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Community Church News February 2023 Come Worship With Us

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“The only constant in life is change.”

I find it interesting that this quote dates back to Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher that lived around 500BC!! I find this is one of the oldest and most quoted quotes from history. We have known this truth for thousands of years! Astounding, isn't it? What else is amazing is that we are still afraid of change today. We want to live in the familiar and the routine we tell ourselves. However, if you think about this, it is VERY conditional.

For example, when those of us who are married approached that day, we looked forward to it with our whole heart. When we expected our first child to be born, we were joyfully waiting for the day we could open our arms to hold them! These are major life changes!

What this means is that we are only afraid of the changes we do not feel we are in control of, those changes we have not felt a part of. Guess what, you are a part of these changes. You are a part of a growing church community that seeks health and life and open doors to others to experience Christ in ways we may or may not even relate to. What matters is Christ's presence in their life.

So at some point, It wasn't always like this: we didn't mind change, we didn't mind when things evolved over time, a growing family, a promotion in our career. But at some point in our lives, we made a choice....“I like it here and here I will stay”. Sometimes, we do need a break, to recover or heal or just celebrate. This is not that time! God is inviting us to move forward into a new spring of life! He is inviting this church into an exciting place, space, and time.

So we are open now to change, to difference songs or ways of doing things, to a different pastor!! :)

Our next question is: How do we change, as an individual, and as a community then?

- 1 We decide to make a choice to trust the Holy Spirit's leading us forward.
- 2 We accept that the changes God is bringing about is for our growth and benefit.
- 3 We enter in with a heart of gratitude, joy, and expectation. We are walking with God.

Lastly, we practice! There will be mistakes. Some songs will make us feel more connected to God, some sermons will make us feel joy, others will be challenging. The point is that we all remain a part of the process.

Remember, you cannot stay in step with the Holy Spirit if you refuse to live in the present reality you are in. God says, “**Here I am**”. We will meet Him there.

Lectionary Readings for February **2023**

February 5th - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- Psalm 112:1-9
- First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
- Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

February 12th – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- Psalms 119:1-8
- First Reading: Ecclesiastus 15:15-20
- Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

February 19th – Transfiguration Sunday

- Psalm 99
- First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18
- Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21
- Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

February 22nd - Ash Wednesday

- Psalm 51:1-17
- *First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17*
- Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10
- Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26th - First Sunday in Lent

- Psalm 32
- *First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7*
- Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19
- Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, 2023, at 6:30.

The Elders will provide
Soup Supper in the Fellowship Hall
at 5:30 prior to service.

All are welcomed.

Watch for more details.



**Community
Conversations**

Join us Sunday, February 12,
for this continuing series designed to
provide updates and information
about church Departments
and Committees.

This month the **By-Laws Committee**
will share information from 10:45-
11:00 in the fellowship hall.
Come and learn more about the good
works happening in our church.

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



February 2023

- 2nd **GROUNDHOG DAY**
February 2nd
- 4th Josie Allan
- 7th Daniel Wahlgren
- 12th **Kris & Lanny Roepke**
- 13th Pete Johnson
- 14th **♥HAPPY Valentine's DAY♥**
- 22nd **Ash Wednesday**
- 24th Carol Rowe- Zaeske

Editor's 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 year's newsletter.

Please take some time to contact the Office Manager, review your contact information and include Birthdays and Anniversaries for yourself and other loved ones you would like to remember on this page,

Providing this information along with a direct mail addresses helps our Caring Ministry reach out with well wishes and Gods Love.



February 5th Sue Fehlandt & Dorinda Jensen

February 12th Carol Rowe-Zaeske & Joyce Marquardt

February 19th Don & Bonnie Pollard

February 26th Kris Roepke & Luella Doss

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.
715-385-2720 Joyce



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| February 5 th | Don Pollard |
| February 12 th | Ellie Orbison |
| February 19 th | Herald Eick |
| February 26 th | Steve Sherriff |

January Special Gifts

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| <i>February 5th</i> | <i>Pastor Nathan</i> |
| <i>February 12th</i> | <i>Steve Sheriff</i> |
| <i>February 19th</i> | <i>One Voice</i> |
| <i>February 26th</i> | <i>Nicole Kiesler</i> |

*Special Note:

Adam Zogata will be preaching on February 19th.
(Pastor on Vacation)

Communication of church and community happenings are an important part of our Sunday morning services. Much of this information is included in the bulletins, but when additional things arise, a new routine will be starting.

In an effort to insure everyone can hear the announcements, items to be shared should be communicated (preferably in writing) to the Pastor or Worship Leader prior the beginning of service.

The information will then be announced from the front of the sanctuary.

Thank you for all the Good News shared each week.

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service February 5th.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday, February 14th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Prior to the Council meeting, the Elders meet at 4:15p.m. Watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements of when other departments or committees meet.

All Department/ Committee meetings should be posted on the BIG calendar across from the office.

CONTACT LIST

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

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Sunday February 19, the By-Laws Committee will provide information during Fellowship time, 10:45- 11:00.



The Community Food Pantry is proud to serve the residents of our Northwoods. Secretary of the Panty, Dennis Aukstik, provided a report during the January church council meeting.

The food panty receives many donations from Coontail (now Lakewood), Trigs and many churches, and accepts donations of canned goods and personal hygiene items from **you**. There are a number of current volunteers, but they would be happy to add **you** to their volunteer core. Another way **you** can help, if you are aware of any person or family in need, please contact the church office or direct them to check in on Thursdays.

February

Feb 2nd, 3:30-5. Feb 9th, 10-11:30.

Feb 16th, 3:30 – 5. Feb 23rd, 10-11:30

According to Dennis, there is no financial or residential requirements for clients to benefit from the pantry. Clients may use the pantry twice per month and names are kept confidential.

Dennis thanked the church for our continued support and generosity. "It means a great deal to the local communities and residents".

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
December	\$ 33,257.34	\$ 24,994.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$109,314.34	\$ 97,915.81

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 2022 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 received your statement by the end of January 2022 and believe you should have receive one, please contact Laurie at the church office 715-385-2146 or secretary@commchbj.org 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*

PASTORS OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10am - 2pm.

Take Note: Scheduled appointments take priority so I may not be available for a spontaneous visit.

If you do not find me during these office hours, this is the reason. Spontaneous visits are welcomed but scheduled appointments are highly encouraged and you will be assured to meet with me.

Church Office Hours

Mon 9a.m. – 2p.m.

Closed Tuesday

Wed 9a.m. – 2p.m.

Thu 9a.m. – 2p.m.

Closed Friday



Church Council Reports

Church Council Report

January 10, 2023

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. Devotions were presented by the Department of Missions. Minutes for the December 13, 2022 meeting was approved as amended.

Food Pantry Report: Dennis Aukstik provided an update on the volunteers and activity at the Food Pantry.

Treasures Report was presented and approved.

Pastors Report: Pastor Nathan thanked the Department Chairs for their continued work and monthly meetings. Pastor has had one-on-one meetings with approximately 65 church members.

Department Reports: Elders are discussing the bylaws as it relates to the Elder's responsibilities. Stewardship of Finances made a motion to appoint Laurie Hoelzel as assistant treasurer. Motion approved. Property Department asked people to turn thermostats down before they leave. A review of the Church property insurance is being done. Personnel asked anyone with a copy of the Personnel Manual to turn them in to Laurie as they are being updated.

Unfinished Business: Pastor Nathan has created a schedule for Community Conversations.

New Business: CCBJ Annual Meeting will be Sunday July 23 at 11:00am. Please post all meetings on the hall calendar.

The next Council meeting is February 14, 2023 at 5:30pm. Kris Nelson will chair. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Mission Corner. Ministries we support.

What
We
Do?



When people are in crisis, we make sure that health comes first. Our **Emergency Programs** help communities prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. We support **Medicine Security** for millions of people around the world. Our **Health Services** deliver quality health care for people who have none. We create and support sustainable programs that strengthen local health centers.



Generous donors make all our achievements possible. We are able to respond to more disasters, expand our health programs and save more lives because of the individuals, foundations and corporations that trust Americares to improve the lives of people in the United States and around the world.

... Thank you for taking the time to make a lifesaving difference in someone's life today".

Quilts for Babies:

If you have a sewing machine and some spare time this winter and would like to make some mother's very happy – this opportunity is for you! Help make baby quilts for the "Preemies" in the Neo-Natal department at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Milwaukee.

Quilts can be quilted or made simpler by just using 2 pieces of cloth and fiber filling. Sizes and instructions can be found on the large table in the fellowship hall.

Contact Betty Clough or Mary Congdon with any questions.

Sharing life's celebration with Alter Flowers is easy as 1-2-3

1. Pick a reason to celebrate in honor of or memory of a special person or event.
2. Sign up on the Flower Chart on the Fellowship Hall door, and/ or contact the Office Manager with information to be included in the applicable Sunday bulletin.
3. Contact the florist to order flowers, arrange delivery or pick up, Or... bring your own arrangement to be placed at the front of the church. Flowers should be at the church by Saturday.

Loris Flower Cottage
Woodruff
1-800-248-5045
715--356-3480

Trigs Floral
Manitowish Waters
715-356-9456



Check out what's new!!

Watch the contemporary music performed by pastor prior to participating during Sunday service. These "practice runs" will be posted in the church website <http://commchbj.org> and on the Community Church YouTube channel.

Adult CE

The 11AM Sunday Adult CE class will be on hold until spring.

Wednesday Bible study continues at 10:00AM weekly.

Has the new year got you looking for ways to become more active in church?

If so, would you be interested in becoming involved with the sound system?

Worship and Music is looking for a few people who would be willing to take turns being available on Sunday mornings to help with the sound system.

Also, the humidifier needs monitoring and filling several times a week.

If you are interested in doing either, please contact any member of the worship music department.

Thank you!

February 2023

Community Church of Boulder Junction

Church Calendar

Winter Blessings

Blessed are you when you do not fear the winter.

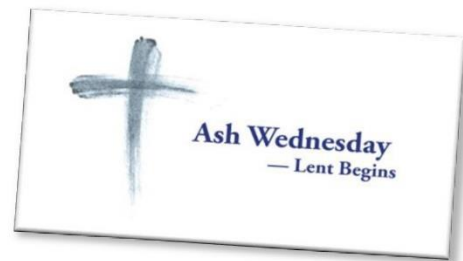
Blessed are you still if you do.

Blessed are you when you endure the growing pains of compassion.

Blessed are you when you bless the snow and do not curse it.

Blessed are you when you look at the gray of the sky and see angels

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Communications Meeting 4:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 8:30 am Healthy Living Group meeting 3:30 pm Food Pantry	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship Service with Communion	6 9:00 am Property Meeting 1:30 pm Worship and Music Meeting	7 2:30 pm Dept Chair Meeting	8 10:00 am Bible Study 4:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 4:30 pm PRC Meeting	9 8:30 am Healthy Living Group Meeting 10:00 am Food Pantry	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Community Conversation	13	14 3:30 pm Stewardship Meeting 4:15 pm – Elder Meeting 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting	15 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Communications Meeting 4:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 8:30 am Healthy Living Group Meeting 3:30 pm Food Pantry	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship	20	21	Ash Wednesday 22 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	23 8:30 am Healthy Living Group Meeting 10:00 am Food Pantry	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship	27	28				

FYI – There will be NO Gentle Weightlifting for the month of February. Watch for return details in March.

This monthly calendar, just like the one outside of the church office, is designed to communicate the events of our very busy church. We depend on you to fill in the big calendar or report your event to the office to include so that everyone can participate in the life of the church. We hope you keep this as a reference to the day to day activities at church.