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THOUGHTS FROM AN ELDER

Most Dear Friends letters don’t come with a preface, but I want to encourage you prior to the following reflection: *read to understand*. It is normal human reaction to want to fix things or calm troubled emotions; however, when people are hurting, they need us to make room for their grief. Especially as a church community, we must be careful not to dismiss another’s reality. Jesus was always compassionate, and often, the most compassionate thing to do is resist the urge to carelessly dismiss another’s emotion. ~Pastor Kim

Dear Friends,

I recently read a book, *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I’ve Loved*, by Kate Bowler. Dr. Bowler, a divinity professor who was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer, writes a frank and immersive memoir about grief and the human reaction to it. It’s a poignant, well-written, and often funny book and I recommend it.

Grief has touched me this year, as I know it has touched many of you. Whether it is the death of a family member or friend, an illness that is diagnosed for a loved one or our self, or perhaps even a terrible decision that has to be made, we all go through periods that are dark when we need the support of our church family and wider community. We need the people who care for us—but whom are removed from the immediate tragedy—to come to our aid and be present for us. In the name of good intentions, we as loving Christians can often fall short.

At the end of her book, Dr. Bowler offers some advice for those wanting to offer comfort: Don’t minimize the problem (i.e. “At least you didn’t lose your leg!”), don’t offer false cheer (“I just know it’s going to get better!”), and do not blame God (“Everything happens for a reason.”) These

statements, though well intentioned, expose our discomfort with the acceptance of sadness and the honesty of grief. We are asking the person suffering to allow us to feel better, to assure us that we've helped them.

Instead, Dr. Bowler goes on to say, we are better off offering our grace to our grieving friend. Tell them they are incredible and strong. Tell them that you are glad to have an update and just want them to you know you're there. Ask if you can simply hug them. Most of all, listen. Be there. Be silent. Be a safe space for sorrow, for weakness, for despair. You're not letting them give up, you're just telling them they don't have to hold it together every moment of every day.

I have been on the receiving end of this kind of grace this year. It has given me permission to be weak, and in the end that has made me strong. I am so grateful to my church family for your love and support.

~Susie Saxhaug Loeffler, Elder

Holy Smoke! Wrap-Up

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Holy Smoke BBQ this year!! What a wonderful day, great food, wonderful volunteers and awesome diners coming together to make the event a success. We had a little rain at the end, but still, a good time was had by all!

About 330 people attended the barbeque and after expenses over \$11,000 was raised for our church! As our CPC value statement states, "As a congregation we are invited to experience *spirituality, participation, relationship, respect and celebration* and the Holy Smoke BBQ helped us to achieve all that!

~Barb Meyer, Elder (& Holy Smoke Coordinator Extraordinaire!)



Possibly the single most overused scripture for the season of Stewardship, or for the encouragement of giving, is 2 Corinthians 9:7: Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

I don't believe the text is meant as a tool to guilt us into joyful giving; you better give with a smile on your face, or God won't like it. Rather, I think the text is meant as a meditation—what do you want to experience at church and with God? And, how are you going to participate in making that happen? I have several prime examples from this summer.

At our last meeting of the congregation this past winter, members of the church made it evident that they wished us to continue our Holy Smoke BBQ event and fundraiser. It is an excellent public outreach and nets about \$10,000 for the church. So yes, it seems important that we keep it going. But how do we do that in a congregation with one pastor? With volunteers! Once again, Barb and Chuck Meyer stepped in as coordinators and 114 of YOU signed up to help! We have a membership roll of 416 and 114 of you took an active roll in making our 3rd Annual Holy Smoke BBQ a success...that's 35% of the members, and that's extraordinary!

And then came Vacation Bible School. Once again, Vangie Mattfield said, "I'll organize it," and Jeanne and Julie Jondreau were here for weeks helping put Vangie's vision into action. When opening day came, more adults and a whole bunch of youth were here bright and early, eagerly willing to take part.

And that's not it! The Fellowship Committee, after already serving at the Holy Smoke BBQ, said, "We'll do Root Beer Floats the Sunday after VBS!"

And that's still not it! Anna Fransisco sent an email to let me know that the "Busy Bags" (the cloth bags full of activities for our little people during worship) were needing an update. And she didn't stop there. She offered to go shopping and refill the bags herself!

My friends, this is what the scripture means about God loving a cheerful giver. By standing up and *being* the work of the church, God's glory reigns. Might we ask ourselves each and every day, "What do we hope happens in God's world today, and how are we going to participate in making that happen?"

When the opportunity to become a youth leader here at CPC first presented itself, I carefully considered how another role—this role—could be a fit for me. After all, my life...as a wife, a mom of two, a part-time county public health nurse, companion to a dog and a cat, keeper of 6 chickens, observer of a beehive, tender to an ever-weedy vegetable garden, and a maker of things...well, it seemed pretty full.

So why did I say yes? Many reasons really, but the biggest was something I heard through my day job. Jaci David, a fellow CPC member and the Blandin Foundation's Public Policy Program Officer, was invited to share with county public health staff about the findings of a collaboration called SPARK. SPARK's vision is for "strong communities where all learn and thrive." Significant effort was spent by this group listening to community members and surveying youth, and then culminating what was learned into tangible information to share with the Itasca area community on how we can impact success for all youth. We left with a booklet called "Beyond the Family: How Itasca area adults can—and do—create caring strong connections with youth," and a challenge to think about where, in our work or personal lives, we could impact youth. Two things kept tugging at me: 1) Youth are more likely to thrive when they experience strong relationships with adults beyond their families. 2) Many youths lack these types of strong relationships.

I knew I enjoyed working with kids. How could I put what I had learned to use? So, I started by asking my own kids about their "people." My daughter rattled off a lengthy list. My son named his extended family and followed with "Why do I need anyone but you guys?" We did an activity in youth group about "Who's in your boat?" where the Middle Schoolers made their own list of who is with them in smooth sailing and in the worst of storms. And then I was asked to consider becoming a youth leader here at CPC. Well, it seemed like my opportunity.

I challenge you to look around you in your work, your neighborhoods, here at church, or especially in places where kids might be short on caring adults. Ask youth about their "people." If their list is long, encourage them. If their list is short, engage them.

Thank you all for the warm welcome to my new position. I have been in contact with some of you already, but welcome ideas, conversation, and the sharing of your talents to make the CPC Youth Program a fun, supportive and rich experience for all. Don't hesitate to stop me at church, contact me via email at betsy@communitypresbyterianchurch.com, or call me at (218) 398-3213.

~Betsy Whirley, Youth Leader

Special Prayers

- Those with health challenges: Phyllis, Emily, Biz, Kristi, Shawna, Kevin, Deloris, Don, Dannielle
- Families faced with mental illness, depression, addiction, and sorrow
- For our children and teachers preparing for the start of a new school year
- For victims and volunteers of our natural disasters
- For peace in our world
- For our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly
- For our military personnel and their families
- For those navigating the aging process with their parents and loved ones
- For Cathy and Juan, our Mission Coworkers in the Philippines

Please let us know if you have News to Share by calling the Church Office at 326-8515 or e-mailing us at office@communitypresbyterianchurch.com

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living

Brookstone Manor: Lois Krook and Joan McLaughlin

Brookstone Manor Memory Care: Marianne Wilson

Grand Village/Lodge: Virginia Saxhaug, Elinor Johnson, Dorothy Zobel and Doris Buxengard

Pleasant Seasons: Dorine Seamans and Bev Stanley

River Grand: Susie Hickman, Elaine Martin and Joyce Spawn

Diamond Willow: Betty Felosi and Tudy Motschenbacher

Majestic Pines: Betty Akre, Bev Baker, Gayle Chesness, George & Vi Korol, and Joyce Micheletti.

Oak Hill Assisted Living: Carole Erickson and Jan Shock

Keystone Bluffs (Duluth): Verla Stabe



From Your Trustees

As we move through the summer months, we would like to remind everyone that our costs do not change. While pledges were strong for 2018, we have two concerns for you to consider:

- From the General Budget, by the end of May, the church income is about \$9,500 behind our budget. Much of the shortfall is in pledge dollars. Please consider getting your pledges up to date so we can enter the fall in a strong position.
- The Building Fund has not been keeping pace with expenses. We are currently under the six-month reserve that keeps us in a strong cash position. Pledges in 2018 did not cover expenses this year. So please consider an extra gift to the Building Fund this summer.

Replacing Our Church Suburban

We have been so fortunate with the gift of our church Suburban, but it has come to the end of its lifespan. The Trustees are discussing what, if anything, we can do to replace it. If you have a large, older vehicle you are ready to replace, please let us know. Of course, we'd love another donated vehicle, but give us a price and we'll discuss it! If you are interested in helping, please contact any one of our Trustees before August 19.

~Jaci David, Jim Rodenberg, Jim Rudnick, Doug Johnson, Doug Pennertz, Deb Kee, Don Axtell, Tim Massaro, Roger Bertram

Ready or Not, Distributions Begin!

Come Sunday, August 12, after the service to learn more on having your Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA sent directly to the church to avoid paying taxes. Phyllis will be explaining the how, why and what to do. If you are **70 ½ or older** and have an **IRA** that you are required to take an RMD each year this might interest you. Starting in 2018 the standard deduction on your taxes is increased considerably and there is a good chance you will not be able to itemize your deductions and take your contributions on your tax return. You may direct your bank or investment company to send directly to CPC all or part of your RMD. By doing this you will not be taxed on your withdrawal and you will not have to claim it as income next year when you do your taxes. For most people this will be a savings of 12% on Federal and 7% on Minnesota.

Thanks!

Thank you to Vangie Mattfield for planning, organizing, and running this year's Vacation Bible School, "Hero Central!" What an amazing week for our kids! Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped make it happen. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!

~Jennifer Poenix

Christian Education Committee Chair

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Thank you, dear friends, for the nice fruit basket and for the nice reception. I won't name you all because I may miss someone. Each of you are special to me.

Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memorials.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness,

~Sandie, Fred & Family

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*Dear Kim and my CPC Family,
Thank you for helping send me to Camp Clearwater, it was one of the best weeks of my summer so far. I had lots of fun sailing around on the lake when the wind cooperated with me. My cabinmates were also a lot of fun to be around as we shared a lot of the same interests.*

Thank you,

~Steven Taylor

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Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your recent gift to the Salvation Army. It's only through the contributions of friends like you that we are able to continue our services to those who have nowhere else to turn.... These men, women and children rely on us for food, counseling, emergency assistance—and hope—365 days a year.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity,

~Lt. Colonel Lonneal Richardson, Div. Commander

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Dear Community Presbyterian Church, Thank you so much for your in-kind donation to the Second Harvest North Central Food Bank. Your donation of 72 lbs. will help us provide food for thousands of meals for hungry neighbors through the 115 organizations we partner with.

Sincerely,
~Sue Estee, Executive Director

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Thank you for hosting the Summer Concert on July 17. The Sistas were excellent and kept our toes tapping and your lunch was delicious.

The Summer Concert Committee appreciates your hospitality and looks forward to next year!
~Irene Eckert, Summer Concert Committee

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*Dear Church Council & Congregation,
On behalf of the staff, board of directors, and most importantly, the guests of Grace House of Itasca County, thank you for your continued generous support of this organization. Your gift will allow us to continue providing safe, temporary shelter and meals to people who are experiencing homelessness while they look for housing and employment.*

Sincerely,
~Ronald Oleheiser, Executive Director

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TO ALL OF THE VBS VOLUNTEERS,
No matter what I dream up, I couldn't do it without the dedicated superheroes who help make a difference in the lives of our youth.
~Vangie

... _____ ...



What's Happening in Worship?

- August 5:** Mary Shideler, preaching
- August 12:** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
- August 19:** 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
- August 26:** John 6:56-69

**Worship with us at Community Presbyterian
SUNDAY AT 10 A.M.**

Can't make it to church?

Watch the service on Tuesday evenings at 5 P.M.
Or Wednesday morning at 9A.M. on ICTV. Or
anytime on our website
www.communitypresbyterianchurch.com

Educational Moment

This year we began an “educational moment” at Session, each month focusing on a different aspect of Presbyterianism. We are going to start this in *The Chimes* as well...each month addressing a different piece of church doctrine and/or life.

At their January meeting in 2014, the Session of Community Presbyterian Church unanimously voted to retire our Christian flag and move the American flag to the Upper Gathering Space. There were many reasons why this decision was made. Throughout American history, the place of the flag in churches has always been controversial. In fact, that's why Christian flags were established, to appease both sides of the issue—the American flag could stand in the forefront. After all, sanctuaries are for religion, not for nationalism. Because the Christian flag never really gained any notoriety, they sort of became a needless symbol. For years, churches have been moving both flags out of the sanctuary as they gain a deeper understanding and practice of modern day Christianity. That is, we worship a God of all nations, and recognizing a single nation's flag counters that sovereignty. And as a church, our loyalty must be to God alone, or we stray from our worship's intention.

Additionally, the Supreme Court of the United States of America established a law in 1947 that there would be a separation of church and state, citing the first amendment to the constitution. For now, CPC chooses to keep the American flag in our building, but not in our sanctuary, as that is a sacred space reserved for experiencing Christ alone as head of the church.

Tuesday Summer Concert Series

Concerts begin at 12 noon, followed by the lunch.

- Aug 7 Zion Lutheran Church**
Come Rain, Come Shine
Songs from stage and screen sung by mother & daughter.
Patty Dorn & Shelby Cochran
- Aug 14 St. Joseph's Catholic Church**
Swing Delivery
12-piece big band playing favorites from the Swing Era
- Aug 21 Grand Rapids Alliance Church**
Bring College Home
Piano & violin, classical duos and solos
Ross Larson & Olivia Skaja
- Aug 28 Assemblies of God Church**
One Man Band
Accordion with electronics, polkas, etc.
Rod Cerar

EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday School

Kick-Off Sunday is September 9! Sunday School is for ages 3 through those in 4th grade and will meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Children will be dismissed from worship after the Chat with Children. The group will rotate among three stations, one week doing art, Bible stories, and music. See you at Sunday School on September 9!

High School Youth Group

Watch you text messages for an August event invite! We'll get together for dinner, and maybe a bonfire.

Middle School Youth Group

Join us for an afternoon of swimming, tubing and all-around lake fun at the Skaudis home on **August 6 from 1-4:30!** Contact Betsy Whirley at 398-3213.



ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

Bible Study

Bible Study meets every **Tuesday at 9:15 A.M.** in the Parlor. We study the text for the upcoming Sunday, so come join us!

Upcoming scriptures include:

- August 7:** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
August 14: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
August 21: John 6:56-69
August 28: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

STEWARDSHIP

Party in the Parking Lot!



The event will be on Wednesday, August 22, from 7-9 PM in the church parking lot! We're going to have family games and activities going on throughout the evening, and a live band from 7:30-9:00. The event is free and open to the public. We'll have popcorn and drinks, but guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and non-alcoholic beverages to enjoy the evening. There will be games for all ages, so bring a friend and enjoy a fun filled evening!

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Gardens Overflowing?

Is your garden overflowing with ripe, red tomatoes? Or maybe you have so many zucchinis that even your mother-in-law won't take another one. So, again this year the Peace and Social Justice Committee will sponsor the Bountiful Harvest Program. Bring your extra produce in on Sunday mornings to the Fellowship Hall downstairs and place it on the round table just inside the door. We will then have a basket for donations which will be given to the Food Shelf. What a kind way to share our plenty with those who are needy. Thanks!



ICC Football Lunch

Imagine you were a young man who had lived his whole life in Alabama but was now signed up to play football for Itasca Community College here in Grand Rapids. You had never been further north than Tennessee and had never been away from home for longer than a week. So is the situation for many young men who love the sport of football and are first generation college students.



One young man experienced this very story last year. Jacob comes from South Bend, Indiana. When Coach Braxton met him, he had no plans as he prepared to graduate from high school, but he played football and loved the sport.

Coach Braxton convinced him to come to ICC where he could begin his post-secondary career. One fall day, Jacob’s parents traveled all the way from South Bend to see him play. While sitting at the game, they expressed how grateful they were to people of our community for making their son feel welcome. Today Jacob has received high academic honors as he succeeds in both his studies and football.

Last year CPC’s Peace & Social Justice Committee was a part of making Jacob and all the other athletes who are far from home feel welcome in Grand Rapids. Again this year, we will help serve lunch to the team on **August 7 from 11:30–1:30 at ICC Cafeteria.** Community Action Team (formerly known as Itasca Diversity Alliance) is collecting donations and signing up volunteers to help. If you would like to volunteer on August 7, call Biz Peterson at 326-4645, or just come to ICC and help in making our community a welcoming, diverse place that feels like home.

Food Shelf

Summer is coming to an end, but the kids still need our help. For the month of August, please bring kid-friendly foods—peanut butter, jelly, fruit cups, snack bars, juice, cereal, mac & cheese, pancake mix, etc. Let’s make sure the local kids have a good start heading into the next school year!



Cut & Sew Project Group

Don’t be silly doctor! This is a “fabric stash,” not a “Hoarding Disorder.”



Our quilting group will meet on **Wednesday, August 1 and 15 at 9 AM.** Come and join the fun and help us get quilts done to be given away in September.

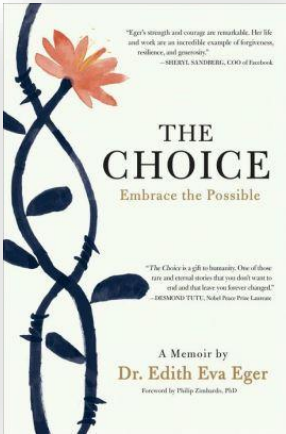
No BUNCO

Our BUNCO group will NOT meet in the month of August. Stay tuned to find out about September.

The Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet **Monday, August 13 at 1:30 P.M.** by the fireplace. The book for this month is *The Choice*, by Dr. Edith Eva Eger.

The Choice is a powerful, moving memoir—and a practical guide to healing—written by Dr. Edith



Eva Eger, an eminent psychologist whose own experiences as a Holocaust survivor help her treat patients and allow them to escape the prisons of their own minds.

Edith Eger was 16 years old when the Nazis came to her hometown in Hungary and took her Jewish family to an interment center and then to Auschwitz. Her parents were sent to the gas chamber by Joseph Mengele soon after they arrived at the camp. Hours later Mengele demanded that Edie dance a waltz to “The Blue Danube” and rewarded her with a loaf of bread that she shared with her fellow prisoners. These women later helped save Edie’s life. Edie and her sister survived Auschwitz, were transferred to the Mauthausen and Gunskirchen camps in Austria and managed to live until the American troops liberated the camps in 1945 and found Edie in a pile of dying bodies.

One of the few living Holocaust survivors to remember the horrors of the camps, Edie has chosen to forgive her captors and find joy in her life every day. Years after she was liberated from the concentration camps Edie went back to college to

study psychology. She combines her clinical knowledge and her own experiences with trauma to help others who have experienced painful events large and small. Dr. Eger has counselled veterans suffering from PTSD, women who were abused, and many others who learned that they too, can choose to forgive, find resilience, and move forward. She lectures frequently on the power of love and healing.

The Choice weaves Eger's personal story with case studies from her work as a psychologist. Her patients and their stories illustrate different phases of healing and show how people can choose to escape the prisons they construct in their minds and find freedom, regardless of circumstance. Eger's story is an inspiration for everyone. And her message is powerful and important: "Your pain matters and is worth healing: you can choose to be joyful and free." She is eighty-nine years old and still dancing.

LIBRARY NEWS AND VIEWS

Ahh...August. The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer...the perfect month to catch up on relaxation, resting and **READING!** Our book challenge is moving right along and for those of you who haven't read about it yet or have not begun, here is your chance to win a \$40 gift card from the Village Book Store courtesy of the CPC Library! Here are the rules:

Two categories :

1. Those reading to babies, toddlers, elementary school children, nursing home residents etc., need to read 64 books in 8 weeks!!!
2. Young readers, young adults and adults need to read 8 books in 8 weeks.

Our challenge began July 4 and goes through August 29! Books must be checked out from **OUR CPC LIBRARY**. This does include audiobooks as well. Forms must be complete with Name, Phone Number, Title of Book and Author, Date Checked Out and Date Checked Back In. I will collect completed forms on the morning of August 30. An announcement will go into the Church Bulletin, Sunday, September 2, or depending on the time factor, will be presented at the service that day. *Good Luck to You, Our Awesome Congregation!* New materials purchased this past month were:

Children's:

1. *There's A Bug in My Book* by John Himmelman: E HIM This book will stretch your child's imagination and introduce her/him to a myriad different ways animal can move.
2. *Sun Kisses, Moon Hugs* by Susan Schaeffer Bernardo: E BER A book that will heal and inspire children of all ages.

3. *The Memory Box* by Joanna Rowland: E ROW A book about grief for young children to have a better understanding of a loss.
4. *Stand Beautiful* by Chloe Howard: E HOW Be true to whom you are and stand up for others. That's Standing Beautiful!
5. *The World Is Awake* by Linsey Davis: E DAV A celebration of every day blessings
6. *Two Homes* by Claire Masural: E MAS Parents looking for a book about Separation or Divorce will find few offerings as positive, matter a fact, or child centered as this one
7. *Grief Is Like a Snowflake* by Julia Cook: E COO Each snowflake is entirely different to the next, as is the way we handle grief.

Juvenile:

I Will See You in Heaven by Friar Tuck Wintz: J WIN The Bible gives us many clues that will be with our pets in heaven for eternity.

Young Adult Nonfiction:

1. *Stick Up for Yourself!* by Gershen Kaufman, PhD.: YA 158.08 KAU Learning how to deal with bullying and harassment.
2. *Dead Serious* by Jane Mersky Leder: YA 362.2 LED Breaking the cycle of teen suicide

Adult Fiction:

Oranges for Christmas by Margarita Morris: MOR A Berlin Wall escape novel

Adult Nonfiction:

1. *Beautiful Cancer* by Jami Buchanan Mcnees: 362.8 MCN This book is intended to reframe the way in which we choose to process the cancer journey
2. *Motherless Daughters* by Hope Edelman: 155.9 EDE Hope's mother died when she was an infant, and that was the most important event of her life. At age 74, she still notices ways in which it influences her behavior
3. *Grieving the Loss of Someone You Love* by Raymond R. Mitsch: 242.2 MIT
4. *Grieving the Child I Never Knew* by Kathe Wunnenburg: 242.4 WUN
5. *The Orphaned Adult* by Alexander Levy: 242.9 LEV
6. *Grieving Dads* by Kelly Farley: 242.7 FAR
7. *Dreamland* by Sam Quinones: 362.29 QUI The true tale of America's opiate epidemic

Requests:

If there are materials you would like to request, please email me at kcjones50@yahoo.com.

August is a time to relax, reflect and take road trips. We do have a number of excellent audiobooks that do make that long drive easier. This is your library...browse and borrow!

Your CPC Librarian,

~Juliet

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Please let us know if we have missed your special day or if there is a mistake. We wish each of you a very *Happy Birthday!*

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| Aug 1 | Jenae Goligoski
Susan Hawkinson
Don O'Hern | Aug 14 | Jerrian Barsness
Gloria O'Hern |
| Aug 3 | Tim Graupmann | Aug 15 | Ron Herbig
Becky Loomis |
| Aug 4 | Laura Marshall
Kaden Pennertz | Aug 17 | Kay Merwin
Marilyn Rossman
Mary Shideler |
| Aug 5 | Kay Staley | Aug 18 | Nora Herell |
| Aug 6 | Willa Benes
Lynn Hanks
Madyson Shaffer | Aug 19 | Steve Benson |
| Aug 7 | Robert Drake
Ron Johnson
Krislyn Watson | Aug 20 | Jennifer Poenix |
| Aug 9 | Linda Embertson
Foster Silvas | Aug 21 | Kate Buls |
| Aug 10 | Vangie Mattfield
Debra Meyer | Aug 22 | Claire Bowlby |
| Aug 11 | Pat Jorstad
Katie Thies
Tom Williams | Aug 25 | Dave Hrouda
Mike Johnson |
| Aug 12 | Ellen Teigland | Aug 27 | Becky Coffield |
| | | Aug 28 | John Fedje-Johnston
Jim Hatch
Simon Johnson |
| | | Aug 30 | Spencer Meyer |
| | | Aug 31 | Bob Pittack
Dylan Graupmann |

CONNECTIONS

Dear CPC,

A heart-felt thank you to CPC for twenty-three years of supporting Bridges Kinship Mentoring in Itasca County. CPC has been an integral part of our success. From the original organizing of the program through the provision of office space, you have been a great partner. We also know so many from this congregation have provided financial support and have served as mentors and lunch buddies over the years. Thank you!



The Bridges Board of Directors is excited to announce that we are moving mentoring forward to a new chapter in Itasca County by joining forces with the University of Minnesota Extension, Center for Youth

Development—the same people that bring you 4-H. Extension is incredibly well positioned to take this step with us. Their resources and experience will allow mentoring to grow and thrive in Itasca County.

Because of this change, Bridges will no longer have an office at CPC. The new offices will be in the 4-H office space in the County Courthouse. We are sorry to be leaving but are excited to begin this new chapter for mentoring.

Thank you again for your support.

~Jason Anderson, Bridges Board of Directors
218-360-0336

