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Community Church News December 2020 Come Worship With Us

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From the Elders

Shared by Bonnie Pollard



Advent Prayer



Lord Jesus,

*Master of both the Light and the
darkness, send your holy Spirit upon our
preparations for Christmas.*

*'We who have so much to do seek quiet
spaces to hear your voice each day.*

*'We who are anxious over many things look
forward to your coming among us.*

*'We who are blessed in so many ways long
for the complete joy of your kingdom.*

*'We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of
your presence.*

*'We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.*

'To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"



December 2020

- 1st Richard Russell
- 2nd Bill Fehlandt
- 4th Jean Knox
- 7th Maggie Wolf
- 10th Bruce Wilsie
Jason Maurer
- 18th Mindy Poisson
- 19th Harold Eick
- 20th Marilyn Bolin
- 21st Angela Spagnoli
- 24th Mary Goll
- 25th *Jesus Christ*
Jim Naylor
- 26th Karla Westphal
- 28th Tim Hawkinson
- 29th Faith Gatzke
Mary Zahn
- 31st Ben Westphal

Editors note. Each month I try to make sure the Birthday and Anniversary list is correct, but it is only as good as the information from the previous years newsletter. If you do not see your name or the name of someone you know on the monthly list, or any other changes needed, please contact me or the office manager to update our records. Especially now, in this world of Covid-19, it is nice to stay in touch and celebrate as we can. Thank You

GREETERS SCHEDULE

- December 6th** *Dear Friends,*
- December 13th** *Thank you to those attending Indoor Worship for volunteering as ushers, readers, sound system monitors, offering special music, etc. We will continue to request that those in attendance at the service volunteer to serve as ushers & greeters. Thank you again for sharing your time and talent with our congregation.*
- December 20th** *Blessings!*
- Christmas Eve** *Glen Wildenberg*
- December 27th** *Worship & Music Department*



- December 6th** TBA
- December 13th** **Children's Christmas Program**
- December 20th** TBA
- December 24th**
 5:00 p.m. **S.O.U.L. Group**
- December 27th** TBA

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service December 6, 2020.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday, December 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Prior to the Council meeting, the Elders meet at 4:30 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements of when other departments or committees meet.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children's Christmas program will be presented at the 9:30 a.m. service on December 13th.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

There will be one worship service at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Thursday December 24, 2020. This service will be conducted by the S.O.U.L. group. The service will be recorded and will be available on the church website for you to share with your family on Christmas Day. What a blessing to have this option to share the wonders of the Holiday season.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2020 are available in Fellowship Hall. Please stop by to pick yours up. Do not use the new envelopes until the New Year as some numbers may have changed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
October	\$ 19,122.04	\$ 19,318.60
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 62,291.00	\$ 72,070.09

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This year's Giving Tree project will look a little different. Please see the article later in this issue to see how you can be a blessing to others in this year of COVID-19.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Boulder Junction Lions Club will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Community Blood Center on Wednesday Dec, 2nd from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. If you are interested in donating blood please contact Doug Dobes at (708) 203-3244.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Two Scholarship opportunities are available for those attending post-secondary education in the up coming year. Please see the articles later in this issue.

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

STEWARDSHIP

As the year nears its end, the Stewardship Department wishes to Thank you all for your faithful support of our church and the wonderful works God has entrusted into our hands. Our world and our community have experience challenges this year which has shaken our routines. Even though, our little church has been blessed with many opportunities, and with God's guidance we will continue to impact our church family, the community and the world.

Our Fall Appeal continues, and we thank all those who have already responded. We encourage you to prayerfully consider your current giving and any changes that the Lord is bringing to your heart.

This year's Annual Giving letters will be mailed out in January. All contributions received by the end of December will be included in the report. These letters will be sent to the address the church has on file for you. If you have moved or wish for it to be sent to a different address, please contact the church office and if you have questions about your annual giving, please contact Bruce Greenhill, Treasurer.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Stewardship Department



Special Music for December

December 6th	Zogata Family
December 13th	S.O.U.L. Children's Christmas Program
December 20th	Jason Boor
December 24 th	S.O.U.L./ Kris Roepke
December 27 th	Mary Congdon

Thank you to all who enrich our services by sharing your time, talent and special gifts.

If you wish to offer "special music", please contact Gracie (Chirp) Vickerstaff or call the church office to schedule a date.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS

Church Council met on November 10, 2020. Reports included information about a community caroling on Sunday December 13th at the Winter Park, starting at 4:00. The Christmas boxes were packed on Saturday, December 14th. Stewardship reported on collections from the Fall Appeal with hope for an anticipated Increase for year-end giving. Property reported the roofing project will be delayed till spring. Personnel has possible candidates to fill their open positions. Christmas decorations will be put into place the week of November 23 ed before Advent. Poinsettias are requested. Worship and Music continues to work on their survey. Next year will be the 100th Anniversary for our Sunday School with a possible celebration of this in 2021. Elders reported on a possible Interim Pastor candidate with start date of December 1, 2020. Additional interview, discussions and a Council vote will be taken. The next meeting will be December 8, 2021 at 5:30pm.

Maggie Wolf, Council Chairperson

Editor's Note: Church Council minutes are available on the bulletin board outside the office. Copies are available. Contact the office manager to pick one up or have mailed to you.

We are actively searching for a church librarian and/or additional volunteers for the Library Committee.

Please let the church office know (715-385-2146) or Maggie Wolf (715-385-3233) know if you wish to share your talents in this area.



Starting the week of November 22, poinsettias will be accepted for family and friend's dedication. The flowers will be used in the church decorations during the month of December.

Caring Ministries

is seeking volunteers for a variety of opportunities to serve those in need in our community. Help is needed to provide rides to appointments, run errands, make meals, send cards, make a phone calls or provide some time of respite for a caregiver. These are a few of the ways you can serve. Please see the Church website, www.commchbj.org under the Outreach Tab, to complete a questionnaire or contact Shelby Tallroth directly. She will welcome your call and your willingness to Care. Shelby can also be contacted for all your Prayer Chain requests. 715-605-2665 or Shelby.tallroth@gmail.com

Please keep the following friends in your prayers, plus greeting cards may bring a smile to their day.

Vivian Hunt
750 Elm St #202
Woodruff WI 54568

Marion Swanson
Riverside Traditional Care
2575 South 7th St
LaCrosse WI 54601

Helen Townsend
Lake Shore Assisted Living
12440 Warpath Lane #4
Minocqua WI 54548

Arnie & Marilyn Bolin
Covenant Village of Northbrook
2625 Techny Road #806
Northbrook IL 60062

Galen Bergmann
845 Hawk Lane
Medford WI 54451

New Faces



Welcome to our newest Church Employee, Nancy Nelson.

Nancy is a long time resident of the Northwoods and has been a familiar face around church since her marriage to her husband Don Nelson years ago. She came highly recommended by her sister-in-law Kris Nelson Roepke who had graciously provided interim office service since Rhonda's retirement. Thank you, Kris, for filling in when your church needed you. Nancy will be in the church office Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

We are all so pleased to have Nancy's smiling face (masked as needed) behind the desk.

New Member

Ellie Orbison a long-term worshipper of Boulder Junction Community Church, has by letter of a church transfer, become a member. We welcome Ellie into our church family.

Meet our Interim Pastor

Steve Slagel

Let me introduce myself...

My wife, Barb, and I live in Traverse City, Michigan. We have two grandchildren, three children, and three children-in-love all living between Kalamazoo, MI and Muncie, IN. I am an interim/transition pastor and organizational consultant. Ordained in the Mennonite Church USA, I served as a "settled" pastor with three congregations from 1989 to 2015. I am a graduate of Goshen College (Goshen, IN), and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, IN), and recently completed a Doctorate at Western Theological Seminary (Holland, MI).

I am passionate about relationships, enjoy woodworking and tinkering, love living surrounded by trees, and am a bit of a baseball fanatic.

Getting Acquainted

During the months of December and January, I look forward to spending time getting to know you. There are a couple of ways that I hope to do that. First, give me a call or email me to meet in person (or virtually). Second, I will be doing household interviews (you will soon receive information and an invitation).

I will be with you, residing in the parsonage, about 21 days (3 Sundays) each month. In December, I will be in Boulder Junction from the 1st through 21st, when I will head back home for Christmas.

I look forward to meeting you!

Christian Education/Youth

*Let's celebrate the
Christmas Season with ...*

Community and Caroling

Sunday, December 13th, 2020 @ Boulder Junction Winter Park

Children's songs, sledding, skating and food start @ 4:00.
Traditional Christmas carols around the fire start @ 5:00.

What you need to bring:

- Warm clothes (this event is outdoors)
- Sleds or ice skates
- Friends and family
- Christmas spirit

**masks are recommended*



CE News-December

On Saturday, Nov. 14th, eighty-six Operation Christmas Child boxes were packed. Thank you to the crew of packers who did an excellent job completing this project. In addition, we are thankful for all the donations that were contributed.



These hand bags were made by Faith Gatzke. One was included in every box!

Christmas Program- The SOUL group is planning a Christmas program for the December 13th church service. They will also be in charge of a 5pm Christmas Eve service.

MEMOS and NOTES

COMMUNITY CHURCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

For many years the Goodwill Society of our church provided scholarships to full-time students registered in university, college or technical schools. Monies raised by the Strawberry Social continue to support our students in their post-secondary education. Applications for scholarships are available on the bulletin board in the hallway at church or on the website, commchbj.org/. You can also request an application by mail. Applications are due in the church office no later than Monday, December 28, 2020 and are awarded during the month of January to those selected.

PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

As we all know there is much less traffic in the church lately which means less eyes around to see if troubles arise.

If you are at any of the Churches properties and see something that needs attention be it a light bulb needing replacing, inside or out, anything broken or damaged, or just some issue you think should be addressed, please contact the Property Department.

Ken – 319-213-4417 or Deb – 920-740-5121.

Did you notice all the events available on December 13th? First the Children's Christmas program at the 9:30 church service, then Lions/ Am Legion Children's party at the Community Center. And to finish the day the Community & Caroling at Winter Park. A whole day of Family Fun!!

Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship Applications Due Monday, December 7, 2020

Calling all post-secondary students who are residents of Boulder Junction.

If you are enrolled in a technical or college program and continue as a resident of Boulder Junction, you are eligible to apply. Applications can be obtained at the Boulder Junction Library, from the library website, or from Northern Highland Sports in Boulder Junction. All applications must be postmarked or received by Monday, December 7, 2020.

Applications can be mailed to:

Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship
P.O. Box 413

Boulder Junction, WI 54512-0413

Or emailed to: bjschristmasscholarship@gmail.com

Last year fifteen recipients were awarded scholarships funded by the Boulder Junction Christmas Scholarship donors and the Kyle Paszkiet Hockey Scholarship Memorial Fund. These scholarships are made available through the generous donations from many wonderful people. It is this active and continuing support from Boulder Junction residents and friends which has kept this program going for the past 56 years to benefit the students of Boulder Junction seeking higher education.

**27TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY!!**
Sun. Dec. 13, 2020 1:30-3:00 pm

★ All Boulder Junction Children residents ages infant-9 years are eligible, but **must be pre-registered in order to insure they receive a present.**

★ Because of Covid19, this year's Boulder Junction Children's Christmas Party will be a "curbside pickup".

★ Please drive to the north side of the BJ Community Center, stay in your car and the children's presents will be brought out to you.

Please pre-register your children:
Call Jeff or Sherry Lucas
PHONE: 715-385-0157
TEXT: 715-605-2537
EMAIL: jeffsher88@mac.com

7 categories to choose from: science, arts & crafts, nature, puzzles, sports, games, or plush animal.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER = WEDNESDAY DEC. 9th
Sponsored by the BJ Lions, American Legion Post #451

www.FrostFreeLibrary.net

Virtual Giving Tree

The WCC Christmas Giving Tree will be somewhat different this year due to Covid-19. Here are the Wish-lists from both Frederick Place and Lily's House. I'm asking you to order the items you wish to donate and have them shipped directly to whichever place you choose. This will eliminate you having to go out to purchase the item(s), and there will be less people handling the items, period. The addresses are included here so you can have them directly shipped to the organization. I know WalMart will ship, I'm sure other local businesses will ship, Amazon, and whatever site you use to have items shipped are options! Happy Shopping and helping others!

Frederick Place Wish List

Clorox Wipes
 60 Watt Light Bulbs
 Pot Holders
 Quart & Gallon Ziploc Bags
 Cake Pans 9"x13"
 Drinking Glasses
 Cookie Sheets
 Kitchen Garbage bags
 Inexpensive Bathroom & Kitchen Garbage Cans
 Kitchen Utensils(slotted spoons, Spatulas, Ladles, Large Spoons, Can Openers, Pizza Cutters)

Have items sent to:
 Frederick Place
 204 West Frederick St.
 Rhinelander, WI 54501

An added Bonus.

Although we encourage you to shop local whenever you can If you order through Amazon, remember the church participates in



and your order not only benefits Fredericks Place and Lilys House but also benefit the Community Church. Simply start your Amazon purchase at Amazon Smile through our church website and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to our church.



Tri-County Council Lily's House—Wishlist 2020

Food

- Non-perishable food items
- Assorted Pasta Sauce
- Assorted Salad Dressings
- Pickles/Olives/Condiments
- Soup
- Mac -n- Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Sugar
- Flour
- Coffee & Coffee Creamer
- Frozen/Bottled Juices
- Bottled Water
- Soda
- Popcorn/Cookies
- Brownie/Cake mix
- Chips
- Frozen Pizzas
- Frozen Meals
- Frozen Vegetables
- Spices

Cleaning Supplies

- Laundry Pods
- Dryer sheets
- Fabric Softener sheets
- Liquid hand soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Lysol Spray
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- All purpose cleaner
- Dish & dishwasher soap
- Disinfectant Cleaning Wipes
- Windex
- Vinegar

Personal Care Products

- Tampons
- Deodorant
- Chapstick

Baby/Toddler Items

- Diapers
- Pull-ups
- Wipes
- Desitin/Vaseline

Paper Products

- Toilet Paper
- 13 gallon garbage bags
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Kleenex
- Plastic Wrap
- Foil
- Freezer Bags
(Gallon and Quart)

Cards

- Gas Cards
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Cab/Transport Cards

Miscellaneous

- Rechargeable flashlights
- Double AA batteries
- Bath towels
- Hand Towels

Please drop items off at:
 Tri-County Council
 3716 Country Dr Ste #6
 Rhinelander, WI 54501
 715-362-6841

Thank you for your support



MONTHLY LECTIONARY

The Revised Standard Common Lectionary is a calendar of Sunday's by Season with corresponding readings suggested for each Sunday of the church year. It is being provided as a way for those not worshipping indoors to keep in touch with appropriate scripture readings for each Sunday of the month. It may also be helpful to those worshipping inside to read and reflect on the lessons prior to the service. This is one of many ways that we can remain connected during this pandemic.

Even in the midst of a pandemic, "hope" is not cancelled and "faith" is not closed.

Blessings!

Glen Widenberg
Worship & Music Department

Revised Common Lectionary					
December, 2020					
Date	Sunday/Season	First Reading	Psalm/Reading	Epistle	Gospel
6-Dec	Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 15:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
13-Dec	Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
20-Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Luke 146b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
24-Dec	Nativity of the Lord	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
27-Dec	First Sunday after Christmas	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalm 148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40

Editor's Note: Thank you to all who contributed to this Newsletter. A reminder for those who have items to contribute, please have information to me at cbjnewsletter@gmail.com by the 3rd Thursday of the month (or before) so there is time to place everything and distribute prior to the end of each month.

Thank You Wendi Neupert