

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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From the Church Office...

There really isn't any other day on earth like it. If you just look at Valentine's Day by the numbers, it boggles the brain a bit:

- ♥ **\$224 million** – The estimated number of roses grown for Valentine's Day.
- ♥ **\$18.6 billion** – The projected total amount Americans will spend for Valentine's Day.
- ♥ **\$1.6 billion** – The amount people will spend on candy
- ♥ **\$1.9 billion** – The amount people will spend on flowers
- ♥ **\$4.4 billion** – The amount people will spend on diamonds, gold, and silver

After the hundreds of pounds of chocolate have been gobbled, and the millions of cards have been exchanged, and the billions of dollars spent, there comes the inevitable follow up—February 15th. That's the day when we go back to our daily grind; and all that focus on love typically gets thrown out with the wrappers and cards. This probably happens because we put so much emphasis on the temporary and emotionally-driven feeling called love, which is why it is so important to remember that God sends us a very different message:

"For the mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then my faithful love for you will remain. My covenant of blessing will never be broken," says the Lord, who has mercy on you. (Isaiah 54:10)

Isn't this amazing? Long after our flowers have faded and the feelings have waned, God's love endures beyond even the foundations of the earth! That's because His love for us isn't centered in our beauty, behavior, or even our love for Him. God's love flows from the unconditional affection and commitment of the perfect Father's heart. The gospel is the ultimate Valentine that should not be kept a secret! And here is the best part: when we decide to share the love that God has for us with others, it will have an eternal impact. In fact, loving others the way that God loves us is the only meaningful thing that will last forever:

What if I speak in the most elegant languages of people or in the exotic languages of the heavenly messengers, but I live without love? Well then, anything I say is like the clanging of brass or a crashing cymbal. What if I have the gift of prophecy, am blessed with knowledge and insight to all the mysteries, or what if my faith is strong enough to scoop a mountain from its bedrock, yet I live without love? If so, I am nothing. I could give all that I have to feed the poor, I could surrender my body to be burned as a martyr, but if I do not live in love, I gain nothing by my selfless acts. Love is patient; love is kind. Love isn't envious, doesn't boast, brag, or strut about. There's no arrogance in love; it's never rude, crude, or indecent—it's not self-absorbed. Love isn't easily upset. Love doesn't tally wrongs or celebrate injustice; but truth—yes, truth—is love's delight! Love puts up with anything and everything that comes along; it trusts, hopes, and endures no matter what. Love will never become obsolete. (1 Corinthians 13:1-8).



*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."
1 Cor. 15:58*

This Valentine's Day, remember that God didn't spend billions of dollars on us, He sacrificed His priceless Child. He didn't send us flowers, but He allowed a crown of thorns to be put on Jesus' brow. He didn't send us a card, but He demonstrated the ultimate Valentine. Let's make every day a "Valentine's Day" - since God so loved the world, so should we. Picture yourself as God's living Valentine to a world that desperately needs to know what love is truly all about.

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

**COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PRESENTS**

TALENT SHOW

Back by Popular Demand

We want to see YOUR hidden talent! Please contact Kathy Kohrt or the church office to sign up!!

FREE ENTRY

**SUNDAY
MARCH 22 @ 6:30 PM**

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"All this will be because the mercy of our God is very tender, and heaven's dawn is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, and to guide us to the path of peace." Luke 1:78-79

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

(CONT'D)

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP JOIN US FOR A SOUP SUPPER & FELLOWSHIP!



Tuesday, February 25th 5:00-7:00pm

Soup

Crackers

Bread and Butter

Cookies

Coffee

Water

FREE!!

Join us for a time of fellowship, encouragement, laughter, and soup!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Rock Island Food Pantry

This month our Mission Focus is the Upper Rock Island Food Pantry for residents of the Riverdale School District. Their hours are noon to 2 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. The pantry is located at Messiah Lutheran Church in Port Byron. Information about the pantry or appointments for Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday can be made by calling 309-523-2421. Thank you in advance to all who participate in our February "Pack the Pantry" event to help this mission. Please read below for the details.

FEBRUARY IS...

PACK THE PANTRY



In addition to collecting food for the Upper Rock Island County Churches' food pantry, the Missions Department is spearheading a drive to collect items that are not food nor can they be bought with WIC coupons.

Below you will find the items emphasized for each week. Please place these items in the provided bag and bring them to worship on the indicated Sunday. Thank you for your help!

February 2nd – Paper Products

paper towels, facial tissue, bathroom tissue, food storage bags, diapers, etc.

February 9th – Cleaning Supplies

laundry detergent, dish soap, bar soap, floor cleaner, etc.

February 16th – Personal Hygiene Products

deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving supplies, etc.

February 23rd – Food

usual non-perishable food items



from
**Countryside
Christian Church**



For more information, contact the church office at: 309-523-2834

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you." ~Mother Teresa

SPECIAL SATURDAY SERVICE

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Special Saturday Service



February 22nd @ 5:00pm

We are excited to present to the congregation someone that the Search Committee feels is a good candidate for our church. Please plan to attend the service and be in prayer as we continue working through the process.

"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him." Psalm 91:14-15

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER

Thank You **BECKI WINGER**, who is our new Fellowship Chairperson, and who has already hit the ground running! Some fun things planned for this year starting with this Valentine's Fundraiser Dinner this month! Please get your reservations in so they can plan the food!

Supporting the 2020 Youth Mission Trip

**Countryside Christian Church
February 15, 2020 6:00pm**

*Lasagna dinner, salad, bread, dessert and drinks
Please hand your reservation to Becki Winger or the church office.*

***Donations accepted at the door. All proceeds benefit the
2020 Youth Mission Trip.***



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The favor of your response is requested by:

Sunday, February 2nd, 2020

Reservations: _____

Number of Guests _____

"Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised." ~ Song of Solomon 8:6-7

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

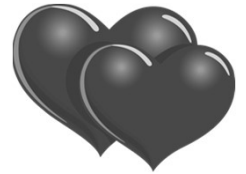
God reveals His **compassion for the poor** throughout the Scriptures. In Psalm 72:13, we read, "He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death." The people were to join with God in bringing His compassion to the poor. In the New Testament, Jesus repeatedly expresses the Father's concern for the poor by portraying them as accepted by the Father (Mark 12:42; Luke 16:20) and stating that His mission, in part, was confirmed by His ministry to the poor (Matt. 11:4-5). Paul picks up the baton of this challenge by commending the churches of Macedonia and Achaia for their financial support of the poor in Jerusalem (Rom. 15:26)



YTD Offering Income

Budget: \$42,500

Actual: \$30,697



YTD Faith Promises

\$33,875

MY FAITH PROMISE TO WORLD MISSIONS

After a period of much prayer and discernment, I/WE promise to support the worldwide missionary program of the Countryside Christian Church over the next year. In total dependence upon God for HIS provision, it is our promise that "As God Gives, So Shall We Give." By faith, I/We promise the following amount of money:

\$ _____ Annual Total

Note: This is a faith promise, a covenant between myself and God. It is my voluntary offering for the evangelization of the world.

A pastor breathed life into the phrase "He'd give you the shirt off his back" when he gave this unsettling challenge to his church: "What would happen if we took the coats off our backs and gave them to the needy?" Then he took his own coat and laid it at the front of the church. Dozens of others followed his example. This was during the winter, so the trip home was less comfortable that day. But for dozens of people in need, the season warmed up just a bit.

When John the Baptist roamed the Judean wilderness, he had a stern warning for the crowd that came to hear him. "You brood of vipers!" he said. "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance" (Luke 3:7-8). Startled, they asked him, "What should we do then?" He responded with this advice: "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same" (vv. 10-11). True repentance produces a generous heart. Because "God loves a person who gives cheerfully" (nlt), giving should never be guilt-based or pressured (2 Cor. 9:7). But when we give freely and generously, we find that it truly is more blessed to give than to receive.

By: Tim Gustafson



"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Upcoming Events

2/3

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Evangelism/Missions (6:30pm)
All Departments (7pm)



2/13

ELDERS' MEETING

6:30pm



2/15

VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER DINNER

Saturday, February 15th at 6:00pm. Get your reservations in to the church office or Becki Winger by February 2nd.



2/16

ELDER/DEACON BIBLE STUDY

Monthly Bible Study at the church at 8am



2/23

FAMILY SUNDAY/POTLUCK FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Immediately following the Worship Service



2/25

SOUP SUPPER & FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, February 25th from 5-7pm. Soup, bread, crackers, cookies and drinks are provided.



"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

February Birthdays

- 13 – Donna Vickroy
- 19 – Galvin Garcia
- 21 – Andrew Boyer
- 24 – JoAnn McCoy
- 28 – Carlie Collis

February Anniversaries

- 24 – JoAnn & John McCoy



A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met the woman of his dreams. Now what should he do?

His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your place for a home-cooked meal?"

He thought this was a great strategy and arranged a date for a week later. His mother called the day after the big date to see how things had gone.

"The evening was a disaster," he moaned.

"Why, didn't she come over?" asked his mother.

"Oh, she came over, but she refused to cook."

February

1. Leviticus 14-16
2. Leviticus 17-19
3. Leviticus 20-23
4. Leviticus 24-27
5. Numbers 1-3
6. Numbers 4-6
7. Numbers 7-10
8. Numbers 11-14
9. Numbers 15-17
10. Numbers 18-20
11. Numbers 21-24
12. Numbers 25-27
13. Numbers 28-30
14. Numbers 31-33
15. Numbers 34-36
16. Deuteronomy 1-3
17. Deuteronomy 4-6
18. Deuteronomy 7-9
19. Deuteronomy 10-12
20. Deuteronomy 13-16
21. Deuteronomy 17-19
22. Deuteronomy 20-22
23. Deuteronomy 23- 25
24. Deuteronomy 26-28
25. Deuteronomy 29-31
25. Deuteronomy 32-34
27. Joshua 1-3
28. Joshua 4-6

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



NURSERY

Sunday School Hour:

- Feb 2nd – Cathy Lotz
- Feb 9th – Mary Green
- Feb 16th – Becki Winger
- Feb 23rd – Kathy Kohrt

Worship Hour:

- Feb 2nd – Georgia Cullison
- Feb 9th – Becki Winger
- Feb 16th – Kathy Kohrt
- Feb 23rd – Dottie Seitz

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Feb 2nd – Ruth Coverdill & Cathy Lotz
- Feb 9th – Ruth Coverdill & Sarah Denekas
- Feb 16th – Ruth Coverdill & Connie Curry
- Feb 23rd – FAMILY SUNDAY



February 2nd

- Roger Curry (Meditation)
- Don Vickroy (Communion Prayer)
- Teresa Garcia (Offering Prayer)

February 9th

- Don Vickroy (Meditation)
- Teresa Garcia (Communion Prayer)
- Wayne Lotz (Offering Prayer)

February 16th

- Wayne Lotz (Meditation)
- Don Vickroy (Communion Prayer)
- Jim Kaecker (Offering Prayer)

February 23rd

- Roger Curry (Meditation)
- Jim Kaecker (Communion Prayer)
- Ryan Schmidt (Offering Prayer)

Building Cleaners

- Dottie Seitz & Georgia Cullison
- Roger & Connie Curry
- Kati Jo Chasek & Teresa Garcia

Please see the following page for the schedule for the year!

This will also be posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer.





Church Cleaning List



January

Mike & Becki Winger
Kathy Kohrt & Lisa Jones
Randy & Sarah Denekas

February

Dottie Seitz & Georgia Cullison
Roger & Connie Curry
Kati Jo Chasek & Teresa Garcia

March

Don & Donna Vickroy
Wayne & Cathy Lotz
Rock & Sandy Lawrence

April

Jerry & Nancy Dufur
Mike & Becki Winger
Randy & Sarah Denekas

May

Roger & Connie Curry
Kathy Kohrt & Lisa Jones
Dottie Seitz & Georgia Cullison

June

Gail Horst & Laura Schmidt
Wayne & Cathy Lotz
Don & Donna Vickroy

July

Jerry & Nancy Dufur
Rock & Sandy Lawrence
Kati Jo Chasek & Teresa Garcia

August

Roger & Connie Curry
Mike & Becki Winger
Randy & Sarah Denekas

September

Gail Horst & Laura Schmidt
Kathy Kohrt & Lisa Jones
Dottie Seitz & Georgia Cullison

October

Jerry & Nancy Dufur
Rock & Sandy Lawrence
Kati Jo Chasek & Teresa Garcia

November

Roger & Connie Curry
Mike & Becki Winger
Randy & Sarah Denekas

December

Wayne & Cathy Lotz
Kathy Kohrt & Lisa Jones
Dottie Seitz & Georgia Cullison





Thank you for being on the cleaning team this year!! Keeping the building clean and orderly and the restrooms well supplied with paper towels and other necessities is a very important ministry. Visitors get a first impression of our church when they experience our facilities. Clean and properly maintained facilities indicate that we care. Your efforts, in this rather mundane task of cleaning the building, are crucial to Countryside's efforts to evangelize our community. Thank you for caring and thank you for your commitment!!

In order to make things easy for everyone, the church is split into three separate areas. Your responsibility is to clean **prior to each Sunday** of the week. It should only take about an hour for your team to clean one of the areas each week.

Area A (if your name is listed first for the month) SANCTUARY, INNER AND OUTER FOYERS, OFFICE

Weekly: vacuum floors, straighten material in book racks, pick up old bulletins and paper, empty waste-baskets (don't forget baptism changing room area)

Once during the month: vacuum the pews, dust the furniture, use vacuum crevice tool at floor to wall edges, steps, etc.

As needed: straighten up furniture, replace defective light bulbs (or tell Roger Curry or Jerry Dufur), clean glass in doors, repeat monthly chores.

Area B (if your name is listed second for the month) CLASSROOMS, HALLWAY, RESTROOMS IN CLASSROOM & NEAR SANCTUARY

Weekly: vacuum floors, straighten up furniture, clean toilet stools and sinks, check paper towels, soap, and toilet paper supply, including an extra roll on the back of each stool, clean mirrors, empty waste baskets and diaper pail in nursery, clean drinking fountain

Once during the month: use vacuum crevice tool at floor to wall edges, wet mop restroom floors, dust furniture

As needed: wash chalk boards, wash table tops, replace defective light bulbs (or tell Roger Curry or Jerry Dufur), repeat monthly chores

Area C (if your name is listed third for the month) KITCHEN, GYM, LOWER FOYER & HALL, LOWER RESTROOMS, LIBRARY

Weekly: dry mop hard surface areas, vacuum carpeted areas, clean toilet stools and sinks, check paper towels, soap, and toilet paper supply, including an extra roll on the back of each stool, clean mirrors, empty waste baskets, clean kitchen sinks and counters, clean drinking fountain

Once during the month: wet mop kitchen and restroom floors, wipe down stoves, microwaves, refrigerator and freezer

As needed: clean glass in doors, repeat monthly chores, wet mop spills from gym floor, replace defective light bulbs (or tell Roger Curry or Jerry Dufur)

Place all waste material in tied plastic bags and then place in plastic bin located inside the air conditioner fence. List any cleaning supplies that are running low on the pad located just inside the janitor room door. Please tell Roger Curry or Jerry Dufur about anything that needs to be repaired.

QUESTIONS? Please call! Jerry Dufur (309-716-7394) or Roger Curry (209-912-6929)



KIDS CORNER

Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

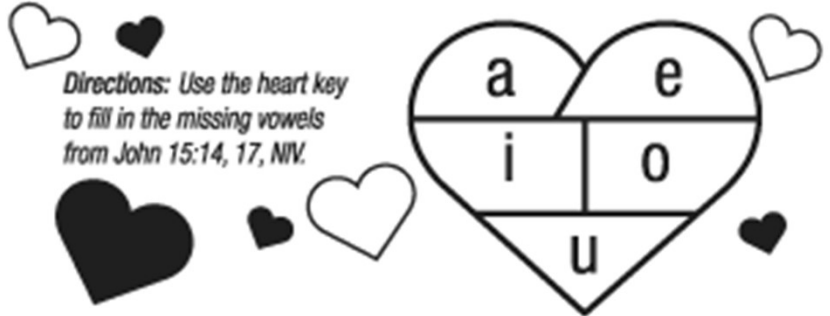
What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!



A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.



Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.

“Y _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f

y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...

Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:

L _ v _ _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

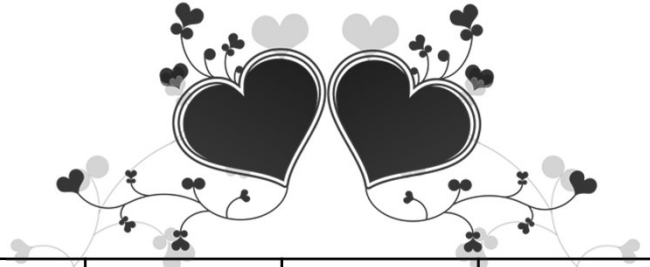
JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV




Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV

“Whatever you do, He will make good of it. But not the good He had prepared for you if you had obeyed him.” ~ C. S. Lewis

2020

February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>To fall in love with God is the greatest of romances, to seek him the greatest adventure, to find him the greatest human achievement.</p> <p>—St. Augustine</p>						01
02 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	03 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	04 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm	05 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	06 Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	07	08
09 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	10 Church in use Zuma Township Meeting Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	11 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm	12 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	13 Elder Meeting 6:30pm Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner 
16 Elder/Deacon Study 8am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am	17 President's Day 	18 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm Gym in Use 6:30-8:30pm	19 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies	20 Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Family Sunday Potluck Lunch Food Pantry Collection	24 Gym in Use Baseball League 6:30-8pm	25 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Meeting 6:30pm Soup Kitchen 5-7pm 	26 Worship Team 4:00pm Small Group Studies ASH WEDNESDAY 	27 Gym in Use Basketball League 5:30-8:00pm	28	29 Gym in Use – Gabe & Teresa Garcia