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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

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he...left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea...From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he 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 4.12-13a, 17-22

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

Once again, we have quickly been transported from Jesus' birth to his life as an adult witnessing to God's mission in the world. I have pondered what it would be like to take time—perhaps not 30 years—intentionally reading and reflecting on the Jewish Scriptures, mining the stories that nurtured him between his birth and his emergence, stories the Gospel writers used to help frame their witness to the Good News that was, and remains, Jesus, time the liturgical year does not allow.

Jesus appears after John the Baptist is arrested. No casual note. Any politically motivated arrest, as with John, ultimately meant death. Did Jesus wonder if John's arrest by the authorities for preaching the same message as his, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near", would result in his arrest/killing, given how the message was a direct challenge to the Kingdom of Rome? Jesus seeks companions. In this new place Jesus does not wait to be found by others, he searches for, finds, and calls four fishermen to follow him, persons whose skills in fishing for fish he could use in fishing for people for God's Kingdom. Questions: If I had been called by Jesus away from what I was doing and had

known what had happened to John, would I have said yes? Would you? Having been called as a disciple what skillset of yours has Jesus found useful in "fishing for people"?

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 February are:

Feb 5	5 th Sunday after Epiphany	Psalm 112/Matt 5.13-20	"Jesus: 'I Have Come'"
Feb 12	6 th Sunday after Epiphany	Psalm 119.1-8/Matt 5.21-48	"...But I Say To You..."
Feb 19	Transfiguration Of The Lord	Psalm 2/Matt 17.1-9	"Do Not Be Afraid"
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday	Psalm 51.1-17/Matt 6.1-6, 16-21	"Pardon My/Our Dust"
Feb 26	1 st Sunday in Lent	Psalm 32/Matt 4.1-11	"The Temptations"

Worship In February

In addition to gathering as a community for worship regularly at 10am during February, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on February 5th and gather for worship with a soup supper to follow on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, to begin Lent.

And while Lent is an important Season, the Sundays that lead up to it are equally poignant because of the opportunity to hear some of the generous Gospel text from Matthew that we know as the Sermon on the Mount. More teaching than preaching, the words underline Matthew's intent of underlining that in order to follow Jesus, we must hear what he says, and then embody his teachings as his disciples. It's a marvelous insight.

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.

An Invitation to be Transformed: Reading Through Matthew

The Wednesday morning gatherings at 9.45am will continue reading Matthew through February 15th. Please bring a translation of the Bible that you are comfortable with as together we read and reflect.

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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 supported CPC financially during 2022 and have made a commitment for 2023!

Carol and Tom Gelwicks, Fran and Bill Raduege, and Deb and Ron Wilke for un-decorating the church building following Advent and Christmas.

Pearl Jonkman-Hujet, who said yes to the Spirit's invitation to serve as an Elder, and John Hujet and Deb Wilke who said yes to the Spirit's invitation to serve as Deacons.

Everyone who contributed clothing for the Lac du Flambeau Tribe Zaasijiwan Head Start! You contributed 5 jackets, 11 pairs of sweat pants, 19 hats, 22 pairs of mittens/ gloves, 46 pairs of underwear, and 67 pairs of socks.

Everyone who has participated in the reading through the Gospel of Matthew on Wednesday mornings, and for those who join in the discussions on Sunday mornings.

Those who have contributed food to those who have had medical challenges over the past two months and for the many persons who have helped coordinate the effort.

Lent

Lent is a 40-day Season which takes its name from an old English word for springtime. Reflecting other 40-day periods—the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call of repentance to Nineveh, and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness—Lent is a time for growth in faith—through prayer, spiritual discipline, and self-examination in preparation for the commemoration of Jesus' passion.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public confession. Acknowledging that we have all sinned and fallen short of God's Glory, we return to God (repent), acknowledging our dependance on God's amazing grace. Originally, Ash Wednesday was the day on which penitent sinners were presented for church discipline during the Season of Lent, to be reconciled with the community of faith on Maundy Thursday.



We will gather for worship at 4pm on Wednesday, February 22nd to observe Ash Wednesday, including the (voluntary) imposition of ashes, followed by a soup supper.



Spiritual Discipline/Study For Lent

There will be **two opportunities for spiritual discipline and study during Lent**. One opportunity will be a **book read using "Entering The Passion of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine**. AJ, as she prefers to be called, is a New Testament and Jewish Studies scholar, who, as a Jewish woman, is a recognized Jesus scholar amongst her peers. This book contains six chapters and each week we will reflect on your reading and discerning of a chapter. **This study will take place on Sunday mornings from 11.30am-12.30pm, from February 26-April 2nd, and on Wednesday mornings from 9.45-10.45, from March 1-April**

5th. Copies of the book and a notebook for your journaling are available in the back of the sanctuary.

The second opportunity will be a daily study opportunity "Being Of The Same Mind" to read and reflect on stories that are part of the Lectionary cycle for Year A in Lent. Many of these stories are from the Gospel of John, providing rich layers of action and reflection for our discernment. **Copies of this study will be mailed, available on the church's website, and/or available in the back of the sanctuary.** You are invited to join in a group discussion of this material on Sunday mornings at 9am from March 26-April 2nd.

Winter Policy For Community Presbyterian Church

Whenever the local schools are closed Monday-Friday, the policy is for the Community Presbyterian Church to be closed as well. Timm can always be reached through his personal contact information shared in this newsletter. Please feel free to call/email him for further information.

When it comes to Sunday or Seasonal worship services, the pastor is responsible for choosing whether to hold worship or not. **As long as Timm is the stated supply pastor, the church building will be open for worship regardless of the weather. When you are deciding whether to drive to the church, please make your personal safety your first concern. If you can make it to worship, great! If not, we'll gather together the following Sunday.**

Per Capita

As Presbyterians, we exist in a covenantal relationship with every Presbyterian Church locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. We do this by sharing the stewardship of our prayers, our gifts and talents, and our financial resources.

One financial aspect of our covenantal relationship is Per Capita. This is a dollar amount set by every Presbytery (we're a member of the Presbytery of Northern Waters) in the Presbyterian Church, (USA), that is assessed to each church based on the number of members the church reports in the annual statistical report. For the Presbytery of Northern Waters, this amount is currently \$33.00 and it is divided between the Presbytery (70%), the Synod (Lakes and Prairies) (10%), and the General Assembly (20%). The Presbytery collects the per capita and passes the Synod and GA shares on to them.

Per Capita connects the nearly 10,000 PCUSA congregations through a member apportionment that is used for administrative support of each Presbytery, Synod, and the General Assembly. Our per capita assessment for 2023 (based on church membership of 55 reported as of December 31, 2021) is \$1815.00. Per Capita is not a new idea, as it goes back to the earliest days in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, helping to fund travel expenses and conference expenses for the annual (now biennial) General Assemblies, at the national level, and administrative expenses at the regional and local levels.

Given how this is a budgeted expense of the Community Presbyterian Church, you are invited and encouraged to supplement your tithe and offerings by remitting \$33 to the church, as all generated income will help reduce expenses within the annual budget. Thank you for your contributions towards this important covenantal relationship.

SESSION NOTES FROM January, 2022

Session Notes January 13,2023

A quorum was determined, and the meeting opened at 10:00 with a prayer.

A motion was made and seconded to reelect Kathy LaBarge as Session Clerk. Motion was carried.

This was Bill Raduege's last meeting as a member of the session. We thanked Bill for his last 6 years of service. He will however continue on as the treasurer. We also welcomed the newest member to the session Pearl Jonkman Hujet.

The third quarter mission checks have gone out.

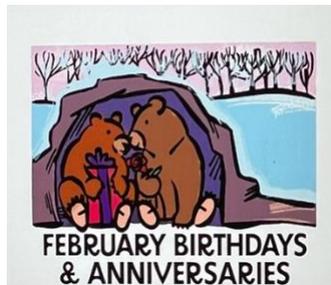
A motion made to purchase a new copier for the office with money coming out of the Memorial Fund. Motion was seconded and approved with one member voting no.

There will be a planning meeting for Session on January 26, 2023, at 2:00. Next Session Meeting will be February 2, 2023, at 10:00 am.

Meeting closed with prayer at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of the Session



BIRTHDAYS

<i>Erv Teichmiller</i>	<i>February 7</i>
<i>Liz Clark</i>	<i>February 15</i>
<i>Rick Kamerad</i>	<i>February 17</i>
<i>Sue Robertson</i>	<i>February 19</i>
<i>Anniversaries</i>	
<i>John and Claudia Tegtmeier</i>	<i>February 13</i>

THANK YOU FROM THE GELWICKS

Tom and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, other helps and visits after Carol's surgery. We could feel God's love coming through many hands of our CPC Church Family. All helped get us through a difficult time.

Lovingly, Tom and Carol Gelwicks

Scripture readings for February

February 5 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isa.58: 1-9a (9b-12) and Ps. 112:1-9 (10); 1 Cor. 2:1-12 (13-16); Matt.5:13-20

February 12 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Duet.30:15-20 and Ps. 119:1-8; 1 Cor.3:1-9; Matt.5:21-37

February 19 - Transfiguration of the Lord

Ex. 24:12-18 and Ps.2 or Ps. 99;2 Pet.1:16-21; Matt.17:1-9

February 22 - Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2,12-17 or Isa. 58:1-12 and Ps.51:1-17; 2 Cor.5:20b-6:10; Matt.6:1-6,16-21

February 26 - 1st Sunday in Lent

Ge. 2:15-17; 3:1-7 and Ps.32; Rom.5:12-19; Matt.4:1-11

Special Dates for February

African-American History Month

February 1-28, 2023

Valentine's Day

February 14, 2023

Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

Presidents Day

February 20, 2023

Ash Wednesday

February 22, 2023

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

You are invited and encouraged to read a book during February dealing with perspectives from a Black author's point of view in honor of Black History Month. You are welcome to find your own resource(s) or to check out the books Timm has set out from his library on the table outside of the pastor's study. Timm would also enjoy engaging with you when you have finished your reading.



WE ARE IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR:

GREETER AND ANNOUNCER

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COFFEE HOUR

Who? Saints of LdF - CPC Fourteen Days of Love

What? Food collection for area pantries

When? February 1-14, 2023

Where? Under the CPC "Giving" Tree

We're sharing our blessings with much loved community members **in need** during our "Fourteen Days of Love" celebration.

Please refer to the attached list below for donation ideas as you prepare to contribute to our neighbors. Food will be collected at church, then delivered to the Lakeland and Boulder Junction Food Pantries at the end of February.

14 Days of Love

...In the month of valentines,
my blessed church gave to me...

First day - Whole-grain cereal

Second day - Peanut butter

Third day - Stuffing mix

Fourth day - Instant potatoes

Fifth day - Mac and cheese

Sixth day - Cooking oil - olive, canola

Seventh day - Canned meat - ham, SPAM, chicken, salmon, tuna

Eighth day - Canned beans

Ninth day - Boxed whole grain pasta - Jar of marinara sauce

Tenth day - Brown rice

Eleventh day - Canned soup, chili, stew

Twelfth day - Canned veggies -
corn, peas, green beans, tomatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes

Thirteenth day - Canned fruit -
peaches, pears, applesauce, cranberries

Fourteenth day - dried herbs/spices -
oregano, basil, cumin, rosemary, thyme, cinnamon

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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066635837878>

Website link: <https://LDF church.com/>

