

The Community Church
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The Lord is my strength
And my song, and my salvation:
He is my God and I will
Glorify Him... Exod. 15:2

Community Church News July 2021

Come Worship With Us

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God of a New Future

Sometimes I wish I could return to a simpler time – to the good old days of young children and playing in the backyard. I linger in memories of intergenerational laughter around grandma’s kitchen table. Still, as much as I long for the nostalgic past, Isaiah 43 tells me that God is creating a new future. I struggle to imagine this future as I grapple in disorientation with the state of my world.

According to Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann, the most distinguishing characteristic of God is his ability to make something new. It is a trait that belongs to God alone.

The key word here is “new.” God does not restore life like it was.

God brings new life. Brueggemann says, “The entire Bible bears witness to this gift of newness from our God and His son, Jesus. The forming of the worlds, the liberation of Israel, the anointing of David, the deliverance of the exiles, the summons to disciples, the silencing of the storm, the call to Lazarus, all attest to God’s ability to give newness to a world filled with endings.”

*“Forget the things that happened in the past.
Do not keep on thinking about them. I am
about to do something new.*

*It is beginning to happen even now.
Don’t you see it coming?*

*I am going to make a way for you to go
through the desert. I will make streams of
water in the dry and empty land.”*

-Isaiah 43.18-19

**Creator of all that is new,
open our eyes to see your presence,
and open our hearts to embrace your presence,
as we walk toward your future. AMEN.**

July 2021



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1st Hannah Sanderson
Nancy Nelson
- 2nd Penny Samuelson
Greg Vickers
Arnie & Marilyn Bolin
- 4th 
Wendi Neupert
- 5th Anne Derber
Craig & Donna Richardson
- 7th Leah Lowe
- 8th Barbara Thurow
Paul Newberg
- 10th Brian Iltis
- 12th Janelle Kassien
- 14th Nicole Kassien
Jim & Nancy Kassien
- 17th Adele Duranso
- 19th Gracee Vickerstaff
- 20th **Ken & Sharon Perry**
- 21st Marion Swanson
- 24th Bob Simeone
- 26th Lois Jung
- 28th Dawn Bassuener
- 29th Emily Koester

At the June Church Council meeting the Worship & Music Department was requested to discuss the seating issue in the sanctuary. After some discussion the decision was made to open up all seating in the sanctuary. Therefore all of the "Please Do Not Sit Here" signage has been removed. Like masking, where you sit is now your own personal choice.

The Worship & Music Department is also seeking volunteers to serve as ushers and greeters. This is a wonderful opportunity for couples to serve together. We are also seeking people to share their talent with us by offering special music. Both of these functions play a very important role in our worship services, and your support will be sincerely appreciated. Please contact the church office or a Member of the Worship & Music Department to volunteer.



- July 4th Ellie Orbison
- July 11th Betty Clough
- July 19th Linda Sterba
- July 25th Bruce Greenhill

NEW MEMBERS

Several people have expressed interest in becoming members of our Community Church. Plans to welcome them into our family is ongoing. Watch for updates and be prepared to join in a celebration. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a part of our church family, please contact the church office.

July Special Gifts

- July 4th Sue Paulson
- July 11th Sharon Iltis
- July 19th Mary Congdon
- July 25th Sarah Poisson

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed in the Sanctuary on July 4th, 2021.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Prior to the Council meeting, the Elder Department will meet at 4:30 PM. Please refer to the calendar outside the church office for dates and times of other department and committee meetings.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

As our routines return, we are excited to resume Fellowship Time, coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday Worship service. If you would like to help prepare and serve, please contact Betty Clough.

OUTDOOR 'WINDSHIELD' WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship will be held at 9:30 in place of our indoor service every second Sunday during July, August, and September. Remember to bring a lawn chair for your comfort. If it is raining or below 60 degrees the service will be held indoors.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes, which are provided by the church for your weekly or monthly offering will be (re)ordered in August. If you wish to change the number of envelopes (Weekly-52, Monthly-12) you receive or you wish to begin receiving envelopes, please contact Nancy at the church office.

Just a reminder, offerings envelopes are not required. Any gifts received that include your contact information will be credited to you and included in your Annual Giving Report at the end of the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
May	\$ 7,770.12	\$ 14,897.95
Fiscal Year to Date	\$160,087.73	\$181,446.83

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Community Church of Boulder Junction will be held, in person, Sunday July 25, 11AM following worship and fellowship. A Meeting Notice and information packet will be sent to members in mid-July. Contact the church office if you have questions.



Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

TREASURE SALE

Our church treasure sale on Memorial Weekend was a huge success. We grossed just over \$2800 and the funds raised will be used to support camperships, scholarships, and missions. I'd like to thank everyone who assisted me in making this sale possible. It was hard work, but it came together beautifully and with cooler temperatures over Memorial Weekend, our new storage building proved to be the perfect location. Thanks to all!
Sue Fehlandt



Do you have a special event you wish to celebrate with flowers? Consider making them a part of Worship Service as Alter Flowers. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship Hall door.

STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Greetings and Happy Summer from the Stewardship Department. I want to take this moment to thank the members of the Stewardship Department for their wonderful work and dedication over this past year. It is such a pleasure to work with a team dedicated to helping turn your gifts into God's good work and helping to maintain the fiscal health of our church.

This year, in addition to faithful weekly/monthly gift giving, we witnessed a successful Fall Appeal. These gifts, along with lower than budgeted expenses, helped to lessen the financial challenges during this unprecedented year. Your willingness to share your financial gifts in the service of others is overwhelming. Truly God has blessed our church and its mission to continue good works in His name.

This month the congregation has the opportunity to gather for our Annual Meeting. We will look back at all good works that have blessed our community and look forward toward the wonderful opportunities God is leading us to. A more complete accounting of the finances of the church will be included in the Annual Report. As we grow in the work of our Lord, we need to be cognizant of the need to continue to remain financially sound. This past year has seen many ups and downs. Some in our community have experienced greater personal and financial struggles than others. At this time we ask everyone to prayerfully review their financial giving and make adjustments as God leads you.

In Faithful Service

Wendi Neupert, Stewardship Department Chair

Sunday School and Bible Study

Sunday School continues for children and youth (and the young at heart) following worship service. The scripture lesson will focus on the current Sunday lectionary. The gathering place will be announced during Sunday worship.

Bible Study is offered two times during the week. 11 AM Sundays, meeting in the library.

And 10 AM Wednesdays, meeting in the Conference Room.

Everyone is welcomed to join. No previous attendance required.

Job Opportunity

The Community Church of Boulder Junction is seeking to fill the position of **Outside Custodian/Groundskeeper**. Duties include mowing, yard cleanup and maintenance and sidewalk/general snow removal. This is a great job for a student or retiree, or anyone who wants to earn extra income. Hours are approximately 3 hours per week and may vary as needed throughout the year. Maximum 15 hours per month. For more information or to apply please contact Ken Carlson 319-213-4417

Its not to soon to think of how you can be a blessing to Children around the World. Watch for more information.

Looking Forward August

Our August 8th Outdoor Worship service coincides with the town wide celebration of Musky Day. As usual the Church parking lots are reserved for those attending morning service and then open to the public after 11:00a.m. Please plan accordingly that Sunday.



CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

CCBJ 's Church Council met on June 8, 2021.

Pastor Steve opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion reading. The Secretary's report was approved after a correction. Treasures report was approved after discussion of continued challenges to remain within budget. The Elders reported that new members will be received at the July 11 worship service. They also received a report from the Structures and Authority Tasks Group. CE is continuing with Sunday School after worship service and are seeking input in having a 100 yr celebration of Sunday Schools in Boulder Junction. An Ice Cream Social will be planned for August 1 at 1:00PM. The Roof Replacement is complete. Regarding Mask policy, following the current CDC Guidelines, Property Dept recommend that those fully vaccinated need not wear mask or social distance, but non-vaccinated are still required to wear masks. This would be on the honor system. Motion was approved. Worship and Music Survey is complete and sent out. Outdoor service will continue 2nd Sunday of the month. An outdoor concert is being planned August 3, Andrew Haines performing. Constitution and By-Laws Committee distributed recommended changes that will be presented for discussion and vote at the Annual Meeting. Fellowship is encouraged to resume after worship services. Nominations presented the proposed ballot for the open positions in the Departments. Pastor Steve reported that the Structure and Authority Task Group has concluded their meetings. He also announced the members of the Pastor Search Process Task Force to create a Community Church profile and a process outline to be used in the future search. They are Ann Derber, Bonnie Spear, Glen Wildenberg, Jim Kassien and Jim Naylor. Leadership retreat is being planned. The 2021-22 budget was again discussed. It arrived to the meeting over budget. The Stewardship Department sought suggestions and recommendation of where adjustments should be made to bring in it into balance. An updated budget will be presented at the July Council meeting.

Next Council meeting July 13, 2021 at 5:30

Submitted by Wendi Neupert, Newsletter Committee with approval of Council Chair, Ruth Johnson

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.

The Annual Meeting of the Community Church will be held July 25 at 11:00 a.m. after the worship service and fellowship time.

Your participation is requested to

- keep you informed about the past year in our church,
- vote on new department members of Church Council,
- vote on the 2021-2022 church budget,
- vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

You will receive a mailing with further details. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for all who accepted nomination for the various Departments in our church Council. It is exciting to see so many willing to give of their time and talents to the successful management of our church and all the blessings God is leading us to. A complete list of nominees will be available with the Meeting Notice which will be sent to members mid-July. Nominees will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, July 25, 2021, 11:00 a.m. We look forward to the membership's participation in this

Save the date.... For two special events in August

The first effort to establish a church in Boulder Junction was made in 1921. Sunday School 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.

***100 Years of Sunday School in
Boulder Junction***

**Sunday, August 1, 2021
1PM**

**“Ice Cream Social”
All are Welcome**

Boulder Junction Lion’s Club Pavillion

***Sponsored by Community Church of
Boulder Junction***



Free Concert on the Lawn

Andrew Haines. Singer-songwriter from Chicago.

Tuesday August 3, 2021 7:00 PM

Community Church of Boulder Junction

Andrew and his family vacation in the Winchester area each summer. He reached out to us, offering his time and talents to bring his special music to our community. According to his press release “His songwriting is poetic, creative and overflowing with scriptural references, and his music is diverse in both style and instrumentation”.

We are excited to bring this unique opportunity to our town and we invite everyone to grab a lawn chair or blanket and join us on August 3rd. If there is inclement weather, we will move the concert into the sanctuary.

The narrative lectionary that we have been using is a set of readings for Christian worship that moves through the overarching biblical story in a nine-month period from September through June of the following year.

During the summer months of June, July and August we will utilize the Revised Common Lectionary. The Worship & Music Department will evaluate whether to use the Narrative Lectionary again in September or continue with the Revised Common Lectionary.

Your comments regarding our decision will be appreciated.

July Lectionary

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	Clergy
July 4th Communion	2 Sam 5.1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48	<i>2 Cor 12.2-10</i>	Mark 6.1-13 <i>Rejected at Nazareth/ Calling Disciples</i>	Pastor Steve
July 11th Outdoor Service	2 Sam 6.1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24	Ephesians 1.3-14 <i>Spiritual blessings in Christ</i>	Mark 6.14-29	Pastor Steve
July 18th	2 Sam 7.1-14a Psalm 89.20-37	Ephesians 2.11-22 <i>He has broken down the wall of hostility</i>	Mark 6.45-56	Lorine Walters
July 25th	2 Sam 11.1-15 Psalm 14	Ephesians 3.14-21 <i>May Christ dwell in your hearts</i>	<i>John 6.1-15</i>	Marywood

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