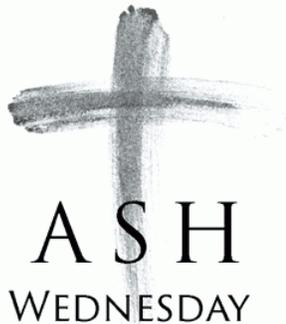


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Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christianyear/ash-wednesday/>

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator,

acutely aware of our mortality. In the face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God's Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.

Here at CPC, we begin Lent together with a meal of soup and bread (6 pm) and then move into our Ash Wednesday service (7 pm) where we receive the sign of the cross on our foreheads. You and your family are invited to fully participate in this Lenten journey together!

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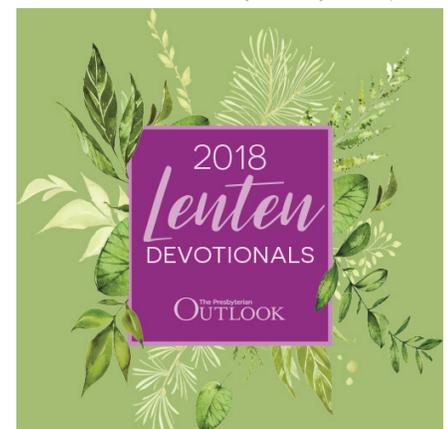
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Beginning Sunday, February 18 at 10:45 am
Pastor Steve will lead Community Presbyterian Church
in a study and discussion of

Our Church: Our Mission, Vision and Values in Times of Adaptive Challenge

Session has already begun this discussion and it is time to share the discussion with all members at CPC! Join in the discussion. Listen, learn and share! This weekly discussion will carry us through Lent and then into the future!



Watch for your
Lenten Devotional!
Available both in paper and
electronic form - beginning
February 14!

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2018 LEADERSHIP

Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of six ruling elders, elected for three years. Much of the business of the church is conducted through committees. Each ruling elder chairs one of the committees. The Pastor, who is a teaching elder and moderator of Session, is an ex-officio member of every committee.

<u>Class of 2018</u>	Dave Copeland Ivy Pillers	Nominating Mission
<u>Class of 2019</u>	Gene Kopecky Amanda Ross	Building and Grounds Christian Education
<u>Class of 2020</u>	Jean Abels Kim Nickander	Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Alice Richardson Ronda Marshall Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary (Non-voting) Treasurer (Non-voting)

2018 Nominating Committee

Ann Hesley, Mary Meyer, Jeanette Hallbeck, and Peggy McCarty

Membership (a sub committee of Mission) Chairperson: Stacy Kopecky

Deacons

The Board of Deacons is responsible for ministering to all those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to all those who may be in distress. Deacons provide meals and transportation, among other requested needs. They maintain the Prayer Chain. Deacons are elected in classes of two for three years.

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Jennifer Hall	Louis Bouchard	Marcia Britain
Jeanette Hallbeck	Mary Meyer	Ann Hesley

Staff

Head of Staff/ Transitional Pastor	Pastor Steve Pannkuk
Choir Director	Meg Britain
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Bell Choir Director	Judy Kereakos
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

When I first interviewed at Community Presbyterian Church, and attended my first meetings as Moderator of the Session, a significant highlight for me was the **Session Covenant**. These words describe Session's commitment and ownership to this church and the process of Transition between settled pastors. Please read them once again at the end of this article.

At every Session meeting, the Session Covenant is read. I typically ask, ***how are we doing here? How are we accomplishing these goals, and what more might we do to accomplish them?*** Together, we process how we're doing as a church and how we might accomplish these items together.

Your Session is committed to the health of your church, healthy dialog and gathering your insights and ownership. What an awesome Annual Meeting this past Sunday at Community Presbyterian Church! Words like grateful and thanksgiving and celebration come to mind as we highlighted our mission and ministry from 2017, and looked ahead to our hopes and vision for 2018.

I mentioned again that I'm grateful for your honesty, your vulnerability, your input and insights, your time and your trust. It has been a blessing to share with you ministry and leadership, Word and Sacrament, and full participation in the life of Community and the Presbytery. Thank you for your welcome and encouragement.

I am really looking forward to Lent!!! Have I told you? We recently had a Session retreat where I gave some highlights of our upcoming Lenten series, Our Church: Our Mission, Vision and Values in Times of Adaptive Challenges. It will take place on Sundays February 18 to March 25, after worship, from 10:45-11:45. People of all ages are invited.

Community Presbyterian Church Session Covenant

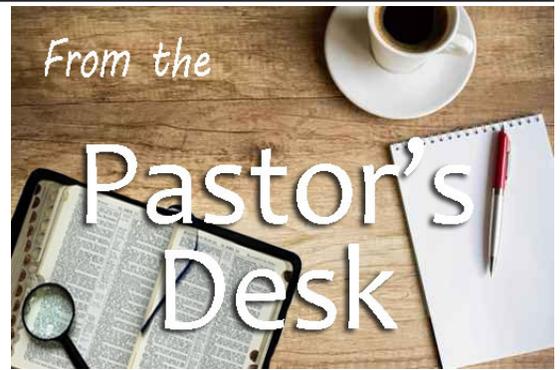
As a Session,

- We covenant together to communicate with honesty, transparency and openness;
- We covenant together to support each other through life's struggles, and
- We covenant together to work collectively and creatively, listening to each other and the pulse of the congregation as we follow God's leading.

Prioritizing our work:

- The Session will hire (has hired) an effective transitional pastor to help us come to terms with the past, focus and move forward. We need to discuss the transitional work/process/priorities.
- The Session will provide healing opportunities and purposely reconnect with members/friends of CPC who have struggled and have been wounded by events in the church.
- The Session will ensure all youth in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to participate in a confirmation class.
- The Session will do our best to listen to and understand your concerns. We will also be intentional about developing a marketing plan to help us reach new people.
- The Session will faithfully and realistically strengthen our financial foundation in sustainable ways so that we can make wise decisions as we move forward in our life and ministry.
- The Session will communicate with honesty, transparency and openness, work collectively and creatively through the issues and opportunities that arise, encourage your input, and continue to help us all support each other through life's struggles and delight in life's joys with one another.

God's blessings and peace to you, your family, and your church family. Pastor Steve



Christian Education for Children and Youth

February 4 • Beloved • Mark 1:4-11

February 11 • Discerning God's Call • 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20

February 18 • Casting Call • Mark 1:14-20

February 25 • Called to Truthful Love • Mark 1:21-28



Christian Education For All Ages!



The Newsboys are coming to Minnesota! They will be performing at Grace Church in Eden Prairie on Friday, March 9th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 each. Group tickets are \$18 each. We can either possibly get our own group together or join with other Presbyterian area youth to go to this concert. Sign up by February 2nd, so we can get tickets! Contact person: Amanda



Ironwood Springs CHRISTIAN RANCH

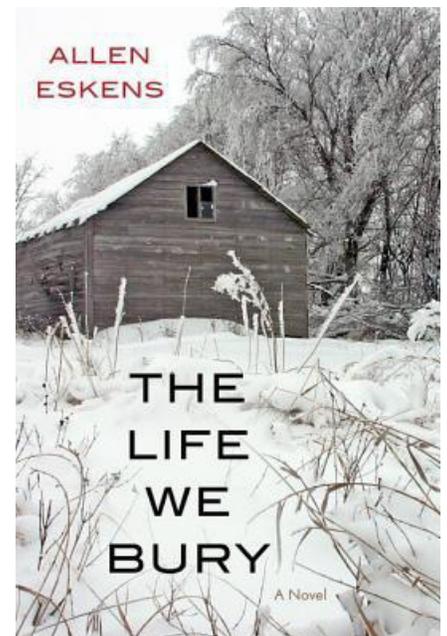


Snow Tubing at Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch has been scheduled for February 17! Save the date and watch for a sign up sheet in the narthex!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The book for the February discussion is The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens. It is fiction, the story of Joe, a college student whose English assignment is to interview a stranger and write a brief biography. His subject is an elderly Vietnam veteran, a convicted murderer near death in a nursing home. Joe finds it hard to reconcile Carl's valor in the war with the life of a murderer and works to uncover the facts behind his conviction. Side issues in Joe's life make this more than a mystery story. We will meet in the church library on February 25.



FROM THE SESSION AND THE OFFICE

On Tuesday, January 16, the 2017 Session members along with the new 2018 additions, as well as Stephanie spent an evening together contemplating “Our Church: Mission, Vision, and Values.” It was an interesting, productive evening. We tried to brainstorm answers to questions such as “What do we do well?” and “What are we passionate about?” and “What is our neighborhood’s greatest need?” and several others. As Pastor Steve had intended, those questions and our answers led to much discussion! As we grapple with who we are and where we are going, it is exciting to see the dedication and commitment your church leaders share! The session has had a taste of the discussion. Now, the congregation will be invited to join in that discussion! Pastor Steve plans to lead a Lenten series during the Christian Education hour exploring these questions and themes. Plan to attend. The congregation’s input will guide session as we move ahead!

Other session business included budgeting for 2018. On January 23, session voted on and passed a balanced budget plan for 2018. That budget was presented at the annual meeting on Sunday, January 28.

We were delighted to have Kim Nickander (elder) and Marcia Britain (deacon) ordained on January 21. We also installed Ann Hesley (deacon), Jeanette Hallbeck (deacon), Amanda Ross (elder), Jean Abels (elder), and Mary Alice Richardson (clerk of session) into active service. We also commissioned Ronda Marshall (financial secretary) and Joanne Powell (treasurer) in their leadership roles as well. What an exciting day in the life of CPC!



The church office will be closed Monday, February 19 in observance of President’s Day.

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries can be found in the printed newsletter. You can pick one up at church!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS



**Thank you to our “holy rollers”
for refreshing the painting in
the Kids Klub in January!**

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Don't forget to sign up for helping in worship! Each week we need :

- a liturgist
- worship assistants (2)
- a greeter
- nursery volunteers
- a refreshment host

Once a month, we need 4 (ordained) communion assistants. Please look at your schedule and sign up to help! Sign up in the narthex or by emailing/calling the office!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The February meeting of Presbyterian Women will be held at the church at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, February 7. We will put together Birthday bags for children at Channel One. Bring cake and frosting mixes, small toys, books, and games, candles and napkins, balloons and large gift bags.

A Save the Date! Notice - World Day of Prayer will be celebrated on March 2, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church...see the poster on p. 10 of this newsletter!



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

MEMBERSHIP

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th, with Ash Wednesday. As per our CPC tradition, we will begin Lent with a Soup and Bread meal together at 6:00 pm on Ash Wednesday, before the worship service. If you are able to bring soup or bread, please sign up in the narthex or let Stacy know. Thanks!



MISSION



We received our Notice of Apportionment for the Year of 2018.

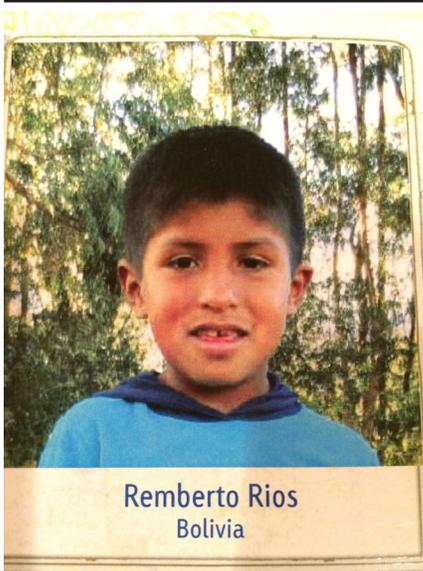
Per Capita Apportionment Per Member

General Assembly	\$7.73
Synod of Lakes and Prairies	5.40
Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area	<u>21.37</u>
Total	\$34.50

**Our total apportioned membership is 106.
So our total apportionment is \$3657.00.**



Just around the bend is Lent... which starts on Wednesday, February 14. This will be not just a kick off of this important Christian season but it will be a time to reflect and come together with other people of faith to address food insecurity. The Mission Committee will be highlighting those who struggle with hunger in our community as we prepare for Pack the Pews in March.



Remberto Rios
Bolivia



Don't forget our sponsorship of Remberto! We sponsor him at a cost of \$38/month. Take a turn on behalf of CPC in this sponsorship. Sign up to cover a month and place a check written out to CPC with the memo noting Compassion International or Remberto in the offering.

Spotlight on the Lyal and Joanne Powell Family



Joanne and Lyal met in Endicott, New York. Joanne had been born and grew up there while Lyal was born in Lykens, PA , moving to New York State in 1971. He worked in various areas, and attended classes at the University of Binghamton, eventually being hired by IBM. Joanne's field also was computers and she was working at Binghamton University when they were introduced by a colleague of Lyal, Mike Fisher. Mike's wife Marcia is a sister of Joanne. Some of our members should remember Mike and Marcia Fisher as they were members of CPC until IBM transferred Mike to Austin, Texas.

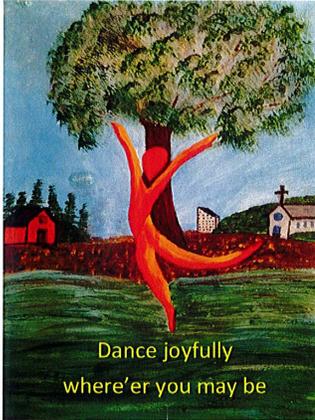
At the time they were married Lyal had a son, Matt, by his first wife. He is now a supervisor at Mayo in Environmental Services. He and his wife Khammoune have a daughter, Aubree, giving Joanne and Lyal their first grandchild. Lyal and Joanne have two other sons, Evan and Tom. They are grown and away now so we don't see them around CPC except for vacations. When they were still at home they played their various musical instruments for us in church occasionally. Evan graduated from Winona State in December with a BS degree in Business Administration and is working in Food Safety at the Quick Trip Headquarters in La Crosse. He plans to start working on an MBA degree soon. Son Tom is a junior at Iowa State in Ames with a double major in Aerospace Engineering and Mathematics. He also plays saxophone in the Marching, Symphonic, and Pep Bands and Wind Ensemble.

Lyal and Joanne were married in a Presbyterian church in 1992. Shortly after, IBM transferred Lyal to Rochester, MN where he works as an IT Specialist. Soon after arriving in Rochester, the Powell family found CPC and before long they were actively involved in the church. We were meeting at Assisi at the time and planning this church when Lyal joined the Construction Committee as co-chairman along with Bill Marshall and he has been on the Building and Grounds Committee ever since. Joanne worked with Logos and Wednesday Night Live, helping with the various activities with the kids. She has also occasionally played with the handbell choir. She is currently Church Treasurer, and works at Accounting & Tax Associates. In fact, both Joanne and Lyal seem to be too busy with their jobs, church work, and family to have time for much else. What traveling they do is mainly to visit family back in NY and TX—Joanne's dad and 3 siblings. Lyal has cousins in PA. Joanne is an excellent cook and does a lot of reading when she has time; Lyal enjoys being the "fix-it" man around the house. They seem to be just an ordinary happy family, enjoying their work, their family, their church and their friends.

AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

SAVE THE DATES!

Synod School 2018: July 22-27 at Buena Vista University



Convocation Speaker: Jason Santos
Worship Leader: Jana Childers
Music Leader: Hans Peterson, Dakota Road
Artist in Residence: Gina Penn, Dancer

Full program for children and youth
76 Adult Classes

An environment of hospitality, healing, and hope...

Full catalog mailed mid-February; online registration begins March 1.

Presbytery plans mission trip to Louisiana in April

The Presbytery is planning a mission trip experience to Denham Spring, Louisiana, to assist in recovery, clean-up and rebuilding from the 2016 flooding. Planned in collaboration with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the trip takes place Saturday to Saturday, April 7-15. The cost of the trip is \$150 per person, with a \$50 deposit due by Feb. 16. Complete details can be found in note from the Rev. Brenda K. Alexander of the presbytery's Mission and Witness Committee. Contact Stephanie in the CPC office and she can forward the note to you!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY



It's 1988 and Savannah's elite society has planned an evening of fashion and merriment in the enchanted world of *The Garden*. This fashion show is the hottest ticket in town but soon becomes a frenzy of intrigue and drama that will keep you guessing about each character's innocence or guilt in this utopian southern haven. Y'all can sit a spell and enjoy this killer evening.

Sample wine and desserts as you try to solve the mystery. Tickets are \$40 and must be purchased in advance. Must be 21 to attend.

Elder Network Murder Mystery Fundraiser **Savannah in Style** February 10, 2018

6:00 and 8:30 pm Performances
Plummer House, Rochester MN

For tickets,

call **507-285-5272**

Makes a great Valentine's present!

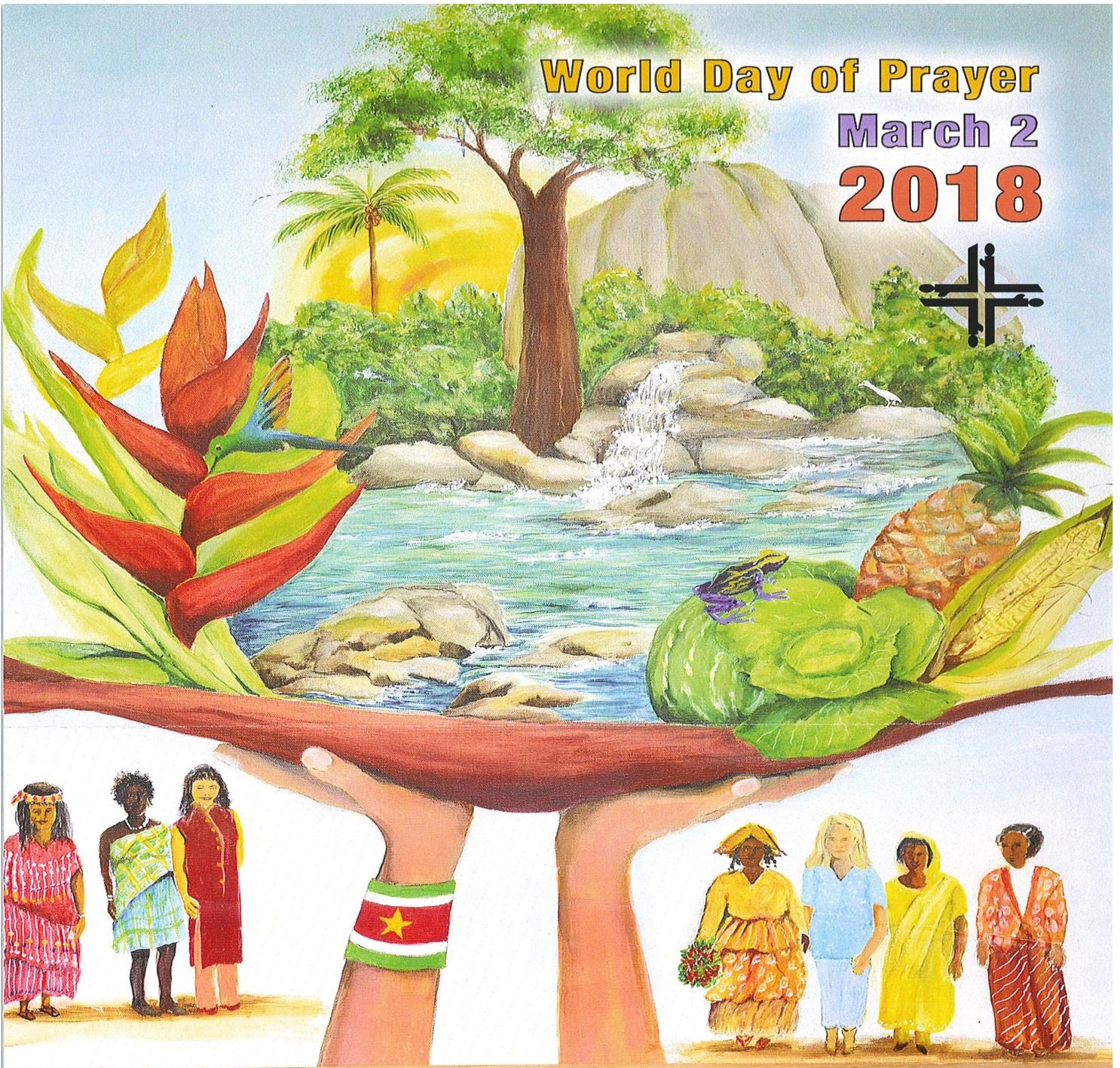
Elder Network

A local non-profit agency whose mission is
**Individuals impacted by the limiting effects of aging have
an optimal quality of life.**

www.elder-network.org

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World Day of Prayer
March 2
2018



ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD!
Prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Suriname

World Day Of Prayer

March 2, 2018

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Rd NE, Rochester, MN 55906

10:00am Fellowship / 10:30am Worship Service

World Day of Prayer USA • www.wdp-usa.org • 212.870.2466

475 Riverside Dr., Suite 1523 • New York, NY 10115

by Alice Pomstra-Elmont • *The Divine Gift*

February 2018 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	2	3 9:00am 4Kicks Taekwondo
4 9:30am Worship with Communion 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 10:45am Youth Ringtones 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop	5 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	6 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 6:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Christian Education Committee meeting	7 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 12:30pm PW Monthly Get-Together 7:00pm Choir	8 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	9	10 4:00pm possible building rental
11 Channel One Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education	12 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	13 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	14 Ash Wednesday 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm Worship Service	15 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	16	17
18 Noisy Can Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Christian Education 10:45am Adult Ed: "Our Church..." 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop	19 Office Closed 6:00pm Med City Tai Chi Class	20 12:00pm Newsletter articles due 12:00pm Area Presby Clergy Group 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo 5:30pm Finance & Stewardship meeting 7:00pm Session Meeting	21 6:30am Prayer Group 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:15pm Jubellation Handbell Choir 7:00pm Choir	22 5:15pm 4Kicks Taekwondo	23	24
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Put these dates on your calendar!

February 7 PW Birthday Bags for Channel One!

**February 14 Ash Wednesday Soup and Bread Meal
Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

February 18 Lenten Study Series Begins

February 19 Office Closed (President's Day)

February 25 Book Discussion Group

**A full calendar can always be found
on the CPC website! www.cpcrochester.org**

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minded Christian commu-
nity sharing a ministry of
faith, hope and love." CPC
is a proud member of the
Presbyterian Church USA
(PCUSA).*

*We're located at 3705 Fair-
way Place NW, just across
from Sam's Club.*

**Join us for worship at 9:30
Sunday mornings!**

**You are invited to join us
on this journey of faith!**