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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

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many living in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel 37.1-6

To the Saints of Community Presbyterian Church engaged in God's mission, greetings; One of the most amazing stories in all of scripture, it is a vision report, a feature of Ezekiel's preaching as a priest and a prophet to the Babylonian exiles after the fall of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. Emphasizing the abiding presence and presents of God in their midst, he preached the hope and promise of restoration back to their homeland and temple in Israel to people who otherwise found themselves helpless and hopeless in Babylon.

"Mortal, can these bones live?" the LORD asks Ezekiel. The "bones" represent the people of Israel in exile who, according to one interpreter, "have no more hope of resuscitating the kingdom of Israel than of putting flesh on a skeleton and calling it to life." This amazing story graphically declares God's will: that the bones come together as persons and a community, and that they live: that they not only survive but thrive. It's a great Lenten story, inviting us to participate with God in God's will by engaging in a Lenten discipline of restoration and resuscitation of some kind—two different options are available through CPC and there are plenty of others available—as our yes to God's desire for our spiritual life to be resuscitated and prepared for the joy of restoration that Easter promises, individually and corporately.

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 March are:

March 5	2 nd Sunday in Lent	Genesis 12.1-4a	John 3.1-17
March 12	3 rd Sunday in Lent	Exodus 37.1-7	John 4.5-42
March 19	4 th Sunday in Lent	1 Samuel 16.1-13	John 9.1-41
March 26	5 th Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37.1-14	John 11.1-45

Worship In March

We will gather as a community for worship regularly at 10am during March, worship that will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion on March 5th.

Sundays in Lent are not part of the 40-day Season. They remain weekly celebrations of Jesus' resurrection. Thus the tone of worship will remain celebrative as we listen in on significant stories that share Jesus' journey to the cross and his witness to God's faithfulness in the world and in our lives.

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.

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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 have made a financial commitment to CPC for 2023!

The persons who participated in the Ash Wednesday worship service and the soup supper which followed. Thank you as well to those who contributed goods for the supper!

Carol Gelwicks who said yes to the Spirit's invitation to serve as a Deacon.

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 months and for the many persons who have helped coordinate the effort.

The many contributors of food gathered to be shared with the Lakeland and Boulder Junction Food Pantries during the Fourteen Days of Love celebration.

Jillanne Consie, Kim Emery, John Hujet, and Pearl Jonkman-Hujet for representing CPC at the Tom's Table meal in Minocqua on February 14th, and Kim Johnson and Steve Schunk for all of their preparations ahead of the experience.

New Copy Machine

The Session approved the purchase of a gently used copy machine for the church office with the use of Memorial funds and the machine was installed on February 13th. Generous and gracious thanks to Mary Jane Stevens for the use of her personal copy machines for church purposes for the past number of years.

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.

Having begun the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd, the month of March contains the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent as we continue our return to God through repentance, acknowledging our dependance on God's amazing grace.

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...A Journey With Jesus To The Cross"** 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.

Daylight Savings Time Returns

Daylight Savings Time returns on March 12th, and thus the reminder to set your clocks, the ones that don't automatically reset themselves, ahead one hour in order to not be late for worship or any other experiences on that Sunday!

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 February, 2023

Session Meeting February 2, 2023

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

Excused: Ralph Kerler

After determining a quorum Pastor Timm High called the meeting to order at 10.07 with a prayer.

Pastor Timm asked members of the session what do you enjoy about winter and find challenging about winter.

Motion made by Glenn Morrison and seconded by Mary Jane Stevens to approve minutes of the October, November and January session meetings. Minutes were approved as submitted.

No treasurers report this month. We will ask Bill Raduege for a year end and current report. What comes in and goes out.

A discussion on reorganization followed. Does the treasurers report need to be revamped? Do we reorganize the committees? Current committees are Building and Grounds, Tom Gelwicks, Budget and Finance, Bill Raduege and Glenn Morrison. Glenn brought up that he keeps track of donations and has no backup. Thought Ron Wilke might be interested and will approach him. Personnel, Steve Schunk, Pearl junkman-Hujet, Kathy LaBarge and member of the congregation. Job descriptions will be worked on by Steve Schunk, Pearl Jonkman-Hujet and Kathy LaBarge.

Pastor Timm reported he volunteers at Headstart on Tuesdays reading to the children.

Next session meetings will be March 3, 2023, and April 20 at 10:00.

Motion made to adjourn by Jill Consie, seconded by Glenn Morrison. Meeting closed with a prayer by Pearl Jonkman-Hujet at 12:03:

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

<i>Pam Fraboni</i>	<i>March 3</i>
<i>Bill Streng</i>	<i>March 6</i>
<i>Nancy DiCristina</i>	<i>March 12</i>
<i>Owen Karlmann</i>	<i>March 15</i>
<i>Kim Emery</i>	<i>March 17</i>
<i>Dennis Robertson</i>	<i>March 25</i>

Anniversaries

No Known Anniversaries this month

Scripture readings for March

March 5 - 2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen.12:1-4a and Ps. 121; Rom.4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17

March 12 - 3rd Sunday in Lent

Ex. 17:1-7 and Ps. 95 Rom.5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 19 - 4th Sunday in Lent

1 Sam.16:1-13 and Ps.23; Eph.5:8-14; John 9:1-41

March 26 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Ezek.37:1-14 and Ps.130; Rom.8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Special Dates for March

World Day of Prayer	March 3, 2023
Daylight Saving Time begins	March 12, 2023
First Day of Spring	March 20, 2023

Women's History Month

You are invited and encouraged to read a book during March dealing with perspectives from a woman author's point of view in honor of Women's History Month. You are welcome to find your own resources or to select a book from Timm's library that can be found on the table outside of the pastor's study. Timm would also enjoy engaging with you when you have finished your reading!



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