

# The Newsletter of Community Church

## November 2023 Pastor's Letter

As we finish our Sermon Series "The Key: Unlocking Your Purpose in Life," our hope was to help you learn God's plan for your life. Truth be told, understanding God's will for our life is a lifelong journey. So "How can we know God's plan for our lives?" I learned 7 keys to knowing God's will:

#### 1. Walk with God.

To know God's plan for your life, you must learn to walk with God. That means to develop a relationship with Him. After all, Christianity is about a relationship, not religion. So you seek to know Him, not just about Him.

If you want to know God, you cultivate that relationship by spending time in His Word, taking time to talk to God (to pray), and taking every opportunity to be involved in church, small group or <u>Bible</u> study opportunities. When you seek these disciplines in your life, God will begin revealing His plan to you.

#### 2. Surrender your will to God's.

Many times, when we say we are seeking God's will, what we really mean is, "OK, God, here's what I want to do, and I want You to bless it, ok?" But that doesn't really help you find God's will. Before God starts revealing His will to you, you must be committed to do whatever God wants you to do. God will likely not show you His plan if He knows you will probably do whatever you want anyways.

Jesus was willing to die for us, so shouldn't we be willing to live for Him? When we surrender to the Lord, that is when He really begins to show us His will. Romans 12:1-2.

#### 3. Obey what you already know to be God's will.

Many people want to know God's plan for their life but overlook the fact that most of His will is already given to us through His Word. God is very clear about many aspects of His will. If we don't obey what God has told us, why would we think the Lord would reveal anything else about His plan for our lives? Obedience is key.

#### 4. Seek godly wisdom.

If you want to know God's will, you also need godly advisors in your life. If you don't have 3-4 mature godly mentors, I suggest you start looking. Think about it: you're basically the sum of the people you spend the most time with. That means you must carefully choose who you spend your time with! If you surround yourself with godly advisors, they will help you discern God's plan for your life. But if you surround yourself with people who are indifferent or ignore God, your hope of finding the Lord's plan for life will be highly unlikely.

The church is designed to help you with this. If you surround yourself with Godly men and women, they'll help you discern God's will. Proverbs 11:14

#### 5. Pay attention to how God wired you.

God created you to fulfill a specific purpose in this world, and no one else can do all of what God created you to do. God tells us in <u>1 Peter 4:10</u>, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." God empowers believers to perform their special mission.

When you seek to discover God's will for your life, pay attention to how He gifted you. His plan for you will always be directly related to the gifts He gave you. That means, you'll be good at whatever He called you to do!

#### 6. Listen to God's spirit.

The most transforming part of your prayer life is when you stop talking and listen while you pray. A significant part of your prayer life is to "listen." Take time to listen to what God has to say to you.

Try this, when you pray, have something to write on, make several columns and label them: "What is the next step in my career? What is the next step in my ministry? What is the next step for my family? What is the next step for my marriage? What is the next step in my education? What is the next step in my finances?" Then, when you pray, stop, and meditate on these topics. God will give you ideas and information about them. It's amazing when God starts to guide your thoughts and words. It will clarify God's will for your life, and it will be truly life changing. John 10:27

#### 7. Look at your circumstances.

God often shows His plan for us by lining up circumstances in obvious ways; God also shows us what is **NOT** His will in the same way. God is very good at opening and closing doors. He did that for the Apostle Paul and his friends in Acts 16:6-10. Even the Apostle Paul experienced closed doors in his ministry. *God closes doors to show us what He does NOT want us to do, and opens doors to show us what He DOES want us to do.* The next time you wonder about God's plan for your life, use these keys to help you to hone in on God's plan. When you sincerely seek God's will, you'll find it!



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, November 12 - Now Wait

Acts1:1-5

Sunday, November 19 - Share It

Acts 1:8-11

Sunday, November 26 - Empowered by Prayer

Acts 1:12-14, Acts 4:18-24

Join us at 8:00 or 9:30am

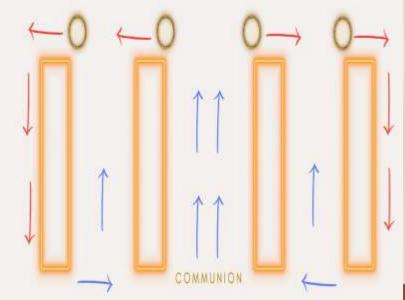
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Walking towards and receiving Communion

Exiting, walking back to your seat

WORSHIP PLATFORM





Sunday, November 5th



#### Adult Sunday School Classes

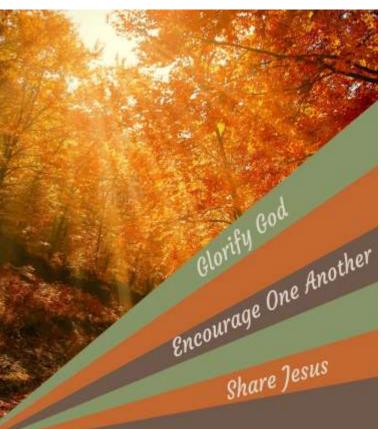
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9:30AM following first service

10:45AM following second service

breaking down the sermon series one sermon at a time.







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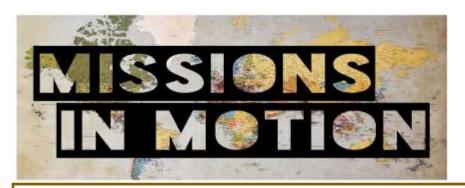
**NEW WEBSITE** 

communitychurchwaterford.org

communitychurchwaterford@gmail.com NEW GIVING INFO!!

please make checks out to

Community Church Waterford CCW



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, November 12th - M&M Collection Faith, Hope & Love

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



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

### FAITH, HOPE & LOVE

THEIR GOAL IS TO BUILD FAITH, HOPE & 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. LETS CLOSE THE
GAP SO THERE IS NO CHILD LEFT WITHOUT
BEING PROVIDED BASIC HEALTH AND
WELLNESS.



# Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone in the congregation for the love, support, gifts, well wishes and encouragement.

We feel the love for Pastor appreciation, thank you!

Paster Bill and Beth Busch



#### 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, November 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

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."

These are just examples of how we anticipate spreading the love of Jesus in our community!



# COMMUNITY CHURCH 2023

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH 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!

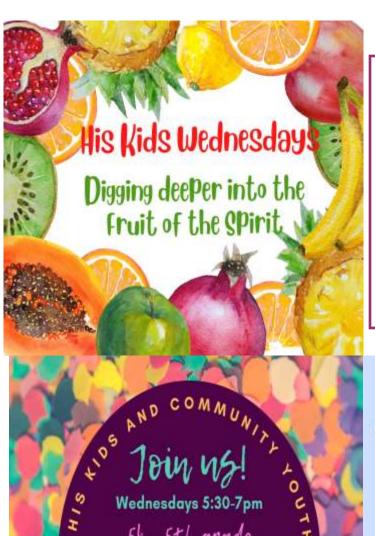
WE WILL BE:

-CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF 2023

-LOOKING AT OUR VISION FOR 2024

-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.



This season of His Kids, the children are exploring Fruit of the Spirit! So far, we have covered: peace and love. In November, the kids will be exploring the topic of Joy and starting patience.

His Kids will not meet on

His Kids will not meet on Wednesday, November 22nd.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving!



# We would love some ideas from you!

Calling all adult congregation members! We need your skills and wisdom! This Fall our youth ministry (6th grade-12th) has started!

In addition to biblical teachings, we will be having life skill lessons.

For example changing a tire, cooking lessons, gardening, etc..

Please prayerfully consider any knowledge or skills you could teach the youth of our community.

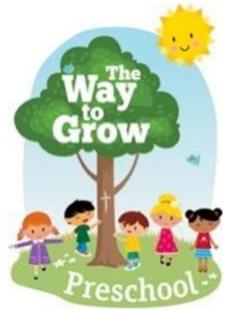
Contact Brooke

cell phone (262-210-6664) or email (brookeschweitz42@gmail.com)
With any ideas, questions, or to find out how to get involved!



We are so excited about our music wall!
Thank you to all who made this possible!!

We had a wonderful time with our senior group friends packing goodie bags for the October Hospitality Tent:)





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

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community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life.

Continuing on Tuesday evenings throughout November- 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

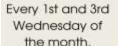
Sue: 262-994-0116

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



455 S. Jefferson Street, Waterford 262-534-2313

FOOD PANTRY

Food is a human right and is an immediate and tangible way to help someone. Anyone in need is welcome. We ask that you bring a valid ID with you to sign up. We accept donations of non-parishable food in jars, cans and sealed packets. Thank you for any and all donations. \*\*Every THIRD Wednesday, Misfits for Jesus joins our Food Pantry with free weather appropriate clothing.



# DRIVE LETS HELP FEED THOSE IN NEED

UNEXPIRED & NON PERISHABLE FOOD ONLY EXAMPLES: SPAGHETTI SAUCE, PEANUT BUTTER, SOUP AND CEREAL

VE NEED

Please bring any collected items on the first Sunday of the month (Communion Sundays)

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the Church Office 262-534-2313





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**Registration Text Code:** 

Text **CCWATERFORD** to **49775** 

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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** 

Meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Fellowship, devotions, games, snacks, birthday celebrations.
Join us!

#### Tea at Three

Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall

Join us from 3-4PM for fellowship,

devotions, tea and more.



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.

13 week session will continue throughout

November.

**Facilitators:** 

Bernie Mann - 262-498-2700

Fay Tichy - 262-930-9488

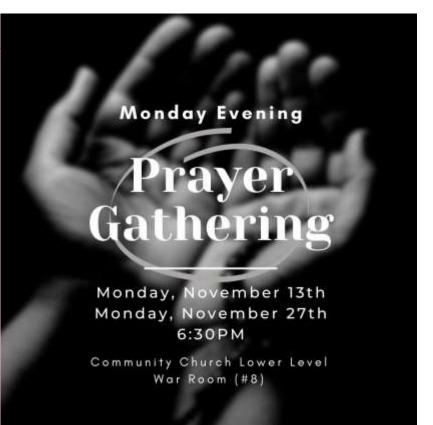












Children's church explores Pastor Bill's sermon passages and topics in ways that impact and engage the kids. Children ages 5-10 are welcome to join us during the 2nd service sermon. Children's church will not meet on Sunday, November 26th--worship together as a family for Thanksgiving!

#### CHILDRENS CHURCH

KIDS MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES DURING SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE

#### AGES 5-10 YEARS

SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE BEGINS AT 9,30AM





Open for both first and second worship service

If you would like to volunteer in the nursery with all of our wonderful (young) kids, please contact the church office at 262-534-2313

AGES 0-4 YEARS

Thank you to all the helping hands at this years October
Hospitality Tent. We were truly a Godly presence in the community and were able to invite so many children and families to all the upcoming events here at Community Church.

A successful outreach!



All the laser tag fun!! Thank you to all volunteers who help make this night happen, including all the families and kids that brought the energy and enthusiasm! Keep an eye out for the next family fun event information.



Seven Bridges Trails Women's Hike was an amazing day! Songs, devotions, stories, prayers and wonderful together time. You are encouraged to join us next month for another Women's Event, a movie night! Look for more information in the coming weeks.



#### **November 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry	2 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30 PM Praise Team	3	4 8:00AM Men's Breakfast 9:30AM-12PM Serve Saturday
Communion Time Change	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
M&M Collection Faith, Hope & Love *MINISTRY FAIR*	19M Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share 6:30PM Prayer Gathering	9-11AM His Loving Arms Senior Group 1PM Staff Meeting 1-3PM Grief Share Begins 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:00PM Trustee Meeting	5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group 3:45-5:45 PM Food Pantry & Misfits for Jesus	3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30 PM Praise Team	17	18
19	1PM Worship Design 1-3PM Grief Share	21  1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30PM SPR Meeting	His Kids Not Meeting	23 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30PM Praise Team	24	25
26 No Children's Church	27  1PM  Worship Design  1-3PM  Grief Share  6:30PM  Prayer Gathering	28 9-11AM His Loving Arms Senior Group 1PM Staff Meeting 6:00-8:30PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30PM Church Council Meeting	29 5:30-7PM His Kids/Youth Group	30 3-4PM Tea at Three 6:30 PM Praise Team		

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Worship Services at 8 & 9:30 AM

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