



The Newsletter of Community Church

December 2023 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! Every month I enjoy using that same introduction Paul the Apostle used as he started many of his letters to Christians. In fact, he used this blessing to encourage believers, and I want you to receive and experience this blessing as well. And the Good News is that you can experience the fullness of God's blessings of Grace and Peace, as well as the Christmas blessings of hope, joy, and love!

Imagine that stary night, many years ago, when something extraordinary and supernatural was in the air. In the City of David, the Messiah was found, all warmly wrapped up and lying in a feeding trough. The Promised One, the Messiah, God had finally come to be with His people; but God came in the most unexpected way! God did not come as a conquering general riding in on a white steed as their culture was accustomed to. Our conquering God came into the world as a little human baby, a baby who cried and needed to be cared for! But not as an ordinary baby... but a baby who was fully human and fully God. There is actually a term to describe this God/man, it is the Hypostatic Union – fully God and fully human.

That is why one of Jesus' name's is "Immanuel," which means "God with us." In fact, that is why another part of the Good News is that the Lord has not left us alone in this world! God has called each of us to come into a relationship with Him, to be redeemed by our Savior's precious blood, to immediately be transformed and forgiven – to be given a second birth as explained in the bible and described in the second stanza of the classic Christmas Carol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

But living this new life doesn't just happen. We need to learn how to live this new life, it is a lifelong process! That is why God came into the world – to save us, to help us and to fulfill us! Then, God sent His Holy Spirit to empower and enable those who trust Jesus to live this new life. Why? Because it is impossible to live the Christian life without Him, no matter how hard we try on our own. We need God, and we are given the choice as to whether we welcome or hinder the Lord's empowering and transforming hand. Yes, admitting we cannot do it on our own, is a very humbling choice.

If the Christmas season heightens your expectations of satisfaction, please join us at the Community and the Union Grove Churches of the Community Regional Shared Ministry this Christmas Season as we hear how to live the life you were created for! A life supernaturally filled with the hope, peace, joy, and love promised by the Savior whose birth we celebrate. If you feel forgotten, afraid, or alone, join us as we learn how to experience the fullness and comfort, the love and friendship that is only found in knowing Jesus Christ; and open yourself up to the amazing life the Lord offers!

May God richly bless and keep you.

Pastor Bill

Join us this Christmas as we celebrate our Savior's birth,

Community Church Waterford:

6pm on Sunday Dec 17 for our Christmas Eve Preview Service, and 4pm on December 24.

Union Grove Church:

4pm on December 24

RESTORE



There are many reality shows about restoring old homes. During a restoration, all of the changes made to a house are removed, and it is taken down to the studs. Then, after necessary upgrades, the house is restored back to it's original glory. Imagine what it would look like if that happened to the church? What if we removed or stripped away all of the cultural add-ons, traditions and rituals placed on the church over the centuries, and the church is restored to it's original glory! What would we look like as a church or as a Christian? What would it look like if we were more like the 1st century church? This series will look at various parts of the Book of Acts and explore how as a body of believers, we can be restored to our original biblical glory!

Sunday, December 3 - Heaven Loosened

Acts 2:1-4

Sunday, December 10 - Staying On Track

Acts 2:22-41

Sunday, December 17 - Better Together

Acts 2:42-47

Sunday, December 17th - Christmas Preview Service 6:00PM

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Morning Sermon 9:30am

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Service 4:00PM

Sunday, December 31st - Get Healed

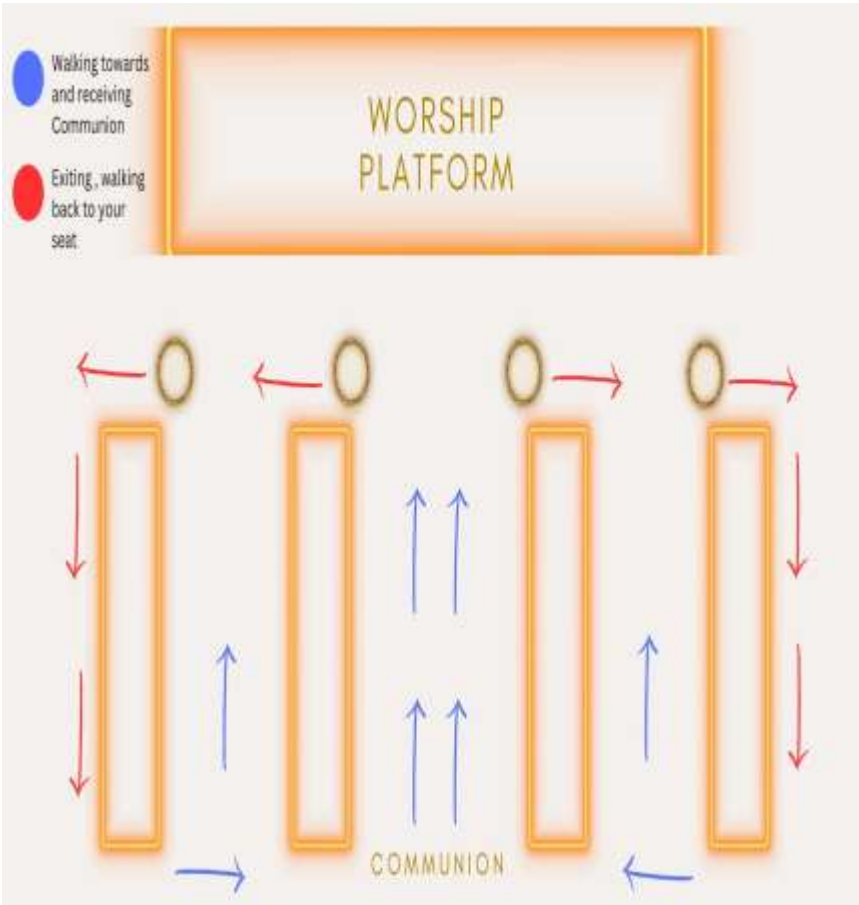
Acts 3:1-10

Join us at 8:00 or 9:30am

Livestreamed on Facebook and CommunityChurchWaterford.org

Join Us For Worship 8 & 9:30am

Join us in person or online. Livestreaming on Facebook and communitychurchwaterford.org



COMMUNITY CHURCH WATERFORD

CHRISTMAS
FAMILY GIFT SHOP

SAT. | DEC 2 | 8am-12pm
3pm-7pm

Where Elementary Age Children Can Buy Gifts
For Their Families!
Cost: \$3.00 per gift
(comes with wrapping paper and card)
All gifts have a value of \$5.00 or more!
For example, if child wants to buy for Mom, Dad &
brother the total would be \$9.00

**The Story of Christmas Walk
Through will be available for
families to check out during the
family gift shop times.**

There will be complimentary punch, cookies and
coffee. Parents will wait in the seating area while
their child shops. There will be helpers for the
children while they are shopping!

455 S. Jefferson St. Waterford, WI 53185
This event is not affiliated with the Waterford School District



Spread the word! The Family Christmas Gift Shop is Saturday, December 2nd. Elementary aged children will be able to shop for gifts for their families. A fun, easy way for them to give to others this Christmas!

Don't forget to grab a copy of this years Advent Devotional! It's truly a blessing to read a different writing each day of Advent, submitted by our church family! Thank you to our writers for helping pull this together!



The Men's Breakfast is canceled for this month. With so many events falling on the same day, we decided to cancel and wait until January. Next Men's Breakfast is


Saturday, January 6th, 2024

See you then, bring a friend!



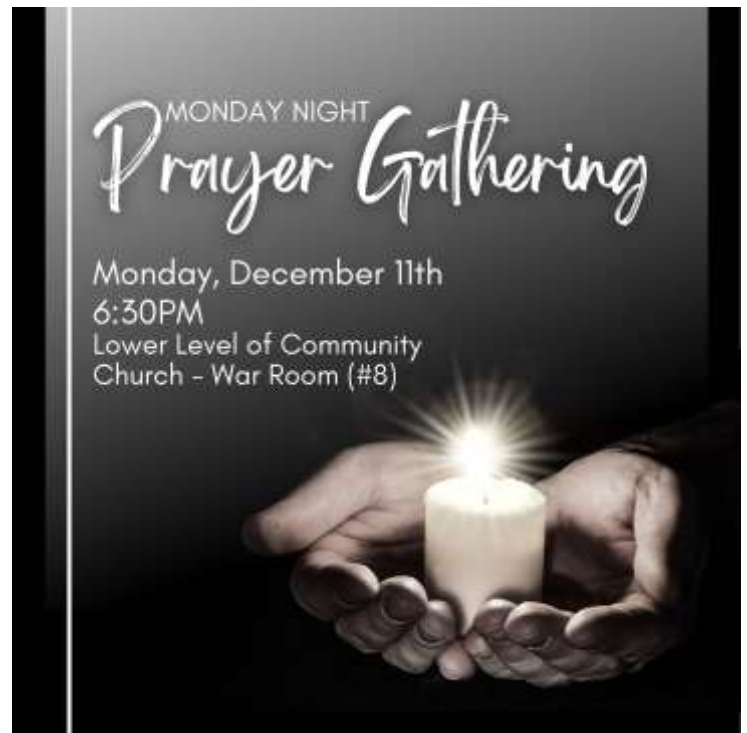
Community Church Hospitality Tent

**Volunteer opportunity:
handing out popcorn, hot
beverages, and hand warmers.
Or, stop by and say hi to warm
yourself with one of those
items. Either way, we hope to
see you at the Hospitality Tent
**Saturday, December 2nd at
5:30pm** during the Waterford
Christmas Parade**



Collection for
Christmas and this
season of Advent:

*Children and
Youth Ministries*





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, December 10th - M&M Collection

Veterans Outreach

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

MISSIONS IN MOTION

SPECIAL COLLECTION - SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

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 WITH THE BROADER COMMUNITY. SERVICES ARE FREE TO VETERAN HOUSEHOLDS. BUT, WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT ALL THE INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY SUPPORT! PLEASE BE A HERO TO A HERO AND DONATE TODAY!

The Way to Grow
Preschool

Christmas Program

Thursday, December 14th - 10:30am

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS
CAROLS FROM THE
PRESCHOOLERS FOLLOWED BY
A SMALL GATHERING WITH
COOKIES FOR ALL.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

With the Church Dissaffiliation come a
few other things...

NEW WEBSITE

communitychurchwaterford.org

NEW EMAIL

communitychurchwaterford@gmail.com

NEW GIVING INFO!!

please make checks out to

**Community Church Waterford
CCW**

SERVE SATURDAY

December 2nd

9:30AM-1PM

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.

First Saturday of each month

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, December 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."***



CHILDRENS CHURCH

KIDS MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES
DURING SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE

AGES 5-10 YEARS

SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:30AM



HIS KIDS AND COMMUNITY YOUTH

Join us!

Wednesdays 5:30-7pm

5k - 5th grade

Led by Miss Marissa

Bible Lessons, Crafts, Games & Music

6th - 12th grade

Led by Brooke

Bible Teachings & Life Skills

Dinner for ALL

Join us at 5:30 for dinner

Split into age appropriate groups
after dinner

Nursery

Open for ages 4 and under

Community Church
455 S Jefferson St.
Waterford, WI

Calling all children!

You are invited to sing for the Christmas Eve preview service on **Sun., Dec 17th at 6pm and at the Christmas Eve Service on Sun., Dec 24th at 4pm**. Come to Children's Church and/or His Kids to practice!

His Kids will be celebrating Christmas on **December 13th!**

We are looking forward to fun challenges for children, youth, and adults as well as age-appropriate Bible lessons. Bring a friend and join the celebration of Jesus's birth! Nursery will be open. The program will run the same timeframe as usual, with dinner from 5:30-6:00pm and Christmas Celebration from 6:00-7:00pm. Children's church will not meet during the Christmas Eve Preview Service or during the Christmas Eve service--kids will sit with their families until they are called up to sing at the end of the service.

His Kids will be off for Christmas Break on **Wed., Dec 20th & 27th** as well as **Wed., Jan 3rd**. We will look forward to seeing everyone when we resume on **Wed., Jan 10th!**

The January-May semester will continue the teachings on **Fruit of the Spirit**.

No Children's church on Sunday, Dec. 24th for either the 9:30am service or the Christmas Eve service. Children's church will continue to be on break for **Sun., Dec 31st**.

Children's church will resume on **Sun., Jan 7th!**

Thank you to all of the children's ministry volunteers who invest in the children of this church. You make programs like His Kids and Children's Church possible and you impact the lives of others in positive ways.

HIS KIDS AND COMMUNITY YOUTH

Christmas Celebration

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

5:30-7PM

GROUPS WILL BREAK FOR THE HOLIDAYS

RESUMING ON JANUARY 10TH



The Preschoolers are keeping busy! Playing, laughing, learning, crafting and even a community outreach project with the His Loving Arms Senior Group.

Christmas Program for The Way to Grow Preschool is Thursday, December 14th at 10:30am, all are welcome!



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 December- 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 CHURCH

FOOD PANTRY

**1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH**

3:45-5:45 PM

455 S. Jefferson Street

Waterford



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It will take you directly to the new
Community Church App! Your online
giving, connect cards, how to get involved,
your Bible, sermon notes and more.

Everything all in one place!

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.**

***Breaking for the holidays,
resumes Tuesday, January 9th.**

Grief Share is a support group that meets weekly. Each week is a stand alone session, so you are welcome to join at any time.

The care you need, information you can trust.

New session will begin Tuesday, January 2nd and will continue every Monday after that to complete a 13 week session.

Facilitators:

Bernie Mann - 262-498-2700

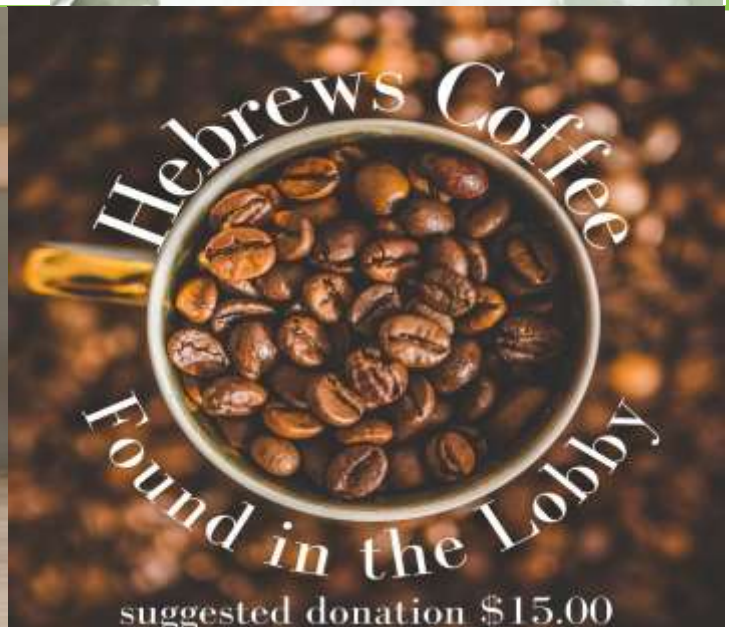
Fay Tichy - 262-930-9488



Tea at Three

Refresh with Tea, Devotions and
Fellowship

Thursdays at Community Church
Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 3-4PM



Christmas Services

Christmas Preview Service
Sunday, December 17th
6:00PM

Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 24
4:00PM

**Christmas Eve regular morning
worship service**
ONE 9:30AM Service

**Join us to celebrate
Christmas!**

Communitychurchwaterford.org

• COMMUNITY CHURCH FAMILY GAME NIGHT •

GAMES, GAMES AND MORE GAMES!

ENTIRE
FAMILY
EVENT



FREE!
BRING A
FRIEND!

JOIN US!

01.26.2024

5:30-7PM



NO MEN'S
REGRETS CONFERENCE

FEARLESS

ISAIAH 41:10



FEBRUARY 3, 2024

no regrets conference.org

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Men's Breakfast Canceled Family Christmas Gift Shop 8AM-12PM 3-7PM 9:30AM-1PM Serve Saturday 5:30PM Waterford Christmas Parade –CCW Hospitality Tent
3 Communion	4 1PM Worship Design	5 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	6 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry 5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group	7 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	8	9 7:00PM Women's Movie Night
10 M&M Collection Veteran's Outreach 9:30 service Preschoolers will sing!	11 1PM Worship Design 6:30PM Prayer Gathering	12 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	13 5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group	14 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30 PM Praise Team	15	16
17 Christmas Preview Service 6:00PM	18 1PM Worship Design	19 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	20 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry & Misfits for Jesus His Kids Not Meeting	21 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	22	23
24/31 ONE Regular service at 9:30am Christmas Eve Service 4:00PM No Children's Church	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26 Office Closed 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery	27 Office Closed His Kids Not Meeting	28 Office Closed 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30 PM Praise Team	29 Office Closed	30

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

office email: communitychurchwaterford@gmail.com

Worship Services at 8 & 9:30 AM

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