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**D**ear Friends

What does the word Spirituality mean to you? Depending on each of our journeys into faith and where we are in that journey, they all call for a response to God's call to love one another and God's creation.

Part of that calling will come on Consecration Sunday, September 18, when we look at all the gifts that God has given us and our "spiritual" response of sharing them in and through Community Presbyterian Church.

When we use the term consecrate in reference to sharing the gifts we are given, we are choosing to set apart or devote to the service or worship of God those gifts. In the process we are acknowledging what we feel deep inside; that we alone did not create our wealth, and the earth from which it all came. It is the manifestation of God's love for us.

To grow spiritually is a reaching and stretching journey; an intentional process of sharing "our" wealth of gifts with our church community and those all around us. In the process of consecration of our gifts, we will be transformed and through us and Community Presbyterian Church, others will be transformed too.

Yours in anticipation,  
Doug Veit  
Elder

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 11 Fall start up
- 18 Consecration Sunday

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## FROM THE PASTOR

As we return to our Fall schedule, one of the first things we do is prepare for the coming year. Our stewardship program is well underway at this point and I thought I would start my article with this quote "Stewardship is nothing less than a complete lifestyle, a total accountability and responsibility before God. Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe, that is, after we give our love, loyalty and trust to God, from whom each and every aspect of our lives comes as a gift." (John Westerhoff III)

Though stewardship is a year-round commitment to God, each year through our Stewardship campaign each of us is asked to examine and consider what we dedicate to God's work in and through Community Presbyterian Church. An important part of this annual commitment is our estimate of giving, or pledging. This year we have the good fortune to have the Rev. Dick Massaro leading our Stewardship committee in the New Consecration Sunday program. Please see other related articles in this newsletter.

Analysis of annual giving by Presbyterians indicates that on average they give 2.3% of their income. Recently, over 26 million Protestants were asked about what motivated them to give to their local church. These are their top ten responses in order of importance.

1. Gratitude to God.
2. They see giving as part of their spiritual relationship to God.
3. They feel privileged to serve.
4. They feel that God asks for an appropriate percentage of their income.
5. They like to help other people.
6. They want to help their church.
7. They see giving as their duty
8. They feel giving adds meaning to live.
9. They give out of habit.
10. They feel guilty if they do not give.

Whatever reason motivates you to share from your blessings, I hope this year's Stewardship process is a time of growth and thanksgiving for us all.

Grace and Peace,

Dan Yeazel

## NEWS OF THE FAMILY

### New Members

We received two new members into our church family over the summer months. We extend a hearty welcome to Kay Erickson and Dawn Carlson!

### Nursing Homes

Evergreen Terrace: Betty Kauppi, Vivian Erickson, Dorothy Brace

Manor House: Charles Armstrong, Amy Johnson, Beulah Zobel,

Grand Village: Mildred Rodenz,

Clyde Crotteau, Bob Oftelie

Grand Village Lodge: Lois Slatton

Pleasant Seasons: Zig & Marie Zasada, Sylvia White, Edith Mae Carrier

### Deaths

We are sad to announce the deaths of Harvey Rodenz and JoAnne Libke. May their families take comfort in God's promise of eternal rest. Please keep the family of Art Norton in your prayers as they mourn the death of Art's sister, Francis Glover.

### Baptisms

With great joy we have celebrated the Baptisms of Madeleine O'Konek, the daughter of Samantha O'Konek, Lauren Grace Wilhelm, the daughter of Alan and Kim Wilhelm, and the granddaughter of Mary and Clint Erickson, and Cassidy Christine Carlson, the daughter of Robert and Dawn Carlson.

### Congratulations Graduates!

As many college students head back to another year of academics, we congratulate our newest High School Grads and send them forth with our love and best wishes.

Ryan Benson, the son of Steve and Karen Benson, will attend St. Olaf College.

Bill Heinzen, the son of David and Barb Heinzen, will attend Jamestown College in North Dakota.

Katie Henriksen, the daughter of Neils and Bonnie Henriksen, will attend St. Olaf College.

Emily Jetland, the daughter of Jeff and Debra Jetland, will attend Itasca Community College.

Stephen Johnson, the son of Jim and Betsy Johnson, will attend the Itasca Community College Engineering program.

Samantha O'Konek, the daughter of Mike and Denise O'Konek, will pursue a nursing career at Itasca Community College.

Johanna Schnell, the daughter of Bill and Mary Schnell, will attend Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Scott Wilson, the son of Don and Joy Wilson, will attend the Itasca Community College Business Management program.

And Congratulations and Best Wishes go to our latest College graduates; Leslie Ewens, Becky Gaalaas, Jonathan Henriksen, Hilary Knoll, and Casey Wright!!

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

### Sunday School:

Sunday School begins Sunday, September 11 with treats in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your children to the hall and help them find their teachers.

### Ninth Grade Confirmation Students:

Confirmation classes for those in Ninth Grade will be from 4-5pm in room 102 on the following Fall Semester days:

September 7

October 5

November 2

November 30

December 7

In addition to these class days, all students are required to attend the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Zion Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 23 at 7pm. You are also required to attend and participate as a leader in a special Youth Worship Service on Wednesday, November 30 at 7pm in the CPC Sanctuary.

Our first Covenant Buddy dinner will be on October 5. Meet in room 102 at 5:15pm... we also have class this day, so plan on staying from class until after dinner around 6:30pm.

## Opportunities for High Schoolers to Grow In Faith

Starting this Fall there will be an opportunity just about every Sunday for high school students to explore their faith and discuss issues that impact what they believe. There will be lots of variety in the style of each Sunday's offering as well as in the topics discussed. The CE Committee welcomes the involvement of students and adult leaders for the different Sundays. Please let Kim or Bonnie Henriksen know the topic(s) and/or Sundays you are willing to lead discussion.

Discussions will fit into four categories including Breakfast and Bible Study, Peer Led Topics, Issues of World and Faith, What's in the Movies? The first three will be offered on Sunday mornings between services in the Youth Room. Movies will be viewed Sunday evenings with discussion led by Roy Kjorlien. Watch the bulletin for specific topics and dates!

The schedule starting in September is taking shape and, so far, looks like this:

September 11: Kick off Sunday---Visit, discuss the schedule, sign up for peer-led topics, juice and muffins

September 18: Extreme Experiences & Faith (topic is tentative) Keith and Janet Anderson will facilitate the conversation.

September 25: Movie **night** with discussion. Check with Roy Kjorlien about *which* movie!

October 2: Breakfast & Bible Study

We are looking for a couple of adults to join Kim and the kids for breakfast at the church or manse for the Bible conversations. The adults will help organizing and serving a light breakfast. We also would like 1-2 adults to keep conversation and discussion moving during the student led conversations. Who can step up to these experiences???

## YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS

Calling all High School Students!! To better serve your needs and provide an opportunity for you to attend Youth Group, we have devised a schedule between Youth Group meetings and Hand Bell practices. Once a month you will not have hand bell practice, so you will be free to attend youth group during that time. The schedule is enclosed in this issue of the Chimes. We have some exciting things planned this year and we look forward to your leadership and participation.

Calling all Youth entering grades 6 through 12!! Dates for Youth Events for the Fall Semester have been set and are included in this issue of the Chimes. It is our hope that you will hang the schedule on your refrigerator and highlight the events that pertain to your grade. We have an exciting Semester planned, so please plan on attending!!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

**Wednesday Night Suppers will begin Wednesday, September 7, 2004 at 5:45 p.m. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

This year we are trying a new format for signing up for Wednesday night dinner. As you will see on the schedule below:

The first week will always be Domino's Pizza night. We need one family to sign up to order the pizza and get the check from Phyllis before hand (or pay and be reimbursed by the church).

The second week will be Pot Luck. We need one family/person to sign up to prepare the coffee and lemonade and help serve the food that is brought in.

The third week we need two families to buy, prepare and serve the food. The fourth week one of the church committees will be in charge of buying, preparing and serving the meal.

On the occasional 5<sup>th</sup> week we will again need two families to buy, prepare and serve.

Please check the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

## Wednesday Night Suppers School Year 2005 - 2006

September 7 - Domino's Pizza (\$1.00 a slice)  
- one family needed to order and help serve  
14 - Pot Luck - one family needed to help serve  
21 - Two Families needed  
28 - CPC Staff

October 5 - Domino's Pizza (\$1.00 a slice)  
- one family needed to order and help serve  
12- Potluck  
19 - Two Families needed  
26 - Committee

November 2 - Domino's Pizza (\$1.00 a slice)  
- one family needed to order and help serve  
9 - Pot Luck  
16 - Two Families needed  
23 - Committee  
30 - Two Families needed

December 7 - Domino's Pizza (\$1.00 a slice)  
- one family needed to order and help serve  
14- Pot Luck  
21- Two Families needed  
28 - No Meal (Maybe Christmas International Pot-luck)

January 4 - Domino's Pizza (\$1.00 a slice)  
- one family needed to order and help serve  
11 - Pot Luck  
18 - Two Families needed  
25 - Committee

February 1 - Domino's Pizza (\$1.00 a slice)  
- one family needed to order and help serve  
8 - Pot Luck  
15 -Two Families needed  
22 - Committee

March 1 - Domino's Pizza (\$1.00 a slice)  
 - one family needed to order and help serve  
 8 - Pot Luck  
 15 - Two Families needed  
 22 - Committee

April 5 - Domino's Pizza (\$1.00 a slice)  
 - one family needed to order and help serve  
 12 - Pot Luck  
 19 - Two Families needed  
 26 - Committee

May 3 - Domino's Pizza (\$1.00 a slice)  
 - one family needed to order and help serve  
 10 - Pot Luck  
 17 - Picnic outside (weather permitting)

#### ADULTS AND VBS

During the Vacation Bible School this past summer a group of adults had the pleasure of helping the young ones assemble bird houses. What an experience, to see the intensity and concentration on putting the nails in the boards. Their eyes just light up when that nail goes where it is supposed to. The next Sunday in church some of the youngsters would touch you and say Hi and then scoot away. They wanted you to know something.

Those of us who participated would highly recommend that next year you take part and enjoy the youth of our church. Clyde Newton, Ken Hanson, Clint and Mary Erickson and Joann Peterson.

#### PRAYER CHAIN

Our Prayer Chain is an important ministry that happens at CPC. We pray for the needs of the congregation and it's extended family. We will be updating our calling list this month and are looking for new members who will commit to praying for needs as you are called to do so. Please call the church office if you would be willing to be on the list of pray-er's.

## WORSHIP

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#### *Lectionary Readings*

- 04 Communion  
*Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20*
- 11 *Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:12-35*
- 18 *Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Phillipians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16*
- 25 *Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Phillipians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32*



## CHOIR NEWS

BELLS ARE A'RINGING !!!

Once again, the bell choirs are starting up for another year. There's always room for more people, so let Darcy know if you would be interested in joining a group.

#### Rehearsals

Junior Jingers	Grades 4-5	Wednesday, 4:30-5:15
Holy Tollers	Grades 6-8	Wednesday, 3:40-4:30
Tintinnabulators	Grades 9-12	Wednesday, 6:10-7:30
Jubilee Ringers Adults		Thursday, 5:30-6:30

A few people have expressed interest in a beginning bell choir for adults. An organizational meeting will take place soon, so contact Darcy about those specific details.



Are you keyed up to get things going again? I sure hope so! After a summer to remember for a long time (heat and humidity) and such a nice and cool August, we must move on. We have so very much to look forward to! I want to say a great big thank you to all who helped with the summer music. Rehearsals will begin for Chancel Choir and Women's Choir on September 7<sup>th</sup> at the usual times (6:30 for Women's Choir and 7:15 for Chancel Choir). I hope that we can get off to a real good start this year from the first rehearsals.

Once again I have to make an appeal for additional singers. You are welcome to just come to any rehearsal. There are no frightening auditions, no need for a resume and no reason not to join choir if you like to sing. I have decided to take a different approach to encourage participation. Since I have been at CPC we have gotten some new singers which is great. I have tried to come up with many good reasons to join. Maybe I should take the opposite approach and share reasons (excuses) why you might not want to heed the 'call'. Here goes!

1. I can't sing on days that begin with "w" or "s"
2. Or worse, I can't sing on days that end in "y"
3. I break out in a rash when I hold music written before 1975
4. Inspiration just doesn't suit me
5. I cannot follow others in a line
6. My immense talent makes others feel too insecure
7. My minimal talent grossly inflates the ego of others
8. I have nightmares regarding the long zippers on choir robes
9. I am expecting a call from a loved one
10. I have an aversion to 'joyful noise'

If none of the above seem to help you justify not joining a vital ministry in our church then there is just one alternative. I look forward to seeing and hearing you some Wednesday soon.

Hopefully waiting, Roy

A big thank you to all who came to shake hands, give a hug and eat cake at my "good-bye" retirement party. The cards, flowers, cake and gifts were much appreciated. The ladies on the staff know I like to shop so gift certificates to Herbergers, Bender Shoes, Jenny & Co. and CJ Banks were in a special red box from the congregation. What a wonderful surprise!

I have met many special people over the 27 plus years, especially the staff and some of my special ladies. Thanks to all of you who answered my furnace, plumbing and bat calls! I have seen many floods in the Fellowship Hall, Dick Massaro with his bat racket, break ins and lock ins. The local police department has my phone number and have called a few times with questions. One morning at 3 a.m. they called and said the bell tower was making a loud "Swishing" noise like steam. Jerry, the dog and I went over to check.

There have been many laughs and a few tears over the years. Thank you all for the kind words, gift certificates and wonderful friendship. As a new Deacon you always hear, "once a Deacon, always a Deacon." Sure hope that doesn't hold true for custodians.

#### MANY THANKS TO MANY HELPERS

Our church hosted the Tuesday concerts and luncheons on both July 19 and July 26. Through ticket sales for the meals, we raised over \$1,000 for our youth and handbell programs.

Thanks to the many members of our church who provided food or cash donations, worked in the kitchen preparing and serving the meals and cleaning up following the luncheons.

Your willingness to help out in all of these ways was greatly appreciated!

THANKS, JUDY NESVOLD!

The Chancel Choir would like to thank Judy Nesvold for creating fabric hymnal holders for the chairs in the choir loft. The choir members won't be juggling bulletins, song books and choir folders anymore. Thanks, Judy!

## MINISTRY FACILITY TASK FORCE

**Word from the Ministry Facility Task Force** (as told by Deb Kee). We are still waiting for a complete engineer's report on the building—we all agree, this seems to be taking a long time, by the way! Since I have no progress to report, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a misunderstanding that I think has occurred. This task force has not been asked to recommend or not recommend a new building, just to determine how our building meets our ministry needs and also how it does not meet our ministry needs. We have done some of that, now our task is to dream of possibilities—how could the deficiencies be met—or do they need to be “fixed”? Input is gladly received, give any one of us a call. Patty in the church office has our phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Len Brown, Keith Tok, Jim Rudnick, Mary Vergin, Andy David, Dan Yeazel, and Deb Kee

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

### 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

### CIRCLE 2

Circle 2 will meet September 15 at 1 p.m. in the church Parlor.

### PW CLUSTER MEETING

PW Fall Cluster Meeting is September 21 at Lawron Church. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. Please call the church office or Jean Antonovich by September 14 for reservations.

## MISSION

THANK YOU ----- AND THANK YOU IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT!

All of you: Biz Peterson, Tom Carlson, Chris Peterson, Barb Veit, Dan Yeazel, Kim Johnson, Jim Rudnick, and Doug Veit; who braved the hot temperatures to work on Habitat Houses on July 13th and 14th. It was fun, hot, sweaty, and most of all rewarding.

Also, a big thank you to Carole Erickson, Win Latimer, Dan Yeazel, and Biz Peterson for goodies and fruit to keep us going.

Habitat continues to look for volunteers on into Fall, so, anyone who can put in a few hours is welcome. No experience necessary. Directions to the building site are available at church.

## MISSION COMMITTEE

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - PEACE MAKING OFFERING - OCTOBER 2



Have you wondered, "What is this war on drugs in Colombia? How do those people live out their lives amongst civil war, drugs, and poverty?"

On October 2, we are privileged to have Rosaura Diaz visiting with us and sharing how this all affects the people of Colombia. She comes to us through our Presbyterian Church USA International Peacemakers Program and your gifts to the Peacemaking Offering. These leaders are actively engaged in peacemaking in their own areas of the world.

Rosaura is a seminary graduate and Elder with the Presbyterian Church in Colombia and also a schoolteacher. She is very involved with her presbytery's mission committee and women's ministries, working with women and children displaced by the war in her church, helping to raise awareness of and support for her issues.

Did you know. . .

- T** That coffee is the second most traded commodity in the world after oil?
- T** That by purchasing FAIR TRADE coffee you can give small farmers and their families hope for a better future?
- T** That CPC is supportive of Fair Trade and wants to make a difference in the lives of farmers through the sale of coffee.
- T** That you can enjoy a cup of FAIR TRADE coffee between services each Sunday and can help pay for this project with a free will donation?
- T** That you can buy one pound packages of Fair Trade coffee for \$7.50 anytime at the church. Please leave your money in the office.

#### ANNUAL WALK FOR JUSTICE

ACT invites you to join us on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk for Justice, Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>. Walk for affordable housing. Walk for shelter for the homeless. Walk for the needs of our families and children. Walk for Social Justice.

Headwaters Foundation for Justice sponsors the Walk for hundreds of grassroots nonprofits working for justice across Minnesota. The Walk for Justice is an opportunity to raise money and visibility for ACT and issues that matter most. For more information about the Walk see [www.walkforjustice.org](http://www.walkforjustice.org).

Join other ACT member churches in the Walk for Justice. Walkers can raise money online or with a pledge of support form. To join in the Walk contact ACT at 327-7248 or go online to [www.walkforjustice](http://www.walkforjustice) and click on ACT.

The 3rd Annual St. Nicholas Dinner will be held December 3, 2005. ACT has been asked to once again host an evening of fine food and friendly frivolity, featuring your pastors as pranksters, along with Christmas music and a special appearance by the good Saint himself. Jamie and Renee Perrington of Wyld Thyme, Too will prepare a gourmet dinner for your eating pleasure. All proceeds will benefit Action through Churches Together.

#### FOOD SHELF

Thank you for your generous contributions to the grocery cart in the east entry for the food shelf. We hope that the grocery cart is a reminder to all of us that there are many families in Itasca County that count on the Food Shelf to provide needed food items. You can bring food **any Sunday** for the Food Shelf. There is also a coffee can and envelopes in the grocery cart for money donations. The Food Shelf counts on cash donations to purchase food from warehouses to help stock the Food Shelf.

#### POP TABS

Yes, we are still collecting pop tabs! Since 1987, the Twin City Ronald McDonald House has collected over 400 million pop tabs, which have generated over \$4 million.

Did you know it takes 1,264 pop tabs to make a pound? Please keep saving the tabs. You may drop them off at the church office and they will get to the proper place.