

COMMUNITY CALL

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RELAY FOR LIFE CPC STYLE

Join in on the fun July 31st at YMCA West!

Brenda Bjorklund and Brianne Montgomery are putting together a team to walk for a cure for cancer! Join the team and come for a few hours or the whole night!

Relay For Life is done through the American Cancer Society and is about celebration, remembrance, and hope. By participating, we can honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives that have been lost to the disease, and to raise money to help fight it in our community!

We encourage all church members, family, and friends to join this cause and our team! We are collecting donations from church members and the community and are selling luminaria bags to help fundraise for this cause (all money goes to the American Cancer Society to help find a cure!)

If you want to donate or join our team go to:

www.relayforlife.org/fargond and click on View Teams and then Community Presbyterian Church.

Questions:

Brianne- 701-367-4977

Brenda- 701-282-4942

Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.

PASTOR'S PEN

One feature of life as a "church professional" is a constant barrage of invitations to the apparently infinite number of retreats, workshops, conferences, camps, schools, gatherings, and so forth that cater to practically every aspect of church life. If I had the inclination, the time, and the money, I could spend pretty much every weekend in a different city, learning about everything from practical approaches to church finance to (highly dubious) prophecies of the end times. As you have no doubt guessed, the vast majority of these invitations quickly find their way into the recycling bin, since I do not, in fact, have the money, the time,



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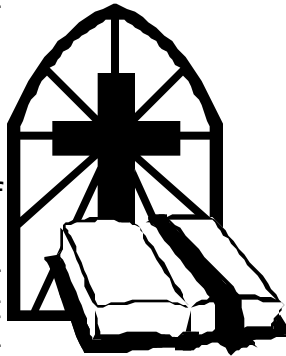
or especially the inclination to attend most of them. But, every once in a while, an event comes along that does attract my attention enough to attend. And, once in an even greater while, the event exceeds all my expectations. I was privileged to attend one such event over the first weekend in May.

Along with three other members of CPC and around 14 others from around the presbytery, I attended the first-ever gathering put on by the RASCAL (Reformed According to the Scriptures: Companions Active in Learning) ministry team. Professor Gary Neal Hansen of Dubuque Seminary (where he has taught our own Curt Brophy) led us in five sessions that examined different spiritual disciplines and practices that have been a part of our Reformed tradition down through the centuries. The main idea was to teach us how our mothers and fathers in the faith worked to achieve a closer relationship with God (or, to put it in more Reformed language, to live more fully in the relationship that God offers us), and then to encourage us to adopt some of these practices in our own lives.

If I were to pass on every exciting, interesting, inspiring, or convicting moment of the retreat, I would overrun my allotted space (and the readers' patience) by a mile. But I should have just enough room to share the 5 hallmarks of Reformed spiritual life that provided the topics of our sessions, and perhaps to say just a bit about what each might offer us.

According to Dr. Hansen, a spiritual life in the Reformed tradition includes:

- Minds shaped by Scripture – The regular, disciplined reading of God's Word,



for study, for meditation, for prayer, indeed for all things, must be the root and source of all spiritual life.

- Hands joined in Community – From the earliest days of the Reformation, the existence of small groups within the church has helped Christians remain faithful, engaged, and joyful in their walk with God and with each other.

- Souls known by Self-examination – By means of various practices of journaling and other daily practices of self-examination, our forebears gained insight into their own hearts, and into their ways of living and responding to God.

- Hearts Steeped in the Psalms – The Psalms are, in Calvin's phrase, "An anatomy of all parts of the soul." The Psalms are our premier resource for prayer, for worship, and for contemplation.

- Lives lived in the rhythm of Sabbath – If life does not include the regular weekly rest and worship that God ordains in the Ten Commandments, it will certainly be marked by too much stress, distance from God and others, and, ultimately, ill health in body and spirit.

There is so much more to be shared than this, I can only promise that, over the days to come, you will hear much more, in all sorts of ways, about what this splendid workshop offered me. I am confident that we will all be blessed by it.

JACK ATTACK 5K WALK

WHEN: Saturday, June 6

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Lindenwood Park

**Proceeds go to fund research to stop Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

Questions? Contact Kristi Gellner at 532-2146 or rkgell@far.midco.net.



MAY CLERK'S CORNER

Session met on May 21, 2009. They voted to change Communion from June 7 to May 31st because Pastor Stith will be on vacation on June 7 and 14th.

Session decided to continue handing out announcements sheets after church. Due to a misunderstanding they were put in the bulletin on several Sundays.

Approval was given to transfer Jessica (Peihl) Hill to Peace Lutheran Church in Fargo. Approval was given to use money from the LeRoy Hom Memorial Fund as well as from the Paulsen Memorial Fund to get a plaque to designate the Welcome Center as the Everett Paulsen Welcome Center.

Presbyterian Women were given approval to hold the Annual Fall Bazaar and Baked Potato Lunch on Oct. 31 and November 1.

There will be a wedding in the church on May 30th. Pastor Dave Thompson from the Jamestown Church will officiate, since the couple are members of that church, but they live in Fargo. Carol Sterup is the Wedding Coordinator.

Dawn Larson and Carol Sterup were given approval to hold a baby shower in the fellowship hall during the 3rd week of July. The Quilters are having a quilt rack made to display the quilts that they have for sale. Yvonne Hummel and Jason Swart conducted an audit of the church's financial records.

The treasurer reported that we now have enough money in the POD account to make the mortgage payments through August. The deacons are planning to hold monthly birthday parties for people with birthdays during each month. They hope to begin the parties in either October or November. Marj

Meester has agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee as the Deacons' representative. The Deacons are looking for people who would be willing to help with home communion. They are required to be ordained officers of the church. Contact Jack Smith if you are interested.

The Mission Committee reported that they have received great responses to the mission projects for the past few months.

Pastor Stith reported that the forms have been filed to request a grant for financial help if he is approved to take a sabbatical next summer. He will be on vacation from June 4 through June 17. Nancy Emerson will be available for pastoral care if needed. Dixon Moorhead will fill the pulpit on June 7 and 14.

Pastor Stith was given approval to use portions of the church building for an event to celebrate the 500th birthday of John Calvin. Other churches in the area will be taking part in this event. Pastor Stith also reported that there will be an interactive on-line session about teacher training, new member classes, and leadership development beginning on Wednesday, June 24, at the First Presbyterian Church in Moorhead. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. More detailed will be available later.

Delores Horn, Clerk Pro-Tem

BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!!!



We had 23 people sign up to donate! Out of that, 18 people were able to successfully donate! 4 people were first time donors!! Thank you very much to everyone who donated or tried to donate blood!

The United Blood Service is very appreciative! CPC helped save lives!



JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 6-1 Ella Steele
- 6-2 Craig Larson
- 6-3 Edwin Diede
Zachory Steele
- 6-4 Mike Gross
- 6-6 Melanie Hansen
LeAnn Misheski
- 6-7 Norma Henning
- 6-8 April Shone
- 6-11 Kathy Colliton
- 6-11 Richard Osborne
- 6-12 Vicki Riedinger
- 6-13 Allen Meyer
- 6-18 Luella Friend
- 6-19 Brandon Hanna
- 6-19 Evelyn Martin
- 6-19 Bill Montgomery
Toni Stith
Angie Whitcomb
- 6-23 Ashley Swart
- 6-26 Carol Duggan
- 6-30 Dixon Moorhead

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6-4-88 – Tom and Cathy Birrenkott
- 6-6-48 – Henry and Hazel Yokom
- 6-6-54 – Duane and Doris Randle
- 6-7-97 – Scott and Melanie Hansen
- 6-8-96 – Terry and Carolyn Meester
- 6-11-83 – Marty and Debbie Matzke
- 6-11-94 – Lee and Lia Dobrinz
- 6-11-99 – Ray and Bev Christopherson
- 6-18-72 - Bruce and Karen Steele
- 6-19-93 - Chad and Tammy Nelson
- 6-20-87 - Don and Shelly Van Cleve
- 6-20-92 – Richard and Lisa Osborne
- 6-22-58 – James and Audrey Binger
- 6-24-95 – Rick and Dawn Chase
- 6-27-81 – Thomas and Nancy Kassman
- 6-28-75 – John and Lorna Wilkinson

ANNOUNCING VEGGIE TALES VEGGIE TOWN



Kids, come and see Larry, Bob, Junior, and the gang and learn about Family Values. They'll be here at the church for Vacation Bible School every evening of August 2 through 6th. The fun will start with dinner at 6:00 p.m. with activities starting at 6:20 and ending with music in the sanctuary at 8:15 p.m.

Grown-ups, don't forget to sign up to teach or help on the list in the fellowship hall. We will need a total of five teams of two teachers who will co-teach at five different stations each night. We also will need helpers for snacks and decorations and at least four actors. Those who participate in VBS have sooooo much fun, and the kids do too.

In addition, please take a peek at our wish list which will be posted later in the narthex. Any contributions are always appreciated.

Questions? Contact one of the Christian Education Committee members:

Carrie Leopold, Session Committee Chair	282-9213
Becky DeJong	281-8122
Debbie Matzke	282-9463
Boots Misheski	282-5429
Lisa Steffen	282-5308
Toni Stith	282-2715
Gayle Thostenson	492-0630

JUNE SOFTBALL SCHEDULE



- 6/3 Pontoppidan/Living Waters
Lewis & Clark W/W
- 6/10 Our Redeemer/@Bethlehem
Longfellow E/E
- 6/17 @Community Methodist/Olivet
Discovery N/N
- 6/24 @Immanuel/Prairie Heights
McKinley E/W



FINANCIAL REPORT

Budgeted 2009 giving:
\$165,747.79 / 52 weeks =
\$3,187.46 per week

WEEK	BUDGETED GIVING TO DATE	ACTUAL GIVING TO DATE
5/17/09	\$63,746	\$59,815

As summer has arrived and many of you are away, please remember to send in your contributions as the church still has bills to pay.

These figures do not include the mortgage payments, which are funded from the building fund money market (Project Open Door giving). Currently we have funds available in the building fund money market to make mortgage payments through August.

Adopt-an-Expense contributions to date total \$2807.00 to pay toward our loan of \$11,141.00 from 2008.

Please prayerfully consider your contributions for 2009 in order for the church to meet it's financial obligations for this year.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GREETING CARDS



The Presbyterian Women have been recycling old cards into new, improved greeting cards. These are sold for \$.50 in the narthex. Since February, profits have grown to over \$52. All profits from this project benefit Community Presbyterian Church.

We have all types of greeting cards available for sale. While we will not be meeting during the summer, the cards will be on display year round.

Any PW member is welcome to help make these cards. If you have any questions, contact Delores Horn at 282-4501 or Rae Irene Kercher at 282-4628.



WHO ARE THE DEACONS?

You may have thought to yourself, "I know who the Deacons are, I'm just not sure what they do". Quite simply, we have been called to serve the Lord by serving our church family. It may be the marking of a milestone...a card on your birthday or anniversary or a rose placed at the front of the sanctuary when there is a birth. We make visits to those who, for a variety of reasons, can't attend services with the hope that we can preserve their connection to Community Presbyterian Church. With the assistance of others in the congregation we provide Communion visits. We are available to arrange rides to church or to appointments and also to assist with organizing meal preparation and delivery to those that may be in need.

As we go forward, we hope to have a paragraph or two published routinely in the Community Call to keep you updated on the "Deacon's doings". In the meantime, please feel free to contact us if you know of any needs in our congregation or if you have any time or talents that you would like to share with your CPC family.

THANK YOU, MILE 3-9-16-23 FARGO MARATHON VOLUNTEERS!!

You weathered beautifully the task of offering 16,400 runners (some 2 times, some 4 times) water, orange slices, brownies, and donuts. Please let me know if the feeling has returned to your fingers! The last runner came through at 2:41, and we were cleaned up and gone by 2:42. That would be all 24 tables, 8 trashcans and a gazillion used cups bagged.

Nice going everyone!

Dixon



INTERVIEWS BY MS SOUL TRAIN: DONNA GERTZ

Personal Information

Birth date - January 19
 Birth place - Luverne, MN
 High school - graduated from
 Magnolia High School
 Occupation - cleaned, babysat,
 doctor's and dentist's assis-
 tant, West Acres, cut hair,
 volunteer work, Salvation
 Army, Hospice
 Married - Robert in Luverne, MN
 Children -
 Larry (Montana) -
 Rikki, Masen
 Steve (Minot) -
 Julie, Amanda
 Sue (farm)
 Debbie (north of Grandin) -
 Pat, Christie, Jimmy
 Tom (West Fargo) -
 Katie, Steph, Robert
 Joined Community Presbyterian
 Church - 1958

Favorites

Movies - animal movies
 Favorite chore - raising cows/
 cleaning house
 Least favorite chore - cleaning
 separator for cream
 Season - summer and spring
 Animals - pigeon, fox, skunk, sala-
 mander, rabbit, dog, cat
 Color - green

Would You Rather

How well do you know Donna? Try to guess which answer she chose for each of the following questions. Her answers will be at the end of the interview.

- ... give up movies or music?
- ... have one wish granted today or three 10 years from now?
- ... wear all pink or all purple?
- ... have a big group of friends or one

very close friend?
... have a kangaroo or koala as your pet?

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Donna Gertz was born on January 19, 1927 in Luverne MN. She went to middle school and then to Magnolia High School. After two years she stopped going to school to help out on the farm. She married Robert Dale Gertz in Luverne. They joined the church in 1958, and they had 5 five children, Larry, Steve, Sue, Debbie, and Tom.

As a child she didn't have a favorite toy or blanket because she had so many brothers and sisters. But luckily she had animals to play with and a big imagination. She also played softball, croquet, volleyball, and cards. Some of the games were Old Maid, 500, Rummy, and Four Kings in a Comer. She used to get scared of a show that was played on the radio. It was called 'The End of the World'. She's not scared of it anymore because she knows it was just a show. She doesn't really remember the first day of school; all she does remember is riding the bus and being scared.

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She had many jobs throughout her lifetime. When she was younger she would babysit and clean houses. She worked as an assistant to a doctor and a dentist. She used to cut the kids' hair in their neighborhood, and she did a lot of volunteer work. She worked as a maid and cleaned West Acres for a while. She even got an award and one hundred and fifty dollars for doing so.

The first place Donna lived in after she moved out of her parent's house was a log house. They bought beds but made their own cupboards out of crates.

Birthdays were always really important. She always makes a red cake for everyone. Her most memorable birthday was her eightieth. She went to the VFW for it and all of her friends were there. She got four cakes.

She really likes to cook. She cooks red cakes for birthdays, lefse, coffee rolls, which she used to sell in the neighborhood, krumkake, donuts, which she would make every Thursday, and brownies. One time, when she had just finished making brownies for church, she was letting them cool down and the cat jumped on them! The most disgusting thing she has ever eaten was lute-fisk. She ate it because her daughter made it and no one wanted to try it so she did. They are Norwegian and that's the only reason she made it.

The first phone she ever had was rotary and it was black. Her number was 954. There were only three numbers then. Now she has three cordless phones and one that's stuck to the wall.

Donna has many interesting stories to tell. Take the time to get to know her better like I did.

Interviewed by:

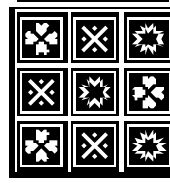
Ashley Swart

8th grade

March 8, 2009

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(Would You Rather answers: music, one wish, purple, one friend, koala)



QUILTS FOR SALE

Beautiful, unique quilts, handmade by the Quilter's Group are available for sale. There are quilts for all occasions - wed-

dings, birthdays and baby showers, or you can buy a quilt simply to keep you warm during the long, cold, North Dakota winters!

If you find a quilt you can't live without, contact Carol Sterup, Marlys Martin, or Boots Misheski. They will record your purchase. so you may take your quilt home.

When you buy a quilt, it's a 'Win-Win' for everyone. You get a lovely quilt, and the Quilter's Group helps support the church by donating the dollars to a specific need financially.

ELECTRONIC DIRECTORY

It's coming soon: an electronic directory with all the latest contact information on the members and friends of Community Presbyterian Church. No more looking for a paper copy of the church directory. It will be easily found on your home computer.



This pdf file is only an e-mail away from those who request it. Simply call or send your request to Gayle Thostenson (atgtet@far.midco.net or 492-0630).

Also, if you have updated or more information which you'd like listed in the electronic directory, please send it in soon.