



# The Newsletter of Community Church

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July 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 God's 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. 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 to have someone you may not know, praying to God for you! 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's 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 through 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, and when the Lord provides an opportunity, I will share my faith.

One resource that will be available and taught soon 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! Have a great summer!**

God bless! Pastor Bill



## 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, July 7 - Vanessa Alcantara Preaching

Sunday, July 14 - Our Power in the Battle Colossians 2:9-15

Sunday, July 21 - Our Authority in the Battle Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday, July 28 - The Artillery in the Battle Mark 9:14-29

COMMUNITY CHURCH  
HOSPITALITY TENT

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**FOURTH  
OF JULY**  
*Celebration*

THURSDAY **04** JULY



THE 4TH OF JULY IS A PERFECT TIME TO REACHOUT TO THE COMMUNITY! PLEASE JOIN US **BEFORE** THE WATERFORD PARADE AT **CHURCH (9AM)** TO PACK COOLERS FULL OF WATERS AND ICEES. THE HOSPITALITY TENT WILL BE SET UP RIGHT IN FRONT OF BILL CZAJA'S STATE FARM INSUREACE BUILDING ON MAIN STREET. THERE WE WILL HAND OUT POPCORN, WATERS, ICEES AND OTHER GOODIES! HELPING HANDS MAKES LIGHT WORK, JOIN US FOR THE FUN OR STOP BY TO SAY HELLO! WATERFORD PARADE BEGINS AT 11, PLEASE PLAN TO BE AT THE HOSPITALITY TENT AROUND 9:30AM IF YOU PLAN TO HELP OUT!



# Join us for Worship

## 8 & 9:30am

Live Streamed on Facebook and [Communitychurchwaterford.org](https://www.communitychurchwaterford.org)

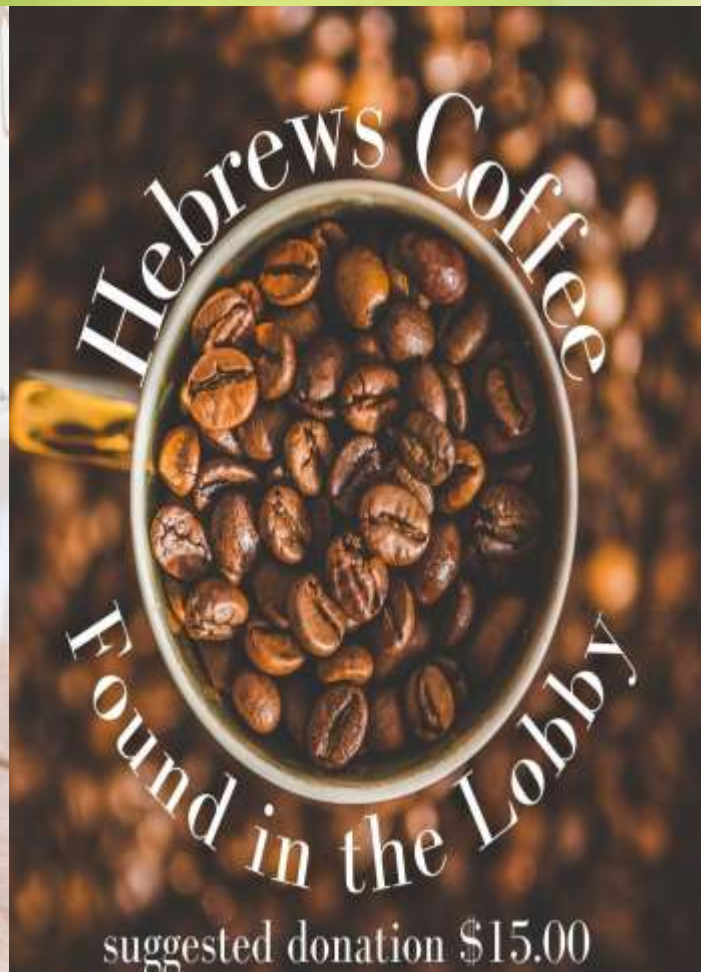
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

## Communion

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



Sunday, July 7th



suggested donation \$15.00

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*will NOT be meeting*

## THE MONTH OF JULY

See you in August for more learning and fun!





**PRAYER COORDINATOR**  
**MARIANNE DAVIDSON**

[ccwprayer@communitychurchwaterford.org](mailto:ccwprayer@communitychurchwaterford.org)

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



**Brooke**  
**Schweitzer**

**VISITATION AND CARE  
MINISTER**

**262-210-6664**

**Except for Wednesday, July 3rd—  
Youth will NOT be meeting on  
this date due to the holiday.**

## Community Youth

The youth group will continue to meet  
on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm  
throughout Summer to tend the  
garden, water their vegetables and  
stay connected until Youth Group  
“officially” meets again in the Fall.





# THE WAY TO GROW PRESCHOOL

**REGISTER  
NOW FOR  
THE  
2024-25  
YEAR!**

## **NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!**

Focused on the whole child - physically, intellectually, socially, creatively, emotionally and spiritually. Healthy, curious, confident children will be ready to succeed in school.

## **HIGHLIGHTED BENEFITS:**

Center Based Classroom

Small teacher to child ratio

Christian curriculum

Play based learning

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

262-534-7998

455 S Jefferson St., Waterford

Register now at [communitychurchwaterford.org](https://communitychurchwaterford.org)



## **Nursery.**

Open for both first  
and second worship  
service.

Ages 4 and under.



**God loves Ewe!**

**THANK  
YOU FOR  
YOUR  
FAITHFUL  
GIVING**

Trust God in  
ALL Aspects of  
Your Life

## **Calling all sheep!**

We will be decorating  
for Vacation Bible  
School with all sorts of  
sheep! Small and  
large. If you are able to  
borrow out, purchase  
or donate any sheep, it  
would be greatly  
appreciated!





Dear Community Church Family,

It is with a mix of emotions that I share some exciting and some bittersweet news. As you may have heard, Brett and I recently got engaged! As I look to our future, I will be moving away from Waterford to live in Oshkosh this coming August, 2024. Brett is also moving to Oshkosh.

Through prayerful discernment and research, I discovered that God is leading me to go back to school. I will be attending University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh starting Fall of 2024 and living in the dorms until Brett and I are married. At UWO, I will be pursuing dual licensure in special education (K-12th grade) and elementary education (K-9th grade). The end goal is to be equipped and licensed for a diverse set of age groups and teaching opportunities with children. After I finish schooling, I anticipate that God will lead me to teach in Christian schools or to homeschool children using Christian curriculum. I am also interested in helping schools and churches develop curriculum and expand programming to provide more access to children with special needs.

It was through my experiences teaching your children and writing curriculum for Community church that God developed and revealed my passions and giftings in these areas. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of this church family and work here! All of Community church's children are a blessing; they continually impress me with their eagerness to learn, grow, and have fun together. Without the hard work of all volunteers, the children would not have these opportunities—watching God bring people together to support and enable the children's ministry to grow and run smoothly has been thrilling. Keep being Christ's body for one another—and for the children of our church family!

I am looking forward to working alongside all of you at Vacation Bible School; afterwards, I will continue working until late August, then my tenure as Children's Ministry Leader will finish, and I will move to Oshkosh. I am looking forward to God's next steps for me, but I will miss you all!

Blessings,

Marissa Kelley, Children's Ministry Leader,  
Community Church Waterford



## GRIEF SHARE<sup>®</sup>

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.

**New Session continues to the end of July.**

*Facilitators:*

*Bernie Mann 262-498-2700*

*Fay Tichy 262-930-9488*

# Celebrate Recovery

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 life.



▶▶▶▶ **Tuesday Evenings 6-8:30PM** ◀◀◀◀

6:00pm: Food, Fellowship and Welcome

6:30-7 pm: Worship

7-7:30pm: Lessons and Testimonials

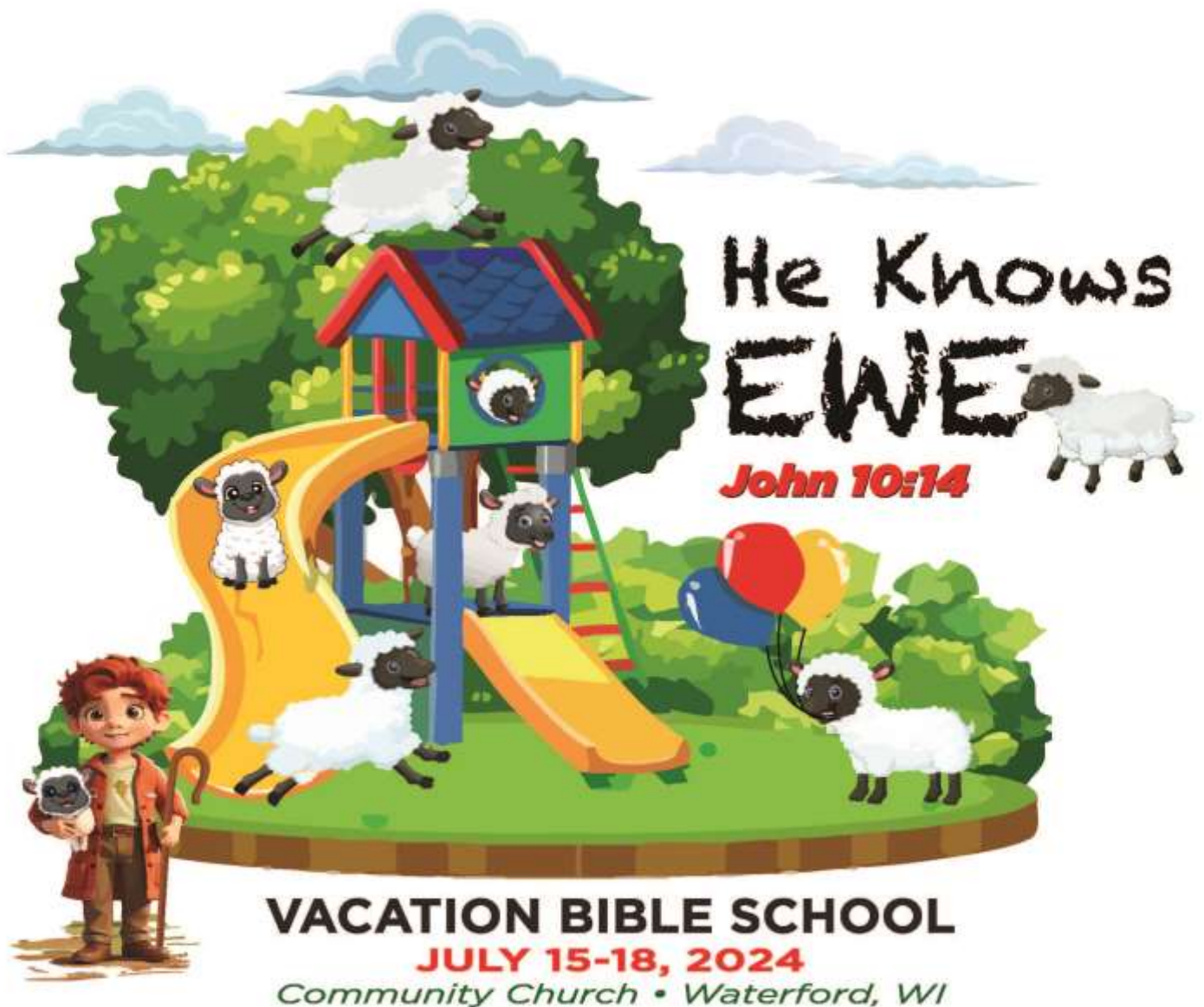
7:30-8:30pm: Small Group Sessions



630-478-3968  
Scott Swartz

**CONTACT US**

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## 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](mailto:Marissa@communitychurchwaterford.org).

All adults are invited to support the Vacation Bible School ministry. 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, July 14th - M&M Collection**

**Exploit No More**

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

*Missions in Motion*

every 2nd Sunday of the month

*Sunday, July 14th*

**Exploit No More**

Motivated by the love of Jesus, Exploit No More responds to the impact of sex trafficking through community education and supportive services. Exploit No More is dedicated to see all survivors of sex trafficking treated with dignity and have access to safe housing, supportive services and the ability to move forward to work towards their goals.

Sign up  
sheet  
is  
found  
in the  
Lobby!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:uniongrovemethodistchurch@uniongrovemc.org)  
or Call 262-878-1248 for more information!



# CONCERT *of Prayer*

PAUSING MEETING DATES UNTIL  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

PAUSING MEETING DOES NOT MEAN PAUSING  
PRAYING! PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR  
ANYTHING PULLING AT YOUR HEART.



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!



# 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.

**\*Saturday, July 6th\***

## **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 indoor worship service at 9:30am, followed by the Annual Corn Roast.

Save the date!

# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  <b>1PM</b> Worship Design  <b>1-3PM</b> Grief Share	2  <b>1PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:00-8:30PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	3  <b>3:45-5:45 PM</b> Food Pantry	4  <b>11:00AM</b> <b>Hospitality Tent</b> <b>for Waterford</b> <b>4th of July</b> <b>Parade</b>	5	6  <b>9:30AM-1PM</b> Serve Saturday
7  <b>Communion</b>	8  <b>1PM</b> Worship Design  <b>1-3PM</b> Grief Share	9  <b>1PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:00-8:30PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	10	11  <b>3-4PM</b> Tea at Three  <b>6:30PM</b> Praise Team	12	13
14  <b>M&amp;M</b> <b>Collection</b> <b>Exploit No More</b>	15  <b>1PM</b> Worship Design  <b>1-3PM</b> Grief Share  <b>6-8:30PM</b> <b>Vacation Bible</b> <b>School</b>	16  <b>1PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:00-8:30PM</b> Celebrate Recovery  <b>6-8:30PM</b> <b>Vacation Bible</b> <b>School</b>	17  <b>3:45-5:45 PM</b> Food Pantry & Misfits for Jesus <b>6-8:30PM</b> <b>Vacation Bible</b> <b>School</b>	18  <b>3-4PM</b> Tea at Three  <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team <b>6-8:30PM</b> <b>Vacation Bible</b> <b>School</b>	19	20
21	22  <b>1PM</b> Worship Design  <b>1-3PM</b> Grief Share	23  <b>1PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:00-8:30PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	24	25  <b>3-4PM</b> Tea at Three  <b>6:30PM</b> Praise Team	26  <b>5:30-7:30PM</b> Family Fun Event	27
28	29  <b>1PM</b> Worship Design  <b>1-3PM</b> Grief Share	30  <b>1PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:00-8:30PM</b> Celebrate Recovery	31			



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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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