

# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAC DU FLAMBEAU NEWSLETTER OCTOBER OF 2022 VOLUME XXI ISSUE X

## *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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## THE ATTIC HISTORY

You might say the Attic's history dates back to the early 1940's. Our Church was about 50 years old at the time. Our Church had two additional buildings on the site. The Manse and the "Mission House" it was 22 feet by 40 feet and heated by a wood burning stove. Jillanne Consie pointed out on our last day open the short brown painted tables she used to sit at for Sunday school. She commented on the smoke filled room from the wood burning stove. This group of women used this building to sew and make quilts for the needy. It was also used for funerals and weddings. It also housed Sunday school and volunteers who worked for the church. One Member, Mrs. Lang started a "used clothing outlet" The clothing was shipped via train to the Church donated by people from Illinois and Stevens Point.

In the late 1950's the "Mission House" burnt to the ground. Soon after this a Resale Store was started in the downtown area of Lac du Flambeau. CPC "Mission House" donated all of their inventory to this new store named "The Attic". My Friend and fellow CPC member Mary Ann Miller told me "we gave everything away at first". It is said when they did start charging a minimal price everything was a quarter....to keep things simple and easy to keep track of. From its infancy 100% of the profits went to help local charities, families and student scholarships. Just like today!

So there you have it! Proud of our Church and our church family before us who saw a "vision". Without the generous donations and our incredible Church Members who support this "historical project" the

Attic would not have survived. Thank you for supporting our mission so we can continue working towards helping our Communities become stronger and healthier. We are making a positive impact.

We strive to keep our prices affordable to sell quickly, moving inventory, clean/gently used products and the shop organized. If products come in that one is unable to buy at Ace or Walmart we mark it up to a reasonable price. Our business model seems to be working well. Our Volunteers' are hardworking, committed professionals and kind. In return this encouraging people to come back to shop again and again. They are among the "coolest" co-workers I've had the privilege to work beside.

A very special thank you to Nancy DiCristina for creating "Our Story" Community Presbyterian Church. Nancy also committed over 10 years of chairing the "Attic".



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

*As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I'll make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.* Mark 1.16-22

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

In his response to God's call of him, Jesus invited others to join with him, to be companions along The Way. Mark's text has become well known as a "call narrative." In its brevity of 92 words, it reflects how Jesus, passing along the Sea of Galilee, encounters four men who are fisherman and invites them to follow him, saying that he can make use of their fishing skills to "fish for people." Using one of his favorite words sprinkled liberally in this Gospel, the author says that they did so "immediately."

Amazing stuff! Mark's template is retold nearly word for word by Matthew in 4.18-22, and expanded on in Luke 5.1-11. In John's call narrative (1.35-51), Jesus' first disciples began as disciples of John the

Baptist. Andrew hears the Baptist's testimony regarding Jesus and joins him, later inviting his brother Simon (renamed Peter by Jesus) to join him. Jesus invites Philip to follow him, and Philip finds Nathanael and brings him to Jesus as well. Levi is called away from his tax booth with the very same words spoken by Jesus: "follow me."

You and I are equally called to follow Jesus. At some point in our life, someone embodying the role of Andrew and Philip has invited us to follow Jesus, or we have had an ecstatic call experience by the Holy Spirit acting in Jesus' name in some form or fashion. While we may not be "called away" from some physical location as a result of being called, there are thoughts, attitudes, and even beliefs that need to be left behind in order to follow faithfully. As disciples of Jesus we are called to follow Jesus on this adventure!

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 October 2-30 are:

Oct 2	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 15. 11-32	"Love Wins"
Oct 9	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 16.1-13	"What Does God Hear Of Us"
Oct 16	20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 17.11-19	"Jesus, Master Have Mercy On Us"
Oct 23	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 18.9-17	"Two Stories, Who Gets It?"
Oct 30	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 19.1-10	"Reformation: Being Changed"

### **An Invitation to be Transformed: Dwelling In The Word**

Timm invites you to gather with the Holy Spirit for a time of dwelling in the Word on Sunday mornings from 9-9.40am in the gathering space on Sunday mornings, reading and reflecting on the text(s) for morning worship. Please bring the Bible translation you are most comfortable with and a desire to listen, learn, and be transformed by the Spirit as we anticipate the Spirit's voice in worship through the scripture reading(s).

### **An Invitation to be Transformed: Reading and Reflecting on Parables in Luke**

Timm invites you to gather with the Holy Spirit for a time of reading and reflecting on parables in Luke on Wednesday's at 10am. We will gather for an hour weekly and will begin the first week with the Parable of the Sower in Luke 8.4-15. The following weeks will find us exploring parables in Luke you will suggest. Please bring the Bible translation you are most comfortable with and a desire to listen, learn, and be transformed by these marvelous stories that Jesus told, and that the community remembered and treasured. This offering will continue through mid-November.

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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.

Jack and Helen Fashbaugh for their hours of commitment. The time spent preparing for worship each Sunday since June, 2021, and then leading each of those worship services with faithful worship leadership including Helen's faithful service as the liturgist. And this does not include the hour or more of commute from Ironwood each Sunday.

The members of the congregation who were present at the August 28<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting and affirmed the voice of the Spirit through the nominating committee to elect Pearl Jonkman, Kathy LaBarge, and Owen Karlman as Ruling Elders, and Don Hujet, Deb Wilke, and Carol Gelwicks as Deacons. Congratulations to all and Thanks Be To God!

How Autumn helps us see the world in an expansive way thanks to her color  
Another faithful year of discipleship and witness to God's Love through the Attic.

### **SESSION NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Timm High, moderator, at 1:05 with a prayer.

The minutes from August 8, 2022, were approved.

The budget is currently still looking good, and we have received an anonymous donation of \$10,000.00. Session has decided to put the money in a CD at Peoples Bank.

Pastor Timm will continue Bible Study on Wednesday at 10:00 and will be the parables. He would also like to start a reading group.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 with prayer. Next session meeting is scheduled October 21, 2022, at 10:00.

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session

### **October Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### **Birthdays**

Jo Mayeau	October 1
Diane Galaty	October 24
Nancy Teichmiller	October 26
Dennis Tibstra	October 27
Ann Hall	October 29

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Alan & Carol Schmitz	October 14
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**Scripture readings for October**

**October 2 - Proper 22**

*Semicontinuous: Lam. 1:1-6 and Lam. 3:19-26 or Ps. 137;*

*Complementary: Hab. 1:1-4; 2: 1-4 and Ps.37:1-9; 2 Tim. 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10*

**October 9 - Proper 23**

*Semicontinuous: Jer. 29:1, 4-7, and Ps.66: 1-12;*

*Complementary: 2 Kgs. 5:1-3,7-15c and Ps. 111:2; 2 Tim. 2:8-15; Luke17:11-19*

**October 16 - Proper 24**

*Semicontinuous: Jer. 31:27-34 and Ps. 119:97-104;*

*Complementary: Gen. 32:22-31 and Ps.121; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5 ; Luke 18:1-8*

**October 23 - Proper 25**

*Semicontinuous: Joel 2:23-42 and Ps. 65;*

*Complementary: Jer. 14:7-10, 19-22 and Ps. 84:1-7; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14*

**October 30 - Proper 26**

*Semicontinuous: Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Ps.119:137-144;*

*Complementary: Isa. 1:10-18 and Ps. 32:1-7; 2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10*

**Special Dates for October**

<b>Pastor Appreciation Month</b>	
<b>World Communion Sunday</b>	<b>October 2</b>
<b>Reformation Sunday</b>	<b>October 30</b>
<b>Reformation Day</b>	<b>October 31</b>

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

Carol and Tom Gelwicks want to thank the church family for all the concerns, prayers, support, emails and food during their struggle with Covid.

## **No lone-ranger Christians**

World Communion Sunday, celebrated this year on October 2, reminds us there's no such thing as solitary Christianity. "As Christians we're called to belong, not just to believe," writes Rick Warren. "We are not meant to live lone-ranger lives; instead, we are to belong to Christ's family and be members of his body."

After all, Christian fellowship can't occur without fellow Christians. We can't learn the intricacies of the Bible and theology without preachers and teachers. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't take Holy Communion alone; in fact, the sacrament's very name refers to interaction with God and others.

The New Testament clearly states that one cannot be Christian all alone. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30). We belong to the family of believers (Galatians 6:10). We are "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1 Peter 2:9, NRSV). So don't be a lone ranger or a stranger – to worship or to Holy Communion!