Save the Date: Congregational Meeting Called for May 26, 2013 to Call Our New Pastor!

The Session of Community Presbyterian Church

at the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) on 4/23/2013, approved a Call for a Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 26, 2013 at 10:35 a.m.
following the 9:30 a.m. worship service

which the final candidate for the Pastoral Position will preach.

The sole business of the Congregational Meeting is to receive the report of the PNC and to vote on the final recommendation. The PNC will meet with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry (COM) May 20 to present their recommended candidate. If the way be clear with COM, the PNC will proceed with distributing written information on the candidate to every member in preparation for the Congregational meeting. Please be sure to save this Sunday, and encourage youth members to be present for this very blessed moment in our church future. Many thanks to the diligent and faithful work of our PNC!

A Noon Meal to Remember

Thanks again to all CPC people who helped with the April 20 Noon Meal. You set a new CPC Noon Meal record. The meal was quite a success. There is a rumor that when people found out that CPC was cooking; they called their friends to come join them in a fantastic dinner.

We served our famous meatloaf dinner to almost 100 guests. We are the only church in Rochester allowed to serve meatloaf, and our recipe is a secret that only Bob Smith, Margaret Nelson and Aaron Simms know. It is always a crowd pleaser. (Continued on page 6.)
**From the Pastor…**

**Be held!**

Last Sunday's anthem was remarkable. God's Spirit moved through our amazing musicians: director, drummer, pianist- who inspired the choir to sing with boldness and confidence these words...

> “Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing, let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the Hope of nations. Savior, he can move the mountains, Jesus conquered the grave, he is mighty to save!”

I know the power of that song wasn't just in the singing, though it made my whole nervous system tremble! The power was in the proclamation, the steady words that were sung proclaimed *that even when things are terribly wrong in our world, we can be confident that God always forgives and every life is precious and held securely in the hand of our Shepherd.*

What a great message for our congregation! Yes we are in a time of transition now- a new pastor will come before the congregation for your consideration and vote later this month. Your Pastor Search Committee will help you prepare for that discernment. Not only should you read the materials they send, but also give this to God in prayer! God will lead you personally and corporately in this time of new beginnings. Perhaps you might even think back on the shifts and changes that have occurred in the past 2 years. Then consider Christ's compassion shown in the gifts that have come to our church: A growing choir, feeding the hungry with food and comfort, gardens that bring forth produce for neighbors in need, educational conversations that stretch our spirits and minds, and so much more! *So shake off your fears, your past disappointments, your worries for the future! Here is the truth we live and sing out at CPC: Jesus is mighty to save! And that means, he is holding us and through us will hold many, many others in his hand of mercy and love!*

Be sure of Jesus' mighty hand.  
Be held as God’s child.  
Behold the gift of grace.  
Be hope that creates a better tomorrow!

> *My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.*  John 10: 27 - 28
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Communion Servers for May: MariLynn Johnson, Paul Harkess, Jean Abels, Jane Burgstaler

Get Connected This Summer
Synod School
July 21-26, 2013
www.lakesandprairies.org

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

Session Highlights
* Worship & Music reported that the piano is in need of repair and/or restoration as it is 99 years old.
* Gwen Riggin reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the Deacons to Connie Holst and Carol Bigelow as they are new Deacons.
* Christian Education received three responses for the Sunday school survey, and the decision was made to focus more on the kindergarten through eighth grade.

Giving Report

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

Birthdays

5  Julianne Rank
5  Vincent Rank
10  Stacy Kopecky
12  David Johnson
12  Waunita Rench
13  Erma Clark
15  Deb Weyer
16  Frank Hall
16  Joshua Hill
21  Maryanne Hauser
21  Roy Pillers
24  Margaret Petersen
26  Matthew Bouchard
29  William Burgstaler
29  Kim Nickander
31  Tucker Ward

Anniversaries

26  Guy & Kara Vig
27  Paul & Kathy Remtema
28  Don & Annetta Riemersma

PNC Update

Your Pastor Nominating Committee is in the final stages of the discernment process. We have made an initial offer to a candidate, and we expect to have an agreement on the Terms of Call by early May. We then need to review the offer with our Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry (COM), which will be on May 20. Once the COM approves our Call, we will be able to communicate the details of our candidate and a schedule for installation.

We are extremely excited about our candidate, and we think you will be too. The Holy Spirit has been an active part of this process and we are grateful for the prayers and support that we have received through the entire process.

Upcoming Events in 2013

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
**A Noon Meal to Remember**

(Continued from page 1.) The age range of the people who helped was from Peter Marshall (9) to Savannah Simms (16) to Margaret Nelson (93), as well as many whose ages will not be divulged. It did take a CPC village to prepare this meal. Although there were many tired CPC’ers, everyone enjoyed serving Noon Meal.

Please help at the next Noon Meal on June 1. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. You do not need to be a professional chef, baker, or wait person. There are no age requirements. All you need to do is come. You will have a wonderful time and will be doing God’s work serving the community and bringing joy and food into the guests’ lives. Sign up before all of the slots are filled.

**Book Discussion Group**

Our last discussion for this year will be led by Gwen Riggin & Margaret Nelson. Rebecca Skloot’s “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” is our final book for this year. We meet at 5 p.m. in the church library on Sunday, May 19. I do have nine copies of the book available for those who need one. Please contact me at gwenrig@live.com, or 251-7874.

**Church Librarians Group Hosts Presentation of St. John’s Bible, Saturday, May 18**

The SE MN Church Librarians Group, of which CPC is a member, will be meeting May 18 at 9:30 a.m. at Zumbro Lutheran Church, in the Kairos Room. Jim Secord will be presenting the St John’s Bible to the group, and if you missed his presentation at CPC, you are welcome to attend the program.

Jim’s presentation will include information on the artisans who transcribed the text in calligraphy and completed the artwork and illuminations throughout the Bible. He will also describe the focus on using the finest of materials including calfskin, ancient inks, and gold and silver leaf. Quill pens from goose, turkey and swan feathers were the tools for the calligraphy.

Refreshments will be served.
**Women of the church**

The May meeting of Women of the Church will be held May 14 at the home of Ann Hesley, 8601 County Rd. 3 NW, Oronoco. We will begin at 6:30 with a salad supper. Please call Ann (289-5063) to reserve a place. Car pools may be formed for those interested. Join us for this conclusion of our year’s gatherings.

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**Vacation Bible School**

Get ready to rumble in the jungle!

VBS 2013: June 10-13 and June 16

“Kingdom of the Son-A Prayer Safari”

Invite a friend to join us!

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**Start saving!**

Denise is looking for clean, empty containers that would make good drums and/or shakers for VBS such as oatmeal canisters, coffee cans, plastic jars etc. Bring your contributions to CPC anytime in the next 6 weeks!

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**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:
“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.

Vacation Bible School starts in June, so invite your friends and get ready to rumble in the jungle! This year’s theme is the Kingdom of the Son - A Prayer Safari.