



# The Newsletter of Community Church

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June 2023  
**Pastor's Letter**

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; grace that provides divine assistance for daily living and peace to comfort us through all circumstances of life through the power of the Holy Spirit! Those words reflect the opening blessing of Paul the Apostle as he opens his letters in the Bible to believers; and it is blessing that I want for you!

On May 17, the Waterford Heritage Committee held an event where they recognized the spiritual legacy of Waterford. I was asked to give a presentation at the Waterford Library on the history of the Community Church. If you are not familiar with the Waterford Heritage Committee, it is an extension of the Explore Waterford program, which is the local branch of the National Main Street Community Program, authorized by the State of Wisconsin to promote local businesses and preserve the historic nature of our community. As I researched material from our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, God showed me a few things. Here are just a sample of the legacy of the Community Church!

1873 - The legacy of the Community Church was born out of a revival that Holy Spirit brought to Waterford in the Winter of 1869-1870. The revival was very powerful and even the hardest lives were converted. According to our records, the German Episcopal and English Episcopal Churches were started shortly afterwards. The buildings were soon completed and dedicated around 1873.

1923 – The ministry of the churches transitioned when the German and English Episcopal Churches merged, and the “*United German and English Episcopal Church*” was dedicated. Important point, the demographics of the Waterford Community had significantly changed, the residents no longer spoke primarily German, but transitioned to English!

1939 - As ministry grew, the legacy developed further when the name of the church was legally changed to "The Methodist Church" it is not clearly identified, but empirical data implies that the name “Community” was added to the church’s name. However, more research is needed. The church had 141 active members at the time.

1945 – Property of the old German Church, the empty triangle shaped vacant lot across from the High School, was deeded to the Village of Waterford with the provision that it be made into a memorial or park site and it is not to be used for commercial use. The church was also to erect a suitable marker designating the location of the German Episcopal Church. Unfortunately, no marker has ever been erected, this promise is one that the Community Church needs to fulfill at some point!

1956 – Additional land was purchased north of the church – 25 feet from Potokars for \$300 and 70 feet from Stalbaums for \$100 – to create a parking lot and educational wing/Fellowship Hall was built onto the north side of the church.

1959 – The new addition was consecrated October 3.

1968 – A new parsonage was built and the Methodist Episcopal Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to create the United Methodist Church.

1970 - God brought Pastor Garcia to the Community United Methodist Church. Pastor Garcia brought the Community Church back to its biblical foundation of making Disciples of Jesus Christ and evangelism.

1984 - Pastor Garcia went to the Lord and God brought Pastor Cheever. Both pastors greatly developed the Kingdom of God and the Lord's legacy of biblical teaching, Spirit led ministry and evangelism at the Community Church

1992 – Fund drive started for new church.

? - God showed Steve Dirks the property through realtor Al Mehring, Steve showed property to Pastor Cheever.

1994 – April 10, Groundbreaking for the current Community Church on Jefferson Street.

1995 – De-consecration of the Main Street Church and the new church was consecrated. The old church building was purchased by B. and C. Lindau who repurposed it as an antiques and collectibles business with small shops in the basement.

2014-2016 - Congregation went through a difficult, but necessary pruning and the congregation went from 250 down to 80 in worship.

2016 - The Community Church started to intentionally rebuild its ministry and attendance started to grow.

2017 - The congregation approved a new logo for the Community United Methodist Church.

2018 – Servant Community (A young adult church and ministry) and its sister ministry The Epworth League, joined into cooperative Ministry with the Community United Methodist Church and the Community Regional Shared Ministry was created.

2019 - 150 Anniversary Celebration. Regular Sunday attendance was growing to over 200 and the St. James United Methodist Church joined the Community Regional Shared Ministry.

2020 - COVID-19 pandemic started in the US, and public ministry activities (including worship was halted by the Wisconsin State government). Fortunately, public worship resumed with restrictions in July. Worship attendance dropped significantly.

2021 - Ministry continued to rebuild during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Union Grove United Methodist Church joined the Community Regional Shared Ministry.

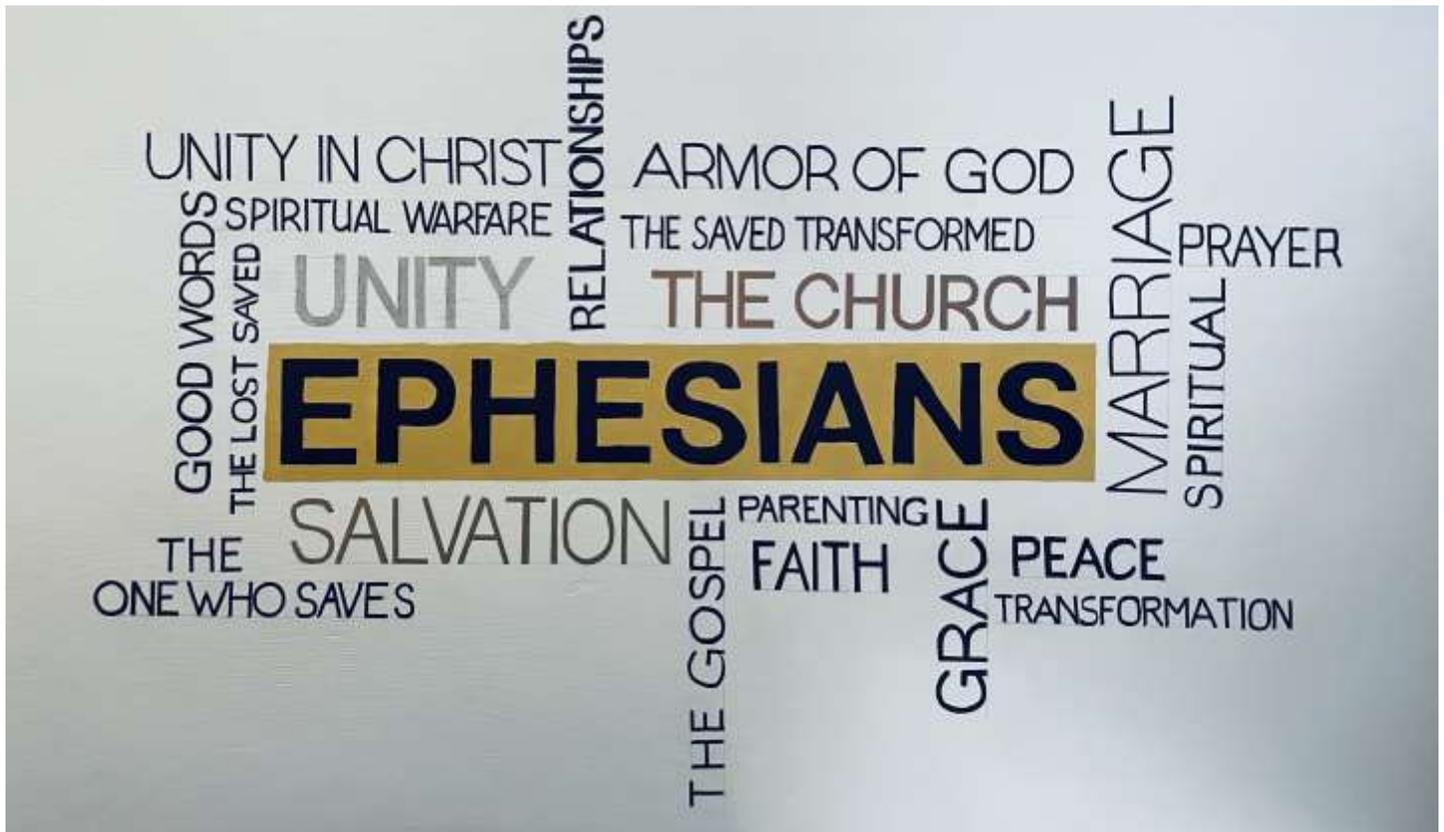
2022 - The Global Methodist Church was founded, all churches in the Community Regional Shared Ministry decided to investigate Disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church over issues of interpretation of Scripture and theological reasons.

2023 - The Community United Methodist Church and the Union Grove United Methodist Church voted to Disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, later voting to Affiliate with the Global Methodist Church.

As a person reviews the history of the Community Church, one may notice that large events for the Community Church came every 10 years or so for the first 140 years of the church's history. But starting in 2014, major events started manifesting in the life of the Community Church. A trifecta of ministry altering events that ranged from a church pruning to a global pandemic, to disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church and Affiliating with the Global Methodist Church. The exciting part of the story is that the Community Church has come through each event in a healthy manner.

I believe that the Lord has brought the Community Church to this point for a reason, and together we will continue moving toward the destiny the Lord has for our congregation as we continue worshipping the Lord, seeking His will, and being obedient to His Word as we make Disciples of Jesus Christ. May we continue in God's grace, peace and comfort as we participate in the divine assistance Holy Spirit provides for daily living!

Pastor Bill



Ephesians is a powerful letter, written by the Apostle Paul where he answers questions about faith and the Church in remarkable ways. Paul talks about how God makes all things new through Jesus and that the Church is a family saved by grace. He explains how the life of a disciple is an empowered life of resurrection and that the purpose of the Church is greater and more amazing than we could ask or imagine. In this sermon series, we will walk through the book of Ephesians and learn about the essentials of experiencing the Christian life. The Holy Spirit will use this sermon series to encourage and challenge you to examine what you believe, who you are, and transform your life.

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| Sunday, June 18 - A New Way of Living                   | Ephesians 4:11-16 |
| Sunday, June 25 - What Not To Wear                      | Ephesians 4:17-24 |
| Sunday, July 2 - Experiencing Freedom                   | Ephesians 4:25-32 |
| Sunday, July 9 - <b>What's in Control of Your Life?</b> | Ephesians 5:1-7   |

Join us at 8 or 9:30am

Livestreamed on Facebook and [CommunityChurchWaterford.org](http://CommunityChurchWaterford.org)



## Join us for Communion

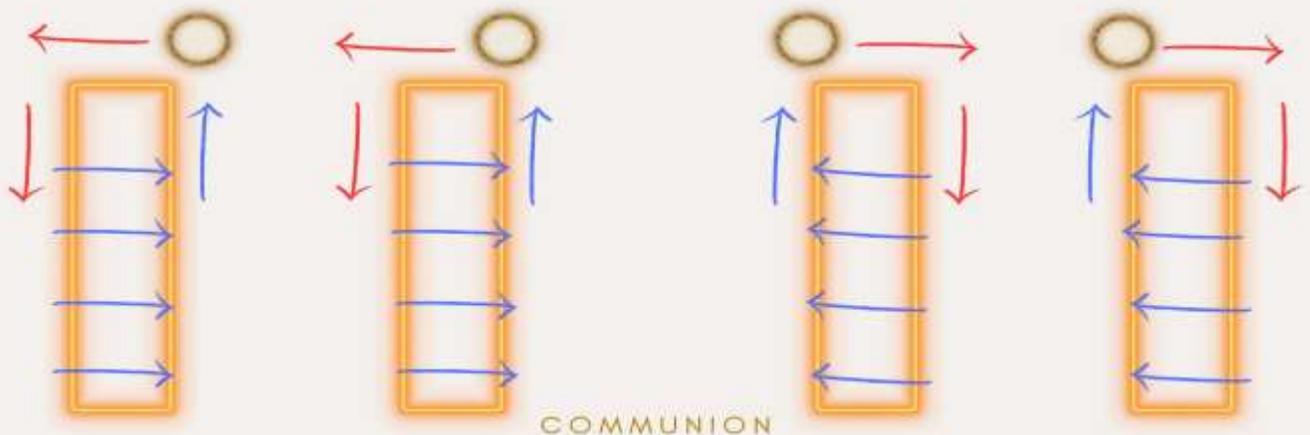
Sunday, June 4th

We continue to livestream worship services on Facebook and [communitychurchwaterford.org](http://communitychurchwaterford.org)

If you are worshipping online, please grab bread/crackers and an appropriate drink of your choice.

-  Exiting, walking back to your seat
-  Walking towards and receiving Communion

### WORSHIP PLATFORM



## The Book of James Led by Mike Biesiadny Mondays - 1:00PM at St. James

2945 MAIN STREET, EAST TROY  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT MIKE: 262-210-5702

Sunday, June 4

# *Mission Sunday*

Please join us Sunday, June 4th after both first and second worship service. The Missions Ministry will be featuring each of the Missions projects and families that we as a Church support, including those we support on a quarterly basis and those through Missions in Motion. We are blessed to have speakers join us to educate us further!



Community Church Missions collects monthly for a variety of organizations who appreciate our contributions to their cause!

M & M (has replaced the Noisy Can Collection)

A new name supporting the organizations that touch our hearts!

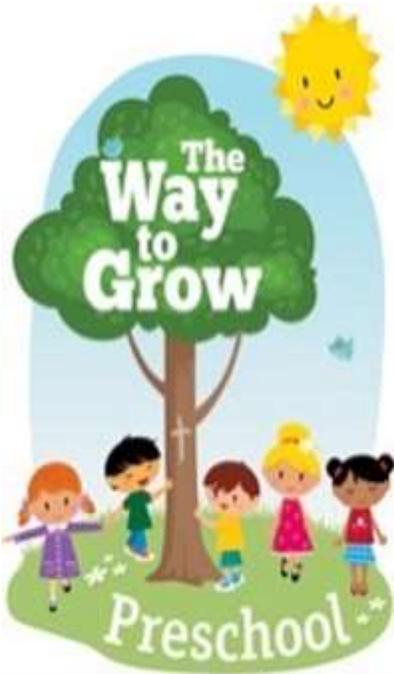
**Sunday, June 11th - M&M Collection**

**Gideons**

*Please prayerfully consider supporting this amazing organization  
Look for the orange M & M Containers!*

# GIDEONS

Gideons exist as an advocate for the lost, to bring them the saving knowledge of the Word through not only placing and distributing Scriptures, but also through personal witnessing and by associating together for service. As a united force for the Gospel, they remain rooted in tradition, but operate under firm belief that anyone can be a valuable asset to the invaluable cause. They provide opportunities to partner with them through either prayer or financial support. Join them, and spread the good news!



**We had such a wonderful year together!**

**Everyone sang and smiled so nicely up on stage for our end of year concert. We are incredibly proud of the learning and growing that took place this year. These children of God will forever hold a special place in our hearts. We will be blessed to have a few of them as returning students next Fall.**

**This summer we look forward to creating our music wall on the new shed! Thank you to all who continue to support The Way to Grow Preschool.**



# The Way to Grow Preschool

**NOW ENROLLING!**

We offer:

- ✓ Christian Preschool with a Bible curriculum for ages 3-5 years
- ✓ Center based classroom
- ✓ Focused on the whole child - physically, intellectually, socially, creatively, emotionally and spiritually. Healthy, curious, confident children will be ready to succeed in school.

**CALL NOW TO SECURE A SPOT FOR THE  
2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Contact Tricia Kelley -Director- 262-534-7998

[thewaytogrowpreschoolwaterford@gmail.com](mailto:thewaytogrowpreschoolwaterford@gmail.com)

455 S. Jefferson Street, Waterford, WI 53185

# His Kids Wednesdays

Wednesday Evenings 5:30-7PM

- CHILDRENS BIBLE MESSAGE, CRAFTS AND GAMES
- ADULT BIBLE STUDY
- DINNER FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

455 S. Jefferson St., Waterford

Thank you to everyone who came for His Kids this school year! We played games, sang worship songs, experienced Bible lessons, and enjoyed being in community.

Children's church will continue through the month of June then take a summer break for the month of July.

## CHILDRENS CHURCH

**KIDS MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES DURING SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE**

**AGES 5-10 YEARS**

SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:30AM

# NURSERY

**Open for both first and second worship service**

If you would like to volunteer in the nursery with all of our wonderful (young) kids, please contact the church office at 262-534-2313

**AGES 0-4 YEARS**

# Did YOU KNOW?



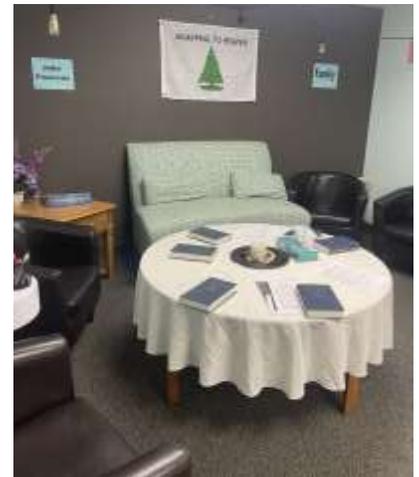
We have a well stocked Library downstairs (Room #3), with a wide variety of Christian books. You can come check out a book to take home to enjoy!  
There are children's materials as well! Come check it out!

## War Room

This room is located on the lower level of Community Church (Room # 8)

Anyone is welcome to come pray in the comfort of the prayer room.

Prayer Gathering welcomes any and all—Meeting every second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30PM.



## Outdoor Prayer Path

-Right in our own backyard-

Walk the paths and enjoy the nature.

Our wonderful volunteers keep it trimmed and there are plenty of benches to stop and rest or pray along the way.

Please go enjoy it!

*Did*  
YOU KNOW?



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**Registration Link:**

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/communitychurchwaterford>

**Registration Text Code:**

Text **CCWATERFORD** to **49775**

**rightnow** MEDIA



**Scan the QR Code to the left**

It will take you directly to the new  
Community Church App! Your online  
giving, connect cards, how to get involved,  
your Bible, sermon notes and more.

Everything all in one place!



# Celebrate Recovery

A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

## ***Celebrate Recovery -***

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to

find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life.

### ***Continuing throughout June - 6:00-8:30 pm.***

Enter through the second set of doors on the back of the building. (Door # 8)

Ministry Leader: Tim Mclean (414)292-6760 email: [mcleantimothy491@aol.com](mailto:mcleantimothy491@aol.com)

**6:00 pm** Food, Fellowship and Welcome

**6:30-7 pm**, Worship

**7-7:30 pm**, Lessons and Testimonials

**7:30-8:30 pm** Small Group Sessions

Grief Share is a support group that meets weekly. Each week is a stand alone session, so you are welcome to join at any time. The care you need, information you can trust. This is a 13 week session that continues to the end of July.



#### Facilitators:

Janice Constantineau - 262-514-2954

Bernie Mann - 262-498-2700

Fay Tichy - 262-930-9488

# Tea at Three



**Tuesdays at St. James in East Troy  
Thursdays at Community Church  
Join us at either location from  
3-4PM**

## His Loving Arms Senior Program

**\*Begins meeting again  
September 2023\***

**The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the  
month.**

**Enjoy your summer!**

**His  
Loving Arms**  
Senior Program



**MENS  
BREAKFAST**

**Men's Breakfast  
First Saturday of the month  
October-May  
8:00AM  
See you again in the Fall  
Have a great Summer!**



**ALL NEW!**

Website:

[CommunityChurchWaterford.org](http://CommunityChurchWaterford.org)

Look for the New Email Address  
in the coming weeks!

Don't worry, we will let you  
know when we change over:)

# The Wright Family



SEE YOU IN  
AUGUST!



There are  
opportunities to  
partner once or on a  
monthly basis  
SEE WEBSITE BELOW  
or ask us  
in person! :)

**PLEASE KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS AS WE SERVE AS  
MOBILE DOMESTIC MISSIONARIES**

**WE WILL BE IN WATERFORD AUGUST 6-27  
AND AT MOST COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICES  
PLEASE STOP TO SAY HELLO!**

Text Bob @ 414-788-2711 to set up a time to hang out!

*Bob, Sarah, Xander*

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR WAYS TO PARTNER  
OR TO SIGN UP FOR OUR MONTHLY UPDATES

[WWW.WITH-THANKSGIVING.COM](http://WWW.WITH-THANKSGIVING.COM)

**DO YOU KNOW OF A RV/CAMPER/TRAILER OF  
ANY SIZE THAT COULD BE BORROWED FOR  
MINISTRY USE FOR ONE WEEK THIS SUMMER?  
A FAMILY FROM SOUTH CAROLINA IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL  
UP TO JEFFERSON, WI TO SERVE AT CDF (CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE  
FARM) AND WE WOULD LOVE TO BLESS THEM WITH THE  
OPTION TO CAMP IN A TRAILER ONSITE.  
MESSAGE BOB WRIGHT AT 414-788-2711 TO DISCUSS DETAILS.**

**rv/camper/trailer**

**4 ADULTS  
(3 SLEEPING SPACES)**

**7/30/23 - 8/05/23**

**TO PARK AT  
JEFFERSON COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS, JEFFERSON WI**





Marin Bragg is graduating from Waterford Union High School. She will be attending UW Stevens Point in the Fall and studying Communication Disorders and Audiology.



Hailey Van Buren will be attending Southern Illinois University and she will be majoring in Nursing.



Ashlyn Hawke is graduating from Wilmot Union Highschool and will be attending Eau Claire University in the Fall.



**I WANT TO GET INVOLVED...**

**WHERE CAN I START??**

Here are some first serve opportunities that you can pray about!

**I don't mind talking to new people or being in front of others:**

Front Door Greeter

Usher

Communion Server

Worship Team

Childrens Church Helpers

His Kids Helpers

His Kids Crafters - hands on helping with the kids

Sunday morning Nursery volunteers

**-OR-**

**I really don't like being in front of people, but I would still like to be involved!:**

Food Pantry—packing/preparing bags of food

Live Streaming worship service

Kitchen Crew for Vacation Bible School or any other events

Sound Technician

Short Term projects for VBS or other events

Prayer Ministry

Every 1st and 3rd  
Wednesday of  
the month.

**3:45-5:45PM**

455 S. Jefferson  
Street, Waterford  
262-534-2313

Community Church

# FOOD PANTRY

Food is a human right and is an immediate and tangible way to help someone. **Anyone in need is welcome.** We ask that you bring a valid ID with you to sign up. We accept donations of non-parishable food in jars, cans and sealed packets. Thank you for any and all donations. \*\*Every **THIRD** Wednesday, Misfits for Jesus joins our Food Pantry with free weather appropriate clothing.



A HUGE **thank you** to all who have and continue to donate to our Food Pantry. It is a ever growing need in our community and any/all donations help.

We appreciate you all! If anyone is looking to get involved or wants to volunteer, the Food pantry is always looking for helping hands. Wednesday afternoons or Friday mornings to unpack deliveries.

# Prayer Gathering

Monday, June 12th

Monday, June 26th

6:30PM

Community Church Lower Level

War Room (#8)



Let us pray for you

please send any and all prayer requests to  
[communitychurchprayer4you@gmail.com](mailto:communitychurchprayer4you@gmail.com)

Glorify God

Encourage One Another

Share Jesus



# East Troy Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, June 10th

9-10AM

2945 Main Street, East Troy



ALL DONATIONS GO TOWARDS  
HONDURAS MISSIONS

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10

COMMUNITY CHURCH

# FOOD DRIVE

LET'S HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED



**WHAT  
WE NEED?**

UNEXPIRED & NON PERISHABLE  
FOOD ONLY  
EXAMPLES: SPAGHETTI SAUCE,  
PEANUT BUTTER, SOUP AND  
CEREAL

Please bring any  
collected items on the  
first Sunday of the  
month  
(Communion Sundays)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
Contact the Church Office  
262-534-2313



# Spanky-Palooza



## Family Fun Zone

Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 12:00pm to 6:00pm

Hosted by Community Church



Spanky-Palooza is an annual fundraiser hosted by Spanky's, proceeds are donated to Veteran Programs. Community Church offers a game zone to encourage families having fun together. It's an awesome opportunity to meet people, some of whom we might never get a chance to reach in a traditional church setting.

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**John 7:38-39a**

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JULY 17-20, 2023**

*Community Church • Waterford, WI*

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Living Water is coming up on July 17th-20th from 6:00pm-8:30pm! Kids going into 4K-6th grade are invited to attend; youth going into 7th grade and older are welcome to help. There are many aspects to VBS, which means many opportunities to help including: working with a group of kids, kitchen/snack, games, crafts, skit, security, music, and more!

Please contact Marissa Kelley at  
[communitychurch4kids@gmail.com](mailto:communitychurch4kids@gmail.com)

Or call the church at 262-534-2313.

# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>3-4PM</b> Tea at Three  <b>6:30PM</b> Praise Team	2	3
4  <b>Communion Missions Fair</b>	5  <b>1PM</b> Worship Design  <b>1-3PM</b> Grief Share	6  <b>1PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:00-8:30PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	7  <b>3:45-5:45 PM</b> Food Pantry	8  <b>3-4PM</b> Tea at Three  <b>6:30PM</b> Praise Team	9	10  <b>9:00-10:30AM</b> East Troy Free Pancake Breakfast
11  <b>M&amp;M Collection Gideons</b>	12  <b>1PM</b> Worship Design  <b>1-3PM</b> Grief Share  <b>6:30PM</b> Prayer Gathering	13  <b>1PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:00PM</b> Trustee Meeting  <b>6:00-8:30PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	14	15  <b>3-4PM</b> Tea at Three  <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team	16	17  <b>12-6PM</b> Spanky-Palooza
18  Father's Day	19  <b>1PM</b> Worship Design  <b>1-3PM</b> Grief Share	20  <b>1PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:30PM</b> SPR Meeting  <b>6:00-8:30PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	21  <b>3:45-5:45 PM</b> Food Pantry & Misfits Winter Clothing	22  <b>3-4PM</b> Tea at Three  <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team	23	24
25	26  <b>6:30PM</b> Prayer Gathering	27  <b>1PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:30PM</b> Church Council Meeting  <b>6:00-8:30PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	28	29	30	

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**Share Jesus**

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**Pastor Bill Busch 608-475-0824 or pbbusch@gmail.com**

**www.extremefaith.org— like us on facebook— office email:**

**communitychurchwaterford@gmail.com**

**Worship Services at 8 & 9:30 AM**

**The Way to Grow Preschool 262-534-7998 thewaytogrowpreschoolwaterford@gmail.com**