Community Presbyterian Church
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Community Press

Art For Eternity:
An Invitation to View the Saint John's Bible

Invite your friends to join in a special April 7 worship service. We will feature a display of the illustrated Gospel and Acts volume of the Heritage Edition of the Saint John's Bible.

An educational forum will follow the service at 10:45 a.m., where Jim Secord, ambassador for the Saint John's Bible, will lead a presentation and viewing of the 35 illuminations of the exquisite 20-pound leather-bound volume. He will also discuss how the Saint John's Bible was created.

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From the Pastor…

"Up and Running"

It's amazing to me how conversations with strangers open up once people discover I am a pastor. I have been dropping off my dry-cleaning for the last year and a half and have become friends with the lady who works the counter. This morning when I walked in the door, and the little chime rang out announcing my presence, she walked up to the counter and looked at me with great concern, straight in the eye, and asked me "Why did the Pope quit?" I smiled and said, "Well, I think he was just feeling that it was too much for him and so he should graciously retire, I think he was 85." She said, "That makes sense...but I am really encouraged with this new Pope, Francis. And I'm not even Catholic!" I laughed with her and said, "Neither am I, but we are seeing that he is bringing good changes." She brightened up: "He pays his own hotel bills, he cares about the poor. This is the best news to me! I am the most excited I have been in a long time."

I drove off and thought, "Wow, what an impact one's faith, caring and kindness can have on the world." As the Easter narrative is flowing through my veins, I am astounded at the way Jesus' friends and followers responded to the Good News. As you heard here Easter Sunday, in the light of the miracle of the Resurrection, the disciples were immediately "Up and Running." The women ran to tell the men in the upper room, the disciples ran back to the tomb. Others, when they heard the good news as they walked to Emmaus, immediately turned and ran back to Jerusalem (7 miles) to celebrate with their friends.

Recently, Amy Anderson led her final adult class on American Christianity Today, and she asked us to consider how we are getting the message of Christ out to the greater community in our own special and real way. She mentioned an idea she and another member had a few years ago that our Church create a 5k walk in the Spring or Fall and especially invite parents in the Rochester area, with an offer to provide free childcare in our wonderful classrooms. She pointed out that this allows parents to run together, something that is rarely an option when both parents run. Can this be one new way together we can serve a need in our community, and also reach out with this gift of Christ's love to all our neighbors?

My dry-cleaner friend had heard such good news in Pope Francis; she couldn't wait to share it with me! That took courage! I'm betting she is right now sharing it with others! In this Season of Easter, is there a new way Jesus is calling you and Community Presbyterian Church to be "Up and Running," sharing your faith and giving hope to the world? I suspect the answer is Yes, and there are many ways!

Here's how Romans 10: 15 describes empowered love:

And how are they to proclaim Jesus unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Let's lace up those "cross" trainers and hit the pavement for good! Pastor Teresa

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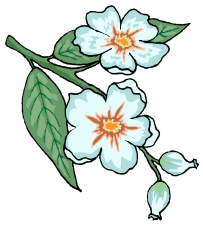

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Church Office Closed 7:30pm Personnel	2 6pm BIG 6:30pm Deacons	3 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	4	5 11am-10pm Great Room Occupied	6 10am-5pm Great Room Occupied
7 9:30am Worship 9:30am Communion 10:45am St. John's Bible	8 1pm PW Bible Study	9	10 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	11 7pm Worship and Music 7:30pm Aikido	12 7pm AS Support Group	13 10am Aikido 12:30pm PW Spring Luncheon
14 9:30am Worship Guest Preacher: Dick Massaro Channel One Sunday 1:00pm Spring Fling Work Day & BBQ	15 1pm PW Bible Study 7pm Finance	16 5pm Christian Ed	17 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	18 7:30 Aikido	19	20 9am Saturday Noon Meal 10am Aikido
21 9:30am Worship Noisy Can	22 1pm PW Bible Study	23 7pm Session	24 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	25 7:30pm Aikido	26	27 10am Aikido
28 9:30am Worship 10:45am Beginning Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5pm Book Discussion Group	29 1pm PW Bible Study	30 7:30pm Movie Night at Wehrenberg				

April 2013 Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Liturgist	Nursery Attendant	Library
7	Margaret Nelson, Darlene & Dave Lucas	Mary Alice Richardson	Paul Remtema	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Nelson
14	Jean Abels, Nancy Massaro, Randy Huston	Amanda Ross	Louis Bouchard	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judi Berg
21	Amy Ward, Amy Anderson, Guy Vig	Jeff Swinbank	Denise Swinbank	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci
28	Gwen Riggin, Peggy McCarty, Bruce Felger	MArita Heller	Linda Overton	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Gardner

Communion Servers for April: Mary Jensen, Mary Henderson, Girard Calehuff, Ivy Pillers

Get Connected This Summer

Synod School
July 21-26, 2013
www.lakesandprairies.org

Clearwater Forest Camp
See summer 2013 schedule at:
www.clearwaterforest.org

Upcoming Events in 2013

April 14	Spring Fling (garden/church work day)
May	TBD
June	Gathering at Spring Glen Winery
July	No event
August	Church picnic
September	Outdoor service/pancake breakfast
October	TBD
November 2	Progressive Dinner
November	Church Christmas decorating
December	No event

Coming up at CPC!

Lots to look forward in the days to come at our church!

April 7
St. John's Bible
April 13
PW Spring Luncheon
April 14
Spring Fling Work Day & BBQ
April 20
Saturday Noon Meal

GIVING REPORT

February '13 Weekly Average	*$2,809.50*
Year to Date Avg. '13	*$3,125.17*
Budgeted Weekly for '13	*$3,034.50*
Per Capita Received '13	*$588.54*
Total Per Capita Paid '13	*$4,402.00*

Special Offerings

One Great Hour of Sharing	*$1,186.00*
Christmas Joy Offering	*$922.00*
Thank Offering	*$458.00*
Peace Offering	*$751.00*

(Per capita contribution per member is $32.37 for 2013)

April

Birthdays

1	Anne Steensma
3	Cal Ward
6	Melanie Jensen
7	Gene Kopecky
8	Sherry Garness
11	Bruce Felger
13	Audrey Crawshaw
14	Alex Hall
14	Margaret Nelson
15	Wendy DeGuise
15	Sarah Vig
16	Ryan Hill
20	Ellie Hauser
25	Claire Anderson
26	Kellen Bachman
29	Anna Hoffmann
29	Tegan Bennett
30	Adam Bouchard
30	Eileen Hand

Anniversaries

4	Teresa Roberts & Jim Secord
11	Lyal & Joanne Powell
16	Rick Orvold & Marita Heller
18	Buster & Sherry Garness
20	Jennifer & Frank Hall

Help Us Celebrate Our 2013 Graduates

We will celebrate our 2013 graduates at the Sunday worship service, June 16, 2013. Please send this info to our church office by May 15 so we can congratulate and bless your graduate.

Name of graduate:

Graduate's e-mail:

Family at CPC:

High school, college, grad school:

Degree and future plans:

Spring Fling Annual Church Work Day & Bar-Be-Que—April 14

Come join us on April 14 for our annual church workday. Work will begin at1:00 p.m. and we will eat at around 4:00 p.m.

We have both inside and outside projects. This year we are looking for more help with the outside and gardens due to budget constraints. The Building and Grounds Committee will have a list of projects for us. Come out and help us spruce up the building and grounds for spring!

Please bring your garden tools and lend a hand sprucing up the grounds. Even with all the fun we end up having, we still get a lot of work done. Then, after church improvement projects, join us for fellowship and a meal provided by the membership committee. The membership committee will be providing hamburgers and hotdogs with chips and cookies. Please bring a chair for sitting outside and the beverage of your choice. Sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex!

Membership Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee.

PNC Update

Your PNC has completed its round of Skype interviews and we've begun conducting in-person interviews. Scheduling these interviews is a complicated process, and we do not expect to complete this stage of the process until min-April. We had been hoping to make a recommendation by Easter, but it now looks like late April is more realistic. Getting the job done right is more important than getting it done quickly! Please continue to pray for us and for the candidates we're working with. Thank you.

Movie Night

The typical mission movie night in April is going on a road trip to an actual theatre, Wehrenberg Rochester galaxy 14. The movie "Girl Rising" will be presented on Tuesday evening, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. The movie tells the stories of 9 girls from 9 different countries about their struggles and successes. "Girl Rising" showcases the strength of the human spirit and the power of education. Look for a signup sheet in the Narthex as we need to reserve tickets for this special showing. Plus, the price of the ticket will be paid for by the mission committee.

Book Discussion Group Meets April 28

Please join us at 5 p.m. for our discussion of Jodi Picoult's "House Rules." Lois Nicholson will be our discussion leader. Contact Gwen Riggin 251 7874, or gwenrig@live.com if you have questions.

Saturday Noon Meal

Your chance to help serve the Rochester community with the Saturday Noon Meal is just around the corner. Mark your calendar for April 20 and signup in the Narthex. Your time and food skills (and brownies) are very much appreciated by the guests.

Forget Your Pledge Check (Again)?

Ever had the experience of getting to church on Sunday and going for your checkbook and remembering that your checkbook is at home? Or maybe you thought ahead and wrote your pledge check Saturday night and you get to church and remember the exact spot, at home, where the check is still sitting? Or maybe you're a progressive user of bank services and have decided that writing checks is "old fashioned."

If one or more of the above sounds familiar or you are interested in any small change to simplify your life, consider using electronic funds transfer (or EFT) to make your pledge donations. Assuming your bank or credit union supports EFT, you could have a fixed amount deducted from your checking or savings account each month.

There are basically just two steps:

- Contact your financial institution and check that they support EFT from your checking or savings account. If they do (and almost all do), tell them you want to make a monthly payment to Community Presbyterian Church. Your bank will need to know the amount to deduct, what account (e.g. checking) to deduct from, the routing number for CPC (091905826 for Olmsted National Bank) and CPC's account number (101006).
- Contact Kim Nickander and let her know the monthly amount and when it will start. Kim is our Financial Secretary and she prepares the giving statements that are mailed a few times a year, including the year-end giving statement which can be used when preparing your taxes.

Once the EFT deduction is set up, it will continue until you tell your financial institution to change it or cancel it. Now when the offering plate goes by on Sunday, you can smile knowing you've got it covered!

Your Finance & Stewardship Committee

Longfellow School Food Drive

Our Longfellow Spring Break food drive was a success! Our goal was to provide one cup of Easy Mac per child and one jar of peanut butter and a box of crackers per family. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation we were able to provide 3 cups of Easy Mac per child and two jars peanut butter per family in addition to the crackers! Currently, Longfellow is on an extended break and we will resume packing on April 17.

Library Attendant Schedule

April 7 Margaret Nelson
April 14 Judi Berg
April 21 Judy Pucci
April 28 Margaret Gardner

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Women of the Church

Women of the Church will again celebrate Spring with our Second Annual Mother, Daughter, Friend Luncheon on Saturday, April 13, at 12:30 at Community Presbyterian Church. Our speaker is Rev. TJ Parlette, the Story Teller. His title is "God's Disagreement." Tickets at $10 are on sale NOW! See Ann Hesley.

Another opportunity for women on that day, April 13, is the Spring Gathering of the Women of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. They will meet at First Presbyterian Church, Rochester, from 9:30 to 3. "God's People Crying out for Justice." Requests have been made for contributions of Health and Hygiene kits, Baby kits, School kits, and Sheets. Instructions are available on the Narthex table. Completed kits will be delivered on April 13.

The Spring Bible study classes, The General Epistles of 1 & 2 Peter, James and John will begin Monday, April 8, at 1 p.m., with Tammy Rider as leader. Come join us!

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"Open Hearted—Open Minded"

Come Be Our Guest!
Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. (September - May)
Nursery is provided during Worship
and Sunday School.

Our youth and parents shopped for Ronald McDonald House using money from the Noisy Collection funds. We were able to purchase a number of fresh food items requested by the House. Thank you for your part in this important local "hands-on" mission project.