

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
LAC DU FLAMBEAU
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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

To the church of God that is Community Presbyterian Church in Lac du Flambeau, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind...so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ...God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1 selected verses, adapted

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

Paul writes expressing thanks, as he often does to communities he has helped birth, for their faithful witness to what God has done and is doing in the name of Jesus Christ. The Church at Corinth is no exception. In this my final pastoral letter, I write sharing thanks to you, the Church known as the Community Presbyterian Church of Lac du Flambeau.

Thank you...

For providing Kim and Maggie and Mercie and me a lovely home to live in.
For the persons who shared time in worship in season and out of season.
For the persons who participated in a Book Read and Reflection.
For the persons who participated in a Spiritual Formation opportunity.
For those who encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and to try things.
For those who were willing to embrace different hymns and responses in worship.
For the collegiality of members of Session and the Board of Deacons.
For the privilege of colleagues on staff: Mary Jane Stevens and Rebecca Wright.
For those who supported the missional outreach of this congregation in some way.

And, always, thank you for the invitation to come and dwell and serve God in your midst, which made the opportunity possible. While the length of the stay turned out to be short, the memories made will be long-lasting.

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 Good Bye: God-Be-With Ye...

Timm

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

The texts for preaching during September are:

September 3	14 th Sunday After Pentecost	Matthew 16.21-28
September 10	15 th Sunday After Pentecost	Matthew 18.1-4, 15-20

Worship In September

We will gather as a community for worship regularly at 10am during August, worship that will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion on September 3rd. Please continue to support the Sunday morning worship services as they are led by pulpit supply beginning on September 17th.

Timm's Service as Temporary Supply Pastor Concludes

Timm's service as Temporary Supply Pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church will conclude with his final Sunday of leading worship on September 10th.

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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 are sustaining their financial commitment to CPC for 2023!

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.

All of the persons who have served as liturgists during worship in the past year.

The dedicated persons who staffed the Attic on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The members of the Session and the Deacons for their leadership within CPC.

Jill Consie for her maintaining the prayer chain.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Community Presbyterian Church of Lac du Flambeau, WI, was held on Sunday, August 27th following the 10am worship service. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated. Annual reports are now available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

The Parking Lot

As the next step in the process of answering lingering questions as to whether human remains remain under the pavement of the CPC parking lot, three areas were explored for human remains on Thursday, August 17th. The three areas included the spot where the sinkhole was discovered this Spring, a spot in front of The Attic building, and the southeast corner of the parking lot adjacent to the cemetery. In each of these spots, the asphalt was removed, and soil was carefully removed to search for evidence of human remains. The work began at 8am and continued until late afternoon at which time it was halted to allow for further conversations within the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

On Monday, August 21st, the Historic Preservation Department of the Tribe posted an update. It can be found in total on the Community Presbyterian Church Facebook page.

In summary, it shared that within the three areas that were examined, "one site produced a positive result of the presence of human remains."

And further, "Communication has been provided to the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council and Presbyterian Church Pastor, Timm High, in regards to the initial findings. The Tribal Council will be meeting with the Historic Preservation Department staff to discuss future options that may include more extensive investigations and to ensure the burial sites are protected."

And further..."Until such time as a formal decision is made by the Tribal Council, a large portion of the Church parking lot has been closed for parking access. As more information becomes available, the Tribe will work to share information with the Lac du Flambeau community, members of the Presbyterian Church, and the general public."

And further..."The Historic Preservation Department would like to thank everyone who assisted in the initial ground investigation for their time, patience, and dedication to this matter."

The two immediate consequences of the cordoning off of the majority of the parking lot is that with some creative parking, we can park about 20 cars on the lot, as both entrances are still usable. We have also been given permission to park in the St. Anthony Catholic Church's parking lot on Sunday mornings. We are unable to park on Old Abe Road/Highway 47 due to it being a state highway.

The other is that The Attic has closed for the season a couple of weeks earlier than expected due to the parking lot being cordoned off, and the resulting inability to access the building. This means sadness for staff and clients alike as well as a diminished amount of money to distribute in missional ways for 2023.

On Tuesday, September 29, the barricades in the parking lot were adjusted slightly to allow for more parking spaces to be used by the church. Many thanks to Tom Gelwicks and Ron Wilke for their parking lot attendant duties on Sunday mornings.

If you have questions, please address them to a member of the Session.

SESSION NOTES FROM August 4, 2023

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

After determining a quorum Pastor Timm High called the meeting to order at 9:07 with a gathering question. What is something you are hopeful about? Discussion followed.

Discernment question: Read Luke 13.1-9. Discussion followed.

Motion by Steve Schunk and seconded by Pearl Jonkman Hujet to approve the minutes from June 30, 2023, and July 23, 2023, as amended. Motion carried.

Question as to why copier cost has not been taken from the Memorial Fund. Someone will contact Bill Raduege.

Motion made by Jill Consie and seconded by Ralph Kerler to receive the report. Motion carried.

Next a discussion regarding the position of Musician followed. Motion by Steve Schunk and seconded by Jill Consie to be presented for consideration with a few changes. Approved at next meeting.

There was some discussion on the Land Acknowledgement message. Declaration to be used for internal exposure only. Questions remain on whether we have a document and what is the response to this? We appreciate Steve Schunk for continuing to work on this.

Jill Consie will look over the responsibilities of Usher, Coffee Hour Host and Liturgist and report at the next meeting if they need to be changed.

The facility use agreement was gone over. Question as to whether insurance policy has an umbrella policy to allow for others to use the facility? Mary Jane Stevens will find out. Approval set for next meeting.

Pearl wrote an annual summary report on behalf of the session for the August 27, 2023, annual meeting. Report was approved with the addition of an introductory paragraph.

Ralph presented the mission report for pay out of round 2 for the year. A total of \$4000 must be paid out. Motion carried to approve.

Stewardship announcements will begin August 6, 2023. Presenters will be Kathy LaBarge, Ralph Kerler and Glenn Morrison.

Much discussion on the nominating committee. Decision to allow Jill Consie to operate as the nominating committee for this year. At the annual meeting Ralph Kerler has agreed to be elected as the Elder to next year's nominating committee, Steve Schunk seconded it. Motion carried.

Jill made a motion and seconded by Ralph Kerler to suspend the by-laws as to the number of Elders to be elected. Motion carried.

Steve Schunk made a motion seconded by Jill Consie to suspend by-laws as to the number of deacons elected. Motion carried.

A welcome and cover letter will be worked on by Steve Schunk and Pastor Timm High for the next session meeting.

Next session meeting will be August 31, 2023, at 9:00.

Pastor Timm High presented the question what do we do going forward now that he is leaving? Clerk of Session should contact the Presbytery. The clerk asked that Steve Schunk please contact the Presbytery as he is familiar with it from our last search. He agreed.

Ralph Kerler said Bill Raduege had already contacted someone to lead worship on September 17 and 24. It was discussed that such steps should be taken by and at the direction of the Session.

Jill Consie made a motion and seconded by Kathy LaBarge that Pastor Timm High and Kim be allowed to stay in the Manse for as long as necessary and that Pastor Timm receive payment through the end of September.

Motion made to adjourn by Glen Morrison and seconded by Pearl Jonkman Hujet. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session.

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WE ARE IN NEED OF PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR:

GREETER

LITURGIST

USHERS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Betty Adams	September 8
Linda Biek	September 14
Bob Clarke	September 19

Anniversaries

Frank and Nancy DiCristina	September 3
Dennis and Sue Robertson	September 7
Dave and Nancy Buel	September 7

Scripture readings for September

September 3 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Ex.3:1-15 and Psalm 105:1-6,23-26, 45b;

Complementary: Jer.15:15-21 and Ps.26:1-8; Rom. 12:9; Matt. 16:21-28

September 10 -15th Sunday after Pentecost

Complementary: Ezek.33:7-11and Ps.119:33-40; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20

September 17- 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Ex.14:19-31and Ps. 114 or Ex. 15:1b-11, 20-21;

Complementary: Gen.50:15-21 and Ps. 103:(1-7)8-13; Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

September 24 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 16

Semicontinuous: Ex. 16:2-15 and Ps. 105:1-6,37-45;

Complementary: Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Ps. 145:1-8; Phil.1:21-30; Matt. 20:1-16

Special Dates for September

Labor Day	September 4, 2023
National Grandparents Day	September 10, 2023
Patriot Day	September 11, 2023
Hispanic Heritage Month	September 15 - October 15
First Day of Autumn	September 23, 2023

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