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The leaves are turning, and we are reminded that we now move from summer to autumn. This month, Community begins a new season in ministry, as we have said good-bye to Pastor Laurene Lafontaine. We wish her every blessing. The session is working with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry to plan for the coming weeks, including arrangements for preaching and worship. Even as we experience a change in pastoral leadership, our life and ministry together continue. We continue to worship God with hope and thanksgiving. We continue to nurture our children in faith and gather for fellowship together. We continue to reach out to our neighbors in love, through our on-going mission programs and community engagement.

In time, a new interim pastor will join us as we reflect together on where we have been, where we are, and where God is leading us into the future. We trust that God is with us, and will guide us, as we imagine a new future as God's beloved Community.

Grace and peace,
The Session



Put these dates on your calendar!

October 2 World Communion Sunday

October 13 Presbyterian Women's Monthly Event

October 16 Tews Corn Maze

October 23 Book Discussion Group

A complete calendar can always

be found on our website!

www.cpcrochester.org

Community Presbyterian is “an open-hearted, open-minded Christian community sharing a ministry of faith, hope and love.”

Community Presbyterian Church is a proud member of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA). We were founded by a group of Rochesterites who were committed to building a church based on the simple idea that Christians should be “open-hearted, open-minded.” We’re located at 3705 55th Street NW, just across from Sam’s Club. Join us for worship at 9:30 Sunday mornings! You are welcome to join us on this journey of faith!

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Community Presbyterian Church 2016 Leadership

Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of nine ruling elders, elected in classes of three, 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 2016</u>	Bruce Felger Stacy Kopecky Amy Anderson	Building and Grounds Membership Personnel
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<u>Class of 2017</u>	Ronda Marshall Mark Neville Amanda Ross	Finance and Stewardship Clerk Christian Education
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<u>Class of 2018</u>	Dave Copeland Ivy Pillers Ellen Warner	Nominating Mission Worship and Music
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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 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Louis Bouchard Judy Leal	Peggy McCarty Bernie Nicholson	Carol Bigelow Jennifer Hall

Choir Director	Meg Britain
Pianist	Laurie Priniski
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Bell Choir Director	Judy Kereakos
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch
Custodian	Carrie Fletcher

Ministers to the world Congregation Members

October 2016 - Community Presbyterian's Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Update on Pastoral Care

An unusual number of our congregational members are in need of pastoral care. In the wake of Pastor Laurene's departure, the Session is taking immediate action to ensure that pastoral care can be provided by a qualified and trained clergyperson. The Personnel Committee is drafting a job description that will allow us to hire someone on a temporary basis to provide consistent and ongoing pastoral care until our next interim pastor comes on board. Watch the bulletin and email blast for updates. If you have immediate needs for pastoral care, please contact the church office.

From the Presbytery

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
Invite you to our Fall Gathering on

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Calvin Presbyterian Church

177 Glendale Drive

Long Lake, MN

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

\$15 per person

'Shelter: A Safe Place to Call Home'

The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit - Psalm 34:18

Our morning speakers will be Monica Groves, Kristen Nelson, and Linda Wiza—three of the directors of **'The Dwelling Place'** (see page 2 for more information) who will share their stories and the stories of the women and children they serve.

In the afternoon, they will lead a panel discussion with a Q&A session. Please come prepared to ask questions that you might have on domestic abuse.

Registrations are due to Zoe Abrahamson by Friday, October 7. Your Moderator or Treasurer should collect all registrations forms and fees and send one check per church and include all forms.

Your help is needed for Worship!

Our Worship Volunteers create a warm, welcoming, and orderly environment so the focus of our worship services can remain on worship. Volunteering for one of our Worship Teams as an Assistant, Greeter, or Liturgist is an important way to contribute to the CPC community. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, or email Stephanie at office@cpcrochester.org.

- Worship Assistants assist with set up before worship and collect the offering and counts worshipers during the service (write the number down in the office).
- A Liturgist provides worship leadership during the service. The liturgist is provided with the bulletin ahead of time to be fully familiar with the texts.
- A Greeter greets everyone before the service and hands out the bulletins.
- Sanctuary Flowers providers provide flowers for Sunday morning worship. These can be a store bought bouquet, a plant or something from the garden!
- Fellowship-time refreshment hosts provide treats after Sunday worship. Treats can be homemade or store bought!
- Nursery Volunteers watch over our littlest worshipers during the service.



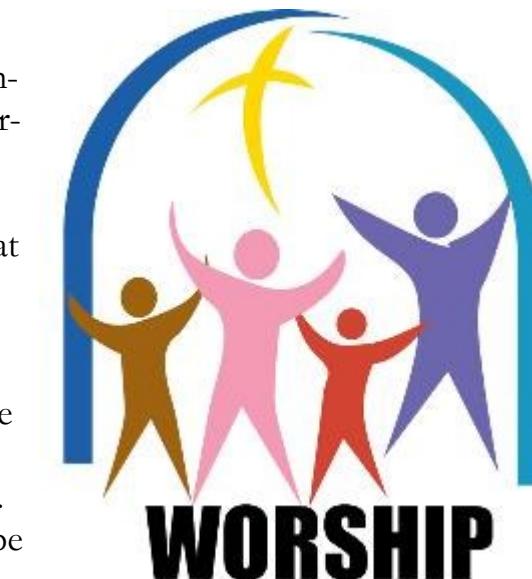
Save the date!

Saturday, November 19

11:00 am

Mall of America

Handbell Musicians of America is partnering with The Salvation Army and the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to break the Guinness World Record for the largest performing handbell ensemble and we need YOU to help us do it! There is a group going from Community Presbyterian Church. Talk to Judy Kereakos for more information!



Join the Choir!

Choir members provide beautiful music during worship as well as musical leadership during the hymns! Practices are each Thursday evening at 7 pm. Talk to Meg Britain if you are interested or just come!

Christian Education



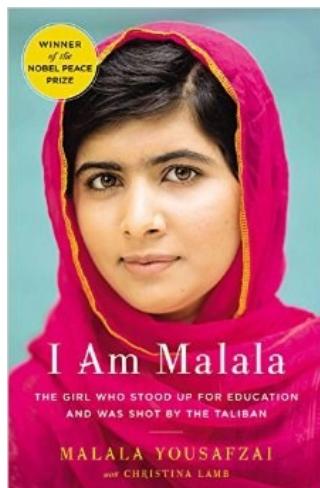
Christian Education for Children and Youth
Each Sunday at 10:45 am
We use Seasons of the Spirit Curriculum
Questions? Talk to Amanda!

- October 2 Living Love Letter * 2 Timothy 1:1-14
- October 9 Reoriented toward Gratitude s* Luke 17:11-19
- October 16 A Voice for Justice * Luke 18:1-8
- October 23 Dance of Pride and Humility * Luke 18:9-14
- October 30 Salvation for All * Luke 19:1-10

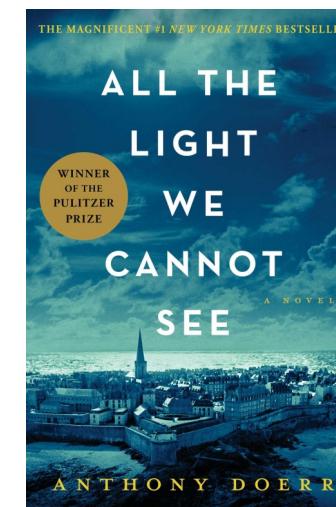
Seasons of the Spirit provides lectionary-based resources for worship, Christian education, and ministries of serving. These resources nurture faith through liturgy, ritual, imagination, and encourage Christian growth through worshipping, learning, and serving together. By equipping and enabling leaders, Seasons of the Spirit strives to empower children, youth, and adults to articulate "the hope that is in them."



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



On October 23, we will discuss I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai. When the Taliban took over, one girl spoke up for her right to an education and nearly lost her life. If you like to read ahead, our combined November-December meeting on December 4 will be on All the Light We Cannot See.



Around the Community

2016 FAIR TRADE MARKET *

Saturday October 1, 8am - 4pm * Sunday October 2, 9am - 2pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

2124 Viola Rd NE
Rochester, MN 55906
www.rochesteroslc.org

OSLC Fair Trade Market on Facebook
507-289-3021

Our Savior's Lutheran Church would like to once again invite you to our 10th Annual Fair Trade Market. In celebration of our 10th year, we will feature vendor spotlights and sneak peaks of this year's items on our Facebook page. Please like us at OSLC Fair Trade Market for updates!

The 2016 market will feature high quality hand-made crafts and foods from around the world. This year we are adding innovative paper products by Mr. Ellie Pooh, and sandals made from Kente cloth by Mawu Lolo. Please see our flyer for a list of all our returning vendors and new additions.

No pricing markups are made by our team. All proceeds return to those producing the products and their representative organizations. With every purchase of fair trade products, you provide income, dignity, and hope to the artisans and their families.

This is an excellent time of year to get a head start on your holiday shopping while providing a future for many in under developed nations. Credit cards will be accepted but come early for the best selection!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
10th Annual Fair Trade Market
SALE OF FOODS & HANDMADE CRAFTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

SAVE THE DATES!
October 1 | 8-4PM
October 2 | 9-2PM

All proceeds are returned to those growing and producing the goods. All products are while supplies last.

Like us on Facebook for sneak peaks of this year's vendors and new items.

Fair Trade Federation www.rochesteroslc.org OSIC Fair Trade Market

12th Annual Empty Bowls

October 13, 2016, 11:00 a.m. - 8:00p.m.

Come and enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread provided by top local restaurants and bakeries. All proceeds will support Channel One Regional Food Bank's mission- to work in partnership with others to help feed people in need.

Calling all Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to help at the event. There are a variety of opportunities. Contact barbaraschramm@channel-one.org or call [507-424-1705](tel:507-424-1705) for more information.

Sponsor Empty Bowls!

Would you be interested in sponsoring the 2016 Empty Bowls event? For more information email lindaolson@channel-one.org. Would you like to donate soup or bread? Contact barbaraschramm@channel-one.org or [507-424-1705](tel:507-424-1705).

Purchase Tickets Here: <http://www.channel-one.org/emptybowls.php>

Join us for a meal and help end hunger in our community!
Empty Bowls
a benefit for Channel One Regional Food Bank
October 13, 2016 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Proudly presented by **Think Mutual Bank**

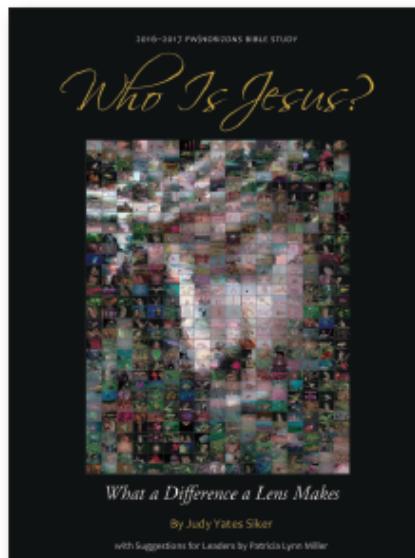
Can you help us fill their empty bowls?

Presbyterian Women



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Introducing the 2016–2017 PW/*Horizons* Bible study



Who Is Jesus?

What a Difference a Lens Makes

By Judy Yates Siker

With Suggestions for Leaders by Lynn Miller

Welcome to the 2016–2017 PW/*Horizons* Bible study, *Who Is Jesus?* Author Judy Yates Siker invites us to join her on “a journey to expand our understanding of who Jesus was and is—a journey of our hearts and our minds, a journey that we will take together. I invite you to be good conversation partners along the way, sharing with one another how you see and experience the various lenses and how these different perspectives impact your understanding of who Jesus is.”

We are working on arrangements for this study for CPC Women. Watch the bulletin and e-blast for details!

Each of the study's nine lessons explores the question “*Who is Jesus?*” through a particular theological lens. Who is Jesus . . .

1. . . according to Mark? Jesus is God’s son.
2. . . according to Matthew? Jesus is the long-awaited Jewish messiah whose teachings open the kingdom of heaven to us here and now.
3. . . according to Luke? Rejected by his own—Jesus, prophet of God, turns the world upside down with his teachings.
4. . . according to John? Jesus and God are one.
5. . . according to Paul? Paul stresses the centrality of the cross of Christ in understanding true discipleship.
6. . . according to Hebrews? Believers are to hold fast to their faith in times of adversity, and remain firm in their commitment to Jesus who has run this race before them and now reigns in glory with God.
7. . . according to the non-canonical gospels? Early Christians held diverse views of who Jesus was.
8. . . according to the other Abrahamic faiths? Judaism, Christianity, and Islam understand Jesus in very different ways.
9. . . according to contemporary cultural interpretations? Each of us who reads the New Testament is an interpreter of the text; how we interpret depends in part on who we are.

Membership



Fun was had by all at the outdoor service and pancake breakfast! in September We served over 40 people! It was definitely a success!



Thank you to the fabulous kitchen crew! We couldn't have done it without you! Marcia Britain and Tristan, Dave Copeland, Bruce Felger, Ivy Pillers, Peggy McCarty.



Sunday, October 16 at 1:00 pm

Let's join together for an afternoon of Autumn fun as we visit Tews Corn Maze near Lewiston, MN. Petting zoo, pumpkins, hayrides, food, and more. Groups of 10 or more = \$8.00 each. Sign up in the narthex or call the church office to register. Car-pools will leave from CPC at 1 pm. Invite your friends. It's going to be an A-Maze-ing time!

Questions? Contact Stacy or the church office..



Save the date! Harvest Progressive Dinner Friday, November 4—Details coming soon!



What's brewing at CPC on Sunday mornings? Coffee and treats for fellowship after our service! We need your help in continuing this great tradition. Treats don't have to be homemade or sweets. Sign up with a partner if you wish, and plan to serve 50. Please contact Stacy Kopecky with your questions. Sign up in the narthex.

Membership Spotlight

Spotlight on Ron and Penny Murray

Ron and Penny Murray were Methodists before they joined CPC. They were introduced to us by Penny's mother, Eileen Hand, who some of you may remember. Both Ron and Penny became active members soon after they arrived, Ron as an Elder and Penny, a Deacon. Health issues have slowed them down a bit, but things are looking up for them again.

Ron was born in Maryland, about 35 miles from both Baltimore and D.C. After graduating from high school, he attended a trade school in St. Louis studying Diesel Engine Mechanics.

This was followed by 4 years in the Air Force where he was placed in Missile Engine Mechanics. After the war, he joined IBM as a Programmer Technician in Atlantic City, where he met Penny.

Penny was born in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi where her father was stationed during WWII. After his discharge, the family returned to Ventnor City, New Jersey, on the narrow barrier island (8 blocks wide) on which Atlantic City and Ventnor City are located. There, Penny spent her elementary and high school years. After graduation, she attended a school of nursing, but left to join the staff of her family physician who was in need of a nurse at the time. She and Ron met on a blind date arranged by mutual friends and were married fairly soon thereafter.

IBM moved Ron to Maryland with trips to Rochester, MN and Boca Raton, FL. When Ron was offered a job at the Pentagon, they chose to stay with IBM because they liked Rochester and in 1978 IBM sent him here as a contractor with Rochester Products. He retired 28 years later and worked part-time as a cashier at Northern Tool and Equipment from which he retired completely in 2015. When the Murrays moved to Rochester, Penny got a job with Mayo as a clinical assistant where she worked in several departments, from GI through Family Medicine, Area Medicine, and Dermatology. She retired in 2010.

Over the years the Murrays have enjoyed traveling, sometimes in their camper. They went twice to Maui and have taken two Post-Bulletin trips. One a Cruise to Normandy, England, and France and the other to the Rose Bowl Parade. They took a Mayo trip across Canada by air, bus, train, and ship. Ron enjoys the EAA (experimental aircraft) meetings in Oshkosh yearly and also belongs to a railroad club and to eight 2-cylinder tractor clubs.

Penny and Ron volunteer at Bethany Samaritan where their favorite day is Friday when they work with 50 or so residents at the Happy Hour. They both like to read but also have different interests. Growing up, Penny was very athletic, including gymnastics. Living along the Atlantic Ocean, she particularly loved body surfing. She remembers that she "beat the guys!" With his farming background, Ron enjoys attending farm shows and reading farm magazines. He also has a collection of over 200 toy tractors, trucks and Lionel electric trains. Some of these you may remember seeing at the Art and Hobby Exhibit at CPC's 25th Anniversary. Penny also contributed to this exhibit with her needlepoint doilies and a Christmas stocking she made for her niece. And this gets us back to CPC where we first met Penny and Ron.



Building and Grounds

Come Grow With Us A Garden Wedding Carole Kinion Copeland

Looking back, I'm reminded that the Garden of Life at CPC began in 2007. When the pergola was installed and the paver path was extended I remember thinking this would be a beautiful place for an outdoor wedding. Now, nine years later, I'm happy to say that there has been a wedding in the garden. Sarah Matt and Mark Lundberg exchanged vows on September 17th under sunny skies.

I'm reminded of my favorite verse to share with newlyweds:

The Marriage
is only the garden gate...
Along the path will be flowers and weeds.
Cherish the flowers and pull the weeds.

May Sarah and Mark enjoy many flowers. Blessings to the newlyweds!



Photo credit: Ben Copeland

Celebrations

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries can
be found in the print edition of
the newsletter at church!