

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
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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."

A Love Letter To The Saints of Community Presbyterian Church

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4.18-22 (see also Mark 1.16-20; Luke 5.1-11; John 1.35-42)

To the Saints of Community Presbyterian Church engaged in God's mission, greetings;

As is reflected above, this "call" narrative is found in each of the four Gospels. It was that important—one might say essential—to the understanding within the early Christian communities of Jesus' invitation—perhaps understood as a command—to follow him, and how some persons responded. It would be disingenuous to imagine that everyone who heard Jesus' invitation/command did follow him, at least "immediately". We are familiar with the stories of the Rich Young Man and others, who found themselves unable/unwilling to do so.

Jesus has invited folks like you and me to follow him, to serve an apprenticeship, so to speak, to learn and discern how to continue his proclamation of the Kingdom of Heaven being at hand. To what or whom have you apprenticed yourself through the years? Was it a part of your vocation, even if informally, perhaps in the form of a mentor if not an actual contract apprenticeship? What about with skills you developed: a hobby, a sport, an interest of any kind? To whom did you connect/attach yourself in order to learn and to develop the skills you desired?

We've spent 2023 in Matthew's Gospel, primarily, in which Matthew has arranged five teaching sections, an intentional feature many scholars believe portraying Jesus as the successor to Moses who is historically credited with Genesis-Deuteronomy. In June and July, we spent time overhearing the parables in Matthew 13, the third of these teaching sections. Jesus invited Peter and Andrew and James and John—and you and me—to follow, and in so doing to apprentice ourselves to Jesus as his disciples. Amen!

Thank you for your witness to God's mission in the person of Jesus through the passion and purpose of the Holy Spirit and for your witness to God's Way in the world as you love God and neighbor and yourself, and for your presence in the Community Presbyterian Church.

Blessings and Be Well...

Timm

Sunday morning worship begins at 10am weekly in the sanctuary.

The texts for preaching during August are:

August 6	10 th Sunday After Pentecost	Matthew 14.13-21
August 13	11 th Sunday After Pentecost	1 Kings 9.9-18 Matthew 14.22-36
August 20	12 th Sunday After Pentecost	Isaiah 56.1-8 Matthew 15.10-28
August 27	13 th Sunday After Pentecost	Isaiah 51.1-6 Matthew 16.13-20

Worship In August

We will gather as a community for worship regularly at 10am during August, worship that will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion on August 6th.

An Invitation to be Transformed: Dwelling In The Word

On Sundays from 9-9.40am, you are invited to come to the gathering space to reflect on the texts that will be preached during the worship service that morning.

Timm Out Of Town

Timm will be on vacation and out of town from July 26-August 1st. Pastoral needs/issues should be directed to Shirlee Gallagher, 715.588.1320 or 708.334.2599 (mobile).

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Thanks Be To God To...And For...

Members and friends of CPC who as disciples faithfully share their presence and presents supporting God's work individually and corporately through CPC!

Members and Friends who are sustaining their financial commitment to CPC for 2023!

Those who continue to faithfully pray for resolution and reconciliation regarding the land dispute between our neighbors who live on the lakes, the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the title companies, and the town of Lac du Flambeau.

The visitors who joined us in worship during July.

The dedicated people who volunteer on Wednesdays and Fridays at The Attic.

Steve Schunk for his worship leadership on July 30th.

Jill Consie for her flower arrangements outside and inside the church building.

Sue Robertson and Grant Callow for their service on the Indian Bowl Board.

The opportunity to provide a meal for Tom's Table in Minocqua on August 8th!

Annual Meeting

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Community Presbyterian Church of Lac du Flambeau, WI, for Sunday, August 27th following the 10am worship service. Annual reports will be presented, and questions of all kinds will be welcomed. Members and friends of CPC LdF are encouraged to attend!

Inside The Attic: Treasures

Recently when asked, persons who volunteer at The Attic shared about treasures in the Attic, what items were memory making. They also shared how customers and volunteers are treasures themselves.

One can find almost everything one needs to clothe a person and/or furnish a home in The Attic: jewelry, purses, clothing for all sizes and sexes, and seasonal costumes; holiday items (Santa Claus are popular and you should ask a volunteer about dumpster diving for a Santa, only to have it purchased and repriced in another shop for much more money), angels, and candles. There is furniture—including tables—and jig saw puzzles to put together on the tables, and artwork to hang on the walls. If you're into the outdoors, there have been kayaks and a canoe and bicycles and fishing poles for Summer, and snow skis and boots and snowshoes to use in the Winter.

Amongst the people—both the volunteers and the customers—treasures are found here too. Volunteers marvel at how folks stop to shop (every Saturday, for instance), and are overjoyed when something catches their eye (even if they weren't looking for that). Some treasures aren't treasures until demystified by a customer! Appreciation is a primary feeling amongst customers and volunteers alike. The customers appreciating the presence of The Attic and the volunteers enjoy being together: laughing, crying, becoming exhausted, all the while reminding each other that they are getting "too old" to do this.

These treasures of all kinds equip a valuable and missional service within The Attic, as the proceeds go to benefiting persons and causes within the northwoods. In 2022, \$15,000.00 was earned from sales and distributed to recipients.

Inside The Attic: physical and human treasures make for great mission! Volunteers and Shoppers and visitors of all kinds always welcome on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10am-2pm!

The Parking Lot

The discovery of a sink hole in the parking lot has led to the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians desiring to do a ground-penetrating radar examination of the parking lot to the east of the church building to clarify if there are any human remains that were not exhumed previously. The process will not disturb the pavement and seeks to answer lingering questions as to whether or not all of the graves were removed before the parking lot was expanded. Further updates will be shared as the process unfolds.

SESSION NOTES FROM June 30, 2023

Present: Pastor Timm High, moderator, Kathy LaBarge, Jill Consie, Mary Jane Stevens, Ralph Kerler, Glen Morrison, Pearl Jonkman Hujet, Owen Karlmann and Steve Schunk.

Excused: Tom Gelwicks

After determining a quorum Pastor Timm High called the meeting to order at 9:10 with a gathering question. What is your favorite summertime memory? Discussion followed.

Discernment question: Read Luke 13.1-9. Discussion followed.

Clerk's Report

Motion by Ralph Kerler and seconded by Mary Jane Stevens to approve the minutes from May 25, 2023, as submitted. Motion carried,

Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Jill Consie and seconded by Ralph Kerler to receive the report. Motion carried.

Next a discussion regarding the position of Office Administrator followed. Motion by Kathy LaBarge and seconded by Steve Schunk to accept the job description as presented.

There was some discussion on the Land Acknowledgement message. Steve is going to try and combine the two statements into one for the next session meeting.

Discussion on use of the church by other groups. Motion by Steve Schunk and seconded by Glen Morrison that an agreement be put together and presented to the congregation. Motion carried.

Session approved Shirlee Gallagher's request to host a barbeque in the church parking lot for the community. Time and date to be determined.

There was discussion on the different jobs, such as ushers, greeters, etc. What are the duties, and should we review the policies?

Question as to what to do with the old pier. Ralph offered to get rid of it. Motion made by Jill Consie and seconded by Mary Jane Stevens to allow him to do that. Motion carried.

There have been some anonymous donations made to the church. Motion by Jill Consie to use the money for coffee hour until it runs out. Motion carried.

Next session meeting will be August 4, 2023, at 9:00.

Discussion on when to hold the Annual Congregational Meeting. Motion made by Mary Jane Stevens and seconded by Owen Karlmann to hold the meeting on August 27, 2023. More discussion followed on what is needed to be put in the annual report and who the nominating committee is.

Motion made to adjourn by Glen Morrison and seconded by Ralph Kerler. Steve Schunk and Pearl Jonkman Hujet voted no. Motion carried. The meeting closed with prayer at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session.

Time and Talent Gifts: Tom's Community Table

For those who like to plan ahead...watch for a sign-up to help when your church partners with St. Anthony's Catholic Church to serve at Tom's Community Table on **Tuesday, August 8 at 3 pm.**

Tom's Table is a community meal hosted by area churches on the second Tuesday of the month at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Minocqua.

Stay tuned for more information. Questions? Please contact Kim Johnson at 608-772-1927 or johnsonschunk4@me.com.

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WE ARE IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR:

GREETER

LITURGIST

USHERS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Jack Miller	August 3, 2023
Carol Gelwicks	August 17, 2023
Diane Bridgeforth	August 19, 2023
John Spellmeyer	August 21, 2023

Anniversaries

Tom and Carol Gelwicks	August 1, 2023
Mark and Jo Mayeau	August 6, 2023
Dr. Bill and Fran Raduege	August 24, 2023

Scripture readings for August

August 6 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 13

Semicontinuous: Gen. 32:22-32 and Psalm 17:1-7, 15;

Complementary: Isaiah 55:1-5; and Ps.145:8-9, 14-21; Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14:13-21

August 13 -11th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 14

Semicontinuous: Gen. 37:1-4,12-28, and Ps. 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b ;

Complementary: 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Ps. 85:8-13; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-23

August 20 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 15

Semicontinuous: Gen. 45:1-15 and Ps. 133;

Complementary: Isa. 56:1, 6-8 and Ps. 67; Rom. 11:1-12a, 29-32; Matt. 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 27 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 16

Semicontinuous: Ex. 1:8-2:10 and Ps. 124;

Complementary: Isa. 51:1-:6 and Ps. 138; Rom.12:1-8; Matt. 16:13-20

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