

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAC DU FLAMBEAU JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER VOLUME XXI ISSUE VI

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."

INSIDE THE ATTIC The Attic is Open!!!



Wednesday, May 31st marks the opening day of the Attic for the 2023 season! The hours of operation are 10am-2pm Wednesdays and Saturdays through the Summer. Pam Fraboni has managed The Attic for the past three years and she and a host of volunteers have been busy preparing the building and the displays for another busy Summer season.

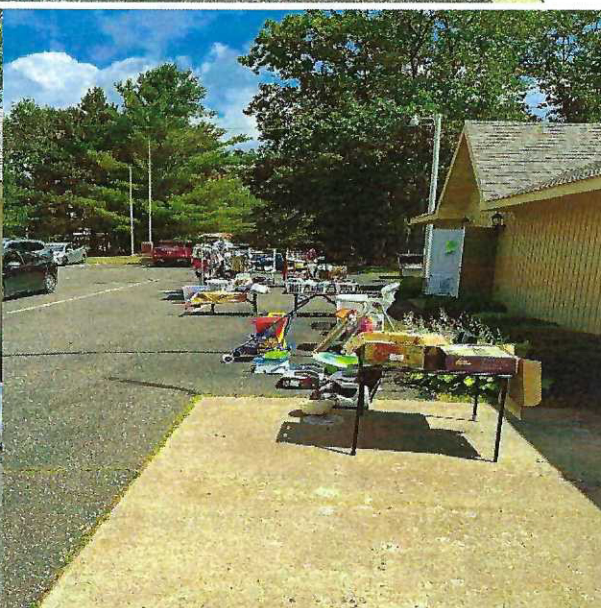
Befitting the name of the church that hosts this missional outreach, The Attic is a community effort. Over a dozen volunteers contribute not only their time and energy towards sorting, cleaning, and pricing goods, they are also asked for their input on decisions regarding merchandise, pricing, and displaying. It is truly a co-munnity effort, a collective effort on the part of the persons who assist the operation.

The Attic has a history dating back to the early 1940's and while not always located on the church's property, it has continually witnessed to providing the community with resale goods at great prices, returning the proceeds to the community through financial support of individuals and organizations within Lac du Flambeau, Vilas County, and surrounding communities. In 2022 the money given back to the community totaled \$15,000.00!

The Attic depends on the goodwill of word of mouth, free advertising in print and on-line, and return customers. With everything from antiques to augers for drilling holes in ice on the local lakes (it was the

closest to a-z in the merchandise!), from creative artwork to deer antlers, and tools to toys, The Attic has something for nearly any and everyone.

The Attic is not only a community effort, it is also a gathering place for the larger community of the Lakes Region of north-central Wisconsin. Neighbors meet neighbors and donated goods find new places and spaces. New persons are always welcome whether as customers or to volunteer to help facilitate this marvelous missional offering of the Community Presbyterian Church of Lac du Flambeau!



Love Letter To The Saints of Community Presbyterian Church

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the water. Then God said, "Let there be light, and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1.1-5

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

The familiar text above introduces the first of two creation stories in Genesis. The first is 1.1-2.4a, the second 2.4b-25. Each story has a different nuance in Hebrew, and the creation of the humans reversed, last in the first story and first in the second story. The rabbis who edited the Jewish Scriptures put them back-to-back, which makes for interesting reflection. The opening phrase of this first story can also be translated "*In the beginning, when God began to create...*". Your Bible may have a footnote sharing this. Another question to ask this story is did God create "ex-nihilo" (out of nothing) or did God create by being organizing the chaos that existed. The text has been explained both ways and there is division in the "creation camps" when it comes to interpretation. That aside, how does the phrase "*when God began to create*" strike your eye and your ear?

Either translation is acceptable based on the original Hebrew. The one we are most familiar with suggests that creation was begun and completed. The second one suggests that creation was begun and continues. I believe the second translation can be most helpful to us in understanding how God works as well as helping us affirm that creation is/was not a one and done. It reminds me of how we are co-creators with God through acts of childbirth and respecting the environment, among other co-creating activities. The second also gives me the hope that God is not yet done with this world, and/or with us as co-creators. It's Summer, and as we all know in the northland. Summer is short. May it be a creative season for you and those whom you love and are loved by!

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

Do You Have An Interest In Participating In A Summer Book Read?

Do you have a particular book or a particular subject or even a particular book of the Bible you would like to spend time reading and reflecting on during the Summer months? If so, please jot it below and return it to Timm or contact him through the contact information found within this newsletter and every Sunday bulletin, along with a suggested time for the gathering.

Summer can be a very useful and enjoyable time for a book read. Timm looks forward to hearing your desires and your suggestions!

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

The texts for preaching during June are:

June 4	1 st Sunday After Pentecost	Genesis 1.1-2.4a	
June 11	2 nd Sunday After Pentecost	Psalm 64	Matthew 6.5-14
June 18	3 rd Sunday After Pentecost	I Kings 10.1-10	Matthew 6.24-34
June 25	4 th Sunday After Pentecost		

Worship In June

We will gather as a community for worship regularly at 10am during May, worship that will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion on June 4th.

The Rev. Rich Blood, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Northern Waters will be the guest worship leader and preacher on June 25th.

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 (along with Kim) will be on vacation and out of town from June 22-28. All pastoral needs/issues should be directed to Shirlee Gallagher whose phone number is (715) 588-1320 or (708) 334-2599 (cell).

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 participated in the "Freeing Jesus" book read during the Easter season.

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 members of the Board of Deacons for their faithful service around the memorial service for Judy Allen.

Kim Johnson, Carol Gelwicks, Jillanne Consie, Deb Wilke, Ruth Ann Kamerad, and Pam Fraboni for helping with clean-up inside the church building, and Tom Gelwicks, Ron Wilke, and Steve Schunk for helping with clean-up around the church grounds on June 5th.

Congregational Choice Hymns

Each week through the Summer, the Sunday morning worship liturgy will include a hymn chosen by you, by a member/friend of the congregation. Please note your favorites below or on the bulletin insert and return it to Timm and then look for a favorite of yours and perhaps of your friends in the bulletin each Sunday. Thank you for this way of helping craft the liturgy on Sunday mornings, giving the Spirit another portal to speak through!

SESSION NOTES FROM May 25, 2023

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

Excused: Glenn Morrison.

After determining a quorum Pastor Timm High called the meeting to order at 10.00 with a prayer.

Pastor Timm asked members of the session what is your favorite Memorial Day memory and why? Discussion followed.

Discernment question: Read Luke 13.1-9. Discussion followed. Pastor Timm then took questions from members of the session.

After some discussion, a motion made by Jill Consie and seconded by Pearl Jonkman Hujet to allow other groups to use the church with polices to be developed and approved at the June meeting, with a member of the church being in the group. Motion carried.

After some discussion about the church being on Tribal lands, a motion was made by Jill Consie and seconded by Pearl Jonkman Hujet to explore the wording of a statement regarding acknowledgement that the church is on ancestral lands. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

After some discussion and questions on the budget, motion made by Jill Consie and seconded by Mary Jane Stevens to invite Bill Raduege to every session meeting as the Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kathy LaBarge and seconded by Owen Karlmann to receive Treasurer's report with future clarification. Motion carried. Ralph Kerler abstained.

Motion requested by Pastor Timm to reduce his salary by \$1000 a month effective immediately. No motion followed. No discussion. No action taken.

Clerk's Report

Minutes from May 25, 2023, approved as submitted.

Next a discussion regarding the position of Office Administrator followed. Steve Schunk has been researching with help from Pearl Jonkman Hujet and Mary Jane Stevens. Some changes need to be made. A motion to vote on the position policy after session receives an updated copy at the June meeting.

Jill Consie made a motion that the following payments be made from the mission funds:

\$1000 High School Scholarship

\$1000 Carnitas

\$1000 Frederick House

\$500 Fork

\$500 Lakeland Food Pantry

Motion carried. All Mission's funding comes from the general funds to be reimbursed later when The Attic starts generating income.

Next session meeting will be June 30, 2023, at 9:00.

Motion made to adjourn by Jill Consie, seconded by Mary Jane Stevens. The meeting closed with singing of Doxology at 12:06.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session.

Missions: Loving Our Neighbors

Financial Gifts-Round One

Your Missions committee is committed to working with the Community Presbyterian Church congregation to use our collective time, talents, and treasures to serve God.

The committee members are charged by the Session with distributing our "treasure" including proceeds from the Attic.

Below is a summary of our first round of giving in 2023.

\$1,000 to Lakeland Union High School scholarship fund.

\$1,000 to Caritas-Minocqua.

\$1,000 to Frederick House (homeless shelter in Rhinelander).

\$500 to Lakeland Food Pantry

\$500 to FORK (Feed Our Rural Kids- this amount will be matched by a grant, doubling the impact).

We're grateful for the opportunity to serve and we welcome **your** ideas as we consider gifts for the next round.

Your Missions committee members are Jillanne Consie, Jo Mayeau, Kim Johnson, Ralph Kerler and a member of the Attic team.

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.

Adopt A Highway Clean-up

For years Community Presbyterian Church has committed to cleaning up Highway D (Peace Pipe Road) south of Lac du Flambeau to the intersection with Wisconsin 70 twice a year, Spring and Autumn.

Ralph Kerler has organized this activity and did so once again in May, carefully waiting until the snowbanks had disappeared, allowing for the liter to be more visible. Thank You, Ralph, and Jill Consie, Grant Birmingham; Rick and Ruth Ann Kamerad, Marge Sholta, Dave and Nancy Buell, John Hujet, and Ron Wilke for participating in the clean-up!

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Tom Gelwicks	June 16
Edi Spellmeyer	June 22
Timm High	June 27
Paul Hoppe	June 29

Anniversaries

Jack & Billie Miller	June 13
Greg & Ginny Stiles	June 15
Kim Emery and Timm High	June 27
Erv & Nancy Teichmiller	June 29

Scripture readings for June

June 4 - Trinity Sunday

Gen. 1:1 - 2:4a and Ps. 8; 2 Cor. 13:11-13; Matt. 28:16-20

June 11 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 5

Semicontinuous: Gen. 12:1-9 and Ps. 33:1-12;

Complementary: Hos. 5:15 - 6:6 and Ps. 50:7-15; Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 6

Semicontinuous: Gen. 18:1-15 (21:1-7) and Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19

Complementary: Ex. 19:2-8a and Ps. 100; Rom. 5:1-8; Matt. 9:35 - 10:8 (9-23)

June 25 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 7

Semicontinuous: Gen. 21:8-21 and Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17;

Complementary: Jer. 20:7-13 and Ps. 69:7-10 (11-15), 16-18; Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-39

Special Dates for June

Trinity Sunday	June 4, 2023
Flag Day	June 14, 2023
Father's Day	June 18, 2023
First Day of Summer	June 21, 2023



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