

The Community Church
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*I will lie down and sleep in
peace,
For you alone, O Lord,
Make me dwell in safety.
Psalms 4:8*

Community Church News August 2021

Come Worship With Us

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The Wall of Exclusivity

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 2.14-18 (NIV)

Living in our culture, we so often exclude. Especially those of us who are “brought near” by privilege and entitlement. A peaceful protest of racial injustice was held last summer in Traverse City, Michigan, where I live. A radio broadcast announced a second protest. This one, under the banner of “the right to bear arms,” was comprised of people with guns concerned that the racism protest would turn to riot. Thanks to the presence of the police handing out bottles of water and talking congenially with both sides, both events were peaceful. It does not always work this way. Our nation’s history is filled with examples dominant people, concerned only with their own privilege, acting in fear of those who are different - outsiders.

In Ephesians 2, this exclusionary tendency addresses the “brought near” Jewish Christians and the “far off” Gentile Christians. The distinctions that encourage exclusiveness continue to be powerful with us today. They have to do with gender, race, and economic status. But the entire social structure of dominance is abruptly defied by the witness of Jesus, who “has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility” between people.

He is our peace. He is our reconciliation. He has broken down the wall of exclusivity.

In Christ we are one. The only privilege that exists in the church is that which we build. Those who stand in dominance over others do so by their own gospel. We are to live as a contrast-witness to the divisive polarity and dominance of our culture.

God who makes outsiders into insiders, give us clear vision to see the walls on which we rely, and the courage to accept the ways in which you dismantle our favorite distinctions. In his name. Amen.
-Walter Brueggemann

The gospel, that is, the good news of salvation in Jesus, is an assurance of inclusion. It is also a call to action for the Church, to work at dismantling the walls that seem so normal but violate our “new humanity.”

Steve Slagel, Interim Pastor
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GREETERS SCHEDULE

You may have already been contacted about serving as an Usher/ Greeter during worship service. If not, it's not too late to sign-up. This is a wonderful opportunity for families or couples to serve together. We are also seeking people to share their talent with us by offering special music and gifts. Both roles play a very important part 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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries August 2021

- 8/1 Jody Wilsie
 8/3 **Pat & Sue Patterson**
Dick & Moe Nelson
 8/8 Bruce Greenhill
 John Logan
 8/11 Duane Marquardt
 8/14 **Richard & Chris Calder**
 8/15 **Duane & Joyce Marquardt**
 Lloyd Giles
 8/19 **Dave & Prudy Sullivan**
 8/21 Donna Richardson
 8/24 Gladys Olson
 8/26 John Koester
 Champ Ruffner
 8/28 Dennis Westphal
 8/30 **Bob & Mary Zahn**



August 1st	Judy Prentiss
August 8 th	Carole Rowe Zaski
August 15 th	Ken Carlson
August 22 nd	Mary Anderson
August 29 th	Ellie Orbison

I wish for the Birthday and Anniversary list each month to be as up to date as possible. If you have additions or changes in your family or if you see any that are incorrect, please contact me or the church office.

Dave Evans Service of Celebration June 26th
 can be viewed on You Tube by all who knew
 and loved him.

A Memorial Service for Jon Iltis
 will be held at 11 am Saturday August 7th.
 All are welcome.

August Special Gifts

August 1 st	Sharon Iltis
August 8 th	Lorine Walters
August 15 th	Sue Poulson
August 22 nd	Joan Christgau
August 29 th	Sarah Poisson

From the Church Office . . .

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed August 1, 2021.

Church Council meets Tuesday, August 10th at 5:30 p.m. Prior to the Council meeting, the Elders will meet at 4:30. Please refer to the calendar outside the church office for dates and times of other department and committee meetings.

August Outdoor Worship and Musky Day

Our August 8th Worship service will be held outside, at 9:30 in place of indoor service.

This day coincides with the town wide celebration of Musky Day.

As usual the Church parking lots are reserved for those attending worship service and then open to the public after 11:00a.m.

Please plan accordingly that Sunday.

A FEW NOTES FROM THE STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Beginning in August, offering will again be received with the passing of the plate during the worship service. We look forward to returning to this routine and the blessings that are given to our gifts. And as always, you can continue to give via postal service, Pay Pal or dropping your offering off at the church office.

AMAZON SMILE will be a new opportunity to contribute to the financial missions of the Community Church. Information and a link are on the church website and available from the office.

THANK YOU to our 2020-21 Stewardship Department team. It has been a challenging year to say the least and I am so proud of the work we have done. This year we are saying farewell to Kris. Thank you for your dedicated time and service. Connie, Jim, myself and Bruce will be welcoming new members, Sue and Dorinda soon and we will continue our faithful work managing the financial gifts given by His flock.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
June	\$ 14,946.43	\$ 28,772.90
Fiscal Year to Date	\$175,284.16	\$210,057.30

New Fiscal year begins July 2021. A complete recording of Fiscal Year can be found in the Annual Meeting Report. Contact office for copy.

The Average Sunday Worship Service Attendance for July was 68. Coffee time following service has been well received and a great opportunity for much needed Fellowship.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE

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.

The Search Task Group

is beginning to put together a Pastor Search Committee which will begin their work in August. If you would like to be considered to serve on the Search Committee, contact a member of the Task Group.

Anne Derber, Bonnie Spear, Glen Wildenberg, Jim Naylor, or Steve Slagel

The Worship Survey Results Are In!

This important document will be utilized by our Church Leadership, Search Committee, Pastoral Candidates and Worship & Music Department to make decisions on how to best serve our congregation. You probably received the results via email, some by US postal service. Please take a few minutes of your time to review the results. If you wish a printed copy, please contact Nancy at the Church office.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

CCBJ 's Church Council met on July 13, 2021. Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a puzzle and a scripture lesson via a video message. He encouraged us to build each other up and to proclaim the good news of Jesus to all. The Secretary's report was approved after a correction. Treasure's report was approved after discussion of continued challenges to remain within budget. The Elders reported that new members will be received at a service later this fall, the membership list has been updated and the search for an Interim Pastor is beginning. CE continues with Sunday School weekly following worship and plans for 100-year celebration continues. Stewardship Department worked to prepare a balanced budget and thanked everyone for their input and thoughtful adjustments to needs and expectations. Property Department continues to look for an Outside Custodian. An adjustment in wages was the topic of discussion. Worship and Music reports the Survey results have been compiled and will be distributed soon. Information will be used by various groups to enhance our worship experience. Pastor Search Process Task Force is working to create a Community Church profile and a process outline to be used in the future search. As they are near completion of their work, there was a question of what their role would be in formation of A Pastoral Search Committee. With their knowledge of the qualities that would be beneficial in a committee member, a motion was made tasking the committee with recommending to the Council Chair, the persons to be on the Search Team. Motion Carried. A balanced Proposed 2021-22 Budget was presented to the council. Plans for the Annual Meeting was discussed and an invitation will be sent to all members. Next Council meeting August 10, 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.

A Brief Summary of the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Community Church of Boulder Junction was held on July 23, 2021, at 11:00 am. A Quorum of church members was in attendance. Ruth Johnson, Council Chair presided over the meeting. Due to a unique option of potentially attending the meeting remotely, via Zoom, the first order of business was the adoption of an amendment to the Bylaws, allowing such attendance as being the same as attending in person. After discussion and an amendment to the wording, it was approved. This allowed a few members to participate remotely. Also approved were General Rules for Hybrid (Virtual) Meetings. Then, following the agenda, minutes of the 2019-20 Annual meeting were approved, and Department and committee reports were read. The Constitution and Bylaws committee presented 3 additional changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, and all were approved following discussion and some adjustment to wording. The 2021-22 proposed budget was presented, discussed and then approved without amendments. Lastly, the ballot of Nominees for Secretary, Treasurer and Department members were presented. With no additional nominees from the floor, a motion was made to cast a unanimous approval as presented. The motion carried. A full listing of Department and Committee personal will be available following the August Council Meeting. If you would like a copy of the Annual Meeting packet, please contact the church office. Submitted by Wendi Neupert

A Note From the Elders

Interim Search- A Quest and a Rich Opportunity.

The search for an interim pastor has begun.

As we say goodbye to Pastor Steve, the elders have begun to look for an Interim Pastor to fill our needs while we search for our next Full Time Pastor.

We have several places to look but if you know of any retired clergy who might be willing to preach on Sunday and be available in the office for several hours a week, please contact an elder.

We are also offering an opportunity to deliver the message on any given Sunday until we find someone to fill the interim position. If you'd like to give that a try, please contact an elder and we will add you to the schedule.

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

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

**"Ice Cream Social"
All are Welcome**



**Boulder Junction Community Center
Lion's Club Pavilion**

**Sponsored by Community Church of
Boulder Junction**

**Join us for food and fellowship,
and to share photos and memories
of a special piece of
Boulder Junction History.**

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.

Coffee and refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall after worship services each Sunday as long as folks sign up to be hosts. Volunteers please contact Betty at 715-385-9215.

Chancel Flowers - Please consider providing Chancel Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one or just to brighten up the altar. A Sign-up chart is located on the entrance door to the Fellowship Hall.

Knitters:

Remember to look through the bin in the fellowship storage closet and take what you are interested in. We no longer have space for it. Any questions contact Sue Fehlandt 715-892-7714.



Free Concert on the Lawn

Andrew Haines.

Singer-songwriter from Chicago.

Tuesday August 3, 2021 7:00 PM

Community Church of Boulder Junction

10445 Main St, Boulder Junction, WI

The Community Church of Boulder Junction is excited to bring this unique opportunity to our community.

Grab a lawn chair or blanket and join us for this free concert.

According to his website, "Andrew weaves spiritual and scriptural themes with unique, multi-instrumental music. His honest lyrics and passionate voice beckon the listener to 'reach beyond this soil and embrace eternity'."

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved inside the church.

CELEBRATE

Sunday August 22, 2021

Following worship that day, we will gather for reflection and celebration of our experience together with Pastor Steve. This will be an opportunity to reflect on what we have learned and how we have grown, and we will look ahead at the possibilities in the months ahead.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Do you like working outdoors? Making things beautiful and safe? Desire extra income with a flexible schedule?

This might be the job for you.

An Outside Custodian/Groundskeeper is needed by Community Church. Responsible for seasonal outdoor work -- mowing, snow removal, etc. A great opportunity for

Interested party's call

Ken Carlson at 319-213-4417



The Worship & Music Department will resume the practice of scheduling Ushers and Greeters again soon in addition to Readers and Special Gifts (music).

We are thankful for all who have volunteered to enhance our services and pray that you will volunteer to serve as an Usher/Greeter when contacted by a member of the Worship & Music Department.

Glen will also be contacting members of the Bell Choir (Joyful Sound) to begin ringing again in September.

New members are always welcome.

The Property Department would like to thank Adam Zogata and his boys very, very, very much for cleaning all the trees off church property the day after our horrendous storm.



From Someone Who Knows.

I've been thinking about operation Christmas child. There are always a lot of people that prefer to make monetary donations rather than purchase specific items. With that in mind, perhaps posting the weekly list of individual items is not a good choice this year. It's a huge endeavor to assemble all of those boxes and do the necessary shopping to fill in the blanks needed to make complete boxes when we do it that way. I am not sure who all might be willing to invest the time and effort into doing it in the same way this year.

So, perhaps a better way of doing church boxes this year would be to encourage the monetary donations (for people that don't want to put together their own box, and) then one person can go out to the operation Christmas child website, and then choose the "build an online box" option and for however many boxes would coincide with the amount of monetary donations that were received. J

Those who wish, can still fill their own shoeboxes and we can find a local group that we can add to their delivery. If there is enough interest, the official Operation Christmas child cardboard boxes are available for purchase anytime. The church can order them at 25 Boxes for \$50.

What is really needed is for someone to step forward to be the contact person to make this all work so that we can continue to be a Blessing to Children Around the World.

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.

August Lectionary

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	Clergy
August 1st Communion	2 Sam 11:26- 12:13a Psalm 51:1-12	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35	Pastor Steve
August 8th Outdoor Service	2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33 Psalm 130	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51	Adam Zogata
August 15th	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6: 51-58	Pastor Steve
August 22nd	1 Kings 8: (1,6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 56-69	Pastor Steve
August 29th	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	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