

COMMUNITY CALL

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Time Change

Worship With Us

Beginning on September 8th, don't forget to join us for worship at 10 o'clock a.m. Sunday School for all ages will precede the service at 9 o'clock a.m.

We Want
YOU
for Sunday School



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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANS

Join the adult Sunday School class in the pastor's study at 9 a.m. Sunday for a short study on who Jesus is. Focus will be on Jesus as a man, teacher, servant, physician, shepherd, and king. Interspersed through the study will be occasional guest speakers from other religions.

CARPET PROJECT

Take a new look at the downstairs classrooms and fellowship hall this fall. Thanks to some hard working folks and the donations of many, the carpet project is nearly complete.

Both Jim Martens and Jim Bjorklund were responsible for organizing workers to get the project done. Thanks goes out to crews who for two evenings not only tore out the old carpet, but also scraped off the old padding.



Still left to be done is carpeting of the preschool stairs and the storeroom by the kitchen.

Thanks to the painters, decorators, and carpet dismantlers for a job well done.

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER**BIRTHDAYS**

- 9-1 Andrea Corneliussen
 9-4 Ryan Bastle
 9-9 Edith Peterson
 John Wilkinson
 9-11 Jenna Barenthsen
 9-12 Gordy Pederson
 9-13 Ann Chale
 9-15 Danielle Swart
 9-16 Dale Matzke
 Vicky Whitcomb
 9-17 Lee Dobrinz
 Cheryl Saari
 Ed Sheeley
 9-18 Paula Wilkinson
 9-19 Debbie Matzke
 9-21 Everett Paulsen
 9-23 Uneva Dobrinz
 Jason Saari
 9-24 Verdie Roberts
 9-25 Joan Hall
 Louise Johnson
 Ted Martin
 Jerad Wilkinson
 9-26 Kenneth Willis
 9-27 Billie Jo Hayes

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 9-3-49 – Roy and Louise Johnson
 9-7-63 – Delbert and Donna Jenner
 9-10-60 – Jim and Marlys Martin
 9-13-97 – Paul and Kristine Barta
 9-18-54 – Dale and Gail Matzke
 9-22-79 – Bob and Deb Olson
 9-25-93 – Brent and Carolyn Talley
 9-29-79 – Veril and Dawn Larson

INTRODUCING THE **CPC REQUEST LINE**

Coming soon to Community Presbyterian Church will be a request line for your favorite hymn. These songs need not be found in the pew hymn books, but may be incorporated in future worship services.

Jot your requests down on the special form found in the pew rack. Drop it in the offering plate.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

8-20-02

Present were Lisa Osborne, Cheryl Montgomery, Bonnie Thompson, and Susan Gross.

Agenda

- Music director
- Music
- Worship

Music Director

A description of the music director position has been completed. The search will continue. The congregation will be alerted when the position is filled.

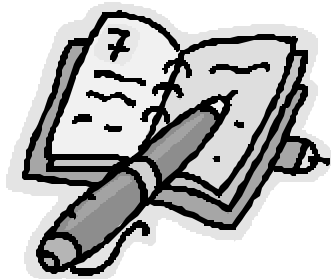
Music

Musical groups have been contacted. Scheduling will take place for occasional worship services.

Worship

A copy of scheduled liturgists will be provided to the session and published in the newsletter.

The next meeting will be September 10th at 6:30.



AUGUST SESSION NOTES

The Session met on August 21 at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Rick Raum from the Committee on

Ministry was the Moderator.

The Session agreed to change its meeting night to the 3rd Thursday of the month to accommodate the schedule of Kari Jutila, Casselton who has been assigned to be Moderator while we are without a pastor.

The Worship Committee was given permission to hire a Music Director. They indicated that they have found someone who will be an asset to our church. An announcement will be made when and if she accepts the position.

David Ruhnke will be responsible until Sept. 19 for seeing that the church is open for Sunday activities .

Bonnie Thompson will coordinate the Communion visits to shut ins and persons in the nursing home. If you know of someone who is unable to attend church and who would like Communion brought to them, please let Bonnie know.

A request from Debbie Matzke for approval for the Younger Youth Group to have a float in the West Fest Parade was approved.

A thank you letter will be sent to Carol Sterup for all the work she has done on redecorating the Sunday School rooms.

Pulpit supply has been obtained through

the month of September and plans are to keep doing this a month ahead until other decisions are made.

The Session agreed to make periodic reports to the Congregation regarding the efforts to recruit a new pastor.

Andrew Thostenson was elected to represent Community Presbyterian Church at the Presbytery meetings until we have a new pastor.

The Session will hold a Special Meeting on September 5th at 7:00 pm to begin the process of securing nominations for the Pastor Nominating Committee. The Session must wait for approval from the Committee on Ministry before it can go ahead with this process. *(Editor's note: the day after this meeting, the Presbytery approved the formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee.)*

Delores Horn, Clerk

DO YOU HAVE 2 HOURS A WEEK?

Would you like to help out your church? Because our secretary works only on Wednesdays and Thursdays, the church is closed the other three days of the week. It would be nice to have it open for a couple of hours Monday through Friday. If you could sign up for two hours a day each week for a month, it would be greatly appreciated. You would only need to answer the telephone and be there to direct those who come for help to the correct person such as one of the elders or the Clerk of Session.

If you would like more information please call Delores Horn, 282-4501.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH

Confirmation classes for the 2002-2003 school year will begin on September 18th at 6:30 pm. The class is available to young people who are starting their ninth grade year in school and who are seeking full membership in the church. The class will meet for about one hour on most Wednesdays throughout the school year.

The lessons will focus on conveying the essential doctrines of the church and are designed as preparation for profession of faith which will be held in May of 2003. Confirmants will be expected to prepare for each class by reading Bible text and by reviewing questions from the Westminster Catechism. Besides formal lessons, the class will serve on selected Salvation Army Saturday's, participate in the Ash Wednesday service, partake in the Maundy Thursday dinner, and celebrate Easter Sunday. Other activities will include visits from missionaries, watching selected video presentations, and of course, an interview with the Session prior to making profession of faith.

If parents or prospective confirmants have any questions prior to September 18, call Andrew Thostenson at 492-0630 or e-mail him at athosten@ndsnext.nodak.edu.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH COORDINATOR FOUND

Judy McLeod will be our new children's church coordinator. She will be responsible for directing and scheduling teachers for the children's church program for children aged three through first grade.



WEST FEST PARADE

The youth group is having a float in the West Fest parade on Saturday, September 21st. We are going to have a "clown theme" for our float and have the kids dress up like clowns. If anyone is willing to help decorate or make signs for the float please contact Debbie Matzke at 282-9463.

For the youth float, we would like donations of wrapped candy for the kids to throw. There will be a box in the church lobby for candy donations. Also, we will need a few adults to ride on the float and walk beside it. Any kids who would like to be on the float, please sign up on the sheet in the lobby. Thanks.

Other CPC groups will be planning West Fest activities. For news about a church parking lot fund raiser, stay tuned.

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

9-1	Susan McIntyre
9-8	Bonnie Thompson
9-15	Becky DeJong
9-22	Delores Horn
9-29	Emma DeJong



THE SEARCH FOR A NEW MINISTER

In the August Community Call, we laid out the general outline our church will follow to secure a new minister. Since

then, progress has been made, and it's time to share the details.

In the Session Notes for August, you will see that a special meeting was scheduled for September 5th at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of selecting nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). This decision was contingent upon approval from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to actually allow us to form a PNC. That approval occurred the day after Session met. That authorization was a very important hurdle to clear. It means that the way is now clear for us to formally begin to find a new minister.

Just what is all this talk about approval requirements and the formation of a PNC? The Presbyterian Book of Order calls for the following:

Book of Order G-14.0502

When a church is without a pastor, or after the effective date of the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, the congregation shall, with the guidance and permission of the Committee on Ministry, G-11, 0502d, proceed to elect a pastor in the following manner. The session shall call a congregational meeting to elect a nominating committee, which shall be

representative of the whole congregation. The committee's duty shall be to nominate a minister to the congregation for election as pastor. Public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting shall be given at least ten days in advance, which shall include two successive Sundays.

So, now that we have permission from the Committee on Ministry, it is time to determine the size of the PNC, consider names for the PNC, and fix a date for a congregational meeting to approve the PNC. That is what will happen on the 5th of September. In the meantime, it is appropriate and useful for any member or friend of the church to communicate suggestions or ideas on just who should be selected to serve on the PNC to members of the Session.

Just what does a PNC do, and who should serve on a PNC? According to the denominational handbook, the PNC is described as follows:

Election to a PNC Is a Sacred Trust

The members of the congregation must give careful and prayerful attention to the election of persons to serve in this important role. Those who are asked to serve should consider this to be a significant commitment of their time, energy, and very best wisdom. They should be persons who understand and accept this as a task of spiritual discernment, not being easily influenced by personal desires or congregational politics, but rather listening

for the voice of God. They also should be persons of integrity who respect confidentiality.

Persons and groups who are called are not always eager to serve. Often they feel inadequate, apprehensive, and reluctant. They often go through times of wrestling before responding affirmatively. An experience of peace and confidence about the call comes in the confirmation of other persons and in looking back after some time has passed. The experience of being called is a powerful and awesome experience.

The experience of being a member of a calling committee is also a powerful and awesome experience that often strengthens faith and changes lives.

In the Presbyterian call system, the congregation gives authority to the PNC. Once the PNC is elected, the other members of the congregation and the session have no role in determining who will be the next pastor until the PNC is ready to recommend someone to the congregation for a vote. Any Presbyterian may have names to suggest to the PNC, but the work of the PNC must be protected from pressure and intrusion. Names under consideration are not shared outside of the committee. This is both to protect the persons being consid-



ered and to protect the integrity of the discernment process.

At the conclusion of the Session's special meeting on the 5th, a date for the congregational meeting will be fixed and a tentative slate of nominees will be developed. The Session will then contact the nominees and ask if they will serve on the PNC. If they are willing, their names will be forwarded on to the congregation for church-wide approval.

The church meeting will be called and notice given to act on PNC nominees on either the 22nd or the 29th of September. At the time of this writing, those dates are very tentative as the Session ultimately will fix the date based on how successful they are in finding suitable candidates to serve on the PNC.

In summary, everything is moving ahead according to the timetable listed in the August newsletter. A PNC should be approved before the month of September is out, they will begin work in October, and hopefully they will be soliciting candidates before the end of the year.

Let's keep looking to God for direction and wisdom as we search out a new minister. Especially: pray for the Session that they make wise decisions in who they call to serve; pray for those who are called that they be clearly persuaded; pray for our congregation as we elect those who are willing to serve, and pray for the newly elected PNC as they undertake the work of finding a new minister.



SEPTEMBER 2002



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 9:30 am	2 <i>LABOR DAY</i>	3	4	5 Session 7 pm	6	7
8 <i>Begin Fall schedule</i> Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	16	17	18 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm	19 Session and Trustees 7 pm	20	21 <i>WEST FEST</i>
22 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	23	24	25 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	30					

****Head usher for September: Dwight Steffen; October: Larry Peihl; November: LeRoy Bowman**