

## The Newsletter of Community Church

## May 2024 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! The Community Church has a long history of being an Evangelical Church and tapping into Gods power and peace to live life of faith! The church was founded after the 1870 Awakening came to the community of Waterford, and revival returned in the 1970s when God called Rev. Peter Garcia to the Community Church in the beginning of the Jesus movement (a Christian Awakening that began on the West Coast of the US in the late 1960s and moved across the globe before subsiding in the later 1980s). In 1984 God called Rev. Clarence Cheever to the Community Church. During this time, God transformed countless lives, raised up several evangelists, and called countless people into various ministries.

The Community Church has truly been a lighthouse for the Lord. That accounts for the picture of the lighthouse by the door entering into the office! Think of the image of a lighthouse! It stands on the rocks, with its light flashing, highlighting the route of safe passage to any ship making its way through a channel that's filled with many hazards and reefs. When you think of water, in the Bible it is also the image of life, so one can imagine boats filled with people navigating life's challenges. The light is Jesus Christ, who is "the light of the world." Who is the lighthouse? It could be you; God is calling you to pray, care and share the light, Jesus Christ into your neighborhood!

That is the vision of the Lighthouse Movement, an interdenominational Christian coalition that is prayerfully seeking to mobilize local churches to establish neighborhood lighthouses -- with a goal of reaching 260 million Americans "from sea to shining sea." This movement (not a program and not a project) is to help believers, families and groups, to walk their neighborhoods, learn names and start praying for those living around you, in the five households that live around you in every direction.

Imagine how it would feel for you to have someone you may not know, lifting your needs up before God. Praying for your family, your community, even praying for your relationship with God! That has been in the DNA of the Community Church for Generations.

Now, in the Lighthouse movement, the Community Church vision is for you and me to bring God into our neighborhoods on a personal level to combat crime, resolve differences, strengthen families and more! My prayer is that God will use this movement to bring another Spiritual Awakening to the Waterford area and beyond! And the Leadership of the Community Church and the Community Regional Shared Ministry is extending this invitation to you, our members and friends of the Community Regional Shared Ministry!

Becoming a lighthouse does require a prayer commitment -- the promise to pray for, care for and share the gospel for a designated list of neighbors, and the friends of acquaintances of those living around you. This information is available through a website and app that is available though the Lighthouse Movement! All with the emphasis on reaching those who do not know Christ.

The prayer can be done in creative ways, ranging from simple prayer - to making use of an on-line journal and App to track the prayers and how they are answered. Prayer walks are another way for individuals, couples or groups to walk through neighborhoods, quietly praying for people by name as they walk past their homes.

But Lighthouse movement is more than prayer, it's also about caring for the people on the prayer list by performing acts of kindness, building relationships and socializing. For me, I took down a large tree in my back yard, and have been offering firewood to my neighbors, building friendships, then sharing the gospel as the Lord provides opportunity.

One resource that will be available and taught will be the book, "The Lighthouse Movement." This book is a complete 'tool kit' on how Christians can become lighthouses to their neighbors and reach them with the gospel. Helping us to focus on being a Light and carrying the message of hope through - praying, caring, sharing. Watch for more information!

God bless! Pastor Bill



This series, **Crazy For Lovin' You**, will help us understand how we can use these tools and weapons in the relationships that drive us **crazy. Whether it's a spouse, a significant** other, sibling, parent, co-worker, relative, or that one person who loves causing crazy in your life. This series will help bring sanity and transformation into your relationships, so you not only survive - but thrive.

**Crazy for Lovin' You Sermon Series** continues into June.

Sunday, June 2— Freed From Abuse

Job 19:1-3

Sunday, June 9 - Freed From The Crazy Train 2 Corinthians 4:2



# Divine Dialogues The Spiritual Battle

This sermon series is a simple, relevant, and essential series discussing a reality that impacts every struggle and conflict we face in life. Our reality is based in two realms; the physical and the spiritual. While we know a lot about the physical, we find the spiritual filled with confusion and mystery, real and counterfeit responses to our questions. This

series is intended to demystify the battle we face in the spiritual realm, a battle best described as spiritual warfare. This series takes on our spiritual challenges and obstacles with God's authority and victory that is only available to us through Jesus Christ.

Sunday, June 23— The War We Face

Ephesians 6:10-12

Sunday, June 30— The Field of Battle

Daniel 10:7-14



8:00am & 9:30am

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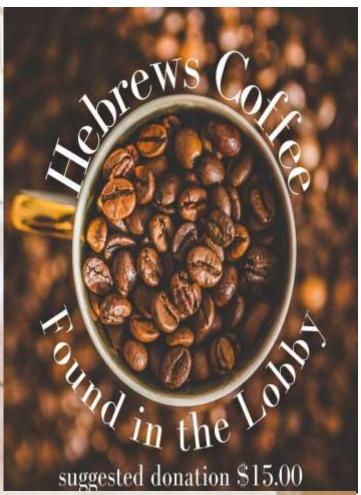


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## Communion

Anyone who claims Jesus Christ as their Savior is encouraged to receive Communion





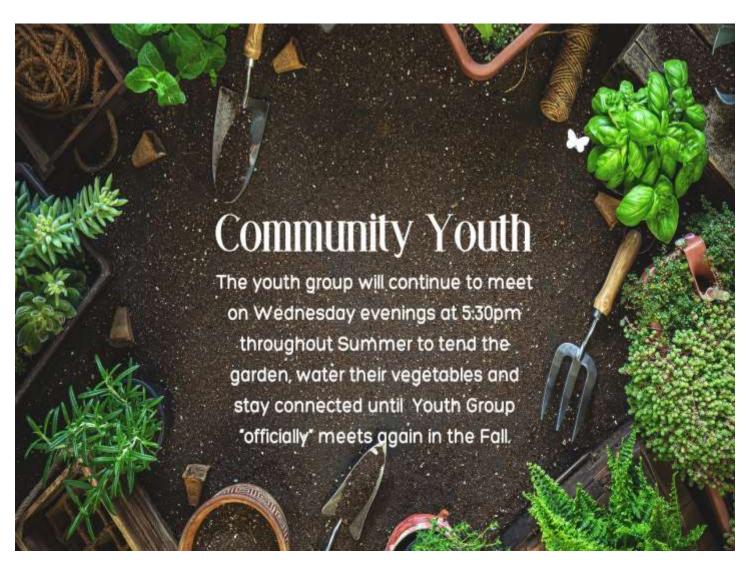
# Concert of Prayer

Join us at 4:OOpm every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month for a Concert of Prayer: an hour of music and prayer focused on intimacy with God and intercession for God's people, our community and our nation.

> Sunday, June 2nd Sunday, June 16th











OPEN FOR BOTH FIRST AND SECOND
WORSHIP SERVICE
AGES 4 AND UNDER

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
262-534-2313



\*Childrens church will break for the month of July.\*

### CALLING ALL SHEEP!

WE WILL BE DECORATING WITH ALL SORTS
OF SHEEP ITEMS FOR VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO BORROW
OUT, PURCHASE OR DONATE ANY SHEEP, IT
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!







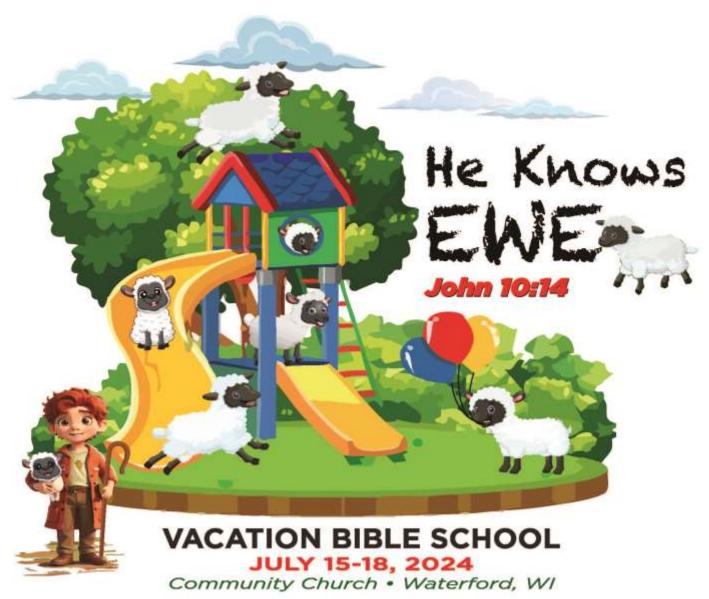
A 13 week session on Monday afternoons from 1:00-3:00PM Meeting at Community Church - Lower Level Enter through Door #6



New Session continues to the end of July.

Facilitators: Bernie Mann 262-498-2700 Fay Tichy 262-930-9488





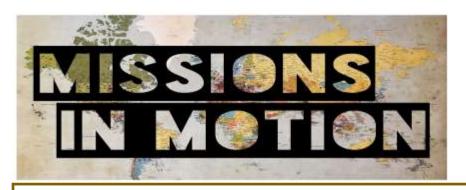
Vacation Bible School 2024—He Knows Ewe, John

JULY 15-18th!! Human sheep of all ages welcomed and encouraged to get involved!

Children going into 4K-Grade 6 will get to participate, learning Bible lessons under loving teachers, making new friends, playing games, eating snacks, singing and more. Watch the church Facebook page and announcements for more information.

Youth going into 7th-12th grade have the opportunity to help with the children. New this year, all youth will be required to review key information and sign a commitment form to equip them to help the children. Contact Miss Marissa for more information at Marissa@communitychurchwaterford.org.

All adults are invited to support the Vacation Bible School ministry. As displayed in the sanctuary throughout the month of March, there are multiple faucets offering opportunities to use your God-given gifting and talents to impact the lives of kids. These include, but are not limited to: arts (crafts, music, skits, décor, and more!), kitchen (snacks and dinners), classroom (lesson leaders, classroom helpers), games, security, prayer and more! Please contact Marissa Kelley for more information and specific opportunities.



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 9th - M&M Collection Honduras

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

# MISSIONS IN MOTION HONDURAS

In Honduras, there is a beautiful landscape, pocketed with coffee plantations. However, up in some remote mountain villages, the coffee plant is attacked with a mold. The result is the plants die and the Community is left with no way of generating an income, and the citizens leave the area to find a new income. Many come to the US.

Our effort is to work with local churches in the Comayagua area and help families in these mountain regions gain a new income, through raising chickens for eggs and meat.

Our hope is to raise \$1800 to help a family properly raise chickens and eggs to sell.

2 locations where Medical Clinics were held in Comayagua
(One of which was held at the local Lions Club of Comayagua)
Prayer over patients
Homes of some of the people we cared for
Our Medical Team

# Hospitality Area at the Racine County Fair!

Union Grove Methodist Church is hosting an area where moms can come to nurse and change their children in the Commercial Building at the Racine County Fair!

> Serving opportunities will be available! Wednesday, July 24th -Sunday, July 28th

> > Contact Amber Janke for more information! discipleshipcoordinator @uniongrovemc.org

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF

## DIAPERS & WIPES

Union Grove Methodist Church is hosting a Hospitality Area at the Racine County Fair where moms can come to nurse and change their children!

- Donations can be dropped off at Bright & Beautiful Christian Child Care Center (906 12th Ave. Union Grove, WI 53182).
- Diapers can be any size.
- Please have donations in by Friday, July 19th.

#### Contact

uniongrovemethodistchurch@uniongrovemc.org
or Call 262-878-1248 for more information!





Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered,

12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurts, habits or hangups of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find

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

Continuing on Tuesday evenings throughout June - 6:00-8:30 pm.

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

Ministry Leaders: Scott Swartz - email: bullsitool@yahoo.com

Sue Huerta - email: vipsue@live.com

Scott: 630-478-3968

Sue: 262-994-0116

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



Anyone in need of groceries is welcome. The third Wednesday of the month, Misfits for Jesus joins the Food Pantry with free weather appropriate clothing of all sizes. Please help spread the word about our wonderful Food Pantry!



#### SERVE SATURDAY!



Community Church Missions Ministry has an opportunity for you! We will be reaching out to our local community with hands on service with this opportunity being held each month.

Community Church will be missionaries serving in our local area.

#### What is Serve Saturday?

Serve Saturday is an opportunity for our church members to be directly involved in Missions Ministry by being the hands, feet and heart of Jesus in our local community.

#### When is Serve Saturday?

Serve Saturday will be held the first Saturday of each month from 9:30 AM – 1PM, following Men's Breakfast. \*Saturday, June 2nd\*

#### How will people in the community recognize us as being there to help?

T-shirts! We will have T-shirts made with a logo that represents this part of our Missions Ministry. Each person participating will be asked to purchase the shirt for \$10 and it can be worn to all future days that they participate in Serve Saturday.

#### What will Serve Saturday projects look like?

Projects will be identified by the Missions Ministry and may include opportunities like:

Helping seniors in our community with home maintenance, cleaning or other needs

Assisting one of our mission partners with needs they may have at their location

Assisting a veteran with needs they may have in their home

These are just examples of how we anticipate spreading the love of Jesus in our community!

More information is available at the table in the church lobby. Please consider joining us!

Galatians 5:13 "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your

freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."



#### **His Loving Arms Senior Program**

Taking a Summer Break!
Can't wait to see everyone in the Fall

Men's Breakfast begins meeting again in October.





On Sunday, August 11th, there will be ONE worship service at 9:30am, followed by the Annual Corn Roast.

Save the date!

#### June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						9:30AM-1PM Serve Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion	1PM Worship Design	<b>1PM</b> Staff Meeting	3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry	<b>3-4PM</b> Tea at Three		
<b>4:00PM</b> Concert of Prayer	<b>1-3PM</b> Grief Share	6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	<b>6:30PM</b> Praise Team		
9 M&M Collection	10  1PM Worship Design	11 1PM	12	13 3-4PM	14	15
Honduras	1-3PM Grief Share	6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM Trustees Meeting		Tea at Three  6:30 PM  Praise Team		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
4:00PM	<b>1PM</b> Worship Design	1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	<b>3:45-5:45 PM</b> Food Pantry & Misfits for Jesus	<b>3-4PM</b> Tea at Three	5:30-7:30PM Family Fun Event	
Prayer	<b>1-3PM</b> Grief Share	6:30PM SPR Meeting		<b>6:30PM</b> Praise Team		
23/30	24  1PM Worship Design	25  1PM Staff Meeting	26	27 3-4PM Tea at Three	28	29
	1-3PM Grief Share	6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30PM Church Council Meeting		<b>6:30PM</b> Praise Team		

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# Glorify God Encourage One Another Share Jesus



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Worship Services at 8 & 9:30 AM

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