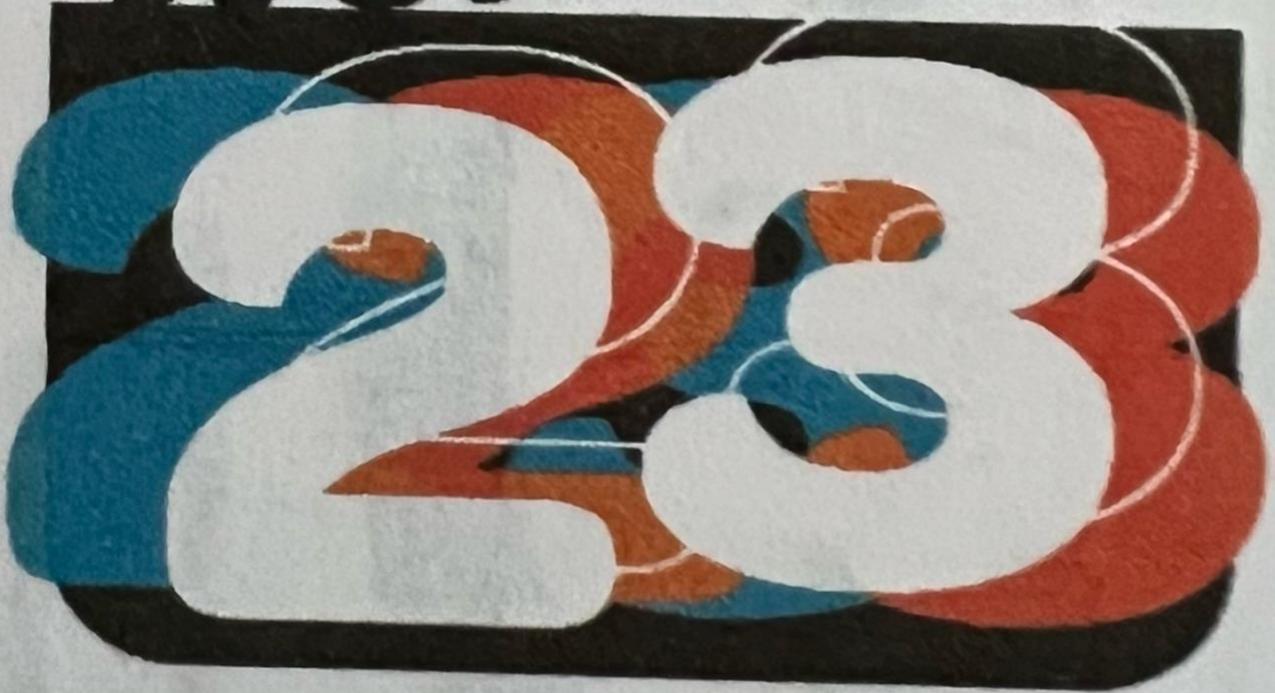




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COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF  
LAC DU FLAMBEAU  
NEWSLETTER  
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*Our Mission Statement:*

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*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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2023

*Surely there is a future, and your hope will not be cut off.*  
Proverbs 23.18

A new calendar year is here, catching up with the new church year that began on November 27<sup>th</sup>! You are invited to spend some time reflecting on and responding to the following questions as a way of intentionally engaging with 2023 now that it is upon us.

What do you hope for in 2023 as an individual, as a disciple of Jesus?

What is an experience of 2022 that will help you live more fully, more faithfully, in 2023?

What is something you hope to accomplish in 2023?

How would you like God to guide you in 2023

## A Love Letter To The Saints of Community Presbyterian Church

*In the days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it...*

*"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."...He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks...*

*O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!*

Isaiah 2.1-5 (selected verses)

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

We began the season of Advent with these words from the prophet Isaiah. We hear them again at the beginning of this new calendar year, words of hope and peace that conclude with this invitation: "*O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!*" It's a new year, a time of resolutions and re-commitments. While it is easy to scoff at "new year's resolutions", they represent hope for us amidst the days that await our living and loving. The prophet Isaiah imagines a powerful hope of God for peace as people gather together to learn from God how weapons designed to destroy can be transformed into instruments of growth. Talk about a transformative resolution!

Realizing our resolutions requires that we begin, and then pace ourselves in order for the new practice to become a habit. While we desire instant results, life tends to reflect steady efforts. Most of us have experienced the amazing transformation of an infant who goes from rolling over to crawling to picking themselves up to staggering as they begin to walk. Once they've learned to balance, their steps become more assured, the distances covered expand, and eventually they begin running. Running begins with walking. An offer to renew our discipleship in this new year is found in accepting the invitation, "come...let us walk in the light of the LORD". January 6<sup>th</sup> is the celebration of Epiphany, a word that means revelation, especially with respect to light. May the "light of the LORD" faithfully illuminate your life as you walk in the light of the LORD during 2023!

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 January are:

Jan 1	1st Sunday of Advent	Psalm 148/Matt 2.13-23	"The Road To Nazareth"
Jan 8	Baptism of the Lord	Psalm 29/Matt 3.13-17	"This Is My Beloved..."
Jan 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Psalm 40.1-11/John 1.29-42	"The One Who Sent Me"
Jan 22	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Psalm 27.1, 4-9/Matt 4.12-23	"Repent..."
Jan 29	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Psalm 15/Matt 5.1-12	"Blessed Are..."

## **Worship In January**

In addition to gathering as a community for worship regularly at 10am during January, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on January 1<sup>st</sup> and will celebrate new Ruling Elders and Deacons through Ordination and Installation on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Pearl Jonkman-Hujet will be ordained and installed as an Elder, and John Hujet and Deb Wilke will be ordained and installed as Deacons.

## **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**

Beginning January 11<sup>th</sup> and continuing each Wednesday morning at 9.45am, you are invited to gather in the gathering space at the rear of the sanctuary to begin a read-through of the Gospel of Matthew, the primary Gospel for Year A in the lectionary. Please bring a translation of the Bible that you are comfortable with as together we read and reflect.

## **Timm High Contact Information**

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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 decorating the church building for Advent and Christmas.

Another season of Christmas shared with friends and family.

Pearl Jonkman-Hujet, who said yes to the Spirit's invitation to serve on Session, and John Hujet and Deb Wilke who said yes to the Spirit's invitation to serve on the Board of Deacons

2023, a new year to live, love, learn, and be loved by God as we love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Bill Raduege for his six years of service as an Elder on the Session!

Everyone who read "The First Christmas" and for those who participated in group discussions on Sunday and Wednesday mornings.

Those who engaged the Spirit's leadership through the "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Advent devotional study.

Shirlee and Dan Gallagher and those who brought food and everyone who enjoyed the food at the Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. It was simply marvelous!

## Epiphany

"Epiphany" means manifestation or revelation. Just as the magi come from a distant land to worship the child Jesus, God's covenant of grace is extended to all people who believe the good news of God in Jesus. The symbolism of light is important—not only because of the star guiding the visitors—but because light symbolizes the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Jesus. As Christians, we are called to bear Christ's light in the world.

The Sundays after epiphany contain certain notable features of this period of time in the Christian calendar. The Sundays are bracketed by the Baptism of the Lord Sunday and Transfiguration Sunday, days in which the Gospel texts remind us of how God affirms Jesus as a beloved Son. The lectionary readings of the season highlight the themes of Christian vocation, discipleship, and community. The Sundays after Epiphany are a flexible period of time, from four to nine Sundays, depending upon the variable date of Easter.

### SESSION NOTES FROM December, 2022

There are no Session Notes from December due to a lack of a quorum and inclement weather. The next Session Meeting will be Friday, January 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM.



Billie Miller	Jan. 7
Sue Gathmann	Jan. 8
Ruth Ann Kamerad	Jan. 8
Ron Wilke	Jan. 14
Mark Mayeau	Jan. 17
Kelly Wheeler	Jan. 19

#### Anniversaries

No Known Anniversaries this month

#### Scripture readings for January

January 1 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Isa. 63: 7-9 and Ps. 148; Heb. 2:10-18; Matt. 2: 13-2

January 8 - Baptism of the Lord

Isa. 42:1-9 and Ps. 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt. 3: 13-17

January 15 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Isa. 49: 1-7 and Ps. 40:1-11; 1 Cor.1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 22 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Isa. 9:1-4 and Ps. 27:1, 4-9; 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt.4:12-23

January 29 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8 and Ps. 15; 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Matt. 5:1-12

Special Dates for January

New Year's Day	January 1, 2023
Epiphany	January 6, 2023
Baptism of the Lord	January 8, 2023
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	January 16, 2023
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	January 18-25, 2023

Wondering how the Community Presbyterian Church

## Attic Thrift Store

profits were spent in 2022?

*Take a look below...*

**Girls on the Run**

("Girl Power" educational running club housed at the Lac du Flambeau Elementary School)

**Support for Ukrainian refugees**

(Presbyterian Relief Fund/World Central Kitchen)

**Lakeland Union High School scholarships to local students**

**Caritas**

**Frederick Place/Sunshine for Humanity**

(homeless shelters)

**World Central Kitchen**

(Non profit organization delivering meals to front line in to communities in crisis-Ukraine) **Pastime Club**

(adult day center)

**Headwaters, Inc.**

(serves people with disabilities)

**Nicolet College scholarships to local students**

**Hope in a Backpack**

(Ascension Lutheran Church)

(weekend food program serves children/ families who are food insecure throughout Vilas/Oneida Counties)

**Tom's Community Table**

(monthly meal open to community)

**Zaasijiwan Headstart**

(preschool)

**Lakeland Sharing**

(provides Christmas gifts/books/winter gear to families in need)

**NAMI-Northern Lakes**

**(National Alliance for Mentally Ill)**

(provides advocacy, education, support, public awareness, resources for people/families with mental health concerns)

**Boundless, grateful thanks to all those who volunteer, patronize and donate to the Attic.**

**YOU ALL made this financial support possible!**

Round 1 (May)		Round 2 (August)		Round 3 (November/ December)	
GOTR	\$500			Nicolet College Scholarship (trade school)	\$500*
Presbyterian Disaster Relief (Ukrainian refugees)	\$500			Nicolet College Scholarship (trade school)	\$500*
Scholarship (college)	\$1,000	Frederick Place	\$1,000	Nicolet College Scholarship (trade school)	\$1,000 (Granddaughter- Kathy LaBarge- Elizabeth Holton-nursing)
Scholarship (college)	\$1,000	Lakeland Food Pantry	\$1,000	Caritas	\$1,000
Caritas	\$1,000	Boulder Junction Food Pantry	\$500	"Hope in a Backpack"	\$500
		Pastime Club	\$500	Sunshine for Humanity	\$1,000
		Headwaters, Inc.	\$500	Tom's Community Table	\$300
				Zaasijiwan Headstart	\$500
				NAMI (National Alliance for Mentally Ill)	\$750
				Lakeland Sharing	\$700
				World Central Kitchen	\$750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>		<b>\$3,500</b>		<b><u>\$7,500</u></b>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>

**WE ARE IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR:**  
**GREETER AND ANNOUNCER**  
**LITURGIST**  
**USHERS**  
**COFFEE HOUR**

**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.**

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