



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! The Apostle Paul started his letters to Christians with this blessing and encouragement because he wanted everyone who trusted Jesus as their Lord and Savior to receive and experience the fullness of the life God created them for.

Back in 2019, the Community Church Waterford celebrated its 150th year of ministry! It all started in 1870 when a powerful Awakening (*a movement of God that went beyond the church and into the community*) came to Waterford, and out of that amazing movement of God; 2 churches were born, the English Methodist Episcopal Church and the German Methodist Episcopal Church. One for English speaking believers and the other for German speaking believers. Believe it or not, in the 1870s, many of Waterford's citizens were German immigrants and they primarily spoke German. By 1928, very few residents of Waterford still spoke German, so the 2 churches merged to create the Community Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1968, the United Evangelical Brethren Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church merged to create the United Methodist Church, and in 2023 the Community Church Waterford moved to the Global Methodist Church.

One could ask, what was the significance of a Methodist Church being started in Waterford? The answer comes by understanding how the Methodist Episcopal Church was born out of what was called the "First Great Awakening" when Methodism emerged as an evangelical revival movement within the Church of England in 1784. And ever since, the Methodist Church had been involved in the next 7 Great Awakenings and Revivals that occurred in Modern Western History. And in Waterford, believers wanted to continue to experience the transformational grace of God. Experiencing the Spirit of God in supernatural ways and seeing lives transformed has long been a part of the history and ministry of the Community Church in Waterford.

One movement of God happened in the Methodist Episcopal Church in the late 19th century. Out of the 1885 Awakening, a dynamic group of young adults founded a ministry called the Epworth League in 1889 with the focus of helping young Christians grow as Disciples of Jesus Christ. The Epworth League nurtured spiritual growth through prayer, Bible study, and devotional practices. With an emphasis on the integration of faith into all aspects of life. This included praying for, building relationships with and loving neighbors through tangible acts of service! Then as these young Methodist Christians showed their love through God given opportunities, they were able to share their faith, and within 10 years, this movement grew to over 1.74 million members.

Throughout its history, the United States has experienced a Great Awakening about every 80 years (Roughly 1735, 1805, 1885, and 1965) with regional Awakenings and Revivals happening. They tended to last about 20 years before society started to unravel again. If this pattern continues in the US, another Great Awakening should come to North America around 2045. The Community Church has a long history of being actively involved in these movements of Holy Spirit. After the 1965 Great Awakening, God brought Rev. Peter Garcia to the Community Church in 1970; and then in 1984, God brought Rev. Clarence Cheever. These men of God created the foundation for the Body of Christ that we now experience.

Our amazing Triune God of Grace is moving once more! At the April Church Council, the Community Church Leadership unanimously agreed to support a new movement that is starting among us! This new movement is building upon our long history and passion of praying for our neighbors and community, following the direction of Holy Spirit and in each person's giftedness, connecting with neighbors and building relationships with them. Drawing from the teachings of Jesus, as the Methodists before us, we will encourage each other to ask our neighbors one simple question: "What can I do for you?" This question will become a catalyst for meaningful conversations, opportunities to meet the needs of others, and allow God to move in amazing ways. Then by investing in relationships with neighbors, we can create a ripple effect that will impact our neighborhoods and community that will lead to transformative change.

In upcoming months, we will share more of this vision that will allow God to create a stronger, more connected community by prioritizing relationships with those who live near us. My prayer is that the Lord will start to empower us to rethink the way we see and interact with our neighbors, and just as God used the Epworth League, allow Holy Spirit to move through us to build a better world right outside our own doors.



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 throughout May.

Sunday, May 5— Freed to Say No! Proverbs 4:23

Sunday, May 12 - Freed to be Loved Proverbs 12:26

Sunday, May 19— Freed from Abuse Job 19:1-3

Sunday, May 26— Freedom from People Pleasing Proverbs 29:25

Join us at 8:00 or 9:30am

Livestreamed on Facebook and CommunityChurchWaterford.org

Join us for Worship

8:00 & 9:30am

*Live streamed on Facebook and
communitychurchwaterford.org*

COMMUNITY CHURCH

SPRING CLEAN UP

Please join us on Saturday,
May 4th to clean up the
church grounds!

Every yard needs a little help
in the Spring and we have a
very LARGE yard! Many
helpings hands makes light
work and there will be
various tasks to
choose from!

**Saturday, May 4th
9AM - 12PM**



1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Communion

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



Sunday, May 5th

START YOUR DAY WITH COFFEE,
BREAKFAST, FELLOWSHIP AND MORE

Mens BREAKFAST

8:00AM

Community Church Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

Concert of Prayer

Join us at 4:00pm 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, May 5th
Sunday, May 19th

National Day of Prayer

**Mark your calendars, the National Day
of Prayer is Thursday, May 2nd.
Our plan here at Community Church is
to participate in the International Day
of Prayer's livestream! Please join us at
7:00pm, May 2nd, as we pray for
Racine County, the State of Wisconsin
and the United States.**

**PRAYER COORDINATOR
MARIANNE DAVIDSON**

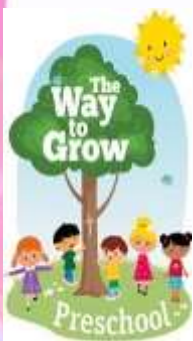
ccwprayer@communitychurchwaterford.org

**PLEASE SEND ANY AND ALL
PRAYER REQUESTS
YOU MAY HAVE**

Brooke
Schweitzer

**VISITATION AND CARE
MINISTER**

262-210-6664



Preschool fun celebrating Jesus and playing outside!

Registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year!



Nursery



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

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE



Childrens Church

Kids message and activities during second worship
service

Ages 5-10 years

second worship service beings at 9:30AM

Community Church

✦ MISSION FAIR ✦

PLEASE JOIN US **SUNDAY, MAY 19TH** 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
SUPORT ON A QUARTERLY BASIS AND THOSE
THROUGH MISSIONS IN MOTION.

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE SPEAKERS JOIN US TO
EDUCATE US FURTHER!

THE RUMMAGE RACKS WERE EMPTIED!



Thank You to all the helping
hands that work together to
make this wonderful event
happen!

Over \$5000.00 Was raised for
Vacation Bible School!!

A Special Thank You,

**THANK YOU KAREN LARSON FOR BEING THE LEAD PERSON FOR
THE RUMMAGE SALE FOR THE LAST 18 YEARS! YOU ARE A
ROCKSTAR AND SO APPRECIATED!**



Thank you
for your faithful giving
Trust God in ALL aspects of
your life.

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!



CLASS OF 2024

If you have a high school or college graduate this year, please let the church office know! We would love to recognize their hard work and accomplishments. Email senior picture and future plans to: communitychurchwaterford@gmail.com



OUR GARAGE HAS BEEN CLEANED!



Please help keep the garage nice and tidy. There will be sections made for each ministry that has a need to store items. Please be considerate of other ministries and their items, if there is a mess - clean it up. Let's work together to help keep up on the organization so we can continue to find what is stored in there!

Thank you!

Hello to our Community Church family!

Thank you all so much for your ongoing support of our family over the years, but specifically your recent outpouring of prayer and financial support in recent weeks as we navigate what the Lord has before us. We are so blessed and encouraged by the way you have surrounded us individually and as a local church body.

Your impact was and is a significant part of getting Sarah's personalized treatment program started and things are going well!! Yay GOD and Thank YOU!

Please continue to pray and give as the Lord leads you as we still have a great financial need ahead of us to continue her treatment plan.

PLEASE continue to help us network and share our needs with other believers and churches. We know HE has a plan in-place to see this through and all to HIS GLORY. It's our job to put pride aside, confess our needs and humbly ask for help.

Feel free to reach out directly with any questions and encouragement you may have. We're happy to share all the things He is doing.

Bob: Text/Call
(414) 788-2711

Giving info:
www.with-thanksgiving.com/give

Blessings!
Bob, Sarah and Xander Wright





GRIEF SHARE®

A 13 week session on Monday afternoons from
1:00-3:00PM

Meeting at Community Church - Lower Level
Enter through Door #6


Grief Share is a support group that meets weekly. Each week is a stand alone session, you are welcome to join at anytime. The care you need, information you can trust.

Next Session Begins Monday, May 6th

Facilitators:

Bernie Mann 262-498-2700

Fay Tichy 262-930-9488



*Have you ever thought about helping
others through the grief process?*

GriefShare is a wonderful way to guide people through their grief to find hope after the death of a loved one.

Please consider joining Fay Tichy and Bernie Mann in the new Grief Share session beginning Monday, May 6th at 1pm or any Monday thereafter during the 13 week session.

Come and see how beautiful it is to lead people through this material helping them find relief, support, direction, and healing.

***Maybe you'll find it's the
perfect ministry for you!!!***

His Loving Arms Senior Program



His Loving Arms Senior Program

**Meets every second and fourth
Tuesday of the month.**

**Fellowship, devotions, games,
snacks, birthday celebrations.**

May 14th & 28th

Community Church Waterford

Now Hiring Custodian Position

10 hour position

Flexible hours between 8am-4pm

Monday-Thursday

On call position available for large events

Starting at \$14

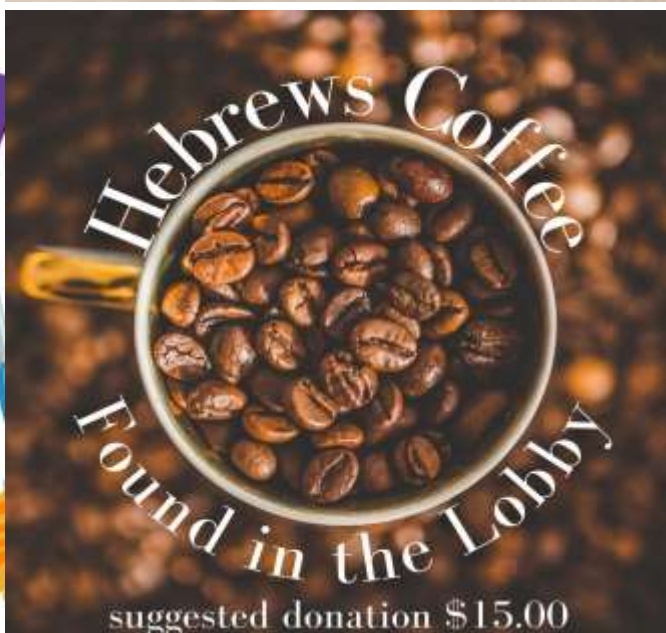
Position Duties:

- ✓ Bathroom Cleaning
- ✓ Office Cleaning
- ✓ Deep Cleaning/Scrubbing
- ✓ Trash Removal
- ✓ Special Event Cleaning

Our
Contact

📞 262-534-2313

✉ communitychurchwaterford@gmail.com





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, May 12th - M&M Collection

Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin

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

Missions In Motion - Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin

Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin works to make a difference in the lives of at-risk Veteran households in every community across Wisconsin. Building tiny homes is simply the foundation of the program. Once a resident no longer has to worry about their immediate needs, they can start building for the future. Veteran residents will have the support to hope, plan and dream for the next chapter of their lives. Veteran peer support groups, weekly wellness activities, job facilitation, and service hours to help residents engage them with the broader community. Services are free to Veteran households. But, we could not do this without all the incredible community support!

Please help Be a Hero to a Hero and donate today!

Every Second Sunday of the Month - May 12th

Children's Church

CHILDREN'S CHURCH, FOR AGE 5–GRADE 5, WILL CONTINUE TO MEET DURING 2ND WORSHIP SERVICE SERMON TIME. AT CHILDREN'S CHURCH, KIDS LEARN THE ADULT BIBLE PASSAGE AND/OR ADULT SERMON TOPIC THROUGH

INTERACTIVE LESSONS AND ACTIVITIES IN AN AGE-APPROPRIATE WAY. WORSHIP TOGETHER AS A FAMILY IS ON SUNDAY, MAY 26TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY. (NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON THIS DATE.)

His Kids

HIS KIDS HAS EXPLORED FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (WAYS GOD CHANGES ME) THROUGHOUT THIS SCHOOL YEAR! THIS MONTH, WE ARE EXPLORING JESUS'S TEACHING AND

CELEBRATING ALL OUR LEARNING. THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR HIS KIDS CELEBRATION WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH, STARTING WITH DINNER AT 5:30PM, FOLLOWED BY SOME FRIENDLY BIBLE-THEMED COMPETITION, PLAY AND SOCIAL TIME FROM 6–7PM,

* ANOTHER FAMILY FUN NIGHT IS COMING UP!! SAVE THE DATE FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH. MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

* VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) IS JULY 15–18 FOR CHILDREN GOING INTO 4K–6TH GRADE. YOUTH GOING INTO 6TH–12TH GRADE ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP! ADULTS—FROM TEACHING TO SECURITY, MUSIC, GAMES AND OF COURSE, THE KITCHEN, THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH VBS PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT VBS THIS SUMMER. WHETHER THROUGH VOLUNTEERING, PRAYER OR GIVING, YOUR SUPPORT WILL TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AS THEY DISCOVER GOD'S OMNISCIENCE, OR HOW GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE—including them,

Community Youth

COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP IS GOING GREAT! WE JUST WRAPPED TALKING ABOUT THE TRINITY. TO WRAP UP OUR OFFICIAL YEAR WE WILL BE ESTABLISHING TWO GARDEN

BEDS. THE YOUTH WILL BE PLANTING GREEN BEANS, POTATOES, AND 2 FRUIT TREES. THROUGH THE SUMMER WE WILL CONTINUE TO MEET ON WEDNESDAYS FROM 5:30PM TO 7:00PM. DURING THOSE TIMES WE WON'T HAVE OFFICIAL LESSONS! WE WILL INSTEAD USE THIS TIME TO TEND THE GARDEN BED, PLAY GAMES, HAVE FUN, AND SPEND TIME TOGETHER. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH!



Celebrate Recovery

A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

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 May- 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

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

1st and 3rd Wednesday
of each month



3:45-5:45pm

455 S Jefferson Street
Waterford, WI 53185

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!



How can I get involved?

Sunday

Community Church offers a “unpacking” study to help believers draw closer to the Lord and discuss any questions that may come up during Sunday’s sermon. Join us!

Sunday School Classes continue with each Sermon Series.

9:30AM after first service

10:45AM after second service

Monday

Afternoon Bible Study 1:00PM

St. James in East Troy—2945 Main Street, East Troy

Study on the Book of Psalms

Led by Mike Biesiadny 262-210-5702

*Open to all

Beginners Woman’s Study 6:30PM

Forgotten God by Francis Chan

A study on the Holy Spirit

Room 4 on the lower level at Community Church

Laurie Wright 262-210-6837 Ann Dirks 262-210-7495

Tuesday

Young Women’s Study 6:30PM Meets Twice Monthly

Study—Without Wavering

Room 14 on the lower level at Community Church

Led By Valerie Strueder 262-210-0859

Wednesday

Women’s Group—6:30-8PM

Design For Discipleship

Led by Coleen Swan 262-758-0230 and

Patty Bernau 262-806-7424

Meeting every 1st and 3rd Wednesday -

Lower Level at Community Church

*The 1st book will be **Your Life in Christ**. Books are available new at Amazon and CBD or used at Thrift Books and AbeBooks. If you wish for us to order contact Patty Bernau by text 262-806-7424*

Men’s Study at 6:30-8PM

Design for Discipleship

Jeff Swan 262-758-0356

Meeting 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Room 14 on the lower level at Community Church

Wednesday Night Adult Study

Gospel of John

6-7PM

Pastor Bill 608-475-0824

Thursday

Women’s Group 6:30-8PM

A Study on the Book of Jude

Keeping the Faith

6:30-8PM in lower level of Community Church –Library

If you would like to join via zoom, please contact:

Marianne Davidson 262-492-8528

Men’s Study at 6:30PM - Mike Biesiadny

6:30 fellowship, 7pm Study

Book of Genesis- Mike Biesiadny 262-210-5702

Downstairs in room 14 at Community Church

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, May 4th***

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."***

May 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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| | | | 1 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry 5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group | 2 7:00PM National Day of Prayer | 3 | 4 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 9AM-12PM Spring Clean Up 9:30AM-1PM Serve Saturday |
| 5 Communion 4:00PM Concert of Prayer | 6 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share | 7 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery | 8 5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group | 9 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team | 10 | 11 |
| 12 M&M Collection Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin | 13 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share | 14 9-11:30AM His Loving Arms Senior Group 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM Trustees Meeting | 15 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry & Misfits for Jesus 5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group (Last Time) | 16 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30 PM Praise Team | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Missions Fair 4:00PM Concert of Prayer | 20 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share | 21 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30PM SPR Meeting | 22 | 23 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 Memorial Day Grief Share MOVED TO TUESDAY because of the holiday >>>>>>>>>> | 28 1PM Staff Meeting 1-3PM Grief Share 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30PM Church Council Meeting | 29 | 30 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team | 31 | |

Community Church

455 S. Jefferson St.

Waterford, WI 53185

Glorify God

Encourage One Another

Share Jesus



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

www.communitychurchwaterford.org— like us on Facebook

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Worship Services at 8 & 9:30 AM

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