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I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive
the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

Mark 10:15

Come Worship With Us

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May 2019

Pastor Scott's Issue:

Root Bound!

How do you tell if a plant is root bound? The symptoms are the same as a plant that is underwatered or undernourished. It may wilt, leaves can be brown, and its growth stunted. So, you take a look at the roots. Healthy roots! Just simply not enough room. Root bound.



Community Church is not wilting nor does it look undernourished. However, our growth is stunted. Our summer attendance has been stagnant for the last five years. Underwatered? There is great leadership. We have a healthy number of volunteers. Staff is amazing! Undernourished? I don't believe so. Our root system is quite healthy, in my humble opinion, and in the opinion of leadership. So, we took a look at our root system. Our summer attendance averages 132 in a sanctuary that seats 165. That is 80% of our total capacity. That leaves just one seat open in each row of chairs. We are uncomfortably full. We simply don't have room to grow our worship attendance. Summer worship at Community Church is ROOT BOUND!

The remedy for a full church is similar to a root bound plant: either provide a bigger pot (build a bigger church), prune the roots (start another church), or divide the plant (add another worship service).

Sooooo...this summer we are adding a summer Sunday evening worship at 7 PM!

One church...two services!

We could have duplicated our morning worship and had two morning services. However, those wiser than me suggested reaching a greater demographic by worshipping at a different time. And we have come up with Sunday evening!

Why Sunday evening? Sunday evening provides an additional worship time:

- when more of our members can attend.
- more convenient for those active during the day or those desiring to "sleep in"
- when weekly vacationers are usually "checked in" by Sunday evening
- that frankly doesn't mess with our Sunday morning worship that is already working (subscribing to the "if it ain't broke don't fix it" advice)
- that allows another expression of worship with contemporary music

What to expect:

- Sunday mornings are largely unaffected with the exception that two services require more volunteers. Contact the church office if on Sunday mornings you are willing to greet, read Scripture, provide special music or serve during fellowship hour. It would save us a phone call or two.
- Sunday evening worship will be more informal but the same emphasis on God's Word, excellent worship, prayer, and relevant preaching. Worship music will be provided on most Sunday evenings by a band that will lead singing of Christian worship songs as well as tradition hymns. Let us know how you would like to be involved.

What to do:

- PRAY! Pray for new faces that will grace our presence. Pray for those committing to serve. Pray that our love for God's people increases and overflows (1 Thessalonians 3:12).
- SERVE! Consider vacating "your spot" on Sunday morning for a spot Sunday evening. Consider serving at one service and worshipping at the other. Contact the church office if you are willing to greet, read Scripture or provide music Sunday evenings. It may save us a phone call or two. And, tell a neighbor or two!
- COME! If you were feeling uncomfortable with the "crowd" on Sunday there should be more room in the morning. If you couldn't attend in the morning or were desiring a different worship format then come Sunday evening.

Giving thanks and praise for the work of the Holy Spirit through each of you, bringing the body of Christ together for His work in our world!

One church...two services. No longer root bound. 😊

Peace,
Pastor Scott



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2nd Roger Samuelson
Cindy Brill
Shelby Tallroth
3rd Emma Derber
Ruth VanDeursen
4th Nancy Kassien
Kendra Moraczewski
5th **Roger & Penny Samuelson**
7th Hilary Bjork
9th Kim Spagnoli
11th Karen Newberg
14th Mary Anderson
16th Robert Anderson
Ned Pierce
Scott Rogers
17th Aaron Sauter
20th **Brian & Anne Derber**
24th Jacob Loew
Jim & Anita Hornbrook
25th Rich Spagnoli
26th Lisa Bitinas
27th Chris Hayashi Rondello
30th **Carl & Chris Wolter**

GREETERS SCHEDULE

May 5th **The Loew Family**
May 12th **Bonnie and Don Pollard**
Cindy and Glen Wildenberg
May 19th **Joanne Harold Eick**
Kim Spagnoli
Linda Sterba
May 26th **Karshon and Ken Carlson**
Anita and Jim Hornbrook



May 5th **Sue Patterson**
May 12th **Mary Anderson**
May 19th **Bonnie Pollard**
May 26th **Ken Carlson**

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service May 5, 2019.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. Prior to the Council meeting, the Elders meet at 6 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements of when other departments or committees meet.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Coffee hour, which follows each 9:30 am Service, is a wonderful time of fellowship. Hosts are greatly needed so please consider signing up. Ask a friend or two to join you and make this time of fellowship a special time for all.

FLOWERS

The chart for donating flowers for worship has been moved to the Fellowship Hall entrance door. Feel free to sign up for your special Sundays while they are available.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

...is May 2, 2019. Prayer is a powerful way to have a positive impact on the giver and the receiver of those prayers. Our Church would like to cover all 24 hours of prayer from 5 PM Wednesday to 5 PM Thursday. The sign-up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall. Contact Rhonda in the church office or Pastor Scott to have your named added to the list. When it's your time to pray, you can pray from the comfort of your home, join Pastor Scott at the Community Church or pray from anywhere in the world! Let's all join in and feel the Power of Prayer work in our lives. Blessings to all!

NEWS DUE

Newsletter articles are due on the 15th of May for the June Letter. Please e-mail newsletter items to: Jim Hornbrook - cbjnewsletter@gmail.com.


TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
March	\$ 10,465	\$ 12,514
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 181,449	\$192,686

Happy Spring from the Stewardship Department.
Wow! An extraordinary winter season is finally done, and we boldly look forward to what comes next. The long winter and heavy snows presented a challenge for our church finances this year. We have been good stewards of the gifts received, but higher energy and maintenance expenses combined with lower-than-expected church attendance and weekly giving put a significant dent in our bank balance. We know the Lord has great plans for us, The Community Church of Boulder Junction. Our future, as always, is in His hands – and yours! Anything you can do to help reverse our operating deficit will be greatly appreciated.

ONLINE SERMONS

You'll now find on the church website <http://commchbj.org>, a number of recordings of sermons from recent Sundays. If you're unable to attend on a particular Sunday, you can listen to Pastor Scott's sermon online. We try to get the sermons posted within a day or so. Our goal is to have the online version available by late Sunday afternoon. Whether you're a snowbird during the winter, or a little under the weather on Sunday morning, you can now listen to the sermon wherever you are!

 It's never too early to start thinking about
**OUR ALL CHURCH STRAWBERRY SOCIAL
FUNDRAISER**

to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2019

at the Boulder Junction Community Center. 

If you think we don't need you, think again!

We need everyone to make this event a continued
success.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Contact Sue Fehlandt with any questions
at 715-892-7714.



Upon hiring Lorine Walters to fill the Organist Position vacancy we requested that she provide us with a short biographical sketch for the newsletter. While she is no stranger to the Community Church we now know the rest of the story. Lorine is truly a multitalented Lady and we are extremely fortunate to have hired her for this important position.

Lorine Walters Bio

Lorine grew up in Crystal Lake, a suburb of Chicago, where she took piano lessons from second grade through high school. Late in her training she had some exposure to playing the organ, but was told by her teacher that if she couldn't play with shoes on, she'd never be any good. Even today, when playing the organ, she continues to play in her stocking feet. About 20 years ago, someone found an accordion in the attic of the old family homestead. She jumped at the chance to adopt it and has been having fun with it ever since.

She moved to the North Lakeland area with her family in 1980, and lives in Presque Isle. She and Ron raised four children here, all of them confirmed at the Community Church. Today Jim and Caryne live in the twin cities area, Diane lives near Kenosha, and David has found a home in the hills outside Portland, Oregon. They have given her eight wonderful grandchildren from age 1½ to 24. While raising the four children, she ran for public office in Presque Isle. In 1983 Lorine was elected Town Treasurer and held that position for 8 years. She ran for Town Clerk in 1991 and has been serving in that capacity to this day.

After more than a decade of being a stay-home mom, she decided she wanted to expand her horizons with a career as her children grew up. A decision had to be made about what direction this planning should go. She had a bachelor's degree in chemistry, with a split minor in math and physics, but she also had a love of Music. Lorine ultimately decided that she wanted to pursue a teaching career, chose to make science the career and keep music as the hobby.

She taught science and, later, computers at Northland Pines in Eagle River, three years at the high school, and 16 years at the middle school. During the last several years as a teacher she began helping the music department with solo and ensemble contests. She accompanied soloists and small groups, becoming Eddie Stevens accompanist and friend. She and Eddie have provided Special Music at the Community Church on several occasions.

Upon her retirement several years ago, Helen's recent retirement, and after Ron's passing last fall, Lorine has felt God calling her to begin a mission of providing music for worship here at the Community Church. She hopes that her service will enrich the worship service and looks forward to making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

SPRING CLEANING?!? MINIMIZING?

BRING YOUR ORPHANS TO THE COMMUNITY CHURCH

FOR TOWN RUMMAGE CHURCH BOOTH: MAY 24, 25, & 26!

FOR STRAWBERRY SOCIAL/WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: JULY 16TH

All proceeds supporting Community Church, including Camper and College Scholarships

PLEASE BRING GENTLY USED (OR NEW) HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, JEWELRY, QUILTS, PUZZLES, CDS, DVDS, FISHING EQUIPMENT, GARDEN, BIRDHOUSES, FEEDERS, BOUTIQUE ITEMS, VINTAGE ITEMS, CRAFTS, ETC.

PLEASE DON'T BRING ELECTRONICS, COMPUTERS, APPLIANCES.

PLEASE CONSULT LUELLA ABOUT FURNITURE AND RUGS.

DROP ITEMS IN ANNEX GARAGE ** QUESTIONS: CALL LUELLA (262)370-2048

DURING TOWN GARAGE SALE PLAN TO SHOP THE FOOD PANTRY CLOTHES CLOSET DOLLAR SALE!

Christian Education / Youth

Palm Sunday

Celebrating the biblical account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as Savior and King, our kids did a wonderful job singing and shouting praises to our Lord "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!" Their songs encouraged all of us to worship with joy and thanksgiving. The words of one of the songs keep blessing me, I must share:

*Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come!*

*One day every tongue will confess you are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those,
Who gladly choose you now!*



Boys to Christian Men

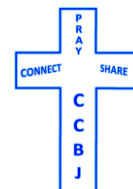
Our Boys to Christian Men group have been continually learning about love and service to the Lord, each other, but also the community. Recently, Ken Carlson and Paul Newberg took all the boys to the Boulder Junction Fire Station. During their first session they were able to learn about and try on some of the firefighting protective gear. "Dad it was so cool, and they almost fit." Is it possible volunteering will be in their future? Yes, it already is, and we're praying it continues to grow. More fun and exciting lessons to come. Thank you to all those who help keep our community and our children safe!



Upcoming C.E. events – Please watch bulletin for additional details

- ✓ **May 29** – Last night of youth classes this semester
- ✓ **May 29** – 'Fire up the Grill' Potluck - All youth and families, friends, and members invited. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall for accurate count. See you there!
- ✓ **TBD** – Operation Christmas Child & Youth Camp Fundraisers

Love and Abundant Blessings to each and every one of you!!!



Praying Through the Bible 2019
May
A Weekly Devotion and Prayer Guide

1. Week of May 5 Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 7:1b "...the day of death [is] better than the day of birth."

God's Word has a tendency to take our norms and turn them upside down. We celebrate birthdays and mourn on anniversaries of a loved ones' death. In this text we come across the wisdom in Ecclesiastes declaring that the day of death is BETTER than the day of birth. I have found comfort in these words.

In pastoral life I would much rather officiate at a funeral than a wedding. Wedding have so many expectations. Funerals have very few. It is hard to mess up a funeral. There is much forgiveness in officiating a funeral.

Likewise, birthdays are filled with expectations: learning and growing milestones, memories to be made with family and friends, stories of joys and failures, celebrations of accomplishments. Funerals are a litany of the past which cannot be changed. No expectations other than our eternal destiny.

The irony is that the day of death cannot happen without the day of birth. We have to start before there can be an end. And in Ecclesiastes 7:17 we see that the time between birth and death is equally holy, "Why die before your time?" Our time. This is "our time".

So we are reminded that the end is the goal and the end is "better" than the beginning, but it cannot be achieved if we don't start. May we "run the good race" expecting that the end will be even better than the beginning.

Prayer

Eternal God of beginnings and endings, you have no beginning and no end. We thank you for our beginning; Your creation, Your handiwork, created for good works in Christ. We thank you that in your mercy you call us your sons and daughters and you have prepared a place for us. We also thank you for journeying with us by Your Holy Spirit. Walk with us as we strive to grow closer to you so that on that great and glorious day we will see you face to face and enter into your glory by Your love and grace given for us.

Amen.

2. Week of May 12 Song of Songs

Song of Songs 2:10-13

My beloved spoke and said to me, "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me."

The expression of love between a man and a woman in Song of Songs is a mere reflection of the love between us and God. These are the sentiments of a God that longs for a relationship with us. "Arise, my darling." We need to respond to God's voice, calling to "come with me."

These words remind me of the Gungor song "Beautiful Things." God makes beautiful things and we are "the beautiful ones." What a wonderful reminder of how precious we are to God. When the world attempts to undermine our sacredness, when beauty product ads deceive us into thinking that we can somehow make ourselves more beautiful when God has created us with a natural beauty both inside and out. God calls us out of the world and into His kingdom. He asks us to arise from what hinders us from being all that He has created us to be. We are dear to God. We are beautiful to God. And He wants to walk with us.

Arise, and go with God!

Prayer

Lord, thank you for creating us as we are: beautiful in your sight. When the world teaches us differently, restore in us the joy of being your creation. Allow us to rise from all that hinders us from being that beautiful person that You created us to be. Allow us to rise from our own insecurities that keep us from walking with You. Allow us to rise from our sins by Your grace and forgiveness so that we can be Your beautiful ones in a world that needs to see Your beauty.

Amen.

3. Week of May 19 Isaiah

Isaiah 55:3-5

Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.

Do you consider yourself “endowed with splendor”? That is certainly a stretch for me. However, that is what God does through us. And as a church God has a purpose for us. He has “endowed us with splendor.” We attract others by what God has done in our lives, and what we do in service to Him. And we do these things in response to “giving ear” to God, to listening to Him. When we hear God’s voice and obey, that is life giving for us. His promise is that He will provide faithful love toward us. That is living!

What is your witness? In other words, how has God been working in your life? Your witness will cause others to come running out of their desire for God and His faithful love in their lives.

Prayer

God of faithfulness, we give you thanks for your blessings in our life. You have made our life a blessing so that we can bless others. We thank you for your call in other’s lives through your work in us. May we not overlook what you give us and share that with the world so that they will come running into Your arms.

Amen.

4. Week of May 26 Jeremiah

Jeremiah 12:14-17

This is what the LORD says: “As for all my wicked neighbors who seize the inheritance I gave my people Israel, I will uproot them from their lands and I will uproot the people of Judah from among them. But after I uproot them, I will again have compassion and will bring each of them back to their own inheritance and their own country. And if they learn well the ways of my people and swear by my name, saying, ‘As surely as the LORD lives’—even as they once taught my people to swear by Baal—then they will be established among my people. But if any nation does not listen, I will completely uproot and destroy it,” declares the LORD.

Jeremiah served the Lord in a time of great turmoil. Kings were unfaithful to God encouraging Baal worship and other idols. The country was devastated by war, there was social disorder, and prophets deceiving the people. He laments for the people and cries for a return to service and worship of the Lord.

This text reminds us of not only the merciful nature of our God but also the “just” nature of God. God requires of us a penitent heart and a willingness to listen to His voice, not the voice of the world around us.

And, there are consequences to not listening and to arrogance. We tend to emphasize the “blessings” of God and not the “correction” of God. In Chapter 10 Jeremiah actually prays for correction, “Discipline me, LORD, but only in due measure— not in your anger, or you will reduce me to nothing.”

God, in His mercy, asks of us to humble ourselves before Him, expecting discipline for our sins, for our waywardness, for our lack of faith. When was the last time you prayed for discipline?

Prayer

Lord, correct us. Show us where we stray from the truth. Show us where we fumble in the darkness. Show us where we fail to live in the light of Your salvation. And be gentle Lord for we cannot withstand Your power. We cannot withstand Your judgement. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Thank you for being a just God and a forgiving Lord.

Amen.