

**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."

WELCOME TO THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD OF OCTOBER



Relationships

This week I received an email from the organisation of Dr. Charles Stanley that I thought might be relevant to our situation in Lac du Flambeau. I would like to share it with you:

Relationship will be one of the most vital and rewarding areas of our lives. Yet we often find ourselves at odds with each other due to our differences. But we don't need to agree on every issue to enjoy meaningful connections with one another.

When I attended seminary several friends, and I would sometimes debate the Bible's teachings on end time events. Each of us firmly believed our stance scripture as evidence to support our view. But none of us could definitely prove that we were right.

These discussions were sometimes fairly heated, yet, after an entire evening of arguing over our perspectives, we still remain buddies. Our disagreements had nothing to do with the ongoing nature of our deep friendships.

Conversations about different perspectives can be very enlightening, even energizing. But it is easy to react to a self-centered, quick, tempered, critical, or easily offended way when there's a disagreement.

Another's way of thinking

If we allow anger or resentment to creep in, or end, danger of destroying a relationship, for the sake of winning an argument. When we act like this, we're letting our flesh control us instead of walking in the spirit. And the relationship suffers.

The Lord gives us a new, righteous nature at the moment of salvation, but we still live in fallen human bodies. We'll always have an internal battle with the flesh. As you look at the way you respond to others, what's more apparent – the fruit of the spirit or the deeds of the flesh? The contrast between the two is seen in Galatians 5:19-23.

The deeds of the flesh include hostilities, strife, jealousy, outburst of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, and factions. Whereas "the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control."

Much has been written and said about how to have good relationships, but until we deal with the issues in our own hearts, root problems will remain.

So what does God say it takes to live in peace with one another?

Romans 14:19 tells us to "pursue the things which make for peace and a building up of one another." Paul clarifies how to do this in Ephesians 4:1-3: "Walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, being diligent to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

First of all, to develop and maintain great relationships you need a pure heart.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God" (Matthew 5:8). This describes your position in Christ, but it's also something you can pursue in a practical way by dealing with sin quickly and living daily in a way that honors the Lord. Your relationships cannot be right if you're harboring sin in your heart and living in rebellion.

Second, a spirit of love must be active and evident in your life.

"Since you have purified your souls and obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brothers and sisters, fervently love one another from the heart" (1 Peter 1:22). This is easy when people are lovable, but Jesus tells you to also love those who mistreat you (Luke 6:27 - 28). That's only possible as the Holy Spirit enables you to look beyond their hurtful actions to see their pain in the need for the Savior. Then God's love can flow through you.

Third, you need patience.

It's one of the Christian graces has mentioned in Colossians 3:12, "As those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." The conflicts, disagreements, and misunderstandings that accompany strained relationships may not change, but your attitude can be transformed as these virtues take route in your life.

Fourth, you must have a forgiving spirit.

"Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32). Anger, bitterness, resentment, and grudges destroy relationships. Forgiveness set us free from these sins so we no longer desire revenge.

You may not be able to restore every strained relationship, but "if possible, so far as it depends on you," you're to live at peace with others (romans 12:18).

God knows there are some people who will refuse to be reconciled, no matter what you do. But by forgiving them, you will have God's peace in your heart.

This was taken from In Touch ministries, From the Pastor's Heart on October 4, 2023

Session Meeting September 24, 2023

Present: Reverend Richard Blood, moderator, Kathy LaBarge, Jill Consie, Mary Jane Stevens, Ralph Kerler, Owen Karlmann, Tom Gelwicks and Steve Schunk.

Absent: Glenn Morrison and Pearl Jonkman Hujet

Guests: Pam Fraboni, Bill Raduege, Ron Wilke, Fran Raduege and Grant Callow.

After determining a quorum Reverend Blood called the meeting to order at 11:27 with prayer.

Treasurers Report – Discussion on the budget followed. Bill Raduege said \$10,000.00 was taken from reserves to pay expenses for the month. Betty Adams is supposed to give a check for \$12,000.00 to the Session from the Attic sales. All profits from the Attic go to the community.

A report by Ralph Kerler that the pulpit is filled through November 12, 2023.

A communication letter was passed out and discussion followed. What to do? It's a fine line not to provoke the Tribe. Grant Callow presented a rough draft for revision of the letter. Motion by Jill Consie, seconded by Mary Jane Stevens to have Steve Schunk, Grant Callow and Bill Raduege to write a press release. Motion carried.

The Attic needs to be emptied. Ron Wilke and Ralph Kerler are working on disconnection of the utilities. Steve Schunk made a motion, seconded by Ralph Kerler to cut the water, contact Ritchie Oil, go ahead to flip electric circuits. Discussion followed. We need to know what area can be walked on by the Tribe and communicate with Sarah what needs to be done. Motion carried.

Motion by Jill Consie and seconded by Ralph Kerler to approve minutes from August 31, 2023, with the addition of Bill Raduege's name to paragraph 11. Motion carried.

Kim Johnson resigned as chair of the Mission Committee. Motion made by Steve Schunk and seconded by Mary Jane Stevens for Jill Consie to be the new chair. Motion carried.

Next session meetings will be October 1, 2023, and October 22, 2023, after services if Moderator is available. The clerk needs to contact Robin Weaver and Corey Larson asking for a moderator.

Motion made to adjourn and thank Reverend Blood for moderating made by Steve Schunk and seconded by Kathy LaBarge. Motion carried.

The meeting closed at 12:37 with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session.

An after-meeting discussion took place. Steve Schunk would like to pay Pastor Timm for some of the improvements that were made to the Manse during Pastor's stay. Total was around \$7500. A motion was made by Kathy LaBarge and seconded by Jill Consie to pay \$3750 which is half. Motion carried.



WE ARE IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR:

**GREETER
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October BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Jo Mayeau	Oct. 1
Carol Callow	Oct. 14
Diane Galaty	Oct. 24
Nancy Teichmiller	Oct. 26
Dennis Tibstra	Oct. 27
Ann Hall	Oct. 29

Anniversaries

Grant and Carol Callow	Oct. 14
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Scripture readings for October

October 1 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Ex.17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4,12-16;

Complementary: Ezek.18:1-4, 25-32 and Ps. 25:1-9; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32

October 8 –19th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Ex.20:1-4,7-9,12-20and Ps.19;

Complimentary: Isa. 5:1-7 and Ps. 80:7-15; Phil.3:4b-14; Matt.21:33-46

October 15th – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Ex.32:1 – 14 and Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23

Complementary: Isa.25:1-9 and Ps. 23; Phil.4:1-9; Matt. 22:1-14

October 22nd – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Ex. 33:12-23 and Ps. 99;

Complementary: Isa. 45:1-7 and Ps. 96:1-9 (10-13); 1 Thess.1:1-10; Matt. 22:15-22

October 29th – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Deut. 34:1-12 and Ps.90:1-6,13-17;

Complementary: Lev. 19:1-2,15-18 and Ps. 1; 1 Thessalonians. 2:1-8; Matt. 22:34-46

Special Dates for October

Pastor Appreciation Month

World Communion Sunday	Oct. 1
Columbus Day	Oct. 9
Indigenous Peoples Day	Oct. 9
Reformation Sunday	Oct. 29
Reformation Day	Oct. 31

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