

The Community Church
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*Trust in the Lord
With all your heart...He will
Make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6*

Community Church News January 2021

Come Worship With Us

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From the Elders

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?



The Christmas season is over for most of us. The gifts have been purchased, wrapped, and given. The Christmas story has been told, including the journey of the Wise Men.

Their story, however happened after the shepherds found the Christ Child in the Bethlehem Inn manger. Their journey had been long, and dangerous, and included a moving star, a wicked ruler, and finally the incredible ending where they found, worshipped, and gave gifts to the One they had been seeking. Scripture tells us that they were warned in a dream to return home by a different way. Different indeed.

Can you imagine the conversations they had as they made the trip home? What does all this mean? What does it mean for our future? Will we have to change jobs? Will the star lead us again? And what about once they arrived home? Was it life as usual?

How do you return to “normal” after an experience such as they had? Surely, they must have wondered “Where do we go from here?” I believe that they found their answer by remembering the moment they found, bowed down, worshiped, and gave gifts to Jesus the Christ.

We have all been there, in that place where we ask: “Where do I go from here?” Pastor Tim once shared how alien everything seemed to his Mother after the death of his father. I thought “Of course, she was in a ‘Where do I go from here?’ place”.

Surely, for us when we are faced with a “Where do I go from here?” time in our lives, the place to begin finding the answers is to follow the Wise Men’s lead:

Seek out---bow down---offer the gifts we have--and worship the Christ.

Board of Elders

GREETERS SCHEDULE



January 2021

- 1st Bill Spear
- 3rd **Bill & Sue Fehlandt**
Dillon Duwe
Emily Sanderson
- 4th Dylan Greenhill
- 5th Sarah Poisson
- 12th Matt Loew
- 17th **Charles & Jean Knox**
- 21st Donna Ruffner
- 22nd **Harold & Joanne Eick**
Lorrain Diener
- 23rd Tonya Sterner

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

Dear Friends,
As our country and are church continue to practice safe gathering for indoor worship we thank those who volunteering as 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.

Blessings!

Glen Wildenberg

Worship & Music Department



January 3rd Readers will continue to be contacted by Claudia Russell. We thank those who volunteer as available.

January 10th TBA

January 17th TBA

January 24th TBA

January 31st SOUL Group

A warm Thank You to the beautification committee for helping with the Christmas decorations for the church. Those who helped were Louise and Jeff Jackson, Chirpie Vickerstaff, Luella Doss, Maggie Wolf, Ken Carson, Brian Doss and Sally Gessner.

Luella

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service January 3, 2021.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday, January 12th at 5:30p.m. in the conference room. Prior to the Council meeting Elders Department meets at 4:30p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletin or contact your chairperson for announcements of when other departments or committees meet.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you to all of you who have served our church in so many ways this past year. It seems trivial to just say “thank you”, but you know who you are and your time and efforts do not go unnoticed! It promises to be an exciting year for our church.

WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to place an announcement in the weekly bulletin, please submit it to the church office by the prior Thursday 9:00 am.

TREASURER’S REPORT

	Income	Expense
November	\$ 18,017.95	\$ 15,724.35
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 91,945.00	\$ 90,148.82



Happy New Year from your Stewardship Department.

2020 was an extraordinary year for the Community Church of Boulder Junction. We have all learned new ways to be together but apart, finding creative ways to continue our mission to serve and be a blessing to our community, just as Jesus taught us. We want to thank everyone for their continued financial commitment to our church and God’s blessings in our community.

2020 Annual Giving statements should be arriving in your mailboxes before the end of January. These are being mailed to the address that is on file in the church office. If you have recently moved or wish for them to be sent to a different address, please contact Nancy at the church office 715-385-2146 or commchbj@centurytel.net and she will forward the information to our department. Please contact Nancy also, if you have not received your statement by the end of January 2020 and believe you should receive one.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to serve on your Stewardship Department and wish everyone blessed days in the New Year.

In Faithful Service, *The Stewardship Department*



Special Music for January

January 3rd - Sarah Poisson

January 10th – Olivia England

January 17th – Joan Christgua

January 24th – Mary Congdon

January 31st - SOUL

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 overview notes from December 8, 2020.

Pastor Steve Slagel, our newly appointed Interim Pastor, was introduced. He provided us with an introduction of himself and his working plan with our congregation for the next six months.

Department reports included, Christian Education reported 122 Operation Christmas Child boxes were completed and sent. Church Property thanked all for their time, help and contributions for setting up a household at the parsonage. Worship and Music announced a single 5:00 service for Christmas Eve. Personal noted Kris Nelson volunteered her time as the Church Secretary prior to Nancy Nelson being hired. The Banner committee reported that the Advent banner is in place. The Beautification committee thanked all for their time and assistance in beautifying the church with the Christmas decorations. The Endowment Committee offered a year-end report, updating signature cards.

For Unfinished Business, the book, "Canoeing the Mountains" was mentioned. Bill Spear is willing to lead a book review group, contact him if interested. If you wish to keep this book as donated, please think of offering a donation to our library. New Business included an update from the Constitution and Bylaws committee by Ellie Orbison with a proposed meeting in January. A warm letter requesting a consideration of placement and an approval for the Librarian position was offered by Sarah Poisson, a vote followed with the approval for her to act in this position.

The next meeting will be held on January 12th at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted, 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.

Introducing Sarah Poisson, our new church Librarian. Sarah brings her energy and enthusiasm to the position as she sees this as an opportunity to, not only highlight what our church library has to offer, but also a way to grow in her Christian faith. She is an impressive young lady, and we are so pleased to have her part of our council.

Constitution/ By-Laws Committee has been reinstated. This group will be review the by-laws to insure any items that were voted on since its last printing are update appropriately. Any revisions will be voted for approval by the congregation at the next Annual Meeting. Members include Ellie Orbison, Chairperson, Bruce Greenhill, Jim Stober, Shelby Tallroth and Bob Zahn.

At the December Council meeting, a Transitional Leadership Team was approved. This group is temporary and will work closely with Pastor Steve who will assist them to guide our church through this time of discovery and growth. Watch throughout the coming weeks and months for communications from them. Members include

Sue Fehlandt

Wendi Neupert

Bill Spear

Bruce Greenhill

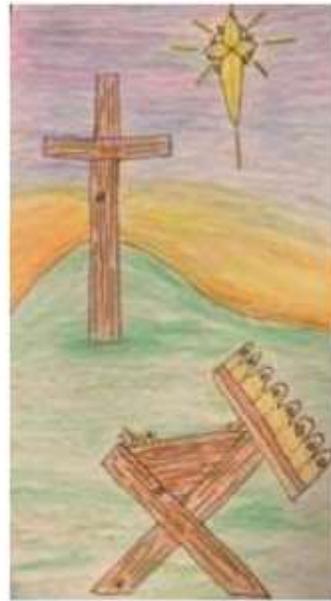
Bonnie Pollard

Lorine Walters

Laurel Malicki

Kris Reed

Maggie Wolf



SOUL presents
The Case of the Crown



Watch online at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCkBXounddw>



Thank you, Mindy Poisson, for taking most of these pictures.



MEMOS and NOTES



The Boulder Junction Lions Club would like to Thank and Congratulate Micha Zogata, from Boulder Junction, for his entry in the Lions Club International 2020 Peace Poster Contest.

With Veterans Day on his mind, Micha's interpretation of this year's theme, "Peace Through Service" depicted images of the American flag and members of the military, bringing peace to the world.

There was a total of 6 entries from students in our area, and although his was not chosen to represent our Lions district at the State level, it will be on display at our District Lions convention in the spring of 2021.

We are so pleased to have Micha participate in this annual project of Lions Club International. And Good News, he will be eligible to participate next year.

Thank you, Micha. You should be proud of your thoughtful creation; I know we are.

Lion Wendi Neupert, Vice president Boulder Junction Lions Club

*Did you receive your invitation to help guide
our church into the future?*

*Your invitation to meet with Pastor Steve should have arrived.
Please call Maggie Wolf at 715-385-3233 to set appointment and access
interview questions, or email Steve at steves@designgroupintl.com*

Thank You all who graciously assumed leadership during this time of transition in our church. To everyone who, these past months, shared their gifts in new and challenging capacities at Sunday worship and behind the scenes each day, accept our deepest gratitude. Your resolve to keep our church unified, viable, strong and an effective presence in the community is remarkable and appreciated by all. As we go forward, pray that we all commit to such efforts for continued growth and strength.

A grateful congregant.

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

Did you know that our church has a library? We do!

Starting in next month's newsletter, the church's newly confirmed librarian (Sarah Poisson) will be doing a write-up of a book from our library to expand the reading horizons of our congregation. Look for the write-up in January's newsletter!



And so it began.....

History

The first effort to establish a church in Boulder Junction was made in 1921. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Haag, Sr, Mrs. S.J. Williams, and Miss Edith Empey, the public-school teacher, were instrumental in organizing a Sunday School which met in the schoolhouse then located on High Lake Road, near Oswego lake. These first Sunday School services were attended by about twenty-four children and about fourteen adults. We must consider this Sunday School the direct forerunner of our present church.

This picture is of the students at the High Lake Road schoolhouse in about 1920. This is the building that the residents of our very young community had available to house their "Sunday School". It is significant to me that despite the challenges of living in this rugged environment, and in a time of great change in our country, our Grand and Great grand parents put significant effort in creating an opportunity for the children and others to have a Christian education. With God, anything is possible.



Do You have anything you would like to share in the February Newsletter.

Send it to cbjnewsletter@gmail.com by Jan 18.

Celebrations, Community Events, meeting information or reports.

A great opportunity to share the important moments in our community.



Happy
New
Year

The text "Happy New Year" is rendered in a large, bold, serif font. The letters are filled with a dark, textured pattern, possibly representing a woodcut or a similar artistic style. The text is surrounded by intricate, dark, swirling flourishes and decorative elements that resemble vines or calligraphic scrolls, adding a festive and elegant touch to the overall design.

The Narrative Lectionary

The Worship & Music Committee based upon a recommendation by Pastor Steve is implementing The Narrative Lectionary in place of the Standard Common Lectionary that we are currently using. The following paragraph from its website (www.narrativelectionary.org) provides a basic description of its function. The website has several additional resources including suggested hymns and prayers appropriate for each Sunday.

The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle of readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith. The texts include the major episodes in Scripture. They are arranged in a narrative sequence to help people see Scripture as a story that has coherence and a dynamic movement.

Narrative Lectionary		
January, 2021		
Jan 3 Communion	Boy Jesus in the Temple / Luke 2.41-52 Psalm 2.7-8; Ephesians 1.3-14	Steve
Jan 10	John Baptizes Jesus / Luke 3.1-22 Psalm 51.6-17; Acts 19.1-7	Steve
Jan 17	Jesus is the Fulfilment of God's Promise / Luke 4.14-30 Psalm 146; 1 Corinthians 6.1-20	Steve
Jan 21	The Miraculous Catch of Fish / Luke 5.1-11 Psalm 90.14-17; 1 Corinthians 1.26-31	Steve
Jan 31	Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath Psalm 92; Colossians 2.13-17	SOUL

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 ccbnewsletter@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