

Community Press

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ROCHESTER, MN



I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses...

And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other, has ever, known!

He speaks and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that he gave to me,
Within my heart is ringing . . .



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And He tells me I am His own,
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Words and Music by C. Austin Miles, 1912



JUNE & JULY 2026

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 2026</u>	Amanda Ross Lyal Powell	Personnel and Nominating Building and Grounds
<u>Class of 2027</u>	Peggy McCarty Ronda Marshall Mary Alice Richardson Dave Copeland	Christian Education Finance and Stewardship Mission Worship and Music
<u>Officers:</u>	Mary Meyer Mark Pillers Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2026 Nominating Committee

Mary Meyer, Jane Burgstaler, 2 open spots

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.

Class of 2026

Carole Kinion Copeland
Margaret Petersen

Class of 2027

Stacy Kopecky
Mary Meyer

Staff

Pastor/Head of Staff
Pianist
Music Director
Custodian
Office Manager

Soon to be Rev. Paul Banchasawan
Dr. Tianyao Xie
Jennifer Taylor
Nancy Sanford
Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries are in the print edition of the newsletter. Pick one up at church!



*General Assembly
June 22 - July 2, 2026
Milwaukee, WI*

The clock is ticking toward the opening of the 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) next June in Milwaukee. Visit this site (<https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/church-structure/general-assembly/general-assembly-gathering>) often to get the latest planning updates, deadlines, and sign up for the “On the Road to GA” newsletter: <https://share.hsforms.com/1r9fidzPdQNqgt2wmdgtt1Adf5ts>

“The Presbyterian tradition, the Reformed tradition, is focused on **community**. For Presbyterians, we have a more humble understanding of truth as a continual, **constant movement** led by the **Spirit**.”

THE REV. ALEX P. THORNBURG



On the Road
to the 227th General Assembly

Trinity Lutheran Church

TUESDAYS at 12:15 PM

D O W N T O W N

ORGAN RECITALS

S U M M E R 2 0 2 6



222 6th Avenue SW - Rochester, MN 55902

Tuesday, June 2nd

Daniel E. Schwandt

*Cantor
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Minneapolis, MN*

Tuesday, June 9th

Martin Dicke

*Organist & Choir Director
St. James Lutheran Church
West St. Paul, MN*

Tuesday, June 16th

John Stender

*Director of Worship & Music / Organist
Normandale Lutheran Church ELCA
Edina, MN*

Tuesday, June 23rd

Katie Moss

*Kantor
St. John's Evangelical Luth Church & School
Maple Grove, MN*

Tuesday, June 30th

Gabriel Rivera Bird

*Student
Aquinas High School
LaCrosse, Wisconsin*

Tuesday, July 14th

Travis Whaley

*Minister of Music
Calvary Episcopal Church
Rochester, MN*

Tuesday, July 21st

Chuck Barland

*Professor of Music
University of Dubuque
Dubuque, Iowa*

Tuesday, July 28th

Isabel Alsum

*Organist
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas*

Tuesday, August 4th

John MacInnis

*Professor of Music
Dordt University
Sioux Center, Iowa*

Tuesday, August 11th

Nathan Elsbernd

*Freelance Organist
Graduate of Luther & Yale School of Music
Mason City, Iowa*

Tuesday, August 18th

Lee Afdahl

*Director of Music Emeritus
First Presbyterian Church
Rochester, MN*

Tuesday, August 25th

Matt Gender

*Director of Worship & Arts
Zumbro Lutheran Church
Rochester, MN*

Public Invited - Free Parking - Free-Will Offering
No Recital Tuesday, July 7th

The PW Bible study concludes on Tuesday, June 2 at 9:30 am with Lesson 9: When You Are Walking with Jesus: The Road to Emmaus, Scripture: Luke 24:13–35
“Are Women Believed?”

Check out the blog: <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2026/02/18/finding-resilience-joy-and-our-identity-in-jesus-christ-lesson-nine/>

The blog begins...

“I have been in meetings when a woman has come up with a great idea, and not only was the idea not accepted, it was never acknowledged. Then, ten minutes later a man proposed the exact same idea, and the leader said, “What a great idea. Let’s do that!” This has happened numerous times, so much so that I thought a colleague of mine was invisible.

Some of us are the ones to interject, “You know, Cynthia just said that fifteen minutes ago.” Or, “The new strategy we are implementing was Jeanne’s idea. Thank you, Jeanne.”

Sometimes, a group of us women would take a male colleague with us to a meeting where an important issue was being discussed, because, more likely than not, if he repeated what we said, the leader listened to him.

Are women believed?...”

Working for Justice and Peace

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR

JUNE

- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month; loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about
- 05 National Gun Violence Awareness Day; [wearorange.org](https://www.wearorange.org)
- 07 Intercultural Church Sunday;

[pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministryareas/intercultural-ministries-support](https://www.pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministryareas/intercultural-ministries-support)

19 Juneteenth; [pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/interculturalministries-support/african-american-intercultural-support](https://www.pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/interculturalministries-support/african-american-intercultural-support)

20 World Refugee Day; [pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/migration-accompaniment-ministry/world-refugee-day](https://www.pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/migration-accompaniment-ministry/world-refugee-day)

21 Father’s Day

JULY

04 Independence Day

05 Immigration Sunday; [pcusa.org/events/immigration-sunday/july-5th-2026-0800am](https://www.pcusa.org/events/immigration-sunday/july-5th-2026-0800am)

30 National Support Public Education Day; [nationaltoday.com/national-support-public-education-day](https://www.nationaltoday.com/national-support-public-education-day)



Lesson 9 Artwork: "Road to Emmaus" by Michael Torevell

Presbyterian Women

We are called to share God’s love with the world by being God’s hands in the world. We answer God’s call to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.” (*Micah 6:8*)

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 12:00pm Spring Fling	1	2 9:00am Bulletin info due 9:30am PW Bible Study 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	3 8:00am Prayer Group	4	5	6
7 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion	8 8:00am Great Room Use: Med City Driving 9:30am Women's Prayer Group	9 8:00am Great Room Use: Med City Driving 9:00am Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	10 8:00am Prayer Group 8:00am Great Room Use: Med City Driving	11 8:00am Great Room Use: Med City Driving	12 8:00am Great Room Use: Med City Driving 6:30pm Great Room/ Library Use: SE MN ASD Social Group 9:00pm Great Room Use: Set up for Saturday rental	13 2:30pm Great Room Use: Rental
14 9:30am Onsite and Online Worship	15 8:00am Great Room Use: Med City Driving	16 8:00am Great Room Use: Med City Driving 9:00am Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	17 8:00am Prayer Group 8:00am Great Room Use: Med City Driving	18 8:00am Great Room Use: Med City Driving	19 8:00am Great Room Use: Med City Driving	20
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28 9:00am Quarterly Deacons Meeting 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship	29	30 9:00am Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	1 8:00am Prayer Group	2	3	4

July 2026

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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**

**Contact the church office: 507-280-9291
or email office@cpcrochester.org**