

**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."

A Love Letter To The Saints of Community Presbyterian Church

See, I have set before you life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.... Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Deuteronomy 30.11-20

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

The text is taken from a long farewell address attributed to Moses as he speaks to the people of Israel who are going on without him. Moses has been told that he will not accompany the people and as an affirmation of the love that he has for them, he offers this blessing coached in the form of a promise. ***"See, I have set before you life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in God's ways, and observing God's commandments...then you shall live...."*** (emphasis added).

This cherished text reflects Moses' understanding of God's desire for God's people: that they thrive rather than merely survive. We are to be intentionally active in relationship with God by loving God and by following in God's ways. As Christians, we have this way embodied in the person of Jesus. The earliest witnesses to Jesus reflect his understanding of how living in God means loving God and neighbor—as we love ourselves—with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength! This is why one early name of the Church was The Way. We make our way and confirm God's Way by following God.

I have been invited by the Spirit through the leadership of the Pastor Nominating Committee to dwell with you as the Stated Supply Pastor in a covenantal relationship committed to loving God and neighbor while listening for the Spirit's voice, as individually and collectively we are led into God's preferred

future for the Community Presbyterian Church of Lac du Flambeau. I am grateful to God for the privilege of this opportunity for us to serve God by loving our neighbors together in order to thrive, not simply survive.

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
Timm High

Greetings! My name is Timm High. Timothy Peter High, to be exact. You are welcome to refer to me in a way that is comfortable to you. I am most comfortable being known as Timm with two m's.

I have 40 years of experience serving congregations in one pastoral role or another within the Presbyterian Church (USA). I was born into and raised within the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Duluth, MN, and have lived in eight (now nine!) additional states (four of them twice) during my life. Most recently, I served God within a congregation in Midland, MI. I share life with my wife, Kim Emery, a native of Anaheim, CA. Kim is the mother of David and his wife Ribbin, who reside in Aurora, CO. I am the father of Seth, a resident of Detroit, MI, and Ashley, a resident of metro Washington D.C. Kim and I share life with Maggie and Mercy, our dogs.

I understand all ministerial service today to be transitional in nature, whether one is in a "permanent" relationship as an installed pastor or a "temporary" relationship as a transitional/interim/stated supply pastor. After serving as a pastor and a presbytery leader, I have come to enjoy and be embraced by the work of transitional pastoral service. I believe we are once again in a time of Reformation, of re-formation, as a Church and as a society. I believe this is an exceptional time in the life of the world, a time of transformation for the Church, for society, and for individuals, because of what God is doing in the world. What a privilege it is to be a part of such a time! While a challenging time full of change(s), I also find it an exciting time to be a leader in the church and am grateful and thankful—and excited—to join you in the Community Presbyterian Church of LdF.

I embrace my role as a Teaching Elder passionately and look forward to engaging with you in worship and in opportunities for spiritual formation as together we are engaged by God in the person of Jesus through the passion and purpose of the Holy Spirit.

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

The texts for September 18-25 are:

September 18	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	John 5.1-9	"The Perils of Paralysis"
September 25	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Luke 15.1-10	"Lost And Found"

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 beginning September 18th 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 beginning September 21st. 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.

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Thank You 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.

The members of the Session: Bill Raduege, Ralph Kerler, Glenn Morrison, Jillian Consie, Mary Jane Stevens, Owen Karlman, Steve Schunk, and Kathy LaBarge, Clerk, for their additional hours of leadership during these sixteen months of transition within CPC.

The members of the Session (including Tom Gelwicks) and Carol Gelwicks and Shirlee Gallagher for their additional service as the Pastor Nominating Committee through the many challenges that were faced in the process.

For another season of Summer in our lives.

For the faithfulness of disciples who assist with the Attic on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For Mary Jane Stevens' faithful service in the church office.



Session Notes from August 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Jack Fashbaugh, moderator, at 10:05 with a prayer.

All session members were present.

The minutes from July 18 and July 24, 2022, were approved.

The budget is currently looking good, and we have a reserve of \$134,000.

The first round of mission checks was approved by the Session and have been mailed out.

Work is continuing in the manse in preparation of the arrival of our new pastor Timm High. Timm will begin work on September 15, 2022. His first-time leading worship will be September 18, 2022.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday August 28, 2022, to be held after services.

Please join us on Sunday September 4th after services in the fellowship hall for a gathering for Jack and Helen Fashbaugh.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 with prayer. Next session meeting is scheduled September 19, 2022, at 10:00.

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session

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Annual Meeting Update:

The LdF CPC Annual meeting was conducted Sunday, August 28, with Jack Fashbaugh moderating. The Annual Report was made available to attendees and included the 2023 budget, committee reports and "giving report" to date.

Nominations were made to fill Session positions. Kathy LaBarge and Owen Karlman, whose terms are up at the end of December, were re-elected to another three year term beginning in January 2023. Dr. Bill Raduege, whose second three-year term expires in December was not eligible for another term due to Presbyterian Book of Order rules. Pearl Jonkman was engaged by the Nominating Committee and elected to Session to fill Bill's vacancy. Her three year term begins January 2023. Thank you, Pearl.

Deacon Nominations included John Hujet, Deb Wilke and Carol Gelwicks. As in Pearl's case, the vote was unanimous to elect them to be Deacons. Thank you, Deacon members, past and present for your role in church leadership and participation. The Deacon position will evolve and expand as the needs of the congregation change with the times and efforts to ever improve on our connection with the congregation, community, and the world.

A more complete listing of Session and Deacons will be available in the October Newsletter and on our website. Minutes of the Annual Meeting will be available upon approval by the Session later this month.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Betty Adams	Sept. 8
Linda Biek	Sept. 14
Elaine Jordan	Sept. 12
Helen Day	Sept. 18

Anniversaries

Frank and Nancy DiCristina	Sept. 3
Dennis and Sue Robertson	Sept. 7
Dave and Nancy Buell	Sept. 7

Scripture readings for August

September 4 - Proper 18

Semicontinuous: Jer. 18:1-11 and Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18;

Complementary: Deut. 30:15-20 and Ps.1; Phlm. 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 11 - Proper 19

Semicontinuous: Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28 and Ps.14 ;

Complementary: Ex. 32:7-14 and Ps.51:1-10; 1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 18 - Proper 20

Semicontinuous: Jer. 8:18-9:1 and Ps. 79:1-9;

Complementary: Amos 8:4-7 and Ps.113; 1 Tim. 2:1-7 ; Luke 16:1-13

September 25 - Proper 21

Semicontinuous: Jer. 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Ps. 91:1-6, 14-16;

Complementary: Amos 6:1a,4-7 and Ps.146; 1 Tim. 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Special Dates for September

Labor Day	September 5, 2022
Patriot Day	September 11, 2022
National Grandparents Day	September 11, 2022
First Day of Autumn	September 22, 2022

WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF PEOPLE TO SIGN UP FOR:

GREETER AND ANNOUNCER

USHERS

COFFEE HOUR

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Here's are opportunities to do God's work in our community:

"Hope in a Backpack" is a program serving families in need through packing canned/boxed goods into students' backpacks on a weekly basis during the school year. Tasks range from packing food to delivering/retrieving backpacks from the many schools supported by this program.

"Tom's Table", a community meal program (suspended during the Covid pandemic) now looking to restart. Stay tuned for additional information in your September newsletter after the organizational meeting in August meeting.

Your **Missions Committee** met in May to discuss the 2022 budget. Approved for "Round One" (of three in 2022) expenditures is the following:

\$1,000 scholarships for:

Lacy Valier, Lac du Flambeau student graduating Lakeland Union High School in June with plans to attend the University of Minnesota-Morris in Fall 2022.

Ariana Allen, Lac du Flambeau college student currently enrolled at Bemidji State studying Business Finance.

Girls on the Run-LdF chapter (\$500)

Caritas (\$1,000)

Ukrainian support (\$500)

Please talk with Ralph Kerler, Jillanne Consie, Jo Mayeau or Kim Johnson if you'd like input into rounds two or three.

Thanks!

The Mission Committee

TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES

Stewardship is, of course, more than the offering we put in the plate each Sunday, or however we chose to tithe. It is about how we contribute our **TIME, TALENTS AND OUR TREASURES** do the work Jesus wants us to do in the world.

We used August to recount just some of the ways we invest our time, talents, and treasures here... AND ask ourselves to remember how important each effort is, large or small and the fact that, as it says in **Luke 12:34** **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

We offered Stewardship Minutes at each of our services in August to talk about Caritas, the importance of being doers and not just listeners (as referenced in the book of James), our many Missions contributions and opportunities, and finally, our pledges and finances.

Here is just a partial list of things we have done in the past and will continue to do together to be the Heart, Hands and Feet of Jesus...

- Leading and attending Bible Study
- Maintaining and improve our Buildings and Grounds - From Tree limbs to Toilets, From Carpets to Gutter Cleaning
- Working at the Attic Resale Store - from intake and pricing to sorting and selling

- Hope in a Backpack
- Food Pantry contributions
- Neighborly deeds - checking in on one another and helping and praying for each other
- Communion setup and Coffee Hours
- Sound System management
- Mary Jane's work to help operating our church
- Planning, preparing for and hosting Fellowship events
- Searching for and finding a new pastor - our Pastoral Nominating Committee
- Planning, practicing and signing choir selections
- Ushering
- Counting and recording offering
- Volunteering at Caritas
- Researching and distributing Mission Moneys
- Exploring Outreach opportunities
- Compiling and making Sunday Announcements
- Providing coffee hour treats and beverages
- Writing, compiling and mailing newsletters
- Contributing our financial treasures
- Considering our future financial offerings and completing and returning our PLEDGE CARDS

Again, this is a partial list... Anyone want to call out anything not mentioned?

There are many things we do and still, there are many opportunities to serve as Jesus' Heart, Hands and Feet in the Community that we have yet to explore.... Let's make the rest of this year and 2023 a time when we Love Our Neighbors more than ever.

Thank you....

Your Stewardship Committee