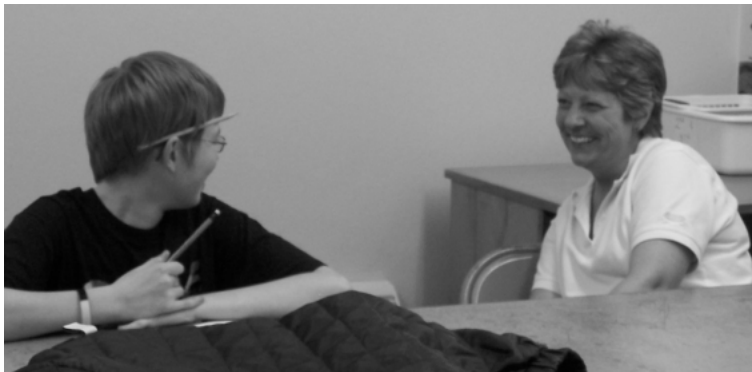
Chime Choir - Sundays 5:15 p.m.

ALL groups are working on Christmas music. If anyone wants to join for the Christmas season they are encouraged to do so.

### **ANGELS AMONG US**

Secret Angels will be coming soon. Look for more details here and on the bulletin board in the narthex.





## INTERVIEWS BY MS SOUL TRAIN:

### DAWN LARSON

#### Personal Information

Birth date - March 24  
 Birth place - Detroit Lakes, MN  
 High school - graduated from  
 Lake Park, MN  
 Children -  
     Chris—Fargo  
     Craig—Wahpeton  
     Casey—West Fargo  
 Occupation - Kraft Foods customer  
 retail manager  
 Married - Veril in Lake Park on  
 September 9, 1979  
 Joined Community Presbyterian  
 Church - 1992

#### Favorites

Hymn - Amazing Grace  
 Music - Christian Music  
 Animal - cat  
 Sound - piano  
 Restaurant - Red Lobster  
     What do you order?  
     the New England Sampler

#### Would You Rather

How well do you know Dawn? Try to guess which answer she chose for each of the following questions. Her answers will be at the end of the interview.

... kiss a jellyfish or step on a crab?  
 ... own a ski lodge or a surf camp?  
 ... have a big group of friends or one very close friend?

... be nervous but excited or relaxed but bored?

... meet an alien visitor or travel to outer space?

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When you think of Dawn Larson you usually think of her as the lady with the music. She is really much more. In reality, she is a good cook. This is true only if you don't include the cooking incident from her past. This cooking incident included a pot filled with boiling water and an ignorant Dawn. Because of her ignorance, Dawn actually burnt the bottom right off of the metal pot! To repeat, this incident could be counted as nothing, as most people agree that Dawn is a great chef.

On the subject of food, Dawn is an experienced fried grasshopper eater. Under normal circumstances, she would not have eaten this Mexican delectable, but the people there call it a delicacy, so she tried it. And it was HORRIBLE! Other than grasshoppers, she prefers cookie dough.

Do you know that Dawn was once afraid of storms? She had good reason after all; a tomado actually took the roof off of her barn! Thunder, along with this killer tornado, was a good reason for her to be scared. She had this fear for awhile but someone told her not be scared and she has never been scared since.

On another subject, Dawn likes out of the way places. Included are the woods on her parents' farm. She would go there to get away - from her brother that is. There she would climb trees and skip rocks. Other than this, she would like to live at a lake or visit some tropical islands. These places, Dawn has said, are good for her attitude.

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We are all glad that Dawn lives in West Fargo. I have enjoyed this interview and love being in junior choir. When she is here, we always can count on good music and great fun!

Interviewed By:

Evan Thostenson  
7<sup>th</sup> grade  
April 22, 2007

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**"Would You Rather" answers:**

(Would You Rather answers: crab, ski lodge, group of friends, nervous, outer space)

**HANDBELL CONCERT**

The handbell choirs of Lutheran Church of the Cross, West Fargo; First Presbyterian Church and Olivet Lutheran Church, both of Fargo, will be presenting a combined concert on Sunday, November 11, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Olivet Lutheran Church, 1330 South University Drive. Choirs will play individually in addition to several massed pieces. Following the concert, a meal of meatballs and mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided for all. A free-will offering is requested, the proceeds of which will be given to the Emergency Food Pantry in Fargo. All are welcome!

**SCARY FINISH**

Whew!!!! 41 went and 41 barely returned!!! Despite rain, hail, mudslides, scary creatures, black mazes, and an eerie moon, we all returned (I think) somewhat unharmed from our adventure to the Haunted Forest. I want to thank our drivers: Tammy Bahls, Boots Misheski, Chuck Richard, Mike Oldham, and Lisa, Curt, and Becky. I also want to thank the Haunted Forest crew for being so accommodating to our group. Hope to scare you next year!!!

**THANK YOU!**

We wish to thank our God, friends, neighbors, and members of Community Presbyterian Church for all the prayers and hope you have given to us during the last few months when we needed it so much. We are so grateful for all you have done for us. God bless each of you.

With love, we thank you all,  
Esther and LeRoy Bowman

**AND THE WINNERS ARE...**

The adults are the new PIG (basketball tournament) champions - thank you very much!!!

PIG contest:

1st: Adults - excellent job,  
very tough competition

Curt Brophy

Lee Dobrinz

Lia Dobrinz

2nd: HS - a hard fought battle

Mary DeJong

Ross Montgomery

Christian Steffen

3rd: MS - nice

Matthew Pyle

Patrick Talley

Tatiana

Lightning contest:

Finalists:

MS - Claire DeJong

Matthew Pyle

Evan Thostenson

HS - Mary DeJong

Nich Leopold

Christian Steffen

Adult: Curt Brophy

Lia Dobrinz

Lisa Steffen

Grand Champions:

1st - Mary DeJong

2nd - Christian Steffen

3rd - Nich Leopold

