Community Church
of Boulder Junction

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Community Church News
November 2026
Come Worship With Us

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Dear Church Family

From the Pastor

What a beautiful autumn we have experienced here in the Northwoods! It seems the trees decided to save their best colors for October this year. The brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows have been breathtaking, and the mild weather has given us a little extra time to enjoy it all (especially a motorcycle ride!). Perhaps we will even make it into November before seeing our first snow! Either way, I am grateful for these little reminders of God's goodness woven into the changing seasons.

As we enter November, our attention turns toward Thanksgiving. This month, we will spend three Sundays exploring something we often talk about but perhaps don't fully understand: **Grace.** Our series, *Saying Grace*, will challenge us to see grace as much more than forgiveness or a quick prayer before a meal. Grace is something we receive, something we live in, and something we extend to others. It is the very atmosphere in which our lives with God are meant to flourish.

Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 12:9,

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Grace isn't simply something God gives us when we get things wrong. It is His ongoing provision for living life with Him and with one another.

And speaking of one another, I am especially looking forward to our community-wide Thanksgiving meal held November 18. This is about so much more than putting food on a plate. It is about creating a place at the table. A place where neighbors become friends, strangers feel welcomed, and people experience the warmth of belonging.
Romans 12:13 encourages us to

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Sometimes the simplest expressions of love—a warm meal, a listening ear, an invitation to sit together—can communicate the grace of God more powerfully than we realize.

My hope is that our church continues to become the kind of community where grace isn't just something we talk about on Sundays, but something people experience whenever they encounter us. So, as November arrives, let's do more than give thanks for what we have received. Let's become people through whom others have something to be thankful for.

With gratitude and grace,

Pastor Nathan

Pastor Nathan will be on vacation November 24-25. During this time, please contact one of the Elders or the church office for urgent needs or issues.

PROPERTIES – November Update

ROOTED CAMPAIGN:

Gathering Place: Renovation of the main floor and pavilion are complete, but we still have some work to do in the basement over the winter months (Drywall finish, Utility Sink Install, Shelving Assembly and construction, Painting). Keep an eye out for workdays or see Dennis Duke for job assignment that you can do at your own pace (within reason).

East Wing Renovation: Renovation of the old 'library' room has begun. Discussions are on gong for the hallway and office areas. We are looking for some good painters and other workers that want to do some light carpentry and electrical work over the next 2 months. Contact Dennis Duke if you are that person.

DID YOU KNOW

October 9th and 10th Fall clean-up day were a success! Thanks to all that helped.
We will be hanging some drywall in the parsonage garage sometime in November.
Reach out to Dennis Duke 508-740-1539 if you are just itching to learn a new skill.

The Beautification Committee has set **Sunday, November 22nd,** (following fellowship time) for the

Greening of the Church Potluck

Sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.



You are INVITED!

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.

Provided for You:
Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
YOU Provide:
Your tastiest Side Dish or Dessert, ready to serve.

Doors open at 5:00pm
Invite your friends and neighbors.
To attend: **RSVP by November 12th to 715-385-2146 or secretary@commchbj.org**

This is a community wide event and volunteers are needed. Invite your friends and neighbors and join this time of service and celebration.
See sign up list in Fellowship Hall or contact Laurie at the church office.

What in the world is a "PRC"??

Do you know that Community Church has a "PRC"? Do you know why??

"PRC" is acronym for the Pastoral Relations Committee. Per the church bylaws, the committee consists of the Pastor, a member of the Department of Elders, the Council Chair, and three or more members at large.
The purpose of the PRC is to "promote effective working relationships between the Pastor and the "church" and to "conduct the annual evaluation of the pastor."
We recently celebrated Pastor Appreciation Sunday in October. We're happy for the opportunity to share our gratitude for the wonderful work Pastor Nathan Keisler does for our church. We hope you'll share your appreciation year round with Pastor Nathan. We're sure he'd love to know he has your support throughout the year.
There are also times when you may have concerns or frustrations about how or what the Pastor is doing. While we hope you'd feel comfortable talking directly with Pastor, but sometimes that can be hard. The PRC would welcome the opportunity to hear your thoughts to ensure strong communication and an "effective working relationship" between the church family and the Pastor.
If you would like to talk to the PRC about your concerns, please reach out to any one of the committee members. We want to ensure your voice is heard and your issues are addressed.
We welcome your feedback and look forward to hearing your comments at any time – both joys and concerns.

The Pastoral Relations Committee
Kris Kassien, Chair, Lynn Keating, Pastor Nathan Keisler, Travis Mains, Ellie Orbison, Bonnie Spear

Lectionary Readings for November 2026

November 1st **"** Remembering:
Love, *Loss and the Hope We Carry"*
Call to Worship – Psalm 42:1-11

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-4, 11
- 1 Corinthians 15:20-23
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

November 8th "Grace Received:
More Than Forgiveness"
Call to Worship - Psalm 103:1-12

- Ephesians 2:4-10
- John 1:14-17 Romans 5:1-8

November 15th "Grace Lived:
More Than a Second Chance"
Call to Worship – Hebrews 4:14-16

- 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
- 1 Corinthians 15:9-10
- Titus 2:11-14

November 22nd "Grace Given:
Becoming People of Grace"
Call to Worship – 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

- Colossians 3:12-17 1 Peter 4:8-11
- Ephesians 4:29-32

November 29th "The Forgotten
Words Of Christmas "
Call to Worship – 1 John 1:1-4

- John 1:1-5, 9-14
- Colossians 1:15-19
- John 5:39-40 Hebrews 1:1-3

Praise and Prayer
Monday November 9 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.

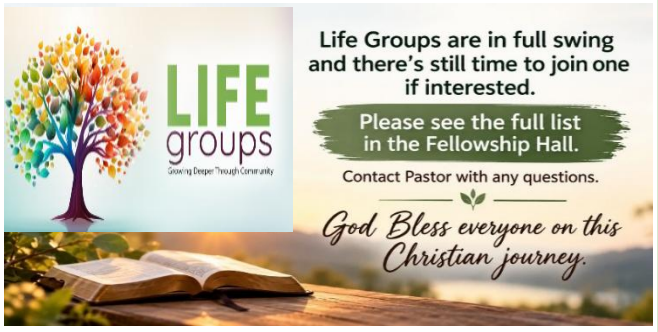
Faith Formation Opportunities.

Lectionary Study – Wednesdays 10AM.
In the church conference room.
Led by Pastor Nathan





Some specific requested items
Veggie/fruit/meat trays for after school snacks on Wednesdays.
Board games.
Popcorn & popcorn buckets for movie



A full list can be found at the church website commchbj.org/ You can sign- up in the fellowship hall or call the church office at 715-385-2146.
You don't want to miss being a part of this great experience!

November 2026
Celebrations



1st — Fall Back
3rd — Katherine Maurer
4th — Susan Kern
Charlie Allen
5th — Lorine Walters
6th — Nicole Beer
Nicole & Robert Beer
7th — **Charlie & Katie Allen**
10th — **Bruce & Jody Wilsie**
11th — Veterans Day
12th — Phyllis Campbell
Randy Basseuner
15th — Craig Richardson
16th — Dustin Stitgen
18th — Community Thanksgiving
20th — Vicki Karr
25th — Jan Thomas
Darrel & Betty Clough
26th — **Dick & Susie Govier**
26th — Happy Thanksgiving
28th — Kathleen McMyler
29th — **Bill and Bonnie Spear**
29th — Advent Begins

Ushers & Greeters

November 1st	Doug & Sue Morrison
November 8th	Dustin & Stacia Stitgen
November 15th	Betty Clough & Diana Dunker
November 22nd	Available: Call if you can help
November 29th	Brent & Mickey Priegel

Scripture Readers

November 1st	Ellie Orbison
November 8th	Bruce Greenhill
November 15th	Steven Sherriff
November 22nd	Cyndi Radant
November 29th	Laurie Hoelzel

***November Special Gifts** are provided by CCBJ Praise Him team.*
All Musicians, Vocalists and Readers welcome
Contact Steven Sherriff 715-559-0841



Folks have already joined and you can too!
The Hand Bell Choir is planning to make our Christmas Eve service very special. This is a great opportunity and we hope you'll consider participating. If interested, please see sign-up in Fellowship or talk to Lorine Walters or Susie Govier. **Let's get ringing!!!**

Worship and Music

It's that time of Year again! Time to start planning for the advent season. We will be celebrating with a **new tradition** we will call the "**Greening of the Church Potluck**". After services and fellowship on **Sunday, November 22nd** , volunteers are welcome to stay and help fluffing, lighting and hanging the greenery around the church. When we are complete, we will celebrate together with potluck luncheon. Join in this first holiday preparation!

Handbells are back! While some call us bell ringers, we are actually forming a handbell choir to play during the holidays. If you can count, you can do this. Please join the handbell choir this season! Sign up is in the Fellowship Hall.

We are **updating the song books** If there is a contemporary or traditional gospel song you miss singing, we will be **adding a few new songs** to our second publication. Please let Lorine, Pastor or any worship and music department member know **your requests**. We may not be able to get them all included but want to know your ideas.

From the Church Office . . .

COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at the worship service on November 1, 2026.

COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council meets November 10th, 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@commchbj.org or drop a note in the office mail slot and we will provide you with the most current list.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
Thursday November 12th 9am-1pm

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

HOLIDAY HOURS

The week of Thanksgiving, the food pantry will be open
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 24th 10-11:30AM

Plus, donations requests for November
"Stuffing" a Thanksgiving Basket.
Canned goods: yams, beans, corn, cranberries and Craisins, boxed potatoes & stuffing mix, nuts, raisins & marshmallows.



Sunday November 29, 2026

"Annual" Community Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner.
Wednesday November 18 at 5:30
Boulder Junction Community Center

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 September Financial Report:

	September	FYTD	Annual
Operating Income	$21,257	$74,943	$254,500.00
Operating Expenses	$14,124	$47,802	$254,500.00
Net Income/Deficit	$ 7,133	$27,141	$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)



Would you be willing to be on the prayer team? Rotate for different months, seasons or ongoing? Please contact Dick Govier at 608-448-1966 to join. The Power of Prayer is very meaningful and works.





We are also accepting individual Filled Shoeboxes, delivered to the church until November 12th , or filled boxes can be created and purchased Online HERE Or by scanning the QR Code.

Contact Diana Dunker
217-620-4809 for more details.

November's Global Charitable Contribution from our Missions Department

Paul Carlson (ECC)
Continued work throughout Congo.

PAUL CARLSON PARTNERSHIP

"We continue to support Dr Paul Carlson, a medical missionary, who was killed while serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo. His legacy continues in the medical foundation in his name which supports the Central African hospital."
More information can be found at
https://www.paulcarlson.org/

Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC)
mission states –
"We join God in God's mission to See more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world".

Caritas MINOCQUA

November's Local Charitable Contribution
Caritas Minocqua.

Caritas Minocqua is a volunteer organization providing assistance to individuals who are in urgent and immediate need. Caritas serves clients in Oneida and Vilas counties.

They provide help with housing, transportation issues, energy bills, and the need for food, personal products, clothing, household items and furniture.
They have helped with dental bills, prescription drugs, phone cards, and much more.
They also educate clients on where to access resources, such as the ADRC, Salvation Army, Compassion Fund, WHEAP, and many more organizations.

Caritas provides more than money and referrals. They listen, and we offer compassion, problem solving, and more importantly, we offer hope to those who are in desperate need.
For more information go to
https://www.stmatthiasminocqua.com/caritas.html

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/ HERE and must be received or post marked by December 31, 2026



What a wonderful evening of tasty food and fellowship.
Thank You for all who participated in the Italian Dinner to make this Annual fundraising event a success.

NOVEMBER 2026

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Wednesday, November 18 Community Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm

Held at the Boulder Junction Community Center.

Doors Open at 5:00 pm. Enjoy an evening of free food, fellowship and giving thanks. Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy is provided. We ask everyone attending to bring a side dish or dessert, ready to serve. Please RSVP by November 12 by calling 715-385-2146 or sign-up in Fellowship Hall to help us plan food accordingly.

God's Blessings to you and your family. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Remembrance Worship Service with Communion	2 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 9:00 am Properties	3 5:00 pm Crafts & Coffee	4 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Bible Study 12:00 Comm Cmt	5 3:30-5:00 pm Food Pantry & Clothes Closet	6 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	7
8 9:30 am Worship	9 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 5:00 pm Praise & Prayer	10 4:30 pm Council	11 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Bible Study	12 10:00-11:30 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 9:00 am -Noon Packing Party for OCC	13 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	14 11:00 am Duane Marquardt's Celebration of Life
15 9:30 am Worship	16 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Turkey Meeting	17 5:00 pm Crafts & Coffee	18 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Community Thanksgiving	19 3:30-5:00 pm Food Pantry & Clothes Closet	20 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	21
22 9:30 am Worship 11:30 Greening of the Church and Potluck Lunch	23 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Turkey Meeting	24 10:00-11:30 am Food Pantry & Clothes Closet 4:00 pm Elders Pastor on Vacation	25 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting 10:00 am Bible Study Pastor on Vacation	26 	27 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting	28
29 9:30 am Worship 	30 8:00 am Gentle Weight Lifting					

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 ccbjnewsletter@gmail.com by the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Thank You, Wendi Neupert,