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*Community Church News  
February 2022  
Come Worship With Us*

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I've had a strong interest over the years to sign on with various online ministries to receive articles relevant to faith, the church, and the world. They've proven valuable to me.

There is one article I've read and thought on - about how we sometimes get the mistaken view that the church is simply about us merely working and serving on behalf of the church. It seems that anyone can draw this conclusion, because church folk do expend a lot of energy to get things done. We have meetings to make decisions, we discuss what we've done and plan what's coming up, we fix things, rehearse, and decorate, we write something for the newsletter :, etc.

But, from of old, really - from God's perspective, this "doing things" is not primarily what first defines us as the church. The Bible is clear that those who are known as the church are above all else defined as God's own in one way or another, and that we are centered on *relationship* with Him and with each other. For example, we are *God's people* in that He calls us to Himself - He alone is and will be the only God we worship, obey, and bring glory to. We are also *God's own possession* - God has full rights to our lives because we are bought by the price of His Son Jesus' blood and death on the cross. We are as well *God's family* - we are brothers and sisters, with Jesus Himself teaching us specifically to know God as our Father.

This perspective of God's is vital to us as the church; we must not miss what this means in our life together. The article I mentioned above quotes Theologian Miroslav Volf. (I heard him speak once - very thoughtful and insightful.) Volf contends that *"We are the church" doesn't mean "We meet occasionally" or "We cooperate in a current project." Instead, we actually become part of one another. This sounds like Paul's exhortation that in the Body of Christ, "each member belongs to all the others" (Rom. 12:5).* Here, of course, is another example of the kind of relationship that defines us, in that we are the Body of Christ with Jesus as our Head; we belong to Him and, to Paul's point, we belong to each other, one and all.

Certainly though, we face temptations which aim to close us off from another. What do these look like? Disagreements that show up and seek to divide us, personal preferences which can ignore and reject someone else's input, opinions toward a brother or sister which can render judgment against his or her inherent worth, or rejection of involvement in the church that can foster waywardness and isolation from the body itself. For sure, we can never let these kinds of things have even a sliver of success in pulling us apart, by even one fraction of a fraction. The calling for all of us is to pursue honoring and strengthening our belonging to each other. Central to this is for us to regularly do a heart-check to make sure that we have not failed this calling; and if we find that we have failed, we need to then make amends with one another to the fullest measure of reconciliation. We church folk fail as we all know, but we have the opportunity and more so, the directive, to rectify our mistakes and seek to restore any broken relationships.

By God's grace and by the power of His Holy Spirit in us, we can (and must) keep the bonds of our belonging to each other strong, and stronger still. To do this, and because we are God's, we follow the straightforward command: *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God...* (1 John 1.7)

With the focus of our belonging to each other as of first importance, the "getting done" of ministry we do - we will do better.

In Christ with you,

Pastor Carl



## 2022 Birthdays & Anniversaries



2<sup>nd</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Josie Allen

7<sup>th</sup> Daniel Wahlgren

12<sup>th</sup> Kris & Lanny Roepke

13<sup>th</sup> Peter Johnson

14<sup>th</sup>  HAPPY Valentine's DAY

20<sup>th</sup> Galen Bergmann

24<sup>th</sup> Carole Rowe-Zaeske

### March

1<sup>st</sup>



Accurate and complete communication is very important to us. So important in fact, that you could be receiving a call from us in the near future to make sure our files have the most up-to-date addresses, emails and phone numbers. We will also update celebration dates (b-days, anniversary, births, etc.) for you and your family plus we would like to add an emergency contact.

It is our pleasure to share all our church has to offer and we want to ensure you don't miss a thing.

Feb 6th Sue Fehlandt & Dorinda Jensen  
Feb 13th Mary Anderson & Jim Kassien  
Feb 20th Don & Bonnie Pollard  
Feb 27th Diana Dunker & Connie Christopherson

It's been a bit more difficult to enlist volunteers due to the flight of the snowbirds and the dramatic increase in Covid infections. Thank you to those who continue to volunteer to serve as an usher & greeter for our services. The usher schedule for the current month including instructions is posted across from the office above the devotional booklets for your convenience.



February 6<sup>th</sup> Don Pollard  
February 13<sup>th</sup> Shelby Tallroth  
February 20<sup>th</sup> Mary Anderson  
February 27<sup>th</sup> Luella Doss

## February Special Gifts

February 6<sup>th</sup> Jason Boor  
February 13<sup>th</sup> TBA  
February 20<sup>th</sup> Kris Roepke & Lorine Walters  
February 27<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Pollard

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 at 715-356-3315 or call the church office to schedule a date.

## From the Church Office . . .

### COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service February 6, 2022.

### COUNCIL MEETING

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

### WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to place an announcement in the weekly bulletin, please submit it to the church office by Wednesday afternoon.

### FILL IN THE CALANDAR

Nancy requests that Departments, Committees, and others put meeting notices on the large format calendar across from the office. This information is used to inform every one of the happenings in the church.

### MAINTAINANCE REQUESTS

Winter is a time of less people in the church on a regular basis. If you see any issues or concerns with the building or grounds, please contact Ken Carlson or Deb Halverson. Thank You



### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Our church has the opportunity to share the Love with our community in the month of February.

***“Cupid” is aiming for Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, spot remover, and bleach***

Items will be accepted throughout the month and your donations should be placed in the back coat closet area in the church.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
December	\$ 39,672.25	\$ 13,359.14
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 116,813.55	\$ 60,086.50

### HELLO FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

We have begun the New Year filled with blessings and the hardy souls here in Boulder Junction have kept busy. We continue to watch for opportunities to improve programs and processes that more effectively and efficiently utilize the gifts given in God's name.

The 2021 Annual Giving statements were mailed to the address on file at the church office and should have arrived in your mailbox. If you did not receive your statement by the end of January 2022 and believe you should have received one, please contact Nancy at the church office 715-385-2146 or commchbj@centurytel.net and she will forward the information to our department. Every effort is made to accurately record your gift, but sometimes errors occur. Should your records differ from ours, please contact the church office.

In Faithful Service, *The Stewardship Department*

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

Tom Kassien	Marion Swanson
Larry Scheel	Riverside Traditional Care
5676 Boulder Woods Dr #13	2575 South 7 <sup>th</sup> St
Boulder Junction WI 54512	LaCrosse WI 54601
Helen Townsend	Arnie & Marilyn Bolin
Lake Shore Assisted Living	Covenant Village of
12440 Warpath Lane #4	Northbrook
Minocqua WI 54548	2625 Techny Road #806
	Northbrook IL 60062
Galen Bergmann	Mary Zahn
845 Hawk Lane	P.O. Boxx 586
Medford WI 54451	Boulder Jct, WI 54512

## CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS

### Church Council Report

January 11, 2021

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:32pm. Devotions were presented by Stewardship of Finances. Minutes for November 9, 2021, and December 14, 2021, were approved as corrected. Treasures Report was presented and approved.

Department Reports: Elders reported working on a plan to contact all Church members. Also working with couples who might be interested in joining. Stewardship of Finances will have a demonstration next week of a donor management system. Housing allowance for 2022 was approved. Property brought a discussion of WI Council of Churches recommendation to services to be virtual for next 4-6 weeks. Motion made and approved to continue with current status of in person and online. Worship and Music: Motion approved to have 2022 Lenten services. Pastoral Search is finalizing process and expects to post on multiple sites before the end of the month. Unfinished Business: Community Church Conversation-know your Church and each other. A series of discussion sessions to begin in February with the following schedule: Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Elders, March 27<sup>th</sup> Missions, April 24<sup>th</sup> Food Fellowship & Fundraising. Session to be from 10:45-11:30am following service.

The next Council meeting is February 8, 2022 at 5:30pm

*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.*

## MEMOES AND NOTES

### Save your Coontail Market Cash Receipts!

They will donate 1% of your total receipt to the local organization of your choice.

The Community Church of Boulder Junction is #7. Look for the large wooden box with plexiglass front at the grocery end of the store just inside the sliding

At this time, the **Children's Sunday School** and the **Women's Tuesday Bible Study** have been **postponed** until further notice.

**Senior Meals**, eat-in or pick up, are offered by ADRC of Vilas County at The Granary on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 11:30 am with a \$5.00 suggested donation per meal. Reservations are required. Please call the site manager, Josie Blaisdell-Allen, 24 hours in advance at 715-385-2617.

**Check out our website!** Good information about all aspects of our church is available 24/7. Watch a worship service when it's convenient for you, find out about weekly services and special events, download newsletters, learn about our history and much more. Go to <http://commchbj.org>.

# Pastoral Search Committee

## Pastoral Search Committee Summary of remarks made to the Council on 1/11/2022

- ~~The committee has been working since August and is meeting twice monthly by Zoom as of November
- ~~We have revised the Church profile several times and it is now complete
- ~~There has been a process of building the team and establishing trust  
Anne Derber is an excellent chair and has kept us focused and on task
- ~~If you have not been through this process, you may be wondering what takes so long and why aren't we interviewing candidates. However, there is far more to this process than meets the eye and if it is not done carefully, prayerfully and thoughtfully the outcome may not be what you hope for
- ~~The good news is - we have selected job posting sites, prepared the posting, job description etc. and are sending this posting out January 27, 2022
- ~~We have also worked hard on interview questions, the interview process and how to handle and evaluate the applications as they come in
- ~~We are ready to complete the process and we should be seeing applications from quality candidates soon  
Please pray for us!!

### Weekly Prayer Calendar

Prayer is asking God to align you with His will, rather than asking Him to be aligned with yours. As we move further into the process of finding the pastor the Lord is preparing for Community Church, won't you join with the Pastoral Search Committee, and pray these focused prayers each week, until a new pastor is in place. James 5:16 (AMP) The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]. Do not underestimate the importance of your prayers in this process!

Day of the week	Prayer Focus
<b>Monday</b>	<b>True need of the Congregation:</b> Pray that the true needs of the congregation will come to surface and seek the Lord for what is next for our church. <i>See Ephesians 1:22-23</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Clarity and Effective Job Posting and Description:</b> Pray for clarity as to the characteristics, goals and the key areas included. Pray we don't settle for too little or aim too high and make the position unreasonable or unattainable. <i>See 1 Timothy 3:1-2</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Hearing God's Voice:</b> Pray we hear God's voice with clarity and feel peace as we discern whom to interview. Pray that the church's needs and desires are put before our own as we read applications, listen to sermons, and talk to candidates. <i>See John 10:14</i>

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Asking the Right Questions:</b> Pray we will know the right questions to ask as we represent the church throughout the process. Pray we would represent CCBJ accurately and attractively and move efficiently through the interview process. <i>See Matthew 5:16</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Peace for Future Pastor's Family:</b> Pray the future pastor, spouse and family to feel the same peace and excitement as we feel about the candidate. Pray that the candidate will have clarity during our interactions and know whether or not they are called by God to CCBJ. <i>See Philippians 4:7</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Peace for the Congregation:</b> Pray the entire congregation will feel peace and confirmation during congregational meetings and the voting process. Pray for unity of the committee, staff and congregation. Pray no person has an agenda that would be a distraction or deterrent from God's work. Pray for a smooth transition for the pastor and family into the church and community. <i>See Colossians 3:14</i>

Adapted from Appendix A of *SEARCH: the Pastoral Search Committee Handbook* by William Vanderbloemen

**Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.**  
**Matthew 18:19**



## Lectionary Readings - February, 2022

### **February 6th - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

- Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
- Psalm: 138
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

### **February 13th - Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany**

- Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Psalm: Psalm 1
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- Gospel: Luke 6:17-26
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### **February 20th - Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

- Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
- Psalm: 37:1-11, 39-40
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
- Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

### **February 27th - Transfiguration Sunday**

- Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm: Psalm 99
- Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

**Lenten Services** begin Wednesday

March 1, 2022 at 6:30.

The Elders will provide a Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall prior to service.

All are welcomed.

Watch for more details.



## **Community Church Conversation-**

*know your Church and each other.*

Whether you are new to our church or a long-time member, learning about and keeping up with changes, and refreshing your knowledge is always a great way to stay involved. "Community Church Conversations - know your church and each other" is a series of discussions aimed to become acquainted with various Departments and Committees of our church and to share information and ideas with one another. These sessions will begin in February with the following schedule: *Feb 27<sup>th</sup> Elders, March 27<sup>th</sup> Food Fellowship & Fundraising, April 24<sup>th</sup> Missions.* They will be from 10:45-11:30am following service. Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend any or all of the sessions.

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](mailto: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