



The Newsletter of Community Church

October 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!

Do you remember what Jesus said were two greatest Commandments in Matthew 22:35-40, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength? And love your neighbor as yourself.” In Jesus’ day, Judaism called that the **Shema**, it is a central declaration of the Jewish faith as found in Deuteronomy 6:4-5. The Shema is recited daily in Jewish prayers and emphasizes the importance of loving God with every aspect of one’s being.

For the past 3 Pastor Letters, I have been presenting a simple and practical, but extraordinary way to live the biblical Shema. It is a prayer movement called “The Lighthouse Movement,” which is meant to encourage believers to prayerfully transform their homes into Neighborhood House of Prayer Lighthouse to reach our neighbors for Christ. The Lighthouse Movement is not a program or a project, but a prayer movement that is already at the heart of our church! A Movement meant to help believers learn effective ways to pray for and love or serve their neighbors. One resource we will use to learn how to transform our home into a Lighthouse for their neighborhood (**or live the Shema**), is the book **The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships**.

This thought-provoking book presents a simple, but profound question: *What is the most loving thing you can do for the people who live on your street or in your apartment building?* The book encourages believers to look beyond their front doors and create meaningful connections with their neighbors by having meaningful conversations, sharing meals, and attend community events together. However, in our current culture, we have increasingly become more isolated and have had less connections with those living nearby.

The book shares true stories of lives impacted by intentional neighboring and provides practical guidance on how to build authentic friendships with those who live around us. Good neighboring doesn’t require grand plans, but small, consistent acts of kindness and presence. Being a good neighbor has inherent value, even if your neighbor never becomes a Christian (think of the distinction between ultimate motives and ulterior motives, it’s about embodying love and compassion, regardless of the outcome).

So, whether you’re in the heart of your neighborhood or in the quiet countryside, “The Art of Neighboring” encourages us to rediscover the lost art of connecting with those who live around us with simple actions. Basic steps to help us break the ice and build connections - like learning and using the names of our neighbors.

People often feel they need to do more or be more — smarter, funnier, or wealthier—to make a difference. However, everyone has unique strengths and qualities that can positively impact their neighborhood. We need to remember that building relationships takes time and consistent effort through regular, small interactions, like greeting neighbors when you see them or inviting them over for coffee or a root beer. It is only fear and time constraints that stop us. So please watch for more small, but practical ways to live the Biblical Shema.

Also, mark your calendar, November 3 at the Community Church, and November 4 at the Union Grove Church, for our Annual Ministry Fair where we will celebrate our previous year of ministry, look to goals and strategies of our upcoming year of adventure and ministry.

Join us! Pastor Bill

CHANGE

More Than What's In Your Pocket

Change is a part of life. But sometimes, we go through seasons when change feels so rapid and relentless that we feel stuck, overwhelmed, exhausted and confused. But we were made for more than to just tread water and barely survive. Thankfully, we can always turn to God for guidance on navigating stressful situations.

Surviving Stressful Times, looking to God's wisdom in the Bible to discover new strength to keep going, trust God when it doesn't make sense, and handle stress even in the most difficult of times.

October 6th - Handling faith, politics and elections 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

October 13th - Handling faith, politics and elections Philippians 2:6, 14-16

October 20th - Keeping your tank filled.. Instead of running empty Matthew 11:28-30

October 27th - Jesus' secrets of resilience Hebrews 12:1-3

Join us for Worship!

8:00 & 9:30AM

Live Streamed on Facebook and Communitychurchwaterford.org





Communion



Sunday,
October 6th

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



NOW HIRING

Nursery ATTENDANT

Sunday Mornings 8-noon

CONTACT
262-534-2313

COMMUNITYCHURCHWATERFORD@GMAIL.COM



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!

His Kids

Community Youth

Wednesday Nights @ Community Church started back up on Sept. 18th! Yahoo!

Almost every Wednesday we offer dinner at 5:30pm followed by a brief worship time before we split into groups from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

- His Kids: for Kindergarten through 5th grade.

- Community Youth: for 6th grade through 12th

- Adult Bible Studies

Nursery attendants are available for any adults with infants and toddlers who would like to attend bible study or volunteer.

There are Family Ministry Calendars available showing all family focused events and meetings from now through July of 2025 by the Connect Corner in the Lobby. Please grab one!

September 27th we had our first Family Fun Event of the 2024-2025 school year. The theme was obstacle and agility. There was an inflatable obstacle course, a giant slide and resistance parachutes to race against someone. There was also a small ninja rope course and climbing ropes for toddlers as well stop watches at every station to test your own skills. Lots of fun was had!



Family Fun Night!



Serving
just once
a month
can have
a lasting
impact on
a child's
life.



Contact the Church
office if interested
in serving in
children's ministry!

CHILDRENS CHURCH

KIDS MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES
DURING SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE

AGES 5-10 YEARS

SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:30AM



Union Grove Methodist Church

Home of Bright and Beautiful Christian
Child Care Center

70TH ANNUAL

TURKEY DINNER

Saturday, October 19th, 2024

4:30pm - 7:30pm

Tickets can be purchased from church
members, from your car on the day of, or
call 262-878-1248

The meal includes roast turkey, whipped
potatoes, gravy, stuffing, creamed green
beans, corn, coleslaw, dinner roll,
cranberries, and dessert (pie)!



UGMC

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ONLY

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906 12th Ave. Union Grove, WI 53182

WWW.UNIONGROVEMC.ORG

His ving Arms Senior Program †

**MEETING IN THE COMMUNITY CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL EVERY 2ND AND 4TH
TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.**

JOIN US FROM 9-11:30AM

**FOR THOSE AGE 60 AND OLDER.
ACTIVITIES, GAMES, CRAFTS, MOVIES,
DEVOTIONS, SNACKS AND MORE!**



INTERESTED IN TECHNOLOGY?

**JOIN OUR TECH TEAM!
PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR
MORE INFORMATION ON LIVE STREAMING,
RUNNING THE SOUND BOARD, AND HOW TO GET
CONNECTED!**




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The Way to Grow
Preschool

Preschool Fun!!

Making good choices, following directions, sharing and working together. God created each of us to live loved.

Talk to Tricia about touring our classroom.!



Wednesday Night Programs

**HIS KIDS - COMMUNITY YOUTH -
ADULT STUDIES
5:30-7PM**

**Bring a
Friend!!**

HIS KIDS

GRADES 5K-5TH GRADE
AGE APPROPRIATE BIBLE LESSONS,
CRAFTS, GAMES & MUSIC

COMMUNITY YOUTH

6TH GRADE - HIGHSCHOOL
BIBLE TEACHINGS AND LIFE SKILLS

NURSERY - AGES 0 - 4

**ADULT STUDIES LED BY PASTOR BILL
DURING THE SAME TIMEFRAME .**

**BEGINNING WITH DINNER PROVIDED
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY THEN SPLITTING
FOR AGE APPROPRIATE GROUPS.**

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.

Current session continues every Monday through November.

Facilitators:

Bernie Mann 262-498-2700

Fay Tichy 262-930-9488



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

A CHRIST CENTERED Recovery Program

Meeting Fridays @ 6:30PM

Community Church: :

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurts, habits or hang-ups of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our lives.

Now switching to Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30PM in the Community Church Sanctuary.

A soft opening with all the changes in place will take place throughout September.

Grand Opening - Friday, October 4th

Leader: Mike Boehmer

262-492-7998

CRboehmer@yahoo.com



WOMEN'S HIKE

And Fellowship

Saturday, October 12th

**10:00AM
REZNER NATURE
CENTER - WAUKESHA**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR
PATTY BERNAU AT 262-806-7424**

START YOUR DAY WITH COFFEE,
BREAKFAST, FELLOWSHIP AND MORE



**Mens
BREAKFAST
8:00AM**

Community Church Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH



*A huge THANK YOU to all those who
volunteered to bake for the Missions Bake
Sale and to all those who bought items that
contributed to the Missions Fund!
You are all appreciated!*



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, October 13th - M&M Collection

Faith, Hope & Love

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

MISSIONS IN MOTION

SPECIAL COLLECTION EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

THEIR GOAL IS TO BUILD FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN CRISIS THROUGH THEIR DUFFELS FOR KIDS, BLASTPACKS, SENSORY BAGS, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER, AND MANY MORE PROGRAMS ACROSS SE WISCONSIN IN AN EFFORT TO REACH AS MANY CHILDREN IN CRISIS SITUATIONS AS POSSIBLE. THERE IS A GREAT NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IT ONLY CONTINUES TO GROW. HOPING TO CLOSE THE GAP SO NO CHILD IS LEFT WITHOUT BEING PROVIDED BASIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS.

COMMUNITY CHURCH
2024
Ministry Fair

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD 10:45AM

JOIN US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AND
DIG DEEPER INTO THE DIFFERENT
MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH AND FIND
OUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

WE WILL BE:

- CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF 2024
- LOOKING AT OUR VISION FOR 2025
- HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AS A
PROFESSING MEMBER TO HAVE THE
PRIVILEGE TO VOTE ON CHURCH
DECISIONS.
- LUNCH: FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED FOR
ALL WHO ATTEND.

Ministry Fair will follow our **ONE, 9:30am worship service.
Ministry leaders, please pick up your boards from the
office to update and refresh!**

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer Vigil

PROVERBS 29:2

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked man rules, the people groan"

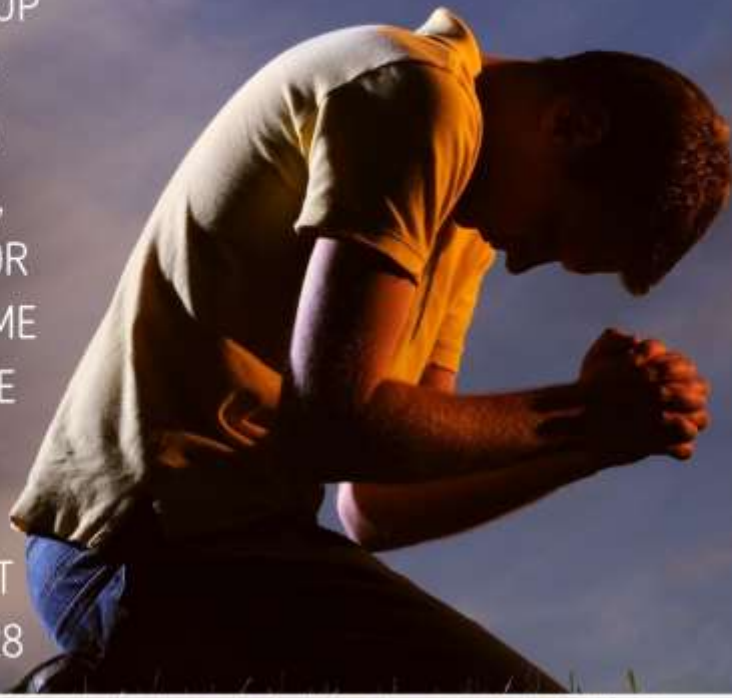
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH 1:00PM -

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH 1:00PM

Community Church
455 S. Jefferson St., Waterford

IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO SIGN UP
FOR A TIME
SLOT FOR A
FOUR HOUR,
TWO HOUR, OR
ONE HOUR TIME
SLOT, PLEASE
CONTACT
MARIANNE
DAVIDSON AT
262-492-8528

PRAYER
FOCUS WILL
BE:
PRAYING
FOR GOD'S
FAVOR ON
AMERICA



Missions

Come check out the new Missions Map located near the restrooms.

This missions map center has information and updates from our quarterly mission partners. Please feel free to take items that are located in the file folders and get to know our partners better! Our congregation supports these partners in two ways:

1.) Individual designated giving to the general mission fund

2.) The church gives 4% of its budget to missions to pay our partners.

This year has seen a challenge in individual giving and is at risk of lowering our contribution to these amazing partners. We are currently running at 58% for the first six month of 2024 over last years figures. We pray that God will guide our congregation over this matter and continue to bless our missions ministry.

This board is for quarterly missions. This is different from Missions In Motion



SERVE SATURDAY!



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.

Saturday, October 5th

Signup sheets available.

Volunteers will meet at church at 9:30AM on

Saturday, October 5th and travel to our destinations from there. Destination information will be provided in October to those participating.

Opportunity 1: We will be re-staining a gazebo for an elderly couple. Bring your painting skills and help complete this mid-sized project.

Opportunity 2: Repairing a wheelchair ramp for an individual who lives alone. Tools needed are driver and long screws. Also there are small repairs at the back deck with the lattice work.

Opportunity 3: Repair a side garage door that has rusted on the bottom. Put some type of rubber (or similar) on it.

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."***



PRAYER COORDINATOR

MARIANNE DAVIDSON

ccwprayer@communitychurchwaterford.org

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



Community Church

October

Hospitality Tent

**Sunday, October 27
1-4pm**

Stop by the corner of hwy W and
hwy D across the street from
DW Coffee to say hello or to grab
some goodies!

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, October 6th
Sunday, October 20th



Join us for Family Literacy

Racine Literacy Council's Family Literacy Program aims to lift the whole family so they can meet their personal goals. Parents with preschool (3 years old and over) and/or school-aged children are invited to enroll in the program.



Example Schedule:

First 20-30 minutes: Engaging family activity with all families together (literacy-based)

Next hour: Children receive small group tutoring while adults are working with tutors on their goals

Last 20-30 minutes: Parenting topic or parent-and-child-together time (parent or child chooses from a list of activities for their family - games, reading, crafts, etc.)

Located in the lower level of
Community Church Waterford
455 S. Jefferson Street, Waterford

Ongoing Program!

Thursdays 6-8 pm



734 Lake Ave., Racine 53403



www.racineliteracy.org



ktillis@racineliteracy.com



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Looking to get involved?
GREAT!

Here are a few ideas:

- Front Door Greeter**
- Ushers**
- Communion Server**
- Food Pantry**
- Live Streaming Services**
- Sound Board**
- Worship Team**
- Children's Church Helpers**

More Information:
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
262-534-2313

♦ Family Christmas Gift Shop ♦

Starting to gather items for this years gift shop. Any
NEW or unopened items would be appreciated.
Men, women and children items of all kinds.

Any questions, please contact
Karen Larson at 414-333-8934



WOMEN'S RETREAT

November 9, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Community Church, Waterford

For more information and for tickets, visit
www.EmpoweredWomensRetreat.com

Thank you to our church sponsors



Reserve Tickets





2024

★ *Advent Devotionals*

Love, Joy, Peace & Hope

We would like to invite and encourage you to participate writing for the Community Church 2024 Advent Devotional. There are 20 spots to fill! Please contact the church office at 262-534-2313 to secure a spot. You can send your devotion of **300 words or less** ***By November 14*** to

communitychurchwaterford@gmail.com

October 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	1 1PM Staff Meeting	2 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry 5:30-7PM His Kids & Community Youth	3 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	4 6:30-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	5 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 9:30AM-1PM Serve Saturday
6 Communion	7 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	8 9-11AM His Loving Arms Senior Group 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00PM Trustee Meeting	9 5:30-7PM His Kids & Community Youth	10 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	11 6:30-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	12
13 Missions In Motion Faith, Hope & Love	14 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	15 1PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM SPR Meeting	16 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry & Misfits for Jesus 5:30-7PM His Kids & Community Youth	17 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30 PM Praise Team	18 6:30-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	19
20	21 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	22 9-11AM His Loving Arms Senior Group 1PM Staff Meeting 6:30PM Church Council	23 5:30-7PM His Kids & Community Youth	24 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	25 Prayer Vigil Starting at 1:00PM 6:30-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	26 Prayer Vigil ending at 1:00PM
27 1-4PM Fall Hospitality Tent	28 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	29	30 5:30-7PM His Kids & Community Youth	31 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team		

Community Church

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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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