

COMMUNITY CALL

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SUMMER HOURS



It's time to set those alarm clocks a little earlier. With the end of school, summer hours for Community Presbyterian Church are now in full force. Summer worship will occur Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

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



Only two short weeks away and Serengeti Trek will be right here at CPC! 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 games and Bible activities as well as in shepherding groups. Volunteers can either help for one day or two or for the entire week.

If you aren't able to volunteer, take a look at our Wish List. Whether it's toilet paper rolls or yarn, there's much you can give to help.

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

Questions? Call Melanie Hansen at 478-1251.

PASTOR'S PEN

By the time you read this, I will be on vacation.

Ah, vacation. Such a pleasant word to hear, to speak, and most especially, to see on the calendar. It isn't that I don't like my work here, much the contrary. It's just that there's something almost...well...magical about that experience of getting away, of doing something different for a while. It's really the same impulse that leads so many people to the



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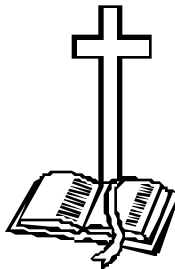
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lakes on summer weekends. There is within us a need to occasionally recharge the batteries, to cleanse the palate, to renew the spirit. Some people like to accomplish this renewal by resting on their getaways. Others tend to pursue more strenuous activity on vacation than they even dream of at home. Either way, the point is the same. We need, sometimes, to "get away from it all."

This need to get away is not, contrary to what some might think, a symptom of the unprecedented hustle and bustle of modern life. Instead, it goes back a very long way, so long that we might well suspect that it is an inherent part of the human condition. Jesus himself recognized this need. Once, in an instance reported in the Gospels, he sent his disciples out into the world, to travel, to preach, to cast out demons and to heal the sick. When they returned, having worked very, very hard, they heard their master say these words: "*Come away* to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." He who had set the disciples their grueling task also provided for them the respite they needed once it was accomplished. He did not pretend that their work was all done, or that everything was going to be easy, or fun, or joyful from that point on. He simply responded to their need by granting them the rest that would allow them to go on in the life to which he had called them.

Isn't that really what we are looking for, too, when we plan our vacations? We don't really expect to spend the rest of our lives on them, nor do we necessarily imagine that all of our work will be easier, or our burdens lighter, when we return. We just need that moment, be it a day or a week or longer, to *come away*.



In the childhood song that I, and likely many of you, learned about the 12 disciples, the final refrain runs like this:

"Jesus calls us, too, Jesus calls us too;
We are his disciples, I am one and you.

Jesus calls us, too, Jesus calls us too;

We are his disciples, we his work must do!"

Jesus has called us, like the disciples, to work, and work hard. In our jobs, in our family lives, in the life of the church, and in our own walk of faith. But, if we are his disciples, who "his work must do," then we are also the disciples to whom he says, "*Come away*." Jesus offers us the respites we need, whether in the workings of divine providence that allow us our "big" vacations, or in the briefer moments of calm and rest that come in prayer, in reading the Bible, or even in just pausing to enjoy a beautiful morning before the overloaded schedule of the day begins. If we listen, the call is there for us when we need it:

Come away.

COULD THIS BE YOU?



Are you talented musically? Do you enjoy working with children? Why not put the two together and give the gift of music to the children of our church?

We are looking for one or more individuals who will direct the preschool through fifth grade children in Sunday School music for the upcoming year. This is not a lifetime commitment. Direction of the Christmas program is optional.

Interested? Please contact Melanie Hansen at 478-1251.



MAY CLERK'S CORNER

The session and trustees met on Wednesday, May 18. The date for the June meeting was changed to June 23 due to schedules conflicts and VBS. The trustees reported that a new riding lawn mower was purchased for \$2,000 plus tax. Larry Peihl will repair part of the front side walk at a cost of about \$400. The trustees are in the process of working out the details to have the parking lot resealed.

Elders to serve communion on June 12 will be Lowell Wiese, Melissa Barenthsen, Anne Merrill, and Delores Horn.

A request from the PW to hold their Annual Bazaar, Bake Sale, Jewelry Sale and White Elephant Sale on October 29th was approved. Becky DeJong was given approval to use 3-4 tables for a garage sale on May 21. Delores Horn was given permission to solicit unused yarn to be sent to the James River Correctional Center. The inmates crochet or knit items for needy babies and children. Stephanie and Lee Comeliussen were given permission to use 30 chairs on May 29th for a graduation party.

A report from the Building Task Force was read; they will present a more detailed outline for the financial campaign at the June meeting. The Personnel Committee was given permission to advertise in the Fargo Forum for a part time youth director. The committee is also asking if anyone in the congregation is interested in the position.

Dave Ruhnke asked that a report be put in the newsletter about the results of mission projects.

The Worship Committee reported that Charles House will fill the pulpit on May 29 and Dixon Moorhead on June 5 when Pastor Stith is out of town.

The Christian Education Committee was

given permission to erect a banner on the church lawn advertising VBS. It will be made of white vinyl and will be 3 ft. by either 12 to 20 ft. The committee also stated that they plan to offer up-to-date books for the congregation to check out to read. The first books will be by Karen Kingsbury. If anyone has Christian books that they feel the members would like to read, they are encouraged to contact Boots Misheski.

A letter of thanks will be sent to Kevin Galt for the new sound system.

Pastor Stith reported that further information on the presbytery-wide retreat over Labor Day weekend at Clearwater Forest Camp will be available soon. He also stated that an auction will be held at the presbytery meeting in Bottineau in October with the proceeds to go to bringing members of our sister presbytery, the Chogoria Presbytery in Kenya, to the area. Items to be auctioned off will be gladly received. They should be new items and can be most anything from livestock to quilts (our quilters have donated a quilt) to whatever you have. Contact Matt or Dave Ruhnke about this.

The Clerk reported that 95 persons were served Communion on May 1st.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session

TEACHER NEEDED

The Christian Education Committee is looking for an enthusiastic, young-at-heart individual ready for adventure. This person would be responsible for teaching our high school Sunday School for the upcoming year.

Interested? Please contact Becky DeJong, Melanie Hansen, Debbie Matzke, Boots Misheski, Lisa Steffen, Toni Stith, or Gayle Thostenson.





SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, May 15, 2005 following the worship service, a special congregational meeting was held to consider the request of the session to approve mortgaging church property to finance a building project (Project Open Door).

The meeting was opened with prayer and the clerk verified that a quorum of members were present as required by the Book of Order to conduct a congregational meeting.

Pastor Stith explained to the congregation that the session had voted to request approval from the congregation to mortgage church property to finance building plans to provide accessibility for physically handicapped persons and to provide additional space for various church activities. Ballots were distributed to the congregation.

Andrew Thostenson made a motion to the membership of Community Presbyterian Church to authorize the session to mortgage church property to finance Project Open Door. The motion was seconded.

Pastor Stith asked for discussion of the motion. Various persons spoke in favor of the motion and indicated their reasoning for their decision. Several letters in favor of the motion from members unable to attend were read by the clerk. At this time a motion to close the discussion of the previous motion was made and discussion was closed on a unanimous decision.

At this time Moderator Stith requested that members mark their ballots, fold them, and pass them to the inner aisle,

so that they could be collected and brought to the clerk. The clerk, Greg Sterup, and Scott Meyer went to the conference room to tabulate the votes. The motion passed on an 80 to 18 vote.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Moderator Stith.

Delores Horn, Clerk of Session



BOOK REPORT

For all of you who enjoy a good book, I suggest you read the REDEMPTION SERIES by Karen Kingsbury with Gary Smalley. This is series of 5 books about the Baxter family, John and Elizabeth and their adult 5 children, Brooke, Kari, Ashley, Erin, and Luke. As I read these books, I truly wondered how so many bad things could happen to one family. It was very difficult to remember that this only a fictional family, and I found myself wanting to pray for them each day. Through all of their trials and tribulations, John and Elizabeth never lost their faith in God and never stopped praying. God always answered their prayers, although not always the way one would want.

The series of books will be place in the narthex and will be available for anyone in the congregation to read. Don't count on getting anything done around the house if you do start reading these books!

If anyone has some special books that you would like to share with the church members or donate to the church library, please contact the Christian Education Committee, Marlys Martin, or myself.

Boots Misheski



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

What a wonderful year we have had in Sunday school. We studied about prophesy: Isaiah, 23rd Psalm, Handel's Messiah, Jesus' baptism, Jesus washes the disciples feet, appearances of the Holy Spirit, and the Prince of Peace. The kids enjoyed having over 30 different teachers throughout the year! God is working through our Sunday School program to bring so many people together.

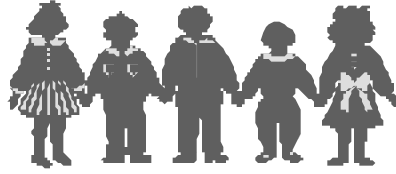
We are already looking forward to next year and have made some exciting changes. These are the classes that we will be offering:

Preschool - ages 3-5 – This class will meet every Sunday for Bible stories, crafts, 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. They will study one unit, which includes four lessons for four 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 four weeks of teaching.

Junior high - 6th-8th 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.

Senior High - grades 9th-12th - This class will meet every Sunday. They will study God's word as well as work on mission projects and teaching Sunday school. We will need



one or two teachers for this class.

The members of the Christian Education Committee include Boots Misheski, Becky DeJong, Lisa Steffen, Gayle Thostenson, Debbie Matzke, and 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. We also need to fill the position of music leader for next year. Sign up sheets will be posted in the narthex. Please ask any Christian Education Committee member if you have questions.

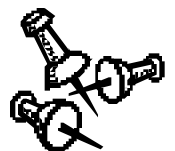
Thank you,
The Christian Education Committee

SHUT-INS



Have you visited a shut-in lately? They are so appreciative of visits by church members that you come away from the visit feeling that it has done you more good than it did the shut-in. You don't have to know the shut-ins well, just contact the church office for a list of them and make a visit. Even a visit of 15 to 30 minutes helps to brighten their day (and yours). A small gift of home baked goods usually results in an invitation to have coffee or something cold to drink.

CHURCH INFORMATION BOARD



If you have something that should be shown on the church information board (nursing home residents, college students, etc.), please leave the information in the secretary's office or give it to Delores Horn or Pastor Matt. They will see that it gets posted.



SUMMER CONGREGATION CARE IS STILL AVAILABLE!

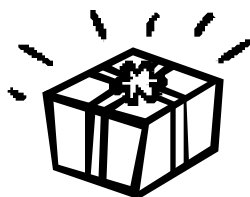
Summer means people are on the go but our caring church family is still ready to help whenever needed! From a simple prayer to a meal or more to helping someone clean or move - wherever you may see or hear of a need - or need help yourself - please don't hesitate to call Lee (701-281-3052) or e-mail (lidobrinz@msn.com) or Vicki (701-356-0458 - peihls@juno.com) for care or Carol (701-293-6603) for the prayer chain.

As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.

Matthew 25:40

A BLESSING WAITS FOR YOU!

Are you young-at-heart, wishing you could find an excuse to play like a teenager again? Well, your chance has arrived today! We need you to join in leading our church youth.



Our church has been so very blessed with a vibrant, growing ministry that we are expanding. Starting this fall, we will need to split into two groups in order to accommodate our middle and high school kids.

Our young adults are so eager to come together in God's house on Sunday evenings. Why not join Becky DeJong and Lisa Steffen in nurturing them in their walk with Christ?

For pictures and descriptions of the fun they've had this year, go to cpcwf.org. Click on the 'Youth Activities' bar on the left and then on the Soul Train logo.

Ready to sign up? Contact Gayle, Toni, Lisa, Boots, Debbie, Melanie, or Becky.

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

- 6-1 Ella Steele
- 6-2 Craig Larson
- 6-3 Jeff Jaszkwiaak
Edwin Diede
Zachory Steele
- 6-4 Mike Gross
- 6-5 Doug Sharbono
- 6-6 Leann Carlson
Melanie Hansen
Taylor Saari
- 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
- 6-8-72 - Bruce and Karen Steele
- 6-11-83 – Marty and Debbie Matzke
- 6-11-94 – Lee and Lia Dobrinz
- 6-12-98 – Ray and Bev Christopherson
- 6-19-?? - Chad and Tammy Nelson
- 6-20-36 – Everett and Goodie Paulsen
- 6-20-87 - Don and Shelly Van Cleve
- 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



JUNE MISSION

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.

Matt 25: 35a,b

The Emergency Food Pantry has been providing food for hungry families for over 3 decades and over half of those served by the pantry are children. They provide a week's worth of nutritional food to families in need. This includes bread, fresh meat, eggs, butter, and a wide variety of non-perishables.

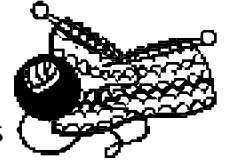
How can our church help? By providing any of the following listed non-perishable items. These are the most needed items: cereal, peanut butter, jello, macaroni and cheese, toilet paper, and bath soap. They will take almost any non-perishable food item; however, they are well-stocked with cans of fruit at this time.

They also need volunteers to work at the Emergency Food Pantry located at 1438 10th St. N. in Fargo. Volunteers can help sort food or perform special tasks such as office work or maintenance. Call 237-9337 to see how and when you can volunteer your time!

NORWEGIAN MEN'S CHOIR AT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Norwegian Men's Choir will appear in concert on Thursday, June 23, 2005, at Olivet Lutheran Church, 1330 South University Drive, Fargo at 7:30 p.m. The Mannskoret Klang, from Lillehammer, Norway, is celebrating their 100th anniversary with this tour. From June 11 to 25, they will have concerts from Chicago to Fargo as part of a cultural exchange between Norway and the United States. A free-will offering will be taken at the door.

CROCHET OR KNITTING YARN



If you have yarn that is not being used, such as small amounts of any one color or type, would you consider donating them to a project at the James River Correctional Center? The inmates have been crocheting and knitting items of clothing for newborns (hats), orphanages, both in the U.S. and abroad, and other needy children.

They also are in need of crochet hooks and knitting needles.

If you can help with this project please bring the yarn to the church and Delores Horn will see that it gets to the center. If you are unable to bring it to the church just call Delores (282-4501) and she will pick it up.



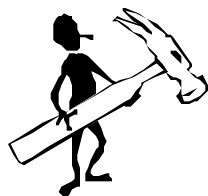
PER CAPITA

It is not too late to pay your per capita assessment. The more money that is paid specifically for this assessment, the less has to come out of the general fund.

Let's get this paid so that we can use the general fund for other expenses of the church.

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIANS!

You are wonderful! In March, \$1072 was donated to One Great Hour of Sharing. In April, over \$500 worth of supplies was collected for the YWCA - with special thanks to the junior and senior high Sunday school class for their donation of time to buy at least one of everything on the list! Keep up the great mission giving!



BUILDING TASK FORCE UPDATE

Project Open Door is moving forward with positive and enthusiastic votes from both the Session and the membership.

Now that all the preliminarily approvals have been granted, it is time to really get down to business.

By the time you read this update, you should have received a fundraising appeal in your first class mail. Please look this over carefully and prayerfully consider your response. We hope to hear back from folks by June 26, 2005.

If you have not received this mailing, you can go to our web page and download the information. Spare copies are also available in the narthex, or you can give us a call, and we will make sure to get you one.

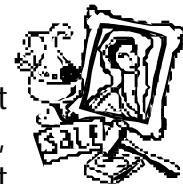
The next several months, the Building Task Force will be busy conducting follow-up calling regarding your financial support, construction planning meetings, lining up financing, and putting together a more detailed package for the session to approve (probably in late August).

If we continue on as we have, we hope to have contracts signed in the fall and construction to begin in the spring of 2006.

Pray for all the people who are working so hard to see this through. Much toil is ahead, but with your uplifting prayers and the hand of God, we will not tire or become discouraged.



FUTURE BAZAAR



The fall bazaar will be held at the church on October 29, 2005. Be thinking about this event over the summer months. Any new ideas would be welcome. Contact people are Delores Horn or Marlys Martin.



CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!

We applaud our high school graduates: Joshua Corneliusen, Nathan Potter, and Paula Sebelius. Below is a brief description of their plans for the future.

Nathan, one of our church's most recent new members, plans to attend the University of North Dakota. Josh plans to attend Minnesota State Community and Technical College in order to prepare for a law enforcement career. Paula plans to attend Minnesota State University at Moorhead with a degree in business management.

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

POTS AND PANS

Are you missing some baking pans, plates or other kitchen items? The kitchen at the church has many items that have been left after potlucks and other events. We would appreciate it if you would look them over to see if any of them belong to you.



If they are not claimed they will be put on the White Elephant sale at the Bazaar this fall.