



Community Church of Boulder Junction

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Encourage
one another
and
build
each other
up.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Community Church News October 2026 Come Worship With Us

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Dear Church Family



As the busy summer season gives way to the quieter rhythms of autumn, I think many of us are ready for a little slowing down. It has been a wonderful season of activity, fellowship, and growth, but there is something refreshing about finding space to breathe, reflect, and deepen our relationships with God and one another.

Throughout September, we did something a little different on Sunday mornings. Rather than simply teaching about Life Groups, we modeled what they can look like. We practiced encouraging one another, examining Scripture together, and sharing stories of what it means to love our neighbors and be loved by them. These weren't just illustrations for a sermon. They were real moments of ministry, showing us that we all have something to offer one another.

On the first Sunday of October, we will conclude this journey by sharing Communion together, recognizing that the Lord's Table is not confined to Sunday morning worship. It belongs in our homes, around our tables, and wherever believers gather in His name. In many ways, a Life Group is like a small church. It is a place where we learn to live out the words of Hebrews 10:24-25

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another.”

A life group studies scripture together, a life group grows together, and a life group can share the life of Christ together (also called communion).

My hope is that these past weeks have helped us see that being the Church is not something we attend. It is something we live, together.

For the remaining three Sundays of October, we will turn our attention to the little book of Habakkuk. Across its three chapters, we encounter a prophet wrestling with God over the injustice and uncertainty surrounding him. His journey takes him from questioning God, to waiting and listening, and finally to a remarkable declaration of trust. Even when circumstances don't make sense, Habakkuk reminds us that God remains faithful.

As the pace of life slows, may we find ourselves growing deeper in faith, stronger in community, and more attentive to the One who walks with us through every season.

Blessings,

Pastor Nathan



This month we kick off our new small group gatherings called "**Life Groups**". These groups provide an opportunity to learn more about each other, deepen our understanding of the bible, and learn how to practice following Jesus. There is a variety of programs, dates, times, and locations to accommodate everyone! This is a great opportunity. Check out the 7 different groups noted below and find the one that best meets your interest and schedule.

You can sign- up in the fellowship hall, call the church office at 715-385-2146 or email your choice to secretary@commchbj.org We look forward to this exciting endeavor.

Facilitator: Travis and Debbie Mains, **Starting October 3, at 4:00 pm**
Held Saturdays at the Gathering Place, For Couples and Singles
Studying the book of Romans in the Bible.

Facilitator: Nathan Keisler, **Starting October 5 at 6:00 pm**
Held Mondays in the Church Library , For ALL

A "Celebrate Recovery" group. A biblical way to address and help you overcome your hurts, habits, and hang-ups. By working through the lessons and exercises, you can begin to experience true peace you have been seeking and restore your relationships with others and God.

Facilitator: Sue Altschwager, **Starting October 7 at 3:00 pm**
Held Wednesdays at the Gathering Place, For Women

Studying "*Savor the Moments*", a focus on patience; learning to slow down, trust God's timing, and recognize God's presence in the ordinary moments of life. This is part of a series called Simply Relevant, an engaging women's Bible study series that combines friendship, conversation, interactive experiences, and Scripture. Each study helps women discover how God's Word speaks into real-life experiences while encouraging deeper relationships with Jesus and with one another.

Facilitator: Travis Mains, **Starting October 10 at 7:00 am**
Every other Saturday at the Outpost in Presque Isle, For Working Men
Studying the book of Acts in the Bible.

Facilitator: Jen Joling, **Starting October 11 at 6:00 pm**
Held Sundays at the Gathering Place, For Women

Studying "Giving God Your Worst". This is a study for women that are seeking a deeper walk with the Lord and a greater understanding of Him and of ourselves. It is a powerful journey in breaking free from shame and lies that were laid down in our lives. Freedom awaits us!

Facilitator: Lorine Walters, **Starting October 14 at 2:00 pm**
Held Wednesdays at the Library in Presque Isle, For Women

Studying "The Holy Spirit You May Not Know". This is about the person, presence, and power of the Holy Spirit. A deep dive into discovering a closer relationship with the Spirit of God.

Facilitator: Jason Joling, **Starting October 14 at 10:00 am**
Held Wednesdays at the Gathering Place, For Men

Studying "The Awe of God: The Astounding Way a Heathy Fear of God Transforms Your Life".

The Community Church - Faith Formation Department will be hosting an After School Program, Wednesdays October 7- December 16. Regina Grant, Children's Ministry Leader, will be directing this program which is open to traditional and home-school children ages Kindergarten through 8th grade. This after school program is at no cost to the families but registration is required.

Share this information with family, friends, and neighbors.

For more information and to register contact the Church office 715-385-2146.



Faith 360 After School Children's Program

Wednesdays, 3:45-6:00 pm
October 7 thru December 16, 2026
Kindergarten thru 8th Grade



Children will enjoy crafts, snacks, song, prayer, and other fun activities. This program is lead by our Children's Ministry Leader, Regina Grant, along with volunteers. North Lakeland Elementary students riding bus NL30 are eligible to be dropped off at the Community church at 3:45 pm. Other children are also welcome but will need to coordinate their own transportation to/from church. To register and advantage this great opportunity, call the phone number below.

This after school program is FREE!
Registration is required by contacting the church at 715-385-2146.



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Volunteers are being sought to provide snacks each week. If you are able to help. Please contact the church office or talk with Regina. Thank you.

Lectionary Readings for October 2026

October 4th “The Bread and the Cup”

Call to Worship – Matthew 26:26-27

- John 6:32-35
- Luke 22:14-20

October 11th “When God Doesn’t Make Sense”

- Psalm 13:1-6
- Habakkuk 1:1-17

October 18th “The Watchtower”

- Psalm 62:1-8
- Habakkuk 2:1-20

October 25th “Trusting God When Nothing Changes”

- Psalm 46:1-11
- Habakkuk 3:1-19

Faith Formation Opportunities.

Lectionary Study – Wednesdays 10AM.

In the church conference room.

Led by Pastor Nathan



A time of **Crafts & Coffee** at church.
Each 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 pm.
Contact Katie Allen with questions



**Take time this month to let
Pastor Nathan know how
much you care; acknowledge
the blessings he shares and
raise him up in prayer.**

Save the DATE!

Wednesday November 18 at 5:30 we will be gathering
at the Boulder Junction Community Center for our
“**Annual**” Community Thanksgiving
Potluck Dinner.

Evening of Food, Fellowship and Giving Thanks.

There is much planning and preparing to do.
Volunteers needed. Invite your friends and
neighbors to lend a hand.

Watch for sign-up sheet or
contact Laurie at the church office.

Find your place of service in this event.



Pastor Nathan will be at a Retreat
October 26 – 29.

During this time, please contact one of the
Elders or the church office for urgent
needs or issues.

October 2025 Celebrations



2nd **John & Sue Altschwager**
 4th Sue Kern
 9th **Lynn & Tom Keating**
 10th Nicole Keisler
 11th **Dennis & Karla Westphal**



17th Lynn Keating
 21st Melissa Scheel
 22nd Joyce Marquardt
 23rd Debra Halverson
 Bonnie Pollard
 24th Kristina Kassien
 Ray Ondracek
 25th Sue Altschwager
 27th Allen Hoelzel

Ushers & Greeters



October 4th Rick & Sue Wojak
 October 11th Dustin & Stacia Stitgen
 October 18th Betty Clough & Diana Dunker
 October 25th Doug & Sue Morrison



October 4th Sue Altschwager
 October 11th Bonnie Pollard
 October 18th Steven Sherriff
 October 25th Dennis Duke

October Special Gifts

October 4th Nichole Keisler
 October 11th CCBJ Praise Him
 October 18th CCBJ Praise Him
 October 25th CCBJ Praise Him

Congratulations and Thank You to the Council Leaders and Chairpersons of the Departments and Committees.

Council Chair *Ellie Orbison*
 Vice Chair *Susie Govier*
 Secretary *Debra Mains*
 Treasurer *Bill Spear*

Departments

Elders	<i>Dick Govier</i>	Stewardship of Finance	<i>Sue Fehlandt</i>
Worship & Music	<i>Steven Sherriff</i>	Church Property	<i>Dennis Duke</i>
Faith Formation	<i>Jennifer Joling</i>	Personnel	<i>Bonnie Spear</i>
Missions	<i>Lynn Keating</i>		

Committees

Communications	<i>Laurie Hoelzel</i>	Bylaws	<i>Anne Derber</i>
Fellowship	<i>Betty Clough</i>	Pastoral Relations	<i>Kris Kassien</i>
Nomination	<i>Stacia Stitgen</i>		

A full list of Department and Committee Members on the bulletin board by the Church office.
 Contact them if you have questions and keep these leaders in your prayers.

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service on October 4, 2026.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets October 13th, at **4:30pm** in the Conference room. 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 **Tuesday** afternoon.

CONTACT LIST

The church contact list is updated as changes are reported to the office. We rely on you to provide updates when changes occur or when you notice missing or inaccurate info such as birthdays, emails, etc. If you would like an up-to-date copy, call the church office, send an email to secretary@commchbi.org or drop a note in the office mail slot and we will provide you with the most current list.

October 11 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday

Please join us during fellowship, to show our appreciation for Pastor Nathan and his family. God is good!



Praise and Prayer

Monday October 12 at 5:00PM

You are invited to join this event where we will focus on praying for our church, its mission and vision, the community, and about the changes and growth we are desiring.

Note: there is no sermon.

Our focus is on prayer and praise to God, opening our hearts and minds to listen to Him.

Fall Yard Clean-Up - Friday October 9th Noon – 3PM

Saturday October 10th 9AM to noon

Volunteers are needed. Individual tasks available throughout October.

Get your work gear ready and

sign up today to lend a helping hand!



COUNCIL MINUTES

The monthly Council minutes are posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

If you have questions, contact a Council member.

Copies available, as requested, from the office.

TREASURERS REPORT

Here is the August Financial Report:

	August	FYTD	Annual
Operating Income	\$20,257	\$53,686	\$254,500.00
Operating Expenses	\$16,808	\$33,678	\$254,500.00
Net Income/Deficit	\$ 3,449	\$20,008	\$0.00

If you have questions about any aspect of the church's finances, please feel free to call council treasurer Bill Spear (715.573.8250) or finance manager Bruce Greenhill (715.904.5868)

*Enjoy accessorizing,
floral arranging,
checking final details?*

Worship and Music Department is seeking Beautification volunteers. If you would like to try your hand at setting up the altar, the fellowship central table, banner selection, entry hanging baskets and sanctuary entry area décor, this might be the volunteer opportunity for you. If doing your own thing is your thing, or if you would like to work as part of a team, contact Susie Govier at sue.bydesign@gmail.com. We have a huge selection of décor available or can assist in finding the items you need to create the visual worship experience you have in mind.

Exciting Opportunity

for that Techy Person looking for their place in church ministry. Streaming and recording our worship services is a vital part of our church outreach and mission. Our upgraded equipment will make it even more impactful. Currently we are a two person team. We are looking for a few others interested in sharing their time and talents during Sunday services. Training provided. Contact the church office or Wendi Neupert 715-574-3850 for more information and to join our team.

You Can Make A Difference



Christmas around the world.

SAVE THE DATE!

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Thursday November 12th 9am-1pm

A light lunch provided.

We are hoping to still source some small sewing kits, washcloths, boxed crayons, hair accessories and men's & women's deodorant.

Those items can be given directly to Stacia, Lynn or Diana at any time and greatly appreciated.

A Kickoff event will be coming soon with information about "Shoe Boxes" and online shopping.

Italian Dinner Community Fund Raiser!

Only 50 tickets sold! Get yours before they are sold out!

Thursday, October 1, 5:00-7:00 pm

Held at: Community Church of Boulder Junction

ENJOY Home Made:

- Baked Mostaccioli
- Garlic Bread
- Toss

**Good News - Bad News
Tickets are SOLD OUT**



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Proceeds help fund mission work
in our community and around the
world as well as local
scholarships.

Scholarships for Full-Time Post-Secondary Students Available

Applications and requirements can be found on the Missions bulletin board, from the church office or at the church website <https://www.commchbj.org/> and must be received or post marked by December 31, 2026

Personnel Spotlight:

We are thrilled to announce and welcome Regina Grant into her new role as our Children's Ministry Leader. Regina joins us with a background and passion for children's education. Regina currently supports the Northwoods Habitat for Humanity organization as an Assistant Volunteer Coordinator. Her greatest joy in life is being a mother to her three children: Jaxon, Marlena, and Nataly. In her spare time, she enjoys attending Bible Study at St. Annes Catholic Church, community gatherings and live music events, thrifting, outdoor activities with her family, and spending time with their family pets- Bernard the dog & Jenkins the cat. Both Regina and her husband Justin are active within Boulder Junction, committed to growing the community they serve. Regina is devout in deepening her faith and serving her community. Something she's come to live by is: "If I'm not bold in my faith, how will my children learn to be bold in theirs?". Please help us welcome Regina and the entire Grant family as she takes on an incredible venture to build, grow, and establish our Children's Ministry program.



Pictured left to right: Nataly, Justin, Jaxon, Regina, Marlena

GOD AT WORK!!

In our church and our Community
How exciting is this!

The Fellowship Committee is Decking out The Gathering Place Kitchen

A microwave and a 12 cup coffee pot is already being provided. There are paper towels, dish soap, dish cloths and towels in the kitchen area along with cleaning supplies. Fellowship will be obtaining serving utensils and other items needed.

If anyone has extra serving items and would like to donate them, we would be happy to accept them. . We have been told there are many events already planned in the near future, so Fellowship is working to be sure essential items are available for use.
Thank You, Betty Clough – Chairperson

Boulder Junction In-Town Trunk Or Treat

Saturday October 24 @ 3:00pm-5:00pm
Boulder Junction Community Center

This year's event includes hayrides, kids games and more. The Community Church will be handing out sweets and treats and helping with a carnival game. Two additional parking spots are available if you'd like to join. If you would like to volunteer, donate sweets or join in the event, see sign-up sheet, or call Wendi at [715-574-3850](tel:715-574-3850)



OCTOBER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Northwoods Fall Art Tour - Friday, October 9 - Sunday, October 11, 2026 -10:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily
Various artist-owned galleries and studios across Vilas and surrounding counties. A self-guided tour of 36 unique creative spaces. Admission is free. Learn more at [Travel Wisconsin](https://www.travelwisconsin.com).

OurStory: Supernatural Lake Superior October 15th 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. with Chad Lewis Researcher, Author, and Lecturer - [Boulder Junction Community Center](#) For more information contact the BJ Public Library at 715-385-2050 Sponsored in partnership with the Boulder Junction Area Historical Society.

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet - Thursdays - Rotating pick up times morning and afternoons. For more details call 715-385-2146 commchbj.org/outreach/food-pantry/

The Courage to Change Group AA - Saturdays in October -5:00 PM - October 10th Quarterly Speaker Meeting - Dinner 5PM Speaker 6PM. Potluck style with Italian Beef provided. Boulder Junction Community Center, Back entrance. Questions: Call 715-904-0869 <https://northwoodsaa.org/meetings/courage-to-change/>

ADRC Senior Meals -MANNER CAFÉ SENIOR DINNING at the North Lakeland Elementary School. Meals are served on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:15. Delivery available. Contact PAT DUNN at (920)629-7351 to reserve your meal or contact the ADRC at 715-479-3625 to see if you qualify for delivery.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The details for the Life Groups noted in red on the calendar are referenced in the Newsletter. Please check which date/time and topic works best for you to attend. Just show up or contact the church office at 715-385-2146 for more information. Don't miss this great opportunity!						
4 9:30 am Worship w/Communion	5 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 9:00 am Properties 10:00 am Turkey Team Meeting 6:00 pm Life Group	6 5:00-7:00 pm Crafts & Coffee	7 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Bible Study 11:15 am Music Practice 12:00 pm Communications 3:00 pm Life Group	8 3:30-5:00 pm Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 5:00 pm Italian Dinner	9 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 12:00-3:00 pm - Fall Church Clean-up	10 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon Fall Church Clean-up 7:00 am Life Group 4:00 pm Life Group
11 9:30 am Worship Pastor Appreciation Sunday 6:00 pm Life Group	12 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 5:00 pm Prayer & Praise 6:00 pm Life Group	13 4:30 pm Council	14 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Life Group 11:15 am Music Practice 2:00 pm Life Group 3:00 pm Life Group	15 10:00-11:30 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet	16 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	17 7:00 am Life Group 4:00 pm Life Group
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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 Tuesday of the month.
Thank You, Wendi Neupert,