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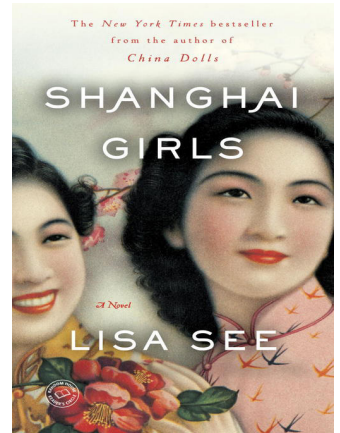
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Read and Discuss *Shanghai Girls* in October!

October 19, the book discussion group will discuss *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See.

Lisa is an American author. Author of *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, *The Island of Sea Women*, *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*, *Shanghai Girls* and more. See was the recipient of the Golden Spike Award from the Chinese Historical Association of Southern California and the Historymaker's Award from the Chinese American Museum. She was also named National Woman of the Year by the Organization of Chinese American Women.



In 1937, Shanghai is the Paris of Asia, a city of great wealth and glamour, the home of millionaires and beggars, gangsters and patriots and revolutionaries, artists and warlords. Pearl Chin and her younger sister, May, are very comfortable because of their father's prosperous rickshaw business. They ignore authority and tradition. Pearl is a Dragon sign, strong and stubborn, while May is a true Sheep, adorable and placid. And their wealthy dad reveals he is bankrupt because of gambling debts – and the story changes drastically for the sisters!



We welcome Dr. Tianyao Xie to our piano bench and to our church staff. Dr. Tianyao Xie is a pianist with D.M.A and M.M degree in piano performance from Boston University. She currently works as a concert pianist, private piano teacher and the VP of Rochester Area Music Teachers Association. She also served as the church pianist/organist at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Pine Island a few years ago. We are thrilled to have her enrich our worship services with her talent and skill!

PURSUE WHAT MAKES FOR PEACE.
ROMANS 14:19

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING ✨ SEPTEMBER 7-OCTOBER 5, 2025

Peace and Global Witness Offering will be collected on Sunday, October 5.

OCTOBER 2025

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 2025</u>	Sue Chipman Aaron Simms	Christian Education Finance and Stewardship Worship and Music
<u>Class of 2026</u>	Amanda Ross Sherrie Wilson Lyal Powell	Personnel and Nominating Mission Building and Grounds
<u>Officers:</u>	Dave Copeland Joanne Powell	Clerk (Non-voting) Financial Secretary Treasurer

2025 Nominating Committee

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

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 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Louis Bouchard Mary Meyer	Peggy McCarty Margaret Petersen	Carole Kinion-Copeland Dave Copeland

Staff

Pastor/Head of Staff
Pianist
Music Director
Custodian
Office Manager

Dr. Tianyao Xie
Jennifer Taylor
Nancy Sanford
Stephanie Pasch

Ministers to the world

Congregation Members

BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



FAIR TRADE MARKET

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



Friday, October 3, 4pm-7pm
Saturday, October 4, 9am-4pm
Sunday, October 5, 10am-1pm

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



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Join Channel One for Empty Bowls 2025! Pre-orders now!
Event date: October 21- 22, 2025

Times: 11 am- 2 pm & 4 - 6 p.m. Pickup Location: Pinnacle Catering Facility (2112 2nd St SW, Rochester)

<https://www.helpingfeedpeople.org/empty-bowls/>

Life Line Screening will be back at Community Presbyterian Church on November 18th!

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **800-324-9458**
and use code: **HABC001**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

October 7: PW Lesson Two: Mary “of a certain village”

Scripture: Luke 10:38–42

“Jesus Visited His Friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany, Right? Did Jesus visit his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany? Not exactly. Though we have surmised that these three lived in Bethany, this is not in the Gospel of Luke...” Read a bit more from the author about Lesson Two at <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2025/07/21/finding-resilience-lesson-two/>



October 14: Lesson Three: Jesus Is Tested

Scripture: Luke 4:1–13

“Jesus died almost 2,000 years ago and everybody cared, Right?”



Jesus was crucified almost 2,000 years ago and this devastated everyone, right? Not exactly. While so many of us adore Jesus Christ our Savior and know him as God’s beloved child, there were some then who wanted him dead. And, they succeeded, right? Well . . . not exactly...” <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/2025/08/19/finding-resilience-lesson-three/>

Ann Hesley’s celebration of life will be held on October 18 at 11:30 am-2:30 pm will be held in the Old School House in Oronoco. There is the old brick school house in Oronoco which has been modernized into an event center. The address is 25 2nd St. SE, Oronoco MN. The family would like an RSVP, so they can more accurately plan for the meal after the memorial service. Either RSVP by calling (410) 746-2255 or emailing allison-haus@verizon.net.

Sign up for carpooling from CPC on the sheet in the narthex.

Our dear friend and member Ann Hesley passed away on June 23, 2025. Her obituary can be found here: <https://mackenfuneralhome.com/memorial-services/ann-l-hesley/>

• Working for Justice and Peace •

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN J&P CALENDAR

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month; ncadv.org/take-action; nomore.org; presbyterianwomen.org/justice or presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa
- Fair Trade Month; fairtradefederation.org/celebrate-fair-trade-month
- National Disability Employment Awareness Month; dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam
- 05 World Communion Sunday; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/world-communion-sunday
- 11 International Day of the Girl Child; unwomen.org/en/news/in-focus/girl-child
- 11 National Coming Out Day; hrc.org/resources/national-coming-out-day
- 12 Children’s Sabbath: Educate a Child; presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/child/childrens-sabbath
- 13 Indigenous Peoples’ Day; americanindian.si.edu/nk360/informational/columbus-day-myths
- 16 World Food Day; fao.org/world-food-day/home/en
- 24 United Nations Day; un.org/en/observances/un-day

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING



We live in an era of uncertainty. The uncertainty of floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, climate change, political polarization and more. The uncertainty of aggression through war, gun violence, human trafficking and international conflict. The uncertainty of employment, inflation, illness — the list goes on.

Humanity always has lived in uncertainty in one form or another. Long ago, the Psalmist wrote: “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4, NRSV). Today, as a community of faith, we claim God’s promise — you are with me.

Each October, Community Presbyterian Church receives the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday. This offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to siblings in Christ who work for peace every day. Your support of this offering helps encourage our church partners in as they struggle against the trauma of war. It helps congregations address the growing mental health crisis and the increase in the number of suicides in their communities. It provides resources for congregations seeking to address issues of gun violence in their communities.

This is why CPC gives generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We give because we know that every level of society needs Christ’s peace. From our congregation, where we retain 25% of this Offering to support a local organization and its important role in our community; to the region, where 25% is retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the Earth, where the remaining 50% is used by the Interim Unified Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

You are invited to visit the Peace & Global Witness website (pcusa.org/peace-global) to learn how your support of this offering helps peacemaking efforts both in the U.S. and around the world. As a community of faith, we want to deepen our commitment to peacemaking so that it becomes a visible and profound witness to our community. I challenge each of us to consider how we might increase our witness and our giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. I pray that the God of Peace might open the generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, October 5, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

As Presbyterians, we claim Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness and grace that he shows us. God is with us. May we joyfully bring that peace to all those we care for, love and serve.



AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

Sacred Sites: The Dakota People and the Land We Walk Today **Julian Simpson, PTCA Summer Intern**

On August 23, the Presbytery organized a tour with the Sacred Sites program that showed the rich history behind the land that the Dakota tribe calls home. The tour was led by Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican), a native man who has been connected with the Dakota tribe in Minnesota for decades, and was given direct permission from them to share their stories through these tours. There were around 30 people in attendance for the tour; a cross-hatch of the PTCA, groups from congregations as far as Buffalo, MN and Hudson, WI. Jim Bear told a few different stories with great detail, giving us a deep look into the painful, forgotten history of the Dakota people.



Our tour started at the Church of St. Peter in Mendota Heights. Behind the church was a large greenspace, which happened to be the original land where the strokes of the Dakota people began. It is home to some of the most important trees to the Dakota—the four Grandmother trees which point toward all the cardinal directions. Additionally, Jacobs discussed how the US government used treaties, the language barrier, and an inhumane perspective on Dakota people to gradually take their lives and their land from their original native inhabitants. The US government would come to them with treaties, promising to pay handsomely for the Dakota people's land, but would then have a white man as the intermediary between the two parties, and the money for their land would often never reach the Dakota people thanks to the middle men. At this point in time, it was common to sign multiple copies of the same treaty so that it can always be accessible. The government then had the Dakota chiefs sign treaties that were actually very different from each other and hurtful to the interests of the Dakota, all while telling them it was the same treaty they had originally agreed to. I found this piece of history impactful given how our government still operates in a deceptive manner today. After tricking the Dakota people, the government slowly took over and destroyed this tribe's peaceful way of living in their natural habitat.

Our next site on the tour was a shaded valley in Fort Snelling State Park. This was a place of genesis, life, and happiness for the Dakota people. Traditionally, women who had carried a baby almost to term would walk sometimes multiple days to this valley to give birth, so that the first things entering the baby's senses were the same as their parents, and their parents before them. Unfortunately in the decades that followed, this same valley bore new meaning to them as the US government created internment camps there. These camps were essentially to punish the Dakota for their “wrongdoing”, although all of their perceived wrongs were in response to the government taking away their land, their traditions, and their way of life.

The third and final sight introduced to us by Jim Bear was Pilot Knob Hill, located in Mendota Heights. This hill holds both an American and Native American burial ground, separated by about 15 feet of pavement in the middle. Jim Bear shared an eye-opening story that puts the native people's struggle to be remembered into perspective. In 2006, a company was laying plans to build luxury condominiums on this hill. The company planned to erect these condos on the right side of the aforementioned pavement, right on the Native American burial ground. Jim Bear highlighted the double standards, noting correctly that if

any company planned instead to dig on the American cemetery, the city would fight furiously to stop them. He also pointed out that today, Native Americans make up 0.8% of the US population. This means that there are not enough people to fight themselves for their land. In the case of the condominiums, there was a group of white women with “big hearts”, as Jim Bear put it, who stopped the condo plans in their tracks and preserved the historic hill. He showed unending love and gratitude to those women who stepped up in 2006, and asked that we all do the same. I found the tour filled with important information that puts the tragedy of the Native Americans much more into perspective. All it takes is hearing a few stories about the horrific demolition of the Dakota people to see that their story is worth hearing, remembering, and respecting.

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00am Quarterly Deacons Meeting 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	29 9:30am Mission Prayer Group 6:00pm Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi	30 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	1 9:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal	2 5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	3	4
5 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship with Communion 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	6 6:00pm Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi	7 9:30am PW Bible Study 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	8 9:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal	9 5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	10 6:30pm Great Room/ Library Use: SE MN ASD Social Group	11
12 9:30am Onsite and Online Worship 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	13 9:30am Mission Prayer Group 6:00pm Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi	14 12:00pm Bulletin info due 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	15 9:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal	16 5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	17	18
19 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 10:40am Book Discussion Group 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	20 12:00pm Newsletter articles due 6:00pm Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi	21 9:30am PW Bible Study 12:00pm Bulletin info due 5:00pm Neighborhood Notification Restaurant Meeting 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting (virtual) 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	22 9:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal	23 5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	24	25 Great Room Use: Birthday Party
26 Reformation Sunday - Wear Red! 9:30am Online and Onsite Worship 2:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	27 9:30am Mission Prayer Group 6:00pm Great Room Use: Med City Tai Chi	28 12:00pm Bulletin info due 6:30pm Session Meeting 7:00pm Great Room Use: Mission Aid Network	29 9:00am Prayer Group 6:30pm CPC Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Jubellation Handbell Rehearsal	30 5:30pm Great Room Use: Labranza de Dios	31	1

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

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