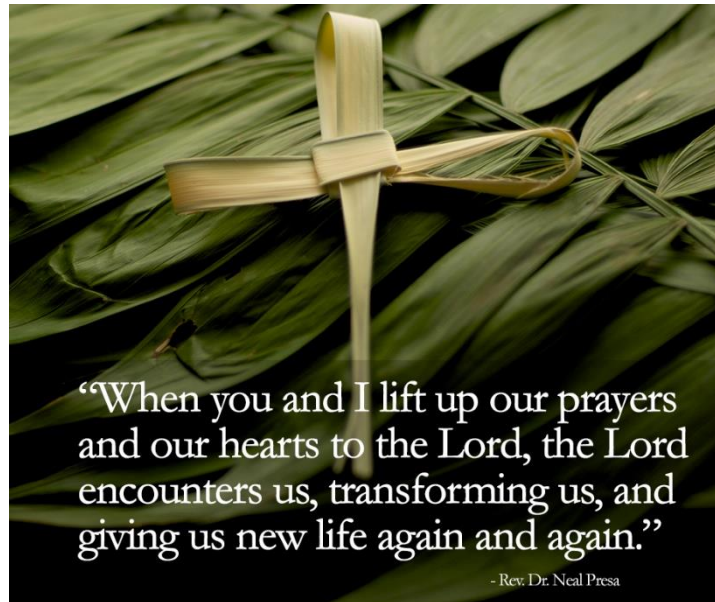


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Community Church News March 2023 Come Worship With Us

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Vision Season of Community Church Boulder Junction



As spring is upon us, it is such a beautiful time! The sun comes out, we see green again (eventually). Let's face it, it can also be an ugly time. The dirty snow is going away, the rotten trees get covered over with green and flowers. The lasting impression is thankfulness though. Summer is the time of joy, enjoying the warmth of community activity.

This journey from winter to spring to summer is what it means to travel on the path of Vision. There is excitement over ideas, new things to try, something to create together! However it happens over time, through the stages that follow. Vision is something truly unique. It is creating a mental image of the future an organization desires to reach. It means we are deciding as a community to travel together. Going on a journey as a group has its ups and downs, enjoying new sights and experiences but feeling the discomforts along the way too.

We will have a small Vision team going through the history of the church, looking at ideas and hopes shared in the past, now looking at what Boulder Junction is like in 2023, then looking at how we are committed to creating a future for this church, shoulder to shoulder with our great BJ community.

I do not have all the answers at this point of course. But I can share this vision will have two main aspects. The first is the outward direction, how we are being a light and how we are serving here in BJ. The second is the inward direction. This of course is about how we are growing, maturing, and being transformed as a community and as individuals. We must commit to both areas.

CE stands for Christian Education. This is one of our departments. The purpose is to help all ages from children to adults grow in Christ. Just like we had a prayer and worship time in January to wait upon God, I have now asked all involved with CE, including the chair and the members, to let this ministry lie still (*like a Sabbath*) before God so we might approach this with grace and expectation. We also wish to approach its future as integral to the vision with clear direction and strategy. Like any farm, we prepare the ground in anticipation of the new crop to be planted. We wish to allow the ground to settle and rest before the planting of the Lord.

I invite you all who call Community Church their church to be in prayer regarding the vision, the inward and outward focuses we will commit ourselves to as we partner with God to build his Kingdom around us and within us.

Pastor Nathan

Lectionary Readings for March 2023

March 5th - Second Sunday in Lent

- Psalm 121
- First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a
- Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
- Gospel: John 3:1-17
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March 12th - Third Sunday in Lent

- Psalm 95
- First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7
- Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11
- Gospel: John 4:5-42

March 19th - Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Psalm 23
- First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
- Gospel: John 9:1-41

March 26th - Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Psalm 130
- First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11
- Gospel: John 11:1-45



A 40-day Lenten Journey
of guided meditation and prayer from the
book "Rediscovering Jesus"
by Matthew Kelley is being shared
by Pastor Nathan for this
season of Lent.

An email (or postal letter) was sent out
last month. You can also find it on the
church website and

A paper copy is available from Laurie
in the church office.

We pray time spent in this thought filled
endeavor, prepares your hearts
and minds for the
celebration of Easter.



Are you curious about what some of
the contemporary songs sound like?
Check out the music preformed
by Pastor Nathan online at the church
website and our church YouTube page.

The Worship and Music Department and Pastor Nathan
is pleased to introduce the **Community Church Songbook**
created to enhance and bless our worship services.
This collection of Traditional and Contemporary songs has been
produced in response to the Worship survey in which the
participants requested to have a mix of music during worship.
Although the design of this "book" is focused on the lyrics, copies
of the music will be offered, when available, for those who choose.



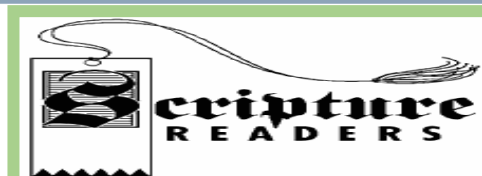
March 2023 Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 nd	Brian Derber
3 rd	Pastor Nathan Keisler
4 th	Lee Ann Ondracek Sue Patterson
5 th	Sharon Perry Robert Poisson
6 th	Becky Prigge
7 th	Tim Sanderson
9 th	Nancy Naylor
10 th	Steve Hoelzel
12 th	Mary Congdon
	<i>Daylight Savings Time</i>
13 th	Deb & Steve Halverson
15 th	Rebekah Lowe
16 th	Dave Sullivan Caleb Keisler
17 th	<i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
18 th	Mike J. Duwe
20 th	<i>SPRING</i>
22 nd	Richard Calder
26 th	Charles Knox
29 th	Chris Wolter Jay Kassien
30 th	Matt & Leah Lowe Rachel Koester



March 5 th	Joyce Marquardt & Dorinda Jensen
March 12 th	Deb Halverson & Mary Congdon
March 19 th	Linda Sterba & Anita Duncan
March 26 th	Betty Clough & Diana Dunker

If anyone would like to join the team for ushering and greeting our congregation on Sundays, let me know. Thank you to all who help in any area. Joyce Marquardt (715/385-2720)



March 5 th	Mary Anderson
March 12 th	Wendi Neupert
March 19 th	Linda Sterba
March 26 th	Joyce Marquardt

Help Needed – Reader Coordinator.

We are in need of someone to coordinate the scripture readers for Sunday services. This is minimal work which reaps great joy! Please contact Jamie Zogata at 715-892-1045 if interested.

March Special Gifts

March 5 th	<i>Pastor Nathan</i>
March 12 th	<i>Adara and Sadie Keisler</i>
March 19 th	<i>Steve Sherriff</i>
March 26 th	<i>Pastor Nathan</i>

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

Opportunities to assist our worship services are currently available. Volunteers are needed for the sound system. i.e. turning system on and off, monitoring volumes and simply working to enhance the worship environment. To learn more or join the Sunday morning team, contact Jamie Zogata.

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service March 5, 2023.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets Tuesday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Prior to the Council meeting, Elders Department meets at 4:15 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

Laurie 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.

Community Conversation continues

Sunday March 19
With the Stewardship of Finance

FOOD PANTRY

March is Safety First month.

And Community Church is requested to donate the following items to the Pantry:

Disinfectant wipes, first aid items, alcohol wipes, itch relief, smoke alarms & batteries.

Please place items in the back Coat room and thank you for your continued support of our community.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expense
January	\$ 17,454.11	\$ 15,644.72
Fiscal Year to Date	\$126,768.45	\$113,560.25

Just a reminder of the options for you to give to Community Church through online giving or text-to-give options. <https://ccbj.breezechms.com/give/online> Although many continue to use checks or cash, an increasing number are choosing digital options. Adding this safe means to give online ensures we are providing the most convenient methods possible to offer a gift of support to our church especially for our Snowbirds, those who worship through streaming options and visitors and guests. Through our online giving platform you have the ability to give one-time or set up automatic recurring gifts from a credit/debit card or through a bank ACH transaction. Our church does pay a small transaction fee to process online payments, but we feel the fee is well worth the convenience. If you choose to, you are able to cover that fee for the church at the same time you give. We believe these tools, in addition to traditional options, will allow us to continue to serve you well. We want you to know we greatly appreciate you and your heart of generosity as you continue to support Community Church and our mission of serving and growing the kingdom of God. In Faithful Service, *The Stewardship Department.*

Check out our church website!

The Communication Committee has been working with Pastor Nathan, the Department and committee chairs and other volunteers to update and refresh our church website.

Valuable, updated information about all aspects of our church is available 24/7. Watch a worship service when it is convenient for you, find out about weekly services and special events, download newsletters, learn about our history and more.

Go to <http://commchbj.org>.

SUMMER CAMP

It is time to start thinking about camp! Camp is and has been a formative experience for many early in their Christian walk. We have seen our children be spiritually fed at Covenant Point, Living Waters, and Camp Manitowish. Camperships are available for 1/3 of the cost, up to \$200! It is important to register with the camp of your choice early because, in some cases, early-bird discounts may apply. After you have applied to camp, send a copy of the registration form to the church office.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORTS

February 14, 2023

The Council meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m.

Devotions were presented by Pastor Nathan on behalf of the Department of Christian Education. Minutes for the January 10, 2023 meeting were approved. Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Nathan thanked everyone for supporting the changes in worship services. Pastor is planning a new member event in April. Seven to ten individuals have expressed interest in becoming members. Plans are underway to create a discipleship program. The Christian Education department team is temporarily at rest until the church vision is formed.

Department Reports: Elders are discussing website updates, proposed by-law amendments around membership, and plans for the February 22nd soup supper. Stewardship of Finance continues working on Breeze, membership information management, and ensuring accurate giving records. Property made a motion to change the church's insurer to Brotherhood Mutual. Motion approved.

The next Council meeting is March 14, 2023 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.

From the PRC (Pastoral Relation Committee)

Join us as we celebrate with Nathan and his family as they reach 6 months with the Community Church.

We are so grateful for you as the congregation, for walking with us on this new and important journey. We are building community person by person and exploring the potential of who we are and what this congregation can become.

We all are important members of this church. The role of the Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) is to provide a regular channel of communication between the pastor and congregation. The PRC functions to augment and enhance a variety of informal and formal means of support and communication.

Thank you, Nathan and family!

Thank you, members
of the Community Church!



Community Conversations

Join us Sunday, March 19,
for this continuing series designed to
provide updates and information
about church Departments
and Committees.

This month the
Stewardship of Finance Department
will share information from 10:45-
11:00 in the fellowship hall.
Come and learn more about the
good works happening in our
church.

Mission Moment: Places We Support



Covenant Point exists to present campers with the claims of Jesus Christ and encourage them in their next step of faith.

Personal faith in Christ is the heart of our mission, and we highly value the role of community in taking both that first step, and the many steps of faith that follow a life of Christian discipleship. Covenant Point's campers and guests come from diverse backgrounds, yet for each, we seek to provide opportunities to grow in WHOLENESS – spiritually, emotionally, physically, and relationally.



Since 1970, Living Waters Bible Camp has been providing quality camp programs to guests of all ages. Campers are continuously supervised by mature, responsible adults. All of our staff and volunteers are subject to 7 levels of screening before they are entrusted as a member of the Living Waters team. Located in Westby, a small rural farming community in Southwest Wisconsin, Living Waters is a perfect place to leave behind the rush and noise of life so you can "be still, and know that the Lord is God."

In addition to Community Church providing scholarships for our children to attend summer camp, the Missions Department chooses to support a number of camps, helping to bring the word of God through the beauty of nature and fellowship with others.



Our Mission

To enrich the character and leadership development of each person who has a [Manito-wish experience](#), by challenging them to grow in wisdom, in stature, in favor with God, and in favor with one another.

Our Vision

The Manito-wish experience develops confident, responsible and enlightened leaders who will improve the world in which they live.

Our Commitment

Camp Manito-wish YMCA strives to create an inclusive environment by upholding human dignity, valuing diversity, and acknowledging unique experiences.

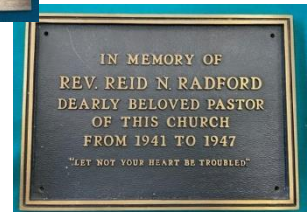
Looking for their next home.

Plaques and name plates.

Several plaques and name plates have been located in storage. These plaques are no longer displayed as the item of honor is no longer in the church. We are hoping someone, maybe YOU or someone you know, feel a special connection to these and would like to adopt them.

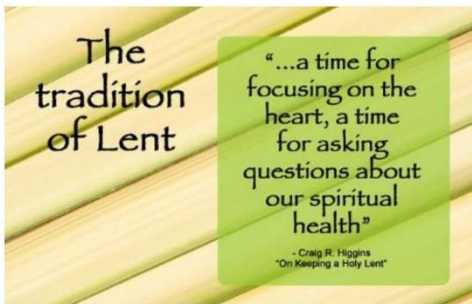
A photographic image and digital copy will be maintained with other historical records.

Contact the church office to adopt.



March 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				8:30 am – Healthy Living Group Meeting 3:30 pm – Food Pantry		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:30 am Worship w/Communion	9:00 am – Personnel and Property Meetings 1:30 pm – Worship and Music Meeting	1:00 pm – Bylaws Meeting 2:30 pm – Chairpersons Meeting	10:00 am - Bible Study 11:00 am – Communications Meetings 4:30 pm – PRC Meeting	8:30 am – Healthy Living Group Meeting 10:00 am – Food Pantry		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:30 am Worship		3:30 pm – Stewardship Meeting 4:15 pm – Elder Meeting 5:30 pm – Council Meeting	10:00 am – Bible Study	8:30 am – Healthy Living Group Meeting 3:30 pm – Food Pantry		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 am Worship 10:45 am – Community Conversation w/Stewardship	First Day of Spring		10:00 am – Bible Study	8:30 am – Healthy Living Group Meeting 10:00 am – Food Pantry		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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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