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Dear Friends

A rust-red flash exploded from the bushes, less than ten feet in front of my careening bike. A buck, with antlers still in velvet, surprised me as it crashed through the undergrowth into the safety of the thick summer forest. Actually “startled” is a better choice of words. Nothing surprises me anymore on the Mesabi Bike Trail. For those of you who haven’t had the chance to experience the Trail, it’s a ribbon of asphalt that starts at the Itasca County Fairgrounds and wends its way through woods, by rivers, lakes and old mine pits, up hills and down but mostly on old railroad grades, (nice and flat) linking the towns of the Iron Range. It will eventually extend all the way to Ely. Large chunks of it are already complete.

Nearly every day I use the trail for biking, running, roller blading or just going for a good walk. Virtually every time I am on the trail, I see wildlife of one kind or another. I don’t usually go much farther than a few miles out of town and yet deer are a common sight. Fellow trail user Seth Nelson tells of a biker who was literally run over by a deer up by the Prairie River Bridge recently. But that’s a whole ‘nother story. Last fall a mother black bear and her cub crossed on the trail in front of running partners Dave Caliguri, Ed Damiani and me. We looked at each other and decided that we’d gone far enough that day. Another time (wolf) We poked cross the trail (t)TJT0.0509 Tc037571 Tylessgh anew (bocce ball’sghossin front(d)-5, ofnd m).4(e1)0.3as I ru

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From the Pastor

The Itasca County Fair has come and gone, the high school marching band is practicing, the first leaves are beginning to change on the trees around church. It must be fall...or almost.

On September 10, we will have our fall kick-off and we return to our two service schedule (8:45 am and 11:00 am). We look forward to the choir and the church school programs at Community Presbyterian. Please be sure to thank a choir member or Sunday school teacher as they begin a new season of service and ministry with our congregation. A great deal of love and energy goes into our music and educational programs. Thanks to everyone involved. (A special thanks goes to Maggie and Greta Anderson for their help in finding Sunday school teachers! They gave a wonderful announcement in church last week.)

Each fall the nominating committee begins their work of identifying members who might be interested in serving CPC as elder, deacon or trustee. If you have ever wondered about what it might be like to serve in one of these roles don't hesitate to ask me or Kim, or anyone currently serving in these positions. If you like to recommend someone for an elected position please contact Mary Shideler or Kris Johnson.

One of the grants that the Endowment Committee approved this month provides money for a replacement sound system in our sanctuary! We hope the installation will be completed early this fall and that this will enhance the experience of worship.

Grace and Peace,

Dan

News of the Family

Nursing Homes

Evergreen Terrace: Betty Kauppi, Vivian Erickson

Manor House: Amy Johnson, Beulah Zobel, Dorothy Brace

Grand Village: Clyde Crotteau, Bob Oftelie

Pleasant Seasons: Sylvia White, Edith Mae Carrier, Ed Sparen

Deaths

Let us keep in mind and prayer those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Harriet McCartney, the mother of Tami Olehesier, and Cecelia Foix, the mother of Ron Foix, both passed away in July.

Also, Anne Crowder and Oda Dwire, the sister of Niels Henriksen, both passed away in August.

May these families be comforted by the knowledge of God's promise of eternal rest.

Weddings

Reid Knuttila and Tonya Leholm were married at CPC on Saturday, August 19, 2006.

Teresa Hagen & Jon Solberg were united in marriage at Lax Lake, Silver Bay, MN on Saturday, August 19, 2006.

Jonathan Henriksen and Kathryn Speak were married Friday, August 18, 2006 in Edina, MN.

Andy Clusiau and Jessica Reeder were married on July 29, in Brainerd

May God bless these new couples!

Births

Congratulations to Scott and Tracie MacDowell. Teya, Nate and Ryan have a new baby brother, Thomas Eilert MacDowell, born August 1.

In Service

Let us continually pray for those who serve their countries. Especially remembering: Ginny Saxhaug's grandson, serving in Baghdad, Dot Zobel's grandson, Jason Montana, serving in Iraq, Joyce and Ken Spawn's two grandsons serving in Iraq, and Bud and Bev Petschel's grandson, Michael, also serving in Baghdad.

Wednesday is now “Church Night” for EVERYBODY!!

It is our dream and hope that the entire CPC family will find something great at church on Wednesday night. It all revolves around a shared meal at 5:45 pm each week. Even if you can't make an event, come for dinner at 5:45! This year is new. We will have a paid cook who prepares dinner for our family each week. The suggested donation is \$3 a person. But come, regardless of age, ability to donate, etc. We want everyone there!

Try out all these new opportunities:

3:30-4:30: Confirmation
3:35-4:15: Junior Jingers
4:30-5:15: Tintinnabulators & Middle School Youth Group (every other)
5:15-5:45: Sonshine, Rainbows, Adult Education
5:45: Church Family Dinner
6:10-7: Holy Tollers
6:15-7: Inter-generational Activity (every other week)
6:15-7:30: High School Youth Group (every other week)
6:30-7:15: Women's Choir
7:15: Chancel Choir

What are these events, you ask?

Confirmation: Meets every other Wednesday (beginning September 13). This is a required class for current 9th graders who wish to join CPC as adult members in May/June of 2007.

Junior Jingers: Meets every Wednesday (beginning September 6). This is a bell choir for children in grades 4 & 5.

Tintinnabulators: Meets every Wednesday (beginning September 6). This is a bell choir for youth in grades 9, 10, 11, & 12.

Middle School Youth Group: Meets every other Wednesday (beginning September 20). This is Youth Group time for Middle School students in grades 6-8. We do a wide variety of activities that allow us to share in Christian fellowship, study, and fun!

Rainbows: Meets every Wednesday (beginning September 6). This is a children's vocal choir for those in grades 3-6.

Sonshine: Meets every Wednesday (beginning September 13). This is a youth vocal choir for those in grades 7-12.

Adult Education: Meets every Wednesday (beginning September 13). This is a class for adults (18+) which explores a wide variety of topics and intertwines our Christian faith with the society we live in.

Church Family Dinner: This is for Everybody! Come and Eat! Every Wednesday at 5:45pm. We will have a paid cook this year, so come and enjoy great food and fellowship!

Holy Tollers: Meets every Wednesday (beginning September 6). This is a bell choir for youth in grades 6, 7, & 8.

High School Youth Group: Meets every other Wednesday (beginning September 13). This is Youth Group time for High School students in grades 9-12. We do a wide variety of activities that allow us to share in Christian fellowship, study, and fun!

Inter-Generational Activity: Meets every other Wednesday (beginning September 20). This is a time for the older and younger (ages 3 to 100!) to come together and work on a project. The activity will vary by week, ie; woodworking, crafts, games, reading, etc. We need all ages, so no child is left without a partner!

Women's Choir: Meets every Wednesday (beginning September 6). This is a vocal choir for women.

Chancel Choir: Meets every Wednesday (beginning September 6). This is our adult mixed vocal choir.

Please come to one or all events - but whatever you do - be here for dinner at 5:45!

Church School News

Don't Miss Adult Education!!

All adults are invited and encouraged to attend Adult Ed. Every Wednesday night (September 13-May 23) from 5:00-5:45 pm in the Confirmation classroom 102. Come, and stay for dinner with the church family at 5:45! We are working on a full year of great classes, so please come and join us. If you'd like to lead a class or series, please contact Kim ASAP.

September Adult Ed. Offering: Our September classes will focus on that word we hear so often; *Presbyterian*. What it means, where it came from, who we are, and what we do. Come find out!

September 13: Presbyterian 101

September 20: Presbyterian 101

September 27: Presbyterian 101

Confirmation Class of 2007

We will gather in room 102 at 3:30pm.

September 13: *Church History*

September 27: *The Reformation*

High School S'up

All High School students are invited and encouraged to gather in the Youth Room every Sunday (beginning September 17 at 10:00 am) for muffins, juice, and great conversation.

Sunday School Kick-Off

September 10th is Sunday School Kick-off day! Join us for breakfast at 9:50 am in the Fellowship Hall. You will meet your teacher at the table with your grade level. Sunday School is offered for all children ages 3 through Grade 8. Youth in Grades 9-12 have an alternative gathering, S'up, during the Sunday School hour. Let's all celebrate a new year of Sunday School fun!!

Fall Sunday School Teachers

Welcome to Sunday School Teachers for the 2006-2007 school year! We are looking forward to using our new curriculum "Live Big." Please remember to check your teacher mailboxes on a regular basis for important communications!

Our Fall Semester Teachers are:

Preschool & Kindergarten: Katie Thies, room 202

1st and 2nd Grade: Kris Hamling & Jennifer Shaffer, room 203

3rd and 4th Grade: Julie Fedje-Johnston & Staci Taylor, room 204

5th and 6th Grade: Will Stark & Laura Schnell, room 105

7th and 8th Grade: Deb Kee, room 104

High School S'up: Kim Johnson, youth room

Many Thanks to our Fabulous Sunday Teachers!

Dear Friends (con't)

Earlier this summer, on my bike, I raced a red fox on a straight stretch next to the old Greenway mine pit. After what seemed like a hundred yards, he got bored and veered off into the thicket. (I think I was gaining on him!) Yesterday my wife Julie and I saw a pine martin (like a large weasel) standing right in the middle of the trail staring at us. In its mouth was either one of its young or its supper. This was less than a quarter mile from the trail head!

So what, you say, does this have to do with the church? I'm not sure anything. But something did occur to me. How do all of those diverse critters, that coexist in that small area around the bike trail, get along? When grandchildren Will and Elle were home last, we watched "The Lion King" and the "Circle of Life" song spoke to that very same idea. So why can't we, supposedly the most intelligent of all of God's creatures, get along like that? Please join me in praying that the senseless killing and suffering taking place, in the name of God, will end soon.

We should take a lesson from our woodland friends. Give peace a chance!
Steve Wright, Elder

There is a Whole New Look to High School Youth...

...Opportunities, that is. We have rearranged some schedules to allow more people the ability to take part in more events. Don't miss out, this is going to be a great year!

Just for High School Youth...

(Those in grades 9-12)

Sunday Morning S'up: Every Sunday between services we will gather in the Youth Room for muffins, juice, and great conversation. This begins Sunday, September 17 at roughly 10 am.

Wednesday Night Youth Group: Every other Wednesday we will meet in the Youth Room at 6:15pm. This begins Wednesday, September 13. Come for dinner at 5:45! (The hope with this new time is that if you ring bells you can practice earlier in the day, still make youth group, and even get home at a decent time to finish homework). This is *your* group, so share ideas, and come, and make it fun!

September S'up Meets the 17th and 24th.

September Youth Group Meets the 13th and 27th.

Keep informed!! There is a bulletin board designated for High School communication on the wall outside Dan's office. Up to date information, sign-ups, and other tidbits will be there. I will also send out monthly emails, so please be sure I have your email address. The Chimes will always carry information, as well as special quarterly mailings to you at your home.

Just for Middle School Youth...

(Those in grades 6-8)

Sunday School Kick-Off is Sunday, September 10!

Youth Group will meet every other Wednesday afternoon at 4:30pm in the Youth Room. September Youth Group Meets the 20th.

Keep informed!! There is a bulletin board designated for Middle School communication on the wall outside Dan's office. Up to date information, sign-ups, and other tidbits will be there. You can also find information in the Chimes and through special quarterly mailings sent to you at your home.

Worship

Sunday, September 10, we will return to our Fall worship times - 8:45 (Informal) and 11:00 (Traditional)

Ring Them Bell s

Once again, the handbell choirs are starting up for another year. There is room for more ringers in all of the groups, so let Darcy or one of the other ringers know if you would like to join a bell choir. We'd love to have you!!!

Rehearsals

Junior Jinglers	Grades 4-5	Wednesday, 3:35-4:15
Tintinnabulators	Grades 9-12	Wednesday, 4:30-5:15
Holy Tollers	Grades 6-8	Wednesday, 6:10-7:00
Jubilee Ringers	Adults	Thursday, 5:30-6:30

Thank You, Class of 2006

At last spring's bell concert, the graduating seniors presented Darcy with a monetary gift to use toward the purchase of new bass handchimes. Supplemented by additional financial gifts from past years, the chimes arrived in time to be used at the Jubilee Ringers' regional handbell festival at the end of June in St. Cloud.

The bass chimes are a wonderful addition to the three octaves of chimes we already use. This gift was greatly appreciated and the chimes will be enjoyed for years to come.

Thank you again, seniors!

Musical Notes from Roy

I just do not have a clue where the summer has gone. It has been a wonderful one with many late evening walks and minimal lawn mowing. As we begin to anticipate our busy fall schedule I would like to encourage members of CPC to stay involved in 'their' church. I get the most out of the things that I am willing to fully participate in. We have so many opportunities for participation! This is a great time to do those things that you have put off doing. That might involve any one of the many ministries within the church. I feel more than ever the church 'competes' with so many other activities. Put your church at the top of the list. Most of us will admit how important our church is to us, so make sure that you demonstrate that in the way you invest your time. Now IS the time to act on your commitment to CPC. Now IS the time to share your faith with others. Now IS the time to celebrate life with your friends at Community Presbyterian. Thanks to all who have chosen to participate in the activities that are offered. We can always make room for you. Music is one of the ways to use your talents. We can have a very exciting year if you choose to join any of the choirs. The Chancel and Women's Choir begin rehearsing on Wednesday, September 6th. If you cannot make an appearance then, come anytime after and we will have a place waiting for you. It is time to celebrate all that we have been given!

Sound System Volunteers Needed

Do you like to sit at the back of the sanctuary? Do you have a secret desire to be in charge of something? Well, we have just the job for you: working the Sound System! It's not as hard as one would think. In fact it's kind of neat. Please contact Doug Veit - 245-2327

Nursery Volunteers needed

Enjoy kids? Would you consider spending 6-8 Sundays a year volunteering in the church's nursery? If so, please contact Jennifer Poenix, 245-0283.

- *Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing. Psalm 127:3*

Search for Lost Boats

A brown grocery bag with toy boats disappeared during Vacation Bible School. If anyone remembers seeing where this bag *floated off* to, please let Kim know. Some of the contents have sentimental value to the family who donated them for use during VBS.

Can you help out the Deacons?

We are looking for people that would be willing to help out our Deacons at funerals by baking bars. If you would be willing to be on their list to call, please call the church office (326-8515) and we will pass your name on to the Deacons.

Reading Tutors needed.

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is in need of persons who are 55 years of age or better to help in area elementary schools with the America Reads program. The goal of America Reads is to ensure that all children can read well by the end of the third grade. In Itasca County last school year, we had volunteers in 10 schools: Cohasset, Forest Lake, Keewatin, King (Deer River), Marble (now closed), Murphy, North (Talmoon), Southwest, Eagleview (Swan Lake), and Vandyke (Coleraine). All of these schools need more volunteers. Being a reading tutor is a meaningful, fulfilling experience—if you can read, you can tutor—make a difference in a child's life! Contact Donna in the RSVP office at 326-3175 or 800-997-7323 if you are interested.

Stewardship

Simple Giving with an Automatic Debit

Are you interested in giving to CPC by an automatic debit from your checking or savings account each month, quarter, or year? If we find enough people are interested in the Automatic Debit, we will set it up. Please contact Phyllis if you are interested.

Congregational Care

Can you help us out?

We are going to start compiling pictures for an electronic church history file and are looking for pictures as far back as you might have them. Anything that has parts of the church in them would be great. We would like to show the changes that have been made in/to the church throughout the years. We would scan your pictures as you wait or be sure and get them right back to you if you drop them off or mail them to us.

If you have questions, please call Patty at the church office - 326-8515

Moveable Feast time - SIGN UP NOW!

It's Moveable Feast time again! This always popular group will begin meeting in October for the sharing of meals and fellowship, so be sure to sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office soon. In case you aren't familiar with this "feast format" it goes something like this: groups of 6,7, or 8 folks meet for dinner approximately once a month. The group can decide to meet in member's homes, at a restaurant, for a picnic, etc.... meals can be totally host provided, pot-luck, dutch treat and so on. The main purpose is to sit down and share a meal and get to know the folks in your group. For further information call Sandie Trappe at 326-2576 or the church office 326-8515, and watch for that sign-up sheet. Please sign up by September 18th.

Invitation!

Niels and Bonnie Henriksen will host an open house to celebrate the marriage of their son, Jonathan to Kathryn Speak. The open house will be at Morning Glory Bed & Breakfast, 726 NW Second Avenue, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2006. Friends from CPC are welcome! Jonathan and Kathryn were married on August 18 in the Twin Cities.

Congratulations CPC Softball Team!!!

We had a great summer of softball; coming in 2nd in the league and 2nd in the playoffs!! CPC was 14-4 for the season. That's pretty awesome! Check out the trophy on the table outside the southwest Sanctuary entrance. Many thanks to Doug Johnson, the faithful coach, and the many dedicated players who gave it their all and had a great time every Monday night! And don't worry.. Zion did not come in 1st!

Mission

The "Family - to - Family Education Course"

Beginning September 11, The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota (NAMI-MN) Family Educators, will be conducting a **12-week series of free classes designed for families of the mentally ill in our area.**

The course specifically covers these major illnesses---schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, panic disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder. It is designed solely for parents, siblings, spouses, teen-age and adult children and significant others of persons with these severe and persistent psychiatric disabilities. It will be taught by a local team of family member volunteers who have taken intensive training as course instructors.

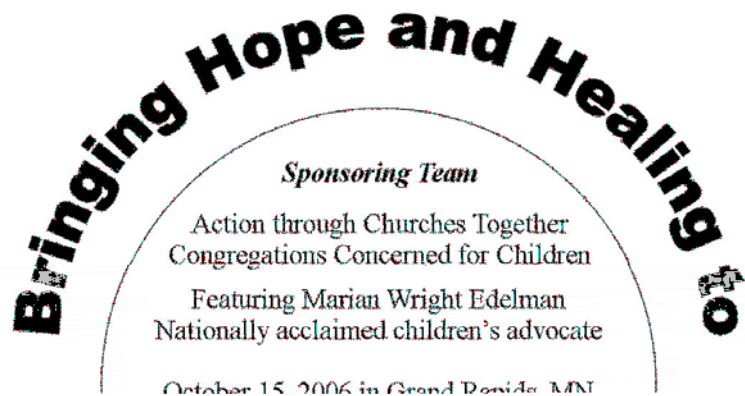
This course will be starting in Grand Rapids on Monday, September 1 at Zion Lutheran Church from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Registration is required and the class size is limited to 20 people. If you would like more information about the program, please contact Holly or Pat Downing at 326-0841.

Grace House

Pins will be available during the month of September to benefit Grace House. They depict the mission of Grace House.

Training

Training for perspective GRACE House volunteers will be Wednesday, Sept. 6th from 6-8 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids and/or Thursday, September 28th from 6-8 p.m., also at the Zion Lutheran Church. Attendance at a training session is necessary to volunteer your services. For more information or to register, call Jill at 326-2790.



All children in our community, state, country and world deserve to have grown ups in their lives that will give them the head start they need to be part of a healthy circle of life and grow up to be responsible, respectable adults like you.

You may be asking yourself “What can I possibly do that would make a difference?”

Well, here is what you can do...

- Sunday, October 15th—Marian Wright Edelman will be the featured speaker at a special Children’s Sabbath event in Grand Rapids, focusing on poverty issues affecting children in rural Minnesota. The event, “Bringing Hope and Healing to Children in Rural Minnesota”, will be held on October 15th at 2 pm at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church. It is an opportunity to raise awareness about the issues of rural poverty and also a sign of the commitment of our churches to be a voice for those in need.

- “I Can Make a Difference”—Marian Wright Edelman has drawn from a variety of cultures and peoples to compile timeless stories, poems, songs, quotations, and folktales that speak to all children, to let them know that they can make a difference in today’s world. This book will be used in a variety of ways in our churches, public library, book clubs and schools to generate a community-wide discussion on values. For example, area book clubs will be reading this book with their children and grandchildren. They will share what transpired in these conversations with children among other book club members—the possibilities are endless with this powerful book.

Need more information? Call Kathleen Blake (Action through Churches Together) at 327-7248.

Facility Assessment Committee (FAC) Update

The Facilities Assessment Committee has been charged by Session to gather information for the CPC community on three options for our building: repair what is needed to make the building operational; remodel the existing building with the possibility of an addition; and building anew either on our existing site or another. We have been meeting frequently since early June.

FAC has wrapped up small group meetings –holding over 10 meetings for the CPC community to share their ideas on space needs for a variety of activities and worship; mailing out a Facilities Assessment Survey to each member household and other interested people (we received about 70). Many thanks to those who provided input. Your ideas are being put to use now. The committee is focusing on how to possibly share and locate various rooms.

While all this has been going on, committee members have been working with the Trustees and Hawk construction to compile a list of necessary repairs to our building. This information, along with associated costs to repair, will be presented in the committee’s final report.

The committee continues to regularly meet. Our meetings are open to everyone. Listen for Sunday morning announcements and keep an eye on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall for updates.