

The Community Church
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*Give thanks in all circumstances;
For this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you.
Thessalonians 5:18*

Community Church News November 2021

Come Worship With Us

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“Reset”

Pastors Corner

There was an event which took place on July 16, 2016, at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. It was far below the radar of national press coverage, so you might not have heard of it. The event was called “Together 2016.” A sea of Christians, many of them young adults who helped organize it, gathered for a day of prayer. Its goal was “to unite believers and pray for a reset of our lives and nations to Jesus.” The event was very well attended, numbering hundreds of thousands; and though the extreme heat forced its shortening (to *seven* hours), this gathering was a powerful move of God’s people who saw the need for God to move and who committed themselves to get involved. That meant that they come together and pray.

Looking back much further in time, this seems to strike a similar chord to the church in the Bible. The church, when it was birthed after the resurrection of our Lord, was described early on by four main characteristics: devotion to the apostles’ teaching, intentional fellowship, sharing meals with one another, and to prayer (Acts 2.42). Despite what seemed like insurmountable odds stacked against them, they succeeded in overcoming the cultural challenges of their times as they pursued this four-fold higher calling with great determination. Yet, as we read further in the stories and teachings in the Bible, one of the four characteristics rises to the top: prayer.

Their life was so different than ours in many ways, but the same call on us remains: to be faithful followers of Jesus. Still, so often we give way to the unholy distractions which the world presents to us. Our longing to have the same kind of experience as the first believers *often goes unfulfilled*. We certainly might dream of living with joy and contentment and purpose for our own lives, and of finding God’s help in our times of need. We might dream about filled pews, prayer gatherings and Bible studies filled to capacity, full-on loving relationships, vibrant ministries in the community, robust missionary outreach, and above all, lives being won to salvation and to the new life promised in Jesus. (I hope you might imagine such dreams for yourself and the church, because none of these are too lofty, and more so, because God holds dear this kind of faithful living for His people.) Yet, all our dreaming of such goals can only be realized, yes, by our own resolve and involvement, but mainly by the praying we do.

Our praying in a nutshell is about what is important to God for each and all our lives. During these days, there is also praying for the undertaking in progress to call your next pastor. The thing is - our praying allows the dreams God puts on our hearts to come to fruition. Our praying is the key that unlocks the storehouse of heavenly gifts waiting for us from God. But note this important point: the praying that we share together arises primarily from *each one of our personal praying*. When you build a house, you need each piece of wood to be straight, solid, and strong. Can you imagine trying to build a house where all your wood is warped, cracked, or even rotten? So too, the “we” in prayer is dependent on the “each one of us” who by prayer is found to be straight, solid, and strong.

If someone were to ask you how your own prayer life is doing, how might you answer it? However you do, here is something to think about. Maybe you would find yourself admitting that it’s “zilch, nada, nothing” or “weak and on life-support” or at best, “mediocre.” But wouldn’t it be grand that you could say that it’s vibrant and that every day you’re *alive in prayer*?

The event I mentioned at the beginning, the gathering in our nation’s capital, was created “to unite believers and pray for a reset of our lives and our nation.” “Reset” makes me think of our chance to hit stop and start fresh. Think on that. If you don’t need to reset in your praying, I’ll praise God with you! But you might think otherwise. Well, for you, let God help you to do a reset... if you realize that your prayer life is not what it’s meant to be. *And can be.*

That we might be defined certainly by our love, and also by our praying...

With you in Christ,
Pastor Carl



GREETERS SCHEDULE

November 2021 Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2nd Pat Patterson
Debra Schoenike
- 4th Susan Kern
- 5th Lorine Walters
- 7th 
- 10th **Bruce & Jody Wilsie**
Bob Zahn
- 12th Randy Bassuener
- 14th Christopher Spencer
- 15th Craig Richardson
- 17th Marianne Carlson
Claudia Russell
- 23rd **Kurt & Tammy Bjork**
- 25th 
Jan Thomas
Darrel & Betty Clough
- 28th 

Kathy McMyler
Sara Sanderson
- 29th **Bill and Bonnie Spear**

- Nov 7th Deb Halverson & Dorinda Jensen
- Nov 14th Sue Fehlandt & Connie Christopherson
- Nov 21st Sue Fehlandt & Mary Congdon
- Nov 28th Mary Anderson & Shelby Tallroth

Please note that the usher schedule for the current month and instructions are posted across from the office above the devotional booklets. Name tags are available from the same location.



- November 7th Don Pollard
- November 14th Shelby Tallroth
- November 21st Ellie Orbison
- November 28th Carol Rowe-Zaeske

November Special Gifts

- November 7th Bonnie Pollard
- November 14th Joyful Sound/ Bells
- November 21st Mary Congdon
- November 28th Joan Christgau

Wednesday November 24th
7:00 pm



Do you have someone you would like to include in the Birthday/ Anniversary list?
Please contact Wendi or Nancy.

Join us for our Thanksgiving Eve Service,
hosted by the church Elders.
Message from Pastor Carl.

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service November 7th, 2021.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday, November 9th at 5:30 p.m. Prior to the Council Meeting, the Elders Department meets at 4:30 p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements of when other Departments or committees meet.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2022 are available in Fellowship Hall. Please stop by to pick yours up as soon as possible. Do not use the new envelopes until the New Year as some assigned envelope numbers have been changed.

CONTACT LIST

The church contact list is updated as changes are reported to the office, often several times a month. If you would like an up-to-date copy, call the church office, send an email to commchbj@centurytel.net or drop a note in the office mail slot and we will provide you with the most current list.



Extra 2022 Calendars?

The Community Food Pantry is asking for 2022 calendars to give to their clients. Please drop off any calendar you wish to pass along in the church office.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
September	\$ 11,369.96	\$ 7,529.15
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 38,657.29	\$ 25,002.27

FALL APPEAL

Autumn is quickly changing to winter here in the Northwoods and our Fall Appeal is well under way. Thank you to all who have responded thus far. Just a reminder, the money collected during this time not only helps reduce the financial stress on our operating budget but also allows for the continued work of our Lord in the community.

There are numerous ways to continue your contributions wherever you are. Setting up automatic monthly funds transfer, either through your bank or PayPal, or simply go to the church website at www.commchbj.org. Also, with the assistance of your financial planner, you can make a tax-free charitable contribution directly from your Qualified IRA. And as always, you can send contributions direct to the church by mail: PO Box 14, Boulder Junction, WI 54512. And as always, if you have questions you can contact the church at 715-385-2146

Whether you make a single additional end-of-year gift or increase your routine giving, we ask you to prayerfully consider this request and follow where the Lord leads you.

If you have not yet received your letter or if you have questions, please contact Wendi Neupert or Bruce Greenhill.

Welcome Connie Christopherson to our church staff.

Connie has been hired as our inside custodian and will be keeping our "house" clean and tidy. Thank you, Connie, for taking on this role. Please contact her if you see areas that may require special attention.

Editors Note. Please submit information and items for the December newsletter by November 17th. I will be away from technology for part of the month and would appreciate a head start.
Thank You.

Operation Christmas Child Update



There are only a few weeks left to add your blessings to our Operation Christmas Child project. Empty OCC boxes are still available in the Fellowship Hall. Please return your filled box(es) by **Sunday, November 14th**. Remember to include \$9 to offset shipping cost if you are able. Or if you would like, schedule some time with Diane Dunker to order a completed box On-line. If you would like to fill boxes with someone else, there will be an OCC packing party on **Wednesday, Nov. 10th**, also in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. with soup to follow. So many ways to share the Love of Jesus around the world.



Harvest Sundays:
celebrate God's goodness by bringing pumpkins, gourds and autumn florals for worship services on November 13th and 21st. Please deliver offerings to Fellowship Hall the Saturday before. You may take your gifts home after worship.

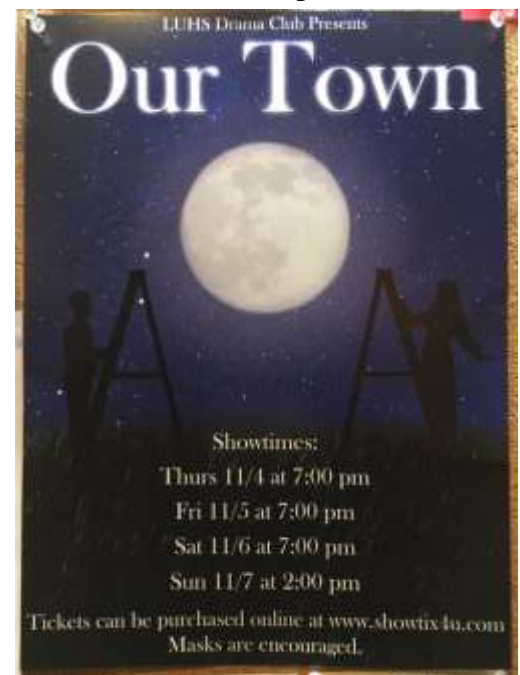
Be sure to visit the Operation Christmas Child Fundraiser Table in Fellowship Hall. You'll discover an array of wonderful gifts to purchase for yourself and others.



Help us **march on** by making a difference in someone's life. Volunteer your time and ring the bell. You can sign up at www.registertoring.com

- Ring by yourself or ring as a group
- Enter the zip code where you would like to ring the bell.
- Enter the date you want to ring
- Pick your location
- Click on the time you would like to ring
- Log in your account or make a new account to reserve your shift

Join Sarah and all the "Stars" at LUHS for a memorable performance.



WHEN YOU RING THE BELL
HOPE MARCHES ON

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS

Church Council Report October 12, 2021

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:35pm. Devotions were presented by the Dept. of Worship and Music. Minutes for the September 14, 2021 meeting were approved as corrected. Treasures Report was presented and approved.

Department Reports: Elders reported interim Pastor Carl Hammer will start on October 17. They discussed options from Covenant Church or Steve Slagel for ongoing support. Christian Education has filled 36 Operation Christmas child boxes with a goal of 100. Donations for boxes and shipping are appreciated. Stewardship of Finances is completing the fall appeal letter. Church Property presented and updated the Property Use Policy. Motion was approved. Copies are available from the Church Office. Connie Christopherson has been hired as the new inside custodian. Worship and Music is looking for help with ushers, the sound system, recording of services and coordinating special music.

Committee Reports: Pastoral Search reported the Church profile has been updated and copies are available in the hallway rack. It is also available on the Church website. The next Council meeting is November 9th at 5:30pm.

Pastoral Search Committee Update:

The committee has now completed the Church Profile. Thank you to those who contributed to the content. We continue to work on items for the Pastoral Candidate Packet. We are also developing interview questions, determining the places where our job posting will be listed and outlining the interview process. Thank you for your prayers and support during this important time and we will continue to stay in touch.

Editors note. The complete Church Profile will be in a sperate attachment from this newsletter. A print copy will be in Tract Rack outside of the church office.

Mission News



Coming Up!...

CWRD “Soup Cans for Change”-

Collection begins on Sunday, November 21st, again at Thanksgiving Eve Service and continues on the following Sunday, November 28th. As a part of the Evangelical Covenant Church, lets celebrate God’s work through this dynamic and efficient worldwide ministry serving our brothers and sisters in 45 countries and 5 continents. Their success depends fully on the generous support of churches like ours.

Also beginning November 21st, applications for the Annual Scholarships will be available on the hallway bulletin board or in the church office. Any member, child of member or participant in our church’s programs that is a full-time college student may apply. Forms will be due no later than December 27th and scholarships will be awarded in January.

Prayer Chain Requests

Please contact Shelby Tallroth @
Shelby.tallroth@gmail.com or Gracee (Chirp)
Vickerstaff @ 715-356-3315 for your Prayer Chain
requests.

Especially in this season of thanksgiving
and love, keep these friends in prayers.



Vivian Hunt 750 Elm St #202
Woodruff WI 54568

Marion Swanson
Riverside Traditional Care
2575 South 7th Street
LaCross WI 54601

Helen Townsen
Lake Shore Assisted Living
12440 Warpath Lane, Unit 4
Minocqua WI 54548

Galen Bergmann
845 Hawk Lane
Medford WI 54451

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

Marylyne Haag
5420 Senior Dr #5
Boulder Junction WI 54512

**Remember
to turn
clocks back
before bed
Nov 6,
2021.**



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**Remember These Guys??
They are Back and ready to have
a great Party!!**

This years children's Christmas party will
be held INDOORS at the BJ Community
Center, Sunday December 12 from 1:30
until 2:45. This celebration is open to all
Boulder Junction children ages infant to
nine years old and their parents, siblings,
grandparents etc. We will sing songs enjoy
punch and cookies and have SANTA
CLAUS and MRS. SANTA CLAUS hand
out presents.

Registration is required ahead of time.
Watch for More Information during
Thanksgiving week.

JEFF & SHERRY LUCAS

November Lectionary

Revised Common Letionary, Year B/C

Time After Pentecost

Date	First Reading/ Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel	Clergy
November 7th Communion	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44	Pastor Carl Hammer
<i>24th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Psalm 127			
November 14th	1 Samuel 1:4-20 <i>1 Samuel 2:1-10</i>	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18) 19-25	Mark 13:1-8	Pastor Carl Hammer
<i>25th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Psalm 16			
November 21st	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37	Pastor Carl Hammer
<i>26th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)			
<i>Advent & Christmas</i>				
November 28th	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36	Pastor Carl Hammer
<i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Psalm 25:1-10			

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