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Newsletter of Community Presbyterian Church, Lac du Flambeau, WI

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PASTOR

*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."*

TO: All the Good and Faithful folk of the Community Presbyterian Church:

It has been a long and difficult year for everyone, including churches, who have been hit very hard by the Covid 19 pandemic. You may recall that one year ago, on Easter Sunday, church was cancelled due to a very severe snow-storm and we have not had traditional services since that time. We have learned much about the Zoom services, had a wonderful special service in the parking lot last fall and have demonstrated our resilience with the aid of many more skilled than are we. It has been challenging, at times enjoyable, but always - - just not the same. Some, ranging from 8-13 or so attend regularly and assist in the program. Overtime, however, I sense a desire for us to be together - - the on-line service is in many ways a lot of fun, but many wish to move on. Over the past 5 weeks or so, we have been meeting after church briefly for refreshment and it is almost not possible to describe the feeling. We really need the "politicos" of all stripes to ring-in their personal power ventures, and do their job of working for and with each other. The gospel teaches us to "love" one another - - not try to destroy one another. In the meantime, things go on as usual: Session will meet on the 14th of May at 10:00 AM; committees, such as personnel, budget, etc., will have to look over their plans. In addition, even though our income was lower due to losing the usual contributions from the Attic, we are still able to meet our primary commitments. Our Christian faith is a life-long journey, a struggle to understand and grow. Whenever I struggle, I try to remember several texts which speak directly to me. You know them well, "God so loved the world...; God was in Christ, reconciling the world...; and God emptied Godself, so that God could be grasped by the human mind." God is always available, if we openly seek His love and challenges.

Let me also say at this time, if you are local and would like to attend church in person, we will welcome your return. Call me at my cell phone number and we can chat about it. We wish to approach this cautiously for the safety of all.

In the meantime, stay well, do good work, and may the Lord be with you always!

As Always,

Pax et Caritas,

Bill Anderson,

Moderator

*Special dates for
May, 2021*

National Day of Prayer.	May 6, 2021
Mother's Day.	May 9, 2021
Ascension Day.	May 13, 2021
Armed Forces Day.	May 15, 2021
Pentecost.	May 23, 2021
Trinity Sunday.	May 30, 2021
Memorial Day.	May 31, 2021

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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AND
ANNIVERSARIES**

Grant Birmingham.	May 4
Kathy LaBarge.	May 8
Glenn Morrison.	May 8
Organization of our Congregation.	May 13, 1924
Barb Streng.	May 13
Jan Hoppe.	May 17

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Janeen Clarke.	May 5
Rick and RuthAnn Kamerad.	May 23

**MAY 2021
SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

MAY 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 8: 26-40; Psalms 22: 25-31; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8

MAY 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 10: 44-48; Psalms 98; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17

MAY 16, 2021
7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalms 1; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19

MAY 23, 2021
DAY OF PENTECOST
Acts 2: 1-21 or Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Psalms 104: 24-34, 35b; Rom. 8: 22-27 or
Acts 2: 1-21; John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15

MAY 30, 2021
TRINITY SUNDAY
Isa. 6: 1-8; Psalms 29; Rom. 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17

These readings are suggested by the Presbyterian Planning Calendar and may be changed depending on the topic of the sermon.

*Prayer requests
From the
Congregation*

Kathy LaBarge asks for prayers for her brother, Larry and his wife Debbie. He has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and has refused treatment because of all his other problems. He has been moved to hospice, however, Debbie has only limited times she can see him due to Covid restrictions.

Carol Gelwicks niece (Christi), who had a stroke at the age of 66, at one point was not responding to treatment, but has since been moved into a rehab unit. She has a long way to go.

We received a call from Billie Miller's daughter about Billie having heart issues for some time and had an ablation to correct her arrhythmia. She is doing much better now.

Edi and John Spellmeyer have a close friend that is facing some serious health issues. She is the Rock for her family and they are so very anxious.

Please pray for all of the above people that are going through these anxious times. They need to know that they have our prayers and support and comfort.

Please let me know of any updates on the prayer requests.

SESSION NOTES

APRIL 9, 2021

After determining there was a quorum, the Moderator, Dr. Anderson, call the meeting to order at 10:05 AM with prayer.

We would like to thank Shirlee Gallagher for bringing cupcakes Easter Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship that followed the services.

It was approved that we allow more people to attend church services. For now we can gradually add up to 32. If anyone is interested in attending, please notify Dr. Anderson. You would need to wear a mask and social distance. It would be preferred if you have had your shots also.

We would like to thank Rebecca Wright for the excellent job she is doing playing for us on Sunday mornings.

Pam Fraboni has volunteered to take over the running of the Attic this year. If you have any questions please see Pam.

With no further business to be brought before the Session, motion was made to adjourn. Meeting was closed at 11:15 AM with prayer.

Next scheduled meeting will be May 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy LaBarge, Clerk of Session