



The Newsletter of Community Church

September 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 the parable of the Good Samaritan? In that timeless parable, Jesus taught us the Biblical Principle that everyone is our neighbor, and we should care for them. But we are surrounded by so many people, how do we live out that Biblical principle in practical ways? If we see *everyone* around us as our neighbor, it would be near impossible to take effective steps to interact with or care for people as Jesus did.

In the July and August Pastor Letter, I introduced you to a simple but extraordinary way to live out that Biblical Principle. It is a prayer movement called "The Lighthouse Movement." The vision of the Lighthouse Movement is to prayerfully encourage believers to transform their home into a Neighborhood House of Prayer or a Lighthouse to reach our neighbors for Christ.

The Lighthouse Movement is not a program nor a project, but a prayer movement that is already at the heart of our church! Part of The Lighthouse Movement is to help believers, families or groups learn effective ways to pray for their neighborhoods. Then, depending on your personality and how the Lord leads you, you pray for or walk your neighborhoods as you pray. Then learn the names of those who live around you through an app that is available, to personalize your prayers for your neighbors.

Part of The Lighthouse Movement is to consider the people who live immediately around you. Do you know them? Do you know anything meaningful about them? Are you showing anything that resembles genuine love to them? Before we go on, I know some of you are already starting to feel a little uncomfortable or awkward, you are not an extrovert, or your neighbors are very private or even neighborly. But it's what Jesus modeled, and Holy Spirit will move in incredible ways that will build a thriving community of believers!

Here are some principles to remember as you consider participating in the Lighthouse Movement:

- While God calls us to care for our neighbor as well as being present and supportive, we must also recognize our own limits and understand healthy boundaries. God is not calling us to take on more than what we are responsible for or to take on more than we can handle.
- There is a concept called "Reciprocal Hospitality." The idea is to not only offer help, but also being willing to receive help from our neighbors. This mutual exchange of care fosters deeper connections, it breaks down barriers, and it creates a more authentic and balanced relationship. I know, this is an area that does not come easily to me either. But it is a powerfully true ministry principle!
- Also, there is another concept called, "unhurried time." Here we want to have genuine interactions with our neighbors, so that requires us to slow down and even make changes so we can love our neighbors even better. This is another area that is a struggle for most people, especially while you are raising kids. But I can't find an escape clause for not loving our neighbors just because we're really busy.
- Finally, it is very important for us to remember this very important principle and here it is - *we are not responsible for the outcome of our neighbor*. We are called to love as Jesus teaches, no matter of how we are received. If we focus on outcomes of our effort, we miss the essence of Jesus' teaching on how to live in relation to those around us.

Loving our neighbors well is an aspiration that we need more of as we pray for our neighbors and hope to turn our cities into true communities. By being a Lighthouse in our neighborhood, we can create a place where genuine connections grow into stronger, more compassionate Christ centered communities.

I will share more next month, but please prayerfully consider participating in the amazing calling of God!

Pastor Bill

Join us for our Fall Sermon Series

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.

Join us for Worship

8 & 9:30am

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



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!

Community Youth

Final Summer Update: We successfully grew some potatoes, which then were fried and served for dinner to the adults, children and youth that have been meeting on Wednesday night over the summer. The potatoes were delicious and as far as I know no one got sick. Next year the garden will be expanded for all ages to participate in as well as a change of location to make it easier for watering and overall tending. We look forward to working and growing with you all next spring!



Regular Wednesday Night Youth Group resumes Sept. 18th, 2024. Dinner at 5:30, programming from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

His Kids

His Kids will be starting up again Sept. 18th, 2024! Dinner at 5:30pm with programming from 6:00 to 7:00pm. Miss Marissa has **stepped down as Children's Ministry Director and she will be missed. Don't worry though Miss Brooke will be stepping in as interim Children's Ministry Director. So, there will be some changes** with the program, but the goal of helping your children grow closer to God, each other, as well as the other members of our congregation; while instilling in them the knowledge, values, and skills to become disciples that create disciples, will remain steadfast. Looking forward to another awesome year!



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



New Members Class

Saturday, September 14th
9AM-3PM

Join Pastor Bill and bridge the gap between
attending and becoming a professing
member of Community Church

Alternate Date of September 28th, 10AM-3PM

At Union Grove Church - 906 112th Ave.

Join Us!

His Living Arms Senior Program



**Begins meeting again on
Tuesday, September 10th 9-11AM
Join us!**

**For those age 60 and older. Activities, games, crafts, movies,
devotions, snacks and more!**

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

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!



262-534-2313



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"Kudos For Caregivers" **Appreciation Event**

JOY In Your **JOURNEY**

Connection To Community



Keynote Speaker - Jolene Brackey, Author
"Creating Moments of Joy"

SEPT 13
2024

9:00 AM -
2:00 PM

GRACE
CHURCH
3626 HWY 31

EVENT & RESPITE
REGISTRATION ~ 262-833-8777 *Register by*
Sept 6

Free Event On-site Respite Available Lunch Provided

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

HIGHLIGHTED BENEFITS:

Center Based Classroom

Small teacher to child ratio

Christian curriculum

Play based learning



thewaytogrowpreschoolwaterford@gmail.com
262-534-7998

455 S Jefferson St., Waterford



**A new school year is upon us!
We are so excited for the children
to join us in the classroom and
begin all the learning and fun.
Over the Summer, the preschool
floor was upgraded and it looks
great! Come check it out! We look
forward to making new
friendships and for all the
creativity that's going to happen!**

A photograph showing three women in a community center setting. Two women, one with short blonde hair and one with short grey hair, are standing and looking at a computer monitor. A third woman with short brown hair is seated at the desk, operating the computer. The desk is cluttered with papers, a blue storage bin, and other items. On the wall behind them are several posters, including one that says 'I AM CAPABLE OF DOING DIFFICULT THINGS' and another that says 'MORE SCRIPTIVE'. The room has large windows and a casual, community atmosphere.



Wednesday Night Programs



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



Begins again
September
18th

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.

New Session begins Tuesday, September 3rd and continues every Monday after that to complete a 13 week session.

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

FAMILY FUN EVENT

OBSTACLES AND AGILITY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 5:30-7PM

AN ENTIRE FAMILY EVENT, BEGINNING
WITH DINNER AND MOVING TO A
FUN FAMILY COMPETITION!

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JOIN US!

WOMEN'S HEART CONNECTIONS UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 14

Potluck Breakfast 9-11AM @ Community Church

OCT. 12

Nature Hike 10AM @ Rezner Nature Center, Waukesha

NOV. 9

Empowered Women's Retreat @ Community Church

JAN. 10

Game Night 5:30-8PM @ Community Church

FEB. 8

Parents Night Out - We are offering free child care.

MAR. 8

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Dance Party

APRIL 12

Women's Workshop



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, September 8th - M&M Collection

Changing A Destiny

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

MISSIONS IN MOTION

SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Changing a Destiny

Changing a Destiny is a non-profit organization founded to improve the lives of children in the poorest countries in Kenya. They have been established to educate children and provide a brighter future, creating future Christian leaders in the process. As we do this, we keep Christ as the reason we do everything.

They have purchased 2 acres of land and have fully funded a church to be built. Along with this they are planning to build a school to educate the children. Please prayerfully consider donating to this wonderful organization.

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.

Women's Potluck Breakfast

SAT. SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
9-11AM

Don't miss out on this scrumptious event!
Sign up for a dish to pass at the Welcome Counter
Patty Bernau at 262-806-7424 for more information!



Missions
BAKE SALE

Sunday, September 22nd

We will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, September 22, 2024 after both services. We are looking for bakers and a few helpers, and of course, eaters!!! If you are interested in helping, there will be a sign-up sheet located across from the welcome center.

We are having this sale to help fund the general mission fund which supports our quarterly giving to our mission partners. Since the beginning of the year through July, our individual designated giving has decreased over 43%. To help us to continue to support our partners without the risk of lowering our contributions, we have decided to hold a bake sale.

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.



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, September 7th

This month we have two different opportunities to serve in our community.

Opportunity 1: Assist at St. Vincent DePaul Waterford store. Various tasks.

Opportunity 2: Deconstructing a fairly large wooden shed and loading it into a dump trailer. Tools available are 3 Sawzall and some hammers and crowbars. Please bring gloves and any other tools that would be helpful. This project is for someone in our very own congregation.

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."***



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.

09.01.2024 | 4:00PM
09.15.2024 |



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.



To register:
August 4th
Waterford Community Church
455 S. Jefferson St., Waterford



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.)

**Program starts
September 12th**

Thursdays 6-8 pm



Tutor Training

Come tutor with us this fall!

10 am or 6pm

August 27th, 2024

Racine Literacy Council

734 Lake Ave

6pm

August 29th, 2024

Waterford Community Church

455 S. Jefferson St., Waterford

To RSVP:

262-632-9495

All prospective tutors may attend one
of the sessions.





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



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

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	3 1-3PM Grief Share	4 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry	5 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	6 6:30-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	7 9:30AM-1PM Serve Saturday
8 Missions In Motion— Changing a Destiny	9 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	10 9-11AM His Loving Arms Senior Group 1PM Staff Meeting	11	12 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	13 6:30-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	14 9-11AM Women's Potluck Breakfast
15	16 1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	17 1PM Staff Meeting	18 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry & Misfits for Jesus 5:30-7PM His Kids & Community Youth Begins!	19 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30 PM Praise Team	20 6:30-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	21
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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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