

Community Press

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Peace is possible,
and it begins with us
sowing the seeds of peace
in every interaction and
decision we make.



The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected on Sunday, October 6th.

Equipping Peacemakers in Congregations and Around the World. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Don't miss your opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Pastor Carla as she finishes her contract at the end of October!

OCTOBER 2024

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Session

The Session is the governing board of the church. It consists of six ruling elders, elected for two years. Much of the business of the church is conducted through committees. Each ruling elder chairs one of the committees. The Pastor, who is a teaching elder and moderator of Session, is an ex-officio member of every committee.

<u>Class of 2024</u>	Lyal Powell Amanda Ross Sherrie Wilson	Building and Grounds Personnel and Nominating Mission
<u>Class of 2025</u>	Sue Chipman Ivy Pillers Aaron Simms	Christian Education Worship and Music Finance and Stewardship
<u>Officers:</u>	Dave Copeland Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2024 Nominating Committee

Mary Meyer, Dave Copeland, Jane Burgstaler, Peggy McCarty (Deacons)

Membership (a sub committee of Christian Education) Chairperson: Amanda Ross

Deacons

The Board of Deacons is responsible for ministering to all those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to all those who may be in distress. Deacons provide meals and transportation, among other requested needs. They maintain the Prayer Chain. Deacons are elected in classes of two and serve a three year term.

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Dave Copeland Aaron Simms	Louis Bouchard	Peggy McCarty Margaret Petersen

Staff

Bridge Pastor	Rev. Carla Nelson
Pianist	Glenna Muir
Music Director	Jennifer Taylor
Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

I've been meaning to ask...Where will you go from here??

Will you continue the conversations? Will you continue to get to know each other, really get to know each other? If you do, then you will know how to be the church together. You will know what types of activities will work and which one will not work at all. The truth about church growth is that you must have life within the church to attract people to you.



You cannot attract all kinds of people, but you can attract people who want to be part of a congregation that is alive and active in some way in the world. You could celebrate the ways that individuals are active, by having monthly or every other month volunteer participation parties – like the progressive dinner. It could be a time for people who are volunteering to share their stories, and it is a time for others to encourage them in their work.

Do you want to find a way to volunteer but you do not have the physical ability to do much anymore? You can lift the spirits of people in memory care units by sending them pretty cards. You can just drop them off – no stamps required. If you know the names that is wonderful, if not you might be able to get names from the facility. Or ask the facility to put the names on the cards. You can partner with our new neighbor O2B kids and see what kind of volunteers they use. I think they like people to come in and read to the children. There are many ways to volunteer for different organizations in your home, or at the sight that do not take a lot of physical effort or a lot of time. Volunteering improves your mind, and you can get the church name out in the public – especially if there are t-shirts – do we have t-shirts?? I would love a t-shirt.

Over the next several weeks I will be preaching out of the book of Mark. Chapter 9:30 starts with “Leaving there, they went through Galilee” Then they go to Capernaum, then they went home. Then they start to go to Jerusalem and spend time in Jericho. Jesus never stayed in one place for very long. He was always on the move, preaching the gospel, healing the sick, and stirring up trouble by asking questions.

We who are in the church now are settled into doing church in one way – in a building on Sunday morning, some can join in by Zoom which is a blessing due to distance and health concerns. The question that I have is this; Is the only way to do church today? Could we step out of our comfort zone and reach out to others can we be Jesus to those who have never read the Bible? Who have never heard a gospel song? Who do not know that there is a God who loves them because no person has ever really loved them. Do we volunteer out of love for others, not as an obligation, but truly out of love for someone we do not know because they too are a child of God.

Where do you go from here? I do not have the answer, but I know that you have many possibilities that give you a bright future! God is guiding you; your future is secure in God's hands.

CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays and Anniversaries are in the print edition of the newsletter - pick one up at church!

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

FAIR TRADE MARKET

Over 20 fair and ethical trade vendors under one roof selling food, chocolate, home décor, and so much more



Friday, October 4, 4pm-7pm
Saturday, October 5, 9am-4pm
Sunday, October 6, 10am-1pm

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2124 Viola Rd NE
Rochester, MN 55906

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

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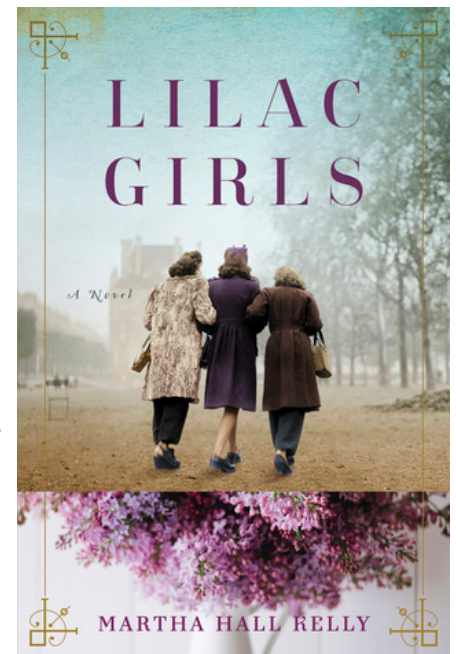


On Sunday, October 20th, the book discussion group will talk about *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly.

From the Rochester Public Library's website:

"On a September day in Manhattan in 1939, twenty-something Caroline Ferriday is consumed by her efforts to secure the perfect boutonniere for an important French diplomat and resisting the romantic advances of a married actor. Meanwhile across the Atlantic, Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish Catholic teenager, is nervously anticipating the changes that are sure to come since Germany has declared war on Poland. As tensions

rise abroad - and in her personal life - Caroline's interest in aiding the war effort in France grows and she eventually comes to hear about the dire situation at the Ravensbruck all-female concentration camp. At the same time, Kasia's carefree youth is quickly slipping away, only to be replaced by a fervor for the Polish resistance movement. Through Ravensbruck - and the horrific atrocities taking place there told in part by an infamous German surgeon, Herta Oberheuser - the two women's lives will converge in unprecedented ways and a novel of redemption and hope emerges that is breathtaking in scope and depth"-- Provided by publisher.



Read the book! Join the discussion!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



There's a place for you on Sunday mornings!

Do you enjoy reading out loud or public speaking? Liturgists are needed each and every worship service!

Do you enjoy offering hospitality in terms of a cup of coffee or tea and a treat? Each Sunday, after worship, CPC enjoys a little social time! Hosts are needed each week!

The Sunday volunteer sheet is located in the narthex - sign up there! OR [email\(office@cpcrochester.org\)](mailto:office@cpcrochester.org) or call Stephanie (507280-9291) in the office to sign up!



Here's an opportunity for the congregation to support the CPC Choir or Jubellation Hand Bell Choir. It's called "Sponsor an Anthem". The music budget is limited so Jennifer and the Worship and Music team are offering the opportunity to donate money for an anthem. You may choose any person, event, loved one, etc... Together with Jennifer, we would work to find something appropriate for your donation. This would allow more music to be bought for both the choir and handbells while honoring special people in your lives. Contact Jennifer for more information. Thanks for your consideration.

MISSION



Gage East Halloween Party!

Watch for details in the eblasts and bulletins in the coming weeks!

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The Garden of Life at Community Presbyterian Church was a seed that was planted shortly after my father, Wayne Kinion, passed in 2006. Our minister at the time was Julia Carlson. Julia suggested a possible memorial to my father could be a garden. It was an idea that grew into the garden we have now. In 2008 the Garden of Life was dedicated. Through the years others have donated memorial money towards the garden in honor of loved ones and the garden grew.

In the original plan for the garden 4 areas were mapped out. Those areas were named:

- “Love” a place for large gatherings including weddings
- “Peace” a place for contemplation
- “Hope” a future building addition – new sanctuary
- “Joy” a place for children to play and a children’s garden

Love and Peace have been planted and developed while the Hope and Joy areas have not.

Looking back I remember the blank canvas where now colorful flowers bloom. There’s a pergola, benches, and paths drawing us into the space. We’ve had outdoor church services, baptisms and weddings in the garden, as well as live music. I’ve witnessed families having picnics there, a student studying on the bench, prayer meetings, and people enjoying a quiet place to sit and read. Neighborhood folks enjoy walks there. I even met a woman who works near the church who enjoys walking to our gardens on her break.

It’s been 16 years since the first seed was planted. I invite you to walk through the garden, sit on a bench, say a prayer, or just breathe. And remember,

“More grows in the garden than the gardener sows.”

-Spanish Proverb



Community Presbyterian's Calendar

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Pastor Carla Vacation 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	30 Pastor Carla Vacation	1 Pastor Carla Vacation 9:30am PW Bible Study 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	2 Pastor Carla Vacation 9:00am Prayer Group at CPC -	3 Pastor Carla Vacation 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	4 Pastor Carla Vacation	5 Pastor Carla Vacation
6 Pastor Carla Vacation 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion 2:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	7 Pastor Carla Vacation 9:30am Mission Prayer Group	8 Pastor Carla Vacation 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Building and Grounds Meeting 7:00pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network	9 Pastor Carla Vacation 9:00am Prayer Group at CPC 9:00am Pastor Carla Office Hours	10 Pastor Carla Vacation 5:30pm Building Use: Labranza de Dios	11 Pastor Carla Vacation	12
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Presbyterian Church
Our Mission is to be an
open-hearted,
open-minded
Christian community
sharing a ministry of
faith, hope, and love.*

**CPC worships at 9:30 each Sunday
Both onsite and online!**

**Online Worship, Sundays 9:30 am
<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>
+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #**

**Bulletins for worship can be found
on the homepage of our website.
www.cpcrochester.org**

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