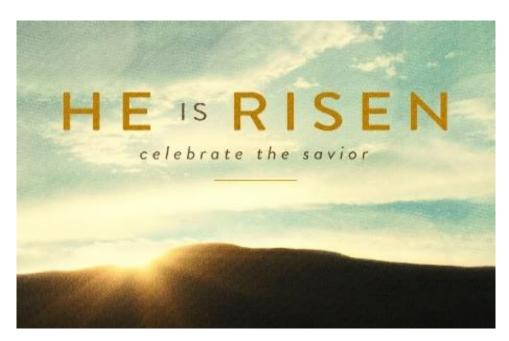
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# Community Church News March 2024 Come Worship With Us

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## Dear CCBJ:



When I first moved here, I knew it was a small town. I knew it was a tight knit community.

These were big reasons to bring my kids here. I also know, based on my prayers, and those that originally were part of inviting me to be your pastor, that we wanted more for this church. We want to see more happen for Boulder Junction and the surrounding areas. I sincerely believe we are positioned for such a time.

The world, the news, our neighbors pull us into the crisis of now, of big things and many that could be calamitous. But in prayer and with open eyes, we can see things differently.

Isaiah 43:18- 19 says, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

This is as true today as it was long ago. I have only been here a short time and a few things here and there have had some change. I know God is asking and desiring to do much more. You will see things you have never seen before. You will see things you never imagined before happening in BJ.

Why? Because it also says in Lamentations 3:22-23, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

We all want to see something unstoppable again. No, I don't mean the weather or politics or taxes! I mean the Living God. We will make space, make new activities, make new programs. We will do everything within our power to give God our hearts, minds, and action so God will move powerfully in our church but especially our community for those who only see darkness all around can see a great light as we allow God to shine through us.

With excitement Pastor Nathan



# Lectionary Readings for March 2024

#### March 3rd

Psalm 86:8-13

• Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

• Gospel: Mark 12:1-12

#### March 10th

Psalm 89:1-4

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: Mark 12:28-44

#### March 17th

Psalm 102:12-17

Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

### March 24<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:25-29

• Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Mark 11:1-11, 14:3-9

## March 28th Maundy Thursday

Psalm 116:12-19

Reading: Isaiah 53:1-12

Gospel: Mark 14:22-42

### March 31st - Easter

Psalm 118:21-27

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

• Reading: Acts 10:34-43

• Gospel: Mark 16:1-20

Easter Morning Breakfast, 8am, March 31st
Sign-up is now available in Fellowship hall.
We will be celebrating our Risen Lord with
an 8:00 am breakfast followed by 9:30
am service. Please consider donating baked
goods, fruit, egg bake or your
favorite food item. Also looking for a few
hands to help set-up/take down. If you have
questions, contact the church office.

# Worship services in March include:

Palm Sunday service will be on March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am

Maundy Thursday service March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

On Good Friday instead of a formal service the church will be available for personal Prayer and Devotion from 12:00 to 3:00pm.

<u>Easter Sunrise</u> Time of Prayer 7:00am at the Boulder Lake Boat Landing.

Easter Breakfast Potluck 8:00am, Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday Service, with Communion, will be Celebrated at 9:30am on March 31st.

### Relationship Renaissance Seminar – April 7, 2:00-4:00pm

You are invited to embark on a transformative journey entitled "Relationship Renaissance Seminar". This 2 hour program unveils the secrets to lasting love and how to discover the keys to revitalizing and sustaining your relationship amidst life's challenges. Delve into the intricate dynamics of love languages, effective communication practices, and the power of emotional intelligence.

Join Pastor Nathan, and his wife Nicole Keisler, as they help you explore the art of dreaming together, igniting shared visions that strengthen the bonds of love.

This 2 hour program is **free** and will be held on <u>Sunday, April 7, 2:00-4:00</u> pm at the <u>Boulder Junction Community Center.</u> Don't miss this opportunity to embark on a new chapter of enduring love and connection. This program is sponsored by the Community Church of Boulder Junction. Reserve your spot now by calling 715-385-2146.



# March 2024 Birthdays & Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Derber

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Pastor Nathan Keisler

**4**<sup>th</sup> Lee Ann Ondracek

Sue Patterson

5<sup>th</sup> Sharon Perry

Robert Poisson

6<sup>th</sup> Becky Prigge

**7**<sup>th</sup> Tim Sanderson

9<sup>th</sup> Nancy Naylor

10<sup>th</sup> Steve Hoelzel

Daylight Savings Time

12<sup>th</sup> Mary Congdon Travis Mains

13th Deb & Steve Halverson

16<sup>th</sup> Dave Sullivan

Caleb Keisler

17th St. Patrick's

18th Mike J. Duwe

20th

24th Palm Sunday

**26<sup>th</sup>** Charles Knox

29<sup>th</sup> Chris Wolter

Jay Kassien

31st Easter Sunday



March 3<sup>rd</sup> Charlie & Katie Allen

March 10<sup>th</sup> Lee Ann Ondracek & Deb Halverson

March 17<sup>th</sup> Betty Clough & Diana Dunker

March 24<sup>th</sup> Steve & Laurie Hoelzel

March 31<sup>st</sup> Mary Anderson & Joyce Marquardt

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 Marguardt (715/385-2720)



March 3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce Marquardt

March 10<sup>th</sup> Linda Sterba

March 17<sup>th</sup> Luella Doss

March 24<sup>th</sup> Laurie Hoelzel

March 31<sup>st</sup> Ellie Orbison

Welcome our New -Reader Coordinator.

**Luella Doss** is the new contact person for this task. Please contact her at

262-370-2048 if interested in participating.

## March Special Gifts

March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue Altschwager

March 10<sup>th</sup> Pastor Nathan

March 17<sup>th</sup> Mary Congdon &

Kathy Tuttle

March 24<sup>th</sup> Lorine Walters

March 31st Nicole Keisler

A full list of the 2023-24 Department Committee members is located on the bulletin board by the church office.

In addition, 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 Church Office . . .

#### **COMMUNION**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service March 3, 2024.

#### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Church Council meets Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Watch the Sunday bulletin or check the BIG wall calendar for announcements of when 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 <u>Tuesday</u> afternoon.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:secretary@commchbj.orgt">secretary@commchbj.orgt</a> or drop a note in the office mail slot and we will provide you with the most current list.

#### **COMMUNITY CONVERSATION**

A presentation about the Prayer Request Group will be shared during Fellowship Hour on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunrise Service, 7:00am Boulder Lake boat landing. Easter Breakfast Potluck, 8:00am. All Welcome. Sign up in Fellowship Hall Easter Worship with Communion, 9:30am.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The monthly Treasurer's report is available in the Church Council meeting minutes and as requested from the Stewardship of Finance Committee or the church office.



Spring Blooms brighten lives and offer the Promise of hope. You can share yours in the sanctuary during this Easter season.

Drop them off in the fellowship hall on Saturdays or by 9:00 am on Sundays.

Please save and share your Easter lilies for Easter Sunday. Pick up your blooms after service. Contact Luella Doss with questions at 262-370-2048.

#### 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 one-third 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.

The Property Department has been busy during this mild winter. Lights in the parking lot have been improved, the kitchen has received a refresh with a new, safe stove and hot water is restored through a new heater. Even though these were all necessary repairs, they are providing a welcoming framework for all the good works God has planned for us.

Future projects include painting the exterior, yard work and a new sign. You may be asked to roll up your sleeves.

How exciting is that!



# **Prayer Requests**

Lenten season is a time of prayer. We want to increase awareness of how our church prays continually throughout the entire year with our Prayer Request group.

<u>Anyone is welcome to be a part of the group.</u>

We are all accustomed to hearing people voice prayer requests during worship on Sunday mornings. But sometimes we find ourselves in situations throughout the week where we are challenged, spent, and need to be uplifted – that is why having a group of people who will pray for you right away is vital. You can submit prayer requests by email or phone to Shelby Tallroth at 715-605 2665 or <a href="mailto:shelby.tallroth@gmail.com">shelby.tallroth@gmail.com</a>. Shelby and Gracee (Chirp) then contact the prayer group with the prayer needs, either by email or a phone call.

James 5:16b tells us, "Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

One way we can 'pray for each other' is to be part of our prayer group. If you are not yet receiving a phone call or email with prayer requests, contact Shelby and she will add you to the group. When you receive an email or a phone call, take time as soon as you can to offer your prayer for that person or situation. Rely on the spirit's leading of how long to keep this need on your personal prayer list.

Sometimes we know the results of our prayers, but many times we do not. We know, though, that God listens to our prayers and answers them according to His will.

The Power of Prayer Works!



Join us in March for the next episodes in this continuing series designed to provide updates and information about church Departments and Committees.

Sunday March 17, we will learn more about the updates regarding the Prayer Request Group at 10:45-11:00 in the fellowship hall.

Come and learn more about the good works happening in our church.

# Mission Moment: Help in Our World



This is one of the larger charities supported by our church. From our Operation Christmas Child, to global medical, disaster, and crisis relief, and specific events like the earthquake in Turkey.

Though them, we are able to reach out to help across our World.

Their website gives more information.

samaritanpurse.org

## ABOUT SAMARITAN'S PURSE

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.



### Antakya, Turkey 2023

This infant is one of over 8,000 patients who were treated in the Emergency Field Hospital after the catastrophic earthquake.

### GOD AT WORK

New and Exciting Opportunities coming to our church and the community in the months ahead.

How exciting is that!



Community Fellowship

# Special Events



Prayer Journey

# March 2024

## **Community Church of Boulder Junction**

March is the month of Easter and we have many services for you to participate in:

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 28 - Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm Service

March 29 - Good Friday Prayer and Devotion 12:00-3:00 pm

March 31 - Easter Sunday! Hallelujah! He Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

7:00 am Sunrise Prayer Service at Boulder Lake Boat Landing

8:00 am Easter Potluck Breakfast

9:30 am Easter Service



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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 <a href="mailto:ccbjnewsletter@gmail.com">ccbjnewsletter@gmail.com</a> 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