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Newsletter of Community Presbyterian Church, Lac du Flambeau, WI

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PASTOR

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."

TO: All the good and faithful congregants of the Community Presbyterian Church

The following is from "The NewsletterNewsletter" for July 2021:

The flavor of the Gospel

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?" (Matthew 5:13, NLT). These words from Jesus might seem strange to us – *can* salt lose its flavor? But in New Testament times, most of the salt used as seasoning, preservative, medicinal aid and more came from the Dead Sea, where impurities often compromised its usefulness, especially its flavor.

Jesus urges His disciples – including us – to not let the flavor of the gospel be suppressed in our lives. What might do this? Teachings that treat patriotism, prosperity or any other value as equal to Jesus; the tendency to elevate one nation, church denomination, theological understanding or religious tradition above all others; such intense focus on the laws of ancient Israel that we neglect the superseding grace of God. But neither should we force the gospel on people, like overpowering their food by dumping in too much salt at once.

As followers of Jesus, we're the salt of the earth. Let us use His good news to *gently* season others' lives with service and love.

*Special dates for
July, 2021*

Canada Day	July 1, 2021
U.S. Independence Day.	July 4, 2021

***JULY BIRTHDAYS
AND
ANNIVERSARIES***

BIRTHDAYS

Ralph Kerler	July 11, 2021
Richard Day	July 16, 2021
Sam Shugar	July 18, 2021
Mary Jane Hettinga	July 20, 2021
Mary Jane Stevens	July 23, 2021
Richard Rosenthal	July 25, 2021
Delma Erikson	July 28, 2021
Judy Grah	July 28, 2021

ANNIVERSARIES

John and Edi Spellmeyer	July 12, 2021
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*Scripture readings for
the month of July, 2021*

JULY 4, 2021

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: 2 Sam.5:1-5, 5-10 and Psalm 48;
Complementary: Ezek. 2: 1-5 and Psalm 123; 2 Cor. 12:2-10;
 Mark 6: 1 -13

JULY 11, 2021

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: 2 Sam.6: 1-5,12b - 19and Psalm 24;
Complementary: Amos 7:7-15 and Psalm 85: 8-13;
 Ephesians 1: 3 -14; Mark 6: 14-29

JULY 18, 2021

8th Sunday after Pentecost

*Semicontinuous:*2 Sam.7: 1-14a and Psalm 89: 20-37;
Complementary: Jer. 23: 1-6 and Ps. 23; Eph. 2:11-22; Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

JULY 25, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: 2 Sam. 11: 1-15; and Ps. 14;
Complementary: 2 Kings 4:42-44 and Ps.145:10-18; Eph.3: 14-21;
 John 6: 1-21

These readings are suggested by the Presbyterian Planning Calendar and may be changed depending on the topic of the sermon.

*Prayer requests
From the
Congregation*

Prayers are needed for Stephanie Thompson and her family for the loss of her sister from Covid 19. Prayers are also needed for Ruth Ann Doud and family as they adjust to life without Dr. Dick. Prayers are also needed for the Anderson family as they are faced with large changes in their life – a new life along with a long move for Carolyn, and many adjustments for the whole family.

Please pray for all of the above people that are going through these anxious times. They need to know that they have our prayers and support and comfort.

*Session Notes from
July 9, 2021*

After determining there was a quorum, the moderator, Elder Raduege, called the meeting to order at 10:05.

There was much discussion on what the Session and Pastor Nominating Committee need to do to find a replacement for Pastor Bill. The Nominating Committee consists of Carol Gelwicks, Bill Raduege, Ralph Kerler, Steve Schunk and Shirlee Gallagher.

It was decided that we discontinue Zoom services and reopen the church. Church was reopened on Sunday, June 13, 2021. With no further business to be brought before the Session motion was made to adjourn. Meeting was closed at 11:55 AM. Next scheduled meeting will be July 9, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session

Event for July 6th

On July 6th at 5:30PM there will be a farewell picnic potluck dinner for the Anderson family in the church fellowship hall. Sign up sheet is in the fellowship hall.

COMPLETELY DEVOTED

Beware of anything that competes with your loyalty to Jesus Christ. The greatest competitor of true devotion to Jesus is the service we do for Him. It is easier to serve than to pour out our lives completely for Him. The goal of the call of God is His satisfaction, not simply that we should do something *for* Him. We are not sent to do battle for God, but to be used by God in His battles. Are we more devoted to service than we are to Jesus Christ Himself?

Oswald Chambers