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# *Newsletter of Community Presbyterian Church, Lac du Flambeau, WI*

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*Our Mission Statement: As people of God and servants of our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe our Mission to be the building of a strong fellowship, ministering to the Spiritual and physical needs of the church, the community, and the world fulfilling our Lord's command to "Love our neighbors."*

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## **STRATEGY INSPIRED BY HOPE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT**

You may have heard the classic line, "Hope is not a Strategy." With that in mind, your church session met Jan. 19 to begin developing a strategy for our congregation to "Survive And Thrive."

Also knowing that a strategy conceived without hope as an inspiration is lifeless and potentially doomed, the group was indeed fueled by hope for the future and focused on your church's Mission to Love Our Neighbors.

You may have seen the white expo boards in the fellowship hall leading into the church sanctuary. Those are the notes we took as we brainstormed goals for the church for the coming year and beyond. They turned out to be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time bound.

Our strategy building path started from within, then looked outward. We examined attainable objectives to goals at church services, fellowship events, etc., then looked for ways to take that "spirit" and use it to Love Our Neighbors and collaborating with neighboring congregations, organizations and individuals.

## **WITHIN THE CHURCH**

This portion of the strategy begins with reinforcing the fact we are open for worship, welcoming and reconnecting with people who have left this congregation over the past several years and/or have not been able to attend due to COVID.

Calls are being made being to connect with folks and update Membership/Friends lists.

Re-establishing fellowship events which are social outlets and revitalize members, friends, and neighbors will get increased attention in the coming year.

Your involvement in church services is encouraged. During the past two years with COVID and more recently after the passing of our dear Pastor Anderson, we have had to limit the number of folks participating in conducting our services. The time has come to reinvigorate our participation - so you will see signup sheets for ushers, coffee hour set up, greeters, and communion set up.

When visitors come through our church doors, we want to have people enthusiastically and warmly greet them and help them feel welcome and at home. Encouraging folks to sign our visitor book, including their addresses, will enable us to follow up with a card. We are looking into the potential of providing visitors with a "Peace Candle" as a symbol of our love for them as our "neighbors."

## **OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Speaking of candles, we don't want to hide ours under a bushel, no! We are going to let it shine!

An effort is under way to make our church services available on Zoom/YouTube – not to replace the in-person experience, but rather to make the services available to those of you who are away from the Northwoods for the winter, or have moved to warmer climes, or closer to family, but still want to stay in touch with LdF CPC. A recorded service also enables those who have been unable to attend *temporarily*, for myriad reasons, to tune in and worship.

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**Session notes  
from January 11,  
2022**

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Session Meeting January 11, 2022

Present: Chips Paulson, moderator, Bill Raduege, Steve Schunk, Ralph Kerler, Tom Gelwicks, Owen Karlmann, Jill Consie, Mary Jane Stevens, Excused: Glenn Morrison, Kathy LaBarge

After determining a quorum, the meeting was call to order at 1:00 with a prayer.

Minutes from December 19 Annual Meeting was approved. Motion made by Ralph and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill

**Review and act on minutes of previous Session Meeting** – motion made by Steve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ralph - approved

**Clerk's Report:** Motion to acknowledge leave due to illness – Ralph 1<sup>st</sup> with Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved

**Pastor's Report:** responding to an application of Elizabeth Lewis. Needs additional information.

**Treasurer's Report:** refer to the Annual Congregational Report for information. Everything is stable. Motion by Jill and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom

**Missions:** no report – refer to Annual. Kim is chairperson for Missions committee

**Building and Grounds:** Manse is ready for occupancy. Paid for all tree work done last year. Stump removal will be done this year at a later date. Tom will continue to be on B & G is necessary.

**Budget and finance:** covered in the treasurer's report – Glenn is "secretary".

**Stewardship:** Steve spoke regarding Glenn's position. Steve will continue to work with Glenn and Owen on stewardship.

**Worship and Music:** future plans

**Education:** no report – Mary Jane was asked for Bible Study and accepted

**Personnel:** Search Committee

**Old Business:** Wisconsin Council of Churches advised no coffee hour. We decided we need coffee hour for fellowship purposes, etc.

**New Business:** going back to Zoom discussed/for Jack distancing.

Decided to continue coffee hour. Get sign-up forms together to put out for ushers, coffee hour, etc.

**Sharing of Congregational Concerns:** decided to not cancel coffee hour.

**Nominating committee is:** Pam Fraboni, chairperson, Betty Adams, Jo Mayeau, and Grant Birmingham

We will have a "strategy meeting" for the coming year on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 from 10:00 AM through 1:30 PM and need to bring our own lunches.

Next regularly scheduled meeting of the Session will be on February 14<sup>th</sup> with Manitowish Waters at 1:00 PM.

With no further business to come before the Session the meeting adjourned at 2: 20 with a closing prayer by Chips Paulson.

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**Scripture readings** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**February, 2022**

Isa. 6: 1-8 (9-13) and Ps. 138; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Jer. 17: 5-10 and Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

Gen. 45: 3-11,15; and Ps. 37:1-11,39-40; 1 Cor. 15: 35-38, 42-50; Luke 6: 27-38

**Transfiguration of the Lord**

Ex. 34: 29-35 and Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3: 12 - 4:2; Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43a)

**Special Dates**

African American History Month

Valentine's Day February 14, 2022

Presidents Day February 21, 2022

Transfiguration of the Lord February 27, 2022

**February Birthdays**

Erv Teichmiller February 7

Liz Clark February 15

Rick Kamerad February 17

Sue Robertson February 19

Carol Schmitz February 23

**Anniversaries**

John and Claudia Tegtmeier February 13

Dave and Marie Peterman February 13

**Missions Committee****All you need is LOVE!**

As promised, our Christmas "**Giving Tree**" has been transformed into a "**Love Your Neighbor Tree**" complete with pink, red and purple hearts-just in time for Valentine's Day!

We're again collecting canned/boxed food for donation to our cherished neighbors in need, via the **Boulder Junction Food Pantry** (December's collection was donated to the Lakeland Food Pantry).

Thanks for your generosity and SHOWING THE LOVE as Jesus calls us to do!

**Valentines Against Isolation**

In addition to gathering to write cards to our CPC snowbird friends on Monday, February 7 at 10:30 AM; we'll send valentine greetings to senior members of our community who are living in local assisted living residences AND who who may be feeling just a bit lonely or isolated during this latest viral wave.

## **Caritas**

Asking for our prayers, volunteer time and financial support to continue its work serving our neighbors, Caritas Chairman Dick Bruesehoff visited Community Presbyterian Church (CPC) to share Caritas' mission.

In recognition of the important service **Caritas** provides, CPC presented Mr. Bruesehoff a Missions check for \$2,000.00.

Due to limited time and a lengthy annual meeting agenda that day, Mr. Bruesehoff did not share many examples of how **Caritas** cares for clients. Please read the attached **Caritas Impact Statement** to learn some of the ways **Caritas** supported our community July through December of 2021:

### **Caritas Impact Statement. July - December 2021**

As many individuals, families, and organizations have had to do during the pandemic, Caritas also has adapted, changed, and been flexible. Thanks to an amazing group of volunteers and dedicated donors, Caritas has been able to continue to support our community in many ways during the second half of 2021. We have continued to operate on site with a limited number of volunteers, but also assist clients by phone as needed.

Housing was a big need in the second half of 2021. We assisted 15 clients with rent and paid for hotel rooms for several individuals facing temporary homelessness.

Transportation remained an issue. 11 clients were assisted with car repairs, and three car payments were made. Vehicle plates or registration was paid for four individuals, and two clients got needed oil changes. A car insurance payment was made for one client.

Help with utilities continues to be a big need. Ten clients received help paying electric bills. We also assisted several clients to establish payment plans, making catching up easier. Propane tanks were filled for two clients. One client asked us to help her pay for a long overdue furnace check, and two additional clients needed help paying water and sewer bills. One garbage bill was paid, as well as a new holding tank pump, and water pump repair.

Groceries, Save More gift cards, and personal products were provided to several clients, and referrals were made to the food pantry. Household items, furniture and a refrigerator were provided to three families, thanks in part to a new collaborative agreement with Restore in Rhinelander. A similar agreement is in the works for the thrift shop in Saint Germain.

Clothes were needed by several families and the St. Matthias Thrift Shop was there for some. One family who needed winter wear for four children was provided with these items from Walmart. Christmas presents for kids were a source of concern for four families, and Caritas stepped in to help. One medical bill was paid.

School helpers - nurses and counselors - are often in the position to see unmet needs in school-age children, and often provide help with their own money. This year Caritas provided gift cards to school helpers at the three area elementary schools and Lakeland Union High School. These gifts were met with so much joy and gratitude. In addition to financial aid, many clients were also referred to other area agencies, and we are grateful for their support. Some clients, more than anything, needed to be heard - to tell their story to someone who would listen and offer kindness and caring. So at the end of another successful and gratifying year, we once again express our sincere thanks to our wonderful volunteers, generous donors, and amazing sister organizations. It is truly a gift to be able to do this work.

Thankfully,  
Caritas managers

To the Presbyterian Women in LdF:

Manitowish Community Presbyterian Church Women's Fellowship is extending an invitation to join us for our Bible Study. If you are interested, we meet September -May, first Thursday of the month, at 9:30 A.M. at our church. We are studying the PW Horizon "What Our Grandmothers Taught Us". We also meet the third Thursday, 9:30 A.M. for working on Missions projects.

If you aren't meeting, please feel free to join us. We have extra books and are happy to have you.

Sincerely,

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The ATTIC Resale Shop has been a tremendous means for members and friends of LdF CPC to stay involved and love our neighbors. People have continued to donate items, organize goods for sale, staff the shop during business hours and connect with our neighbors. Pam Fraboni and crew got the ATTIC reopened this past year and with generous donations from the Anderson family and folks throughout the area, significant funds were provided to our Missions effort. Income (100 percent) from the ATTIC was turned back around to helping neighbors through a variety of organizations. (see Jan. Newsletter). This part of our church strategy must continue.

What else can we do to love our neighbors? Our 2022 strategy will include looking at ways to develop more ties to our LdF tribal community. Here are some of the ways: offer use of the church building, develop a youth connection (i.e. homework club), alcohol and drug use support, and Deacons fund help and outreach. The session will be working with members of the congregation and tribal leaders to see what we can do as a neighbor by meeting expressed needs.

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## COLLABORATION

As we continue our search for a new spiritual leader after the passing of Pastor Anderson, the opportunity exists to explore a cooperative interim and possibly long-term ministry with the Manitowish Waters Community Church. With that in mind (and a joint session meeting with a Northern Waters Presbytery representative scheduled for Feb. 1) our '22 strategy includes ideas as to how we can collaborate:

- Technology for Zoom and YouTube
- Growth ideas
- Church services (Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, etc.)
- Community Service ideas
- Fleazaar and ATTIC partnership including promotion and donations
- Education (adult and youth)
- Financial (pastoral housing in manse, personnel cost sharing

tuned to church announcements and future newsletters as your session and Pastoral Nominating Committee will keep you up to date on developments AND look at the Manitowish Waters Community Church website to get a feel for our neighbors to the North at <https://www.mwcpc.org>.

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**Blessings,**

### Your LdF CPC Session

Dr. Bill Raduege – Lay Session Moderator, Finance/Budget and Personnel

Jillann Consie – Worship/Music and Nominating Committee

Tom Gelwicks – Building and Grounds

Owen Karlman – Stewardship

Ralph Kerler--Missions

Glenn Morrison – Finance

Kathy LaBarge – Clerk of Session

Mary Jane Stevens – Worship/Music and Education

Interested in learning more about our Ojibwe neighbors' history and culture?

FE University (UW Extension-Iron County) is offering a Zoom course titled "The Ojibwe in Wisconsin":

Historic Events & Historic Places" on four Thursdays from 10:00am – noon starting February 24. Cost \$20.00.

Use the link below to register for class.

<https://feuniversity.org>