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Dear Friends

Life is good - Life is wonderful - Life is beautiful.

Hazel and I just got back from our walk – second one today for me. This first week in October has to be as good as it gets. God gave us a lifetime lease on forty acres and we criss-crossed it with hiking trails. After many hikes and changing scenery, I find myself comparing the beautiful woods to life - different species to different ethic groups and age groups, etc.

It hurts to see the beautiful flowers wither and die, but we know they will be back and will have new families surrounding them. It is not hard to find beauty in this world and we have been fortunate. Beautiful home, family and in my opinion the most beautiful church in the country.

Life is good - what would we ever do without it.

Ken Hanson, an elder Elder

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November, 2007

- 04 All Saints Day
- 11
- 18 Bell Choir Bake Sale
- 21 7:00 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service
- 25

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FROM THE PASTOR

I have had several great conversations lately that really inspired me to do a mini *Myth or Fact* series.

Myth or Fact

If you serve on the Christian Education Committee you have to be a Sunday School Teacher. Answer: MYTH

Committee members are not even asked to teach Sunday School - if they want to, they can volunteer, but they are not expected to serve in that way. We ask members of the congregation to serve as Sunday School teachers - and we are working hard to find a variety of people to share in this ministry. The Christian Education is a joyous Committee to serve on and it does not have any hidden requirements - you just love kids of all ages and support the work we do with them at CPC.

Myth or Fact

Once an Elder/Deacon, always an Elder/Deacon. Answer: FACT

Once a person is ordained to an office, they retain that office, either actively or inactively. "Once ordained, always ordained." One is called and ordained to be set apart for a certain task, and even when not serving on the current session or board, an Elder or Deacon still holds the office (inactively) and can be called to assistance.

The only way for the office to be revoked is for a person to renounce jurisdiction (to say they no longer accept the government or the vows they took at ordination), or to have it revoked through disciplinary action. If any ordained officer is not acting in accord with vows or government, and does not respond in the positive to intervention, their office can be revoked by action of the higher governing bodies.

Myth of Fact

Ministers only work on Sundays. Answer: MYTH

Full-Time Ministers look over the affairs of the church on a daily basis. It is their full-time job just as any other profession. This is a good time to discuss nurture of Ministers. The CPC personnel committee has set the following terms of call (compensation) for our ministers: 4 weeks of vacation, 2 weeks of Continuing Education, and 2 additional Sundays off. So, really, there are up to eight Sundays that each of our Ministers do not have to work.

I invite you to bring me your *Myths or Facts* for future articles.

Peace and All Good,
Kim

NEWS OF THE FAMILY

Nursing Homes

Evergreen Terrace: Betty Kauppi, Edith Mae Carrier

Manor House: Amy Johnson, Beulah Zobel, Dorothy Brace

Grand Village: Win Latimer

Pleasant Seasons: Sylvia White, Mildred Titus, Ed Sparen,

Edith Fitzgerald, Warren Anderson

Homestead Nursing Home, Deer River: Ellie and Skip Broberg

Deaths

We were saddened by the deaths of Harold Titus & Vivian Grussendorf Erickson in the month of October. Harold's funeral was October 22, and Vivian's was October 23. Please remember these two families in your thoughts and prayers.

Births

We are proud to announce the birth of Greg and Jennifer Shaffer's son, Jeffery. Jeffery was born on October 1 and weighed in at 9lbs, 12oz! Makenzie and Madyson are two very proud sisters. Welcome, Jeffery!

Baptisms

Brody Carlson was baptized on September 30. Brody is the son of Dawn and Robert Carlson, and the brother of Cassidy.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Adult Education

All adults are encouraged to join in our Adult Ed. classes on Sunday mornings at 8:45am in the church library. The month of November offers:

November 4: *Genesis: Matriarchs & Patriarchs* with Art Merrill.

November 11: *Genesis: Matriarchs & Patriarchs* with Art Merrill.

November 18: *Genesis: Matriarchs & Patriarchs* with Art Merrill.

November 25: No Class - Thanksgiving Break!

Confirmation Class of 2008

We continue to meet for class at 3:30 in room 102:

Wednesday, November 14: *Presbyterianism*

Wednesday, November 28: *Presbyterianism*

Something Special

In celebration of the Children's Sabbath, on November 4, the preschool through 5th grade Sunday School classes will gather in room 205 with Laura Marshall for activities geared towards helping kids!

College Care Packages

Please join us on Wednesday, November 7 after dinner in the fellowship hall. We will be packing our care packages to send off to our college students and military personnel.

We are still in need of donations!

Please drop off items in the church office, suggestions are: Microwave popcorn, stamps, quarters, cards, play-doh, candy, gum, little trinkets.. just about anything a college student would like that fits into a shoe size box. Thank you for helping with this important outreach!

Military Family

If you have family or friends serving overseas in the military, please call the church office with their name and address. We would like to include them in our college care package ministry.

YOUTH NEWS & EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH HAPPENINGS...

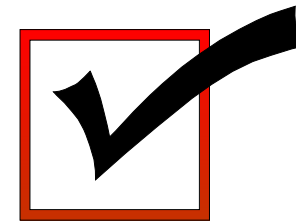
Summer 2008 Mission Trip

Plans are in the works for a week-long High School Youth Mission Trip this summer. If you're interested, please join us for conversation on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:15pm in the youth room. The planning team of Kim, Carmen Haugen, and Mary Donnelan will be deciding on a location of Mexico, or New Orleans. We'd like to hear your opinions and start enrolling interested youth and adult chaperones. We will also discuss our fund-raising strategies. Please join us!

Youth Group

Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30pm: *Packing College Care Packages*

Wednesday, November 21: No Meeting - Thanksgiving Break!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH HAPPENINGS...

Youth Group

Wednesday, November 7 at 4:15pm: *Letters to College Students*

Wednesday, November 14 at 4:15pm: *More God and the Mass Media*

Wednesday, November 21 at 4:15pm: No Meeting - Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, November 28 at 4:15pm: *Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas*

LIBRARY NEWS



Board Books for babies:

Hermie a Common Caterpillar by Max Lucado: BB LUC

This extraordinary tale teaches children that God has made each one of us uniquely different.

Prayer for a Child by Rachel Field: BB FIE

This timeless book has been passed down from generation to generation. A very special prayer to share with every child.

Our Father by Sabrina Bus: BB BUS

A wonderful rendition of this time repeated prayer in a way young children can understand.

God Loves You very Much from Zonderkidz: BB ZON

A bright and colorful Veggie Tale rhyming board book letting children know how "special" they are.

For Young Children:

Hooray For Me by Remy Charlip & Lillian Moore: E CHA

A cheerful, colorful thought provoking journey enhancing a child's self esteem and a sense of belonging.

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle: E CAR

This delightful children's story illustrates the concepts of time, size, shape and manners. Children will learn from this bad-tempered lady bug who met its match and turned his behavior around..

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst: E VIO

We have all experienced the kind of day where everything goes wrong...and somehow we all get through it...Laugh and cry with Alexander.

A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon: E SHA

How to help your child understand that being different is OK.

Corduroy Lost and Found by Don Freeman: E FRE

A heartfelt message about the importance of friendship.

Older Children:

The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs by Betty G Birney: BIR

Enjoy this refreshing tale of how Eban McAllister deals with the challenge his father hands him. Finding Seven Wonders in Sassafras to rival the Seven Wonders of The World. His reward? A trip to Colorado..something Eben has been craving.

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor: TAY

The vivid story of a black family whose warm ties to each other give them the strength to defy rural Southern racism during the Depression and show that love and independence can set them free.

Souder by William H Armstrong, a landmark in children's literature, traces the keen sorrow and the abiding faith of a poor African-American boy in the nineteenth-century South. A rarely beautiful, understated novel. *Bud, Not Buddy*, by Christopher Paul Curtis: CUR.

It's 1936 in Flint, Michigan. Times may be hard, and ten-year-old Bud may be a motherless boy on the run, but Bud's got a few things going for him.

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli: SPI

A rich rewarding novel about adolescence, achingly honest, excruciatingly funny.

Number The Stars by Lois Lowry: LOW

Ten year old Annemarie and her best friend, Ellen, often think about life before the war. It's 1943. The Jews of Denmark are being "relocated". Annemarie must find the strength to save her best friend's life.

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell: O'DE

This is the story of Karana, an Indian girl who lived alone on the Island of The Blue Dolphins for many years. Hers is not only an unusual story of survival, but also a tale of natural beauty and personal discovery.

Books for Adults:

A Day With a Perfect Stranger by David Gregory: 813.6 GRE

The last thing she wanted was to talk to God; talking to Him had never entered her mind.

Extreme Pursuit by John E. Davis, M.A. : 248.8 DAV

Winning the Race for the Heart of Your Son. Informative, practical and personable.

Growing Strong Daughters by Lisa Graham McMinn: 248.8 McM

Encouraging Girls to become All They Are Meant To Be.

Discovering Angels by Christine Astell: 398.2 AST

Wisdom...Healing...Destiny

Breaking Point by Karen Ball: BAL

Caught in a blizzard they expected to fight for their lives..what they didn't expect was a MIRACLE!

In Search of Eden by Linda Nichols: NIC

A Fractured Heart, A Hope Renewed. A story of law and grace, of forgiveness and redemption, of finding joy and rest in a broken world.

Large Print:

Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself by Alan Alda: 792.02 ALD
An insightful look at values, and how they can lead to a "life of meaning."
Candid and wise.

Audio Book on CD.

Knit Together by Debbie Macomber: AUDIO CD
NON FICTION BOOK: 792.02 MAC

A joy-filled reminder that we were created according to God's design and for his distinct pleasure. Knit Together will give you the confidence to know that you can do what seems impossible.

Remember: this is your Church Library. Books may be checked out Monday through Friday, and Sundays. There are no fines or deadlines; all we ask is that you return your materials to the library on completion. Share a review of a great read, with the Congregation, by reviewing it in the Chimes. Your ideas matter.

Your Church Librarians
Juliet Jones and Mary Erickson



THANK YOU!!!

Deb Kilpela. and Betty Jones would like to send out a big thank you to those who helped drive Floyd Buxengard to his appointments. Your gift of willingness and time was very much appreciated.

WORSHIP

ALL-SAINTS' SUNDAY BANNERS

On Sunday, November 4th, we will honor the members of CPC who have died in the past year with a procession of banners in their memory. An additional banner will also be displayed with the names of other loved ones who died either this past year or in previous years.

We hope these banners will make this special Sunday even more meaningful. Thanks to Glenna Alstad for creating this year's banners.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

NOVEMBER 21, 2006 - 7 PM AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Once again you are invited to join with your Christian brothers and sisters to thank God for the blessings we have been given. The service will begin at 7 PM and will include choirs and ministers from participating churches. We invite you to bring an offering of food for the Grand Rapids Food Shelf or money for the Second Harvest Food Bank. This is always an exhilarating service of thanksgiving and we hope you will include it in your plans for the holidays. The service ends with a pie, ice cream, and coffee social time. We will need to supply five pies for that evening. Please call the church office if you are willing to bring a pie.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

In preparation for the season of Lent, the Worship Committee would like to create a Lenten Devotional Book for the congregation's use. They are looking for people who would be willing to write a message for each of the 40 days during Lent, which begins in early February.

The writings do not need to be lengthy or lofty in thought, but from the heart. They can be based on favorites parts of Scripture or another reading you enjoy.

Please consider sharing a devotion. We would love to see a variety of thoughts from around the church family! Devotions should be sent by January 20 to Kim via the church office or kim@communitypresbyterianchurch.com.

CHOIR NEWS

BELL CHOIR BAKE SALE

Do you need some baked goods or other treats for Thanksgiving weekend? Let the CPC bell choirs come to your rescue! We will be having a bake sale on Sunday, Nov. 18, before and after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a variety of pies, cookies, bars, candy, jams and jellies and other items for sale. Proceeds will go toward funding handbell festivals taking place next spring and summer. Be sure to stop by and check out the goodies!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CD PRODUCTION CANCELLED

The production of this year's Habitat for Humanity holiday CD has been cancelled due to the loss of several participating choirs. The Jubilee Ringers will save some of their holiday music for the December bell concert. We'll let you know next fall if we'll be participating in the 2008 CD.

TWIN PORTS HANDBELL FESTIVAL

Some of the members of the Jubilee Ringers will be attending the Twin Ports Handbell Festival on Saturday, November 10, at Marshall High School in Duluth.

The festival will be under the direction of Bill Alexander, the director of Strikepoint, the concert handbell choir from First United Methodist Church in Duluth. He is internationally known for his conducting and entertaining style with ringers.

Four pieces will be performed by the entire group of 15 handbell choirs, along with several solo pieces and two selections performed by portions of the group. One of those pieces will be "Bwana Asifiwe", the piece that was commissioned for the 25th anniversary of our handbell program in 2002.

The public is invited to attend Saturday's final concert, which will begin at 3:00 p.m. at Marshall High School, 1215 Rice Lake Road in Duluth. We hope some of you will plan on attending this special performance and encourage friends and relatives in the Duluth area to come as well.

Entrance to the concert is free but donations will be accepted following the concert to help defray expenses.

On Sunday, Darcy will attend worship at United Presbyterian Church, in Superior, Wisconsin and direct their handbell choir as they play "Bwana Asifiwe". Rev. Joel Huenemann, who was our Associate Pastor in the late 1970's and early 1980's, is the minister of that church and rings in the handbell choir.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

FALL RUMMAGE SALE SUCCESSFUL

The Presbyterian Women raised \$1015.51 at their fall rummage sale. These monies are used to pay for mission projects funded by the Presbyterian Women. Thanks to those who contributed goods, who bought things, and those who helped clean up afterwards.

SENIOR GATHERING

The next Senior Gathering will be Monday, November 19 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. *The Kayak Lady*, Mary Shideler, will share her adventures with us. Remember to bring a bag lunch and that friends are always welcome.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

All those interested in learning more about membership at Community Presbyterian Church are invited to join in conversation:

Sunday, November 11 at 11:30am (Fellowship Hall - lunch provided)

Sunday, November 18 at 11:30am (Fellowship Hall - lunch provided)

Thursday, December 20 at 5:30pm to be received by the session as members.

Sunday, December 23 at 10am for public reception of membership.

If you're interested, please call the church office by November 4.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHURCH FAMILY DINNER

November 7: Sweet & Sour Chicken/Egg Rolls/White & Fried Rice/Sherbert & fortune cookies.
November 14: Oven Baked Beef Stew/Rolls/Green Salad/Dessert
November 21: **No Dinner - Thanksgiving Break!**
November 28: Turkey a la King/Baking Powder Biscuits/Cranberries/Peas/Dessert

Please join us for dinner at 5:30pm!

MISSION

CREATE A HOLIDAY FRIENDSHIP
WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

Imagine that it's Christmas. You are a college student, attending school on another continent, and you can't afford to go home for the holidays -- but the dorms are closing and all of your new American friends are headed home. What will you do for the next two weeks?

Community Presbyterian Church will participate in "Christmas International," a friendship program for international students offering a "home away from home" for two weeks at Christmas time. We are inviting **four individuals and are currently in need of two homes (or four if two hosts prefer sharing the guest for one week only.)** Each host family provides housing, meals and hospitality for the students. The guests will pay their own transportation fees and personal expenses. CPC will host an international evening open to the entire congregation with a potluck and a time to share the cultures of our guests.

Christmas International House (CIH) was formed in West Virginia in 1965, to meet the needs of international students who were unable to go home for Christmas. The ecumenical program of hospitality has since grown to include approximately 50 programs across the United States. In order to participate, International students attending universities and colleges across the United States sign up for a program and region, and pay for their transportation fees and expenses. Host families supply meals and a room

for the student. Host families also include the student in as much of their normal everyday lives as possible. Some host families prefer to share their city with the student. Others let the student relax and enjoy their time away from class...and still others group together for joint sightseeing, and daily excursions.

Close to six hundred thousand of the world's eventual prime ministers, cabinet ministers, educators, politicians, scientists - national leaders of every kind are studying as international students in the United States. The experience they gain within our schools, churches, communities, and homes may change the course of history, and will definitely be a major factor in determining their attitude toward and understanding of the Christian Church, the American nation and its people.

For more information, please contact Mary Schnell at (218) 327-8020 or email her at schnells@mchsi.com

You can also visit the CIH website at www.ChristmasIH.org. The students are currently in the process of requesting our church and city as their destination.

Mary Schnell

GRACE HOUSE NEWS

Our next mission week at Grace House is Sun. Nov. 18th 4:45PM, through Wed. Nov.21st 6:00AM. Please call if you know a time you can work. Jan Hatch 327- 2597, or call Grace House 326-2790

Dinner-Dance Sat. Nov. 17 at the Sawmill Inn. This is a fund raiser for the building of the new Grace House. Entertainment will be: Big Walter Smith and the Groove Machine, a popular blues band from the Metro area, and Mr. Pumpkin Head from Grand Rapids. Tickets are \$25.00 for both dinner and dance. Raffle tickets are also for sale for \$20.00. The drawing for cash prizes will be at the dinner, but you need not be present to win. Thanks for your support.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS

We continue our long tradition of remembering the hungry at Thanksgiving. On November 18, we will pass out grocery bags with a suggested shopping list and ask that you fill the bags and bring them either to the Thanksgiving Eve Service (7PM) at St. Joseph's Catholic Church or to Community Presbyterian Church on November 25th.



SERRV - A GREATER GIFT

Soon we will all be looking for those perfect Christmas gifts for others. The stores will be busy as the shopping days pass quickly. This year, however, why not consider buying those perfect gifts from Greater Gift, the nonprofit organization SERRV International which works in trade and development in 35 countries. The Peace and Social Justice Committee will have a table full of high-quality, beautiful handcrafts made by disadvantaged artisans and farmers in developing regions of the world both Sunday, Dec. 2nd and Dec. 9th before and after our church service. The proceeds from your purchases improve working conditions and provide access to education and healthcare for the artisans and their families. Enrich your life and change the world at the same time by giving a Greater Gift this year. See you Dec. 2 and Dec. 9 in the Fellowship Hall.

STEWARDSHIP WORDS OF GRATITUDE!

I am so grateful for the many enthusiastic pledges and all those who made special efforts of support for this years campaign "People, Youth, Music and Mission"!

I asked Deb Kilpela, Duane Geisler, Niels Henrickson, and Karen Noyce to speak in worship personally about what CPC's strengths have meant to them. It takes courage to speak our faith and they gave strong messages. Amen!

Coordinating the five worship Sunday services for the stewardship themes succeeded with great support from Dan, Kim , Darcy and Janice.

Patty Christensen was always available to help. Thank you! And thank you to Susan Gerling and Mary Erickson for helping with stewardship calling.

The final Stewardship Report will wait until next month. We have about 30 pledges to receive before we have our total.

Peace and Love,
Kris Johnson

UPDATE ON CHURCH REMODELING PLANS

Session has asked the Trustees and two members of the former Facility Assessment Committee to gather additional information and ideas about how CPC might remodel our church building. Using the work of the Facility Assessment Committee (FAC) and the Financial Feasibility Study, this group is working on options that are more affordable. At this point, we know that the design “option two” presented last January could be phased over a number of years, thereby spreading out the cost. New options of a much smaller scope are also being prepared and considered. The intention is to have new concept drawings ready to present at our Annual Meeting of the Congregation in January.

TIME CHANGE OF BROADCAST OF CPC SERVICES ON ICTV

ICTV has notified CPC that our worship service will be broadcast on Tuesday at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday at 1:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Services will be broadcast on Channel 2 Mediacom/32.

