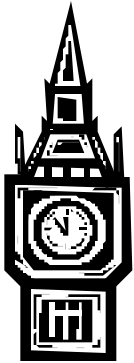


COMMUNITY CALL

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PLEASE NOTE

With the arrival of June, summer hours for Community Presbyterian Church are now in full force. Summer worship will occur Sundays at 9:30 a.m. preceded by Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m.

Come, join us in worship and learning of our most awesome God!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Only two short weeks away and Lava Lava Island will be right here at Community Presbyterian Church! We're gearing for lots of worship, fellowship, and fun, but we can't do it without you!



Volunteers are still needed to lead in snack, games, crafts, and Bible activities as well as in preschool classes and shepherding groups. Volunteers can either help for one day or two or for the entire week.

Don't wait! Sign up now, to be sure that you don't miss the fun!

Questions? Call Gayle Thostenson at 492-0630.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



As I write this, my beloved Cincinnati Reds have won nine out of their last ten games, and are now in first place in the National League Central division. This is, for me, cause for great happiness. The Reds are an avocation in my family reaching back at least three generations. My paternal grandfather's last words before dying were spoken to a nurse in the hospital as he listened to Joe Nuxhall and Marty Brennaman broadcast that night's game on WLW AM 700: "Turn up the (darn) radio! I'm not asleep yet!" Family legend records that the Reds were trailing when Grandpa's heart finally gave out, but that they rallied to win the game. True to my heritage, I spend hours every summer watching or listening to games when I can, and reading box scores and articles when I can't. The

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Internet has been a real boon to this particular obsession of mine, not always to the delight of my dear wife, who has the misfortune of having been raised a Cubs fan. Talk about a mixed marriage!

In any case, as I contemplated this recent run of success, I found myself wishing that there were statistics, easy to follow and understand, like a won-lost record, for other things than baseball. Why not some sort of record for Christian living? You know, you let your temper flare up, you get a loss. Give a little extra something to the poor, get a win. That way, just like a baseball team, we'd always know where we stand in a race far more important than that for the pennant.

This isn't a new idea. Walter Isaacson's wonderful biography of Benjamin Franklin, which I read recently, describes how as a young man Franklin filled up volumes of notebooks recording his progress in practicing a catalog of, if I recall, a dozen or so virtues, making a black mark in a ledger column each time he failed in charity, industry, modesty, or any of the components, according to him, of a perfectly ethical life. Franklin, though, was frustrated to find that, whenever he bent his strongest efforts toward one virtue, the black marks in the other columns multiplied! It seems that no matter how rigorous the system, how diligent the scorekeeping, or how desirable the "wins," the result is always the same. Life is simply not "winnable" under our own power.

This reality of our condition is acknowledged by the testimony of Scripture and recognized by the Reformed theological tradition of which our Presbyterian church is a part. Paul, in writing to the Romans and arguing that all, Jews and Gentiles alike, are sinners, draws deeply

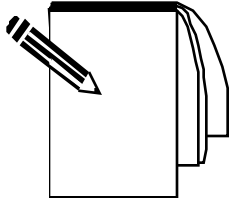
on Old Testament traditions when he says, "There is no one who is righteous, not even one; there is no one who has understanding, there is no one who seeks God. All have turned aside, together they have become worthless; there is no one who shows kindness, there is not even one." Our Confessions echo this theme: no human being is, on their own merit and by their own power, righteous.

So do we have cause only for despair? Is there no hope at all of living a good life, of finding ourselves in the hypothetical "win" column? Not so. There is one big "wild card" in the deck, one Being that changes the game in our favor, though not through our merit. The Heidelberg Catechism identifies the x-factor quite clearly:

Question 8: But are we so perverted that we are altogether unable to do good and prone to do evil?

Answer: Yes, unless we are born again through the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit, the divine Wind that hovered over the waters of creation, the Breath of life that made of our first ancestors living beings, and the fiery Tempest that blew through the assembled believers on the first Pentecost gives hope to the fainting, power to the weak, dreams to the captives, and alone enables us, sinful people that we are, to do any good thing. This is ample reason to celebrate the gift of the Spirit to the church, as we do on Pentecost, and reason, more than that, to give thanks to God, Father, Son, *and* Spirit, for the redemption that we have been given as a free gift. Not by our own efforts, but through the grace of God, we are empowered to live lives in response to this grace, and so, in the fullness of time, share in the glory of Christ's victory, already won for us.



CLERK'S CORNER

The Session and Trustees met on Wednesday, May 19th.

The Presbyterian Women received approval to hold the Fall Bazaar on November 6th.

Stephanie Corneliussen was reinstated as an active member. The transfer of Jennifer, Shane, Olivia and Riley Clennon from Faith Lutheran Church was approved. Kevin and Cindy Odegaard have been transferred to the Lutheran Church of the Cross at their request.

Approval was given to hold a bridal shower for Gwen Sterup on Wednesday, June 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

A motion was approved to allow members to use the older tables and chairs for events if they return them promptly. Members wishing to use the *old* metal chairs and the *old* tables must have approval before taking out the tables and give dates of when they will be needed and when they will be returned. Contact the church office for approval.

The Quilters have made a quilt to be sent to Clearwater Forest Bible Camp to be used in one of the cabins. The pictorial directory material was sent in on the 19th to Olan Mills.

Jemma Marsolak will be the organist for the church for the summer months with the exception of two Sundays.

The Audit Committee was to meet on Saturday, May 22. There will be a Adult Sunday School Class this summer beginning on June 6th at 8:30 a.m. The books for the class are at the church.

Kari Jutila and a member of the Com-

mittee on Ministry will meet with the Session on October 20th to conduct their Tri-annual Visit.

A total of 105 persons were served Communion on May 2nd.

The Trustees reported that the new carpet will be installed May 24th through 28th. Also included in the project will be the conference room. As of this meeting there was \$8,763.58 in the carpet fund so we have a way to go. Let's all pitch in and put the fund over the top.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!



We applaud our high school graduates: Jenna Barentsen, Ryan Bastle, Kyle Kassman, Chris Larson, Elizabeth Meyer, Lindsey Moe, Keith Sebelius, and Austin Montgomery. Below is a brief description of their plans for the future.

Jenna, Kyle, Chris, Elizabeth, and Keith will enroll at North Dakota State University. Jenna will be focusing on vocal performance at NDSU's music program. Chris will enroll in the engineering program. Keith will pursue a construction management degree via a wrestling scholarship.

Lindsey will be attending Minnesota State University in Moorhead, majoring in mass communications. Austin will also be attending MSUM while playing on the Dragon's football team. Ryan will take courses at the University of Minnesota in Duluth, majoring in psychology.

We wish all of them well as they move on to new endeavors.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

In addition to weekly sermons, our church's website often features special music performances of previous worship services. Simply log onto <http://cpcwf.org/> and click on Music in one of the green boxes on the left for several choices from this year. You may hear some performances from previous years by clicking onto the Activities box. It's nice to listen to some old favorites or maybe some that you've missed.



While you're there, don't forget to check out other features of this site. More is added every week.



WEDDING SHOWER

Our church family is excited to host bridal showers for the two ladies in our congregation who are getting married in July. Please plan to attend these special events to support them in this new step in their lives and to express our love in Christ.

Bridal Shower for Melissa Gross will be on Sunday, June 6, in the fellowship hall from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. RSVP to Toni Stith (282-2715).

Bridal Shower for Gwen Sterup will be on Wednesday, June 9th, in the fellowship hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. RSVP to Marlys Martin (282-3740).

VIDEO ADDITIONS

Our video library is expanding again. Check out our newest additions as well as many old favorites

Disney's Fun and Fancy Free
 Frankenpooh—Winnie the Pooh
 The Many Adventures
 of Winnie the Pooh
 Snow White
 The Spirit of Mickey



JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 6-2 Craig Larson
- 6-3 Edwin Diede
Jeff Jaszkwiaik
- 6-4 Mike Gross
Kathy Moe
- 6-6 LeAnn Carlson
Melanie Hansen
- 6-7 Norma Henning
- 6-9 Mallory Hayes
- 6-10 Connie Bruse
- 6-11 Nicole Bruse
Kathy Colliton
Richard Osborne
- 6-12 Vicki Riedinger
- 6-13 Travis Bruse
May McLeod
Allen Meyer
- 6-18 Luella Friend
- 6-19 Evelyn Martin
Bill Montgomery
Toni Stith
- 6-23 Ashley Swart
- 6-26 Carol Duggan
- 6-28 LeRoy Horn
- 6-30 Dixon Moorhead

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6-3-78 – Mark and Billie Jo Hayes
- 6-4-88 – Tom and Cathy Birrenkott
- 6-6-48 – Henry and Hazel Yokom
- 6-7-97 – Scott and Melanie Hansen
- 6-8-96 – Terry and Carolyn Meester
- 6-11-83 – Marty and Debbie Matzke
- 6-11-94 – Lee and Lia Dobrinz
- 6-12-98 – Ray and Bev Christopherson
- 6-16-61 – Monte and Karen Anderson
- 6-20-36 – Everett and Goodie Paulsen
- 6-20-92 – Richard and Lisa Osborne
- 6-22-58 – James and Audrey Binger
- 6-27-81 – Thomas and Nancy Kassman
- 6-28-75 – John and Lorna Wilkinson

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR OUR KIDS?



We are already looking forward to next year and have made some exciting changes. These are the classes that we will be offering:

Preschool-ages 3-5-They will meet every Sunday in the nursery for some instruction and creative playtime. We are looking for one or two teachers to take on this class.

Elementary-grades K-5th- These classes will meet every Sunday using the rotation system that we have used in the past. They will study one topic for three weeks and then have a 'Game Sunday' that will include memorization, Bible work, and, of course, games! We will need three teachers every month to sign up for three weeks of teaching.

Intermediate-6th grade-This class will meet every Sunday with a more in-depth study of God's word. Music will still be a part of their curriculum, although not every week. We will need one or two teachers for this class.

Young Adult-grades 7th-12th- This class will meet every Sunday. They will study God's word as well as work on mission projects and teaching Sunday School. Bonnie Thompson will be their teacher.

We have formed a Christian Education Committee. The members include Boots Misheski, Toni Stith, Becky DeJong, Lisa Steffen, Gayle Thostenson, Debbie

Matzke, and our new Sunday School Superintendent, Melanie Hansen. We are working together to teach the word of God to our children.

Please look to your hearts, to the children, to the church and to God and help us fill these teaching positions for next year. Sign up sheets will be posted in the narthex. Please ask any Ch. Ed. member if you have questions.

Thank you,



BLANKETS TO PATH

On Tuesday evening the Cuddle Up Program donated 42 blankets to PATH. PATH provides foster care in our community with Cass County Social Services.

The representative from PATH was thrilled to receive our Cuddle Up Donation. Our Cuddle Up Program continues to make a difference in the lives of our area children.

Your support of Cuddle Ups is always welcome. Contributions may be made via the envelopes in the pews, marking "Cuddle Ups" under the *Other* category.

PW FALL BAZAAR



The Annual Fall Bazaar, Bake Sale, White Elephant Sale and Jewelry Sale will be held on November 6th. This is later than usual but there were conflicts on the other dates.

Please start your projects so they will be completed for the Bazaar. Also dig out any white elephants items and unused jewelry items for the sale. More details will be coming later this summer.

We do plan to have the Baked Potato Bar again (assuming Delores will get the potatoes again).