

the MESSENGER



COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MARCH 2021

What's Inside:

- Education Highlight
Trivia Night
- Evangelism Highlight
Construction Club
- Mission Highlight
- Worship Highlight
- Fellowship Highlight
Big Daddy Weave
Women's Conference
Men's Conference
- Finance Highlight
- Upcoming Events
- Birthdays and Anniversaries
- Kids' Corner
- Volunteers this Month
- Calendar



Steve Allison, Minister

*"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 month, our article comes not from our pastor but from our congregation. One year ago exactly was the first time we invited Steve and Karen to come to our church and meet them. We had a meet-n-greet time with refreshments and then Steve brought us a message. It was clear from the beginning that he was the man God had chosen for our church.

The last year should have been one where our new pastor and wife were able to learn names and faces and get a feel for our church and community. Instead, a pandemic took place and right from the start, Steve was thrown into ministering and leading in the midst of a crisis.

We want to thank you, Steve and Karen, for your kind and patient leading of our congregation and for your vision for our church and reaching our community. You started a ministry at the MotoCross track on Sunday mornings, even preaching in pouring rain sometimes! You gave of your time to become a bus driver for the Riverdale School district in an effort to get to know the families who live near Countryside. You started a children's program to help families struggling with remote learning and a very different school year. That ministry grew until we had about 35 different children come through the doors of our church building each week – most for the very first time.

AND
I WILL GIVE
you pastors
ACCORDING
TO MINE HEART,
which
SHALL FEED YOU
WITH
knowledge &
understanding.
JEREMIAH 3:15

You are not above getting in the trenches and doing the physical work. You lead by example, doing yourself what you have asked others to do. You challenge our congregation to think Biblically about ministry, evangelism, and service. You bring a fresh perspective and vision to our church with your ability to think outside the box in order to meet needs in our church family. You were thrown into learning about e-giving, Facebook live feeds, and virtual worship. And, you consistently brought us a word each Sunday that redeemed, healed, and imparted God's abundant grace in a time of scarcity and uncertainty.

We appreciate you, Steve and Karen, for all you've done for our church in the past year! We look forward to what God has planned for this next year as we continue to serve God together! May God bless you and your family as you lead us so humbly and faithfully into 2021.

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 pm
\$10 PER PERSON

Join us for some fun and games!

CHALLENGE YOUR BRAIN ON

- MOVIES
- CELEBRITIES
- ANIMALS
- GEOGRAPHY
- BIBLE FACTS
- ...and much more!

Five question marks in speech bubbles at the bottom of the target graphic.

Six People To A Table.
Prizes To 1st Place Table!
Nachos And Drinks Provided.
Sign Up In The Church Lobby By March 14th.
Activities And Free Babysitting Provided For Children.

"There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off." — Proverbs 23:18

KIDS CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

KIDS CLUB

This month brought a lot of exciting new opportunities in our children’s program on Wednesday mornings! We held a Valentine’s Dinner on February 13th with the CCC Youth Group. It was great to see so many families participate and attend!

We also added a large sign to the intersection right by Riverdale School and sent home flyers to about 480 kids in grades K-5th grade. This has brought several new families to our Kids Club program.



In February, we did an Art Unit and the kids created everything from picture frame gifts for their parents to tie-dyed Kids Club masks to wear to school. You may have seen some of their art projects on the new bulletin boards in the hall that Steve hung for us!

During March, we are going to be doing a Science unit and conducting experiments each week with the kids. We hope they will find this exciting and also educational.



On March 20, 2021, we will hold our monthly Family Fun event with the Kids Club families and our church with a Spring Break Luau party! We have a lot of fun ideas for this night!

As our Kids Club continues to grow, so does our need for volunteers! If God has placed it on your heart to be a part of this ministry that is reaching our surrounding community, we would LOVE to have you!! There are many opportunities to help – it does not need to necessarily be a weekly commitment. We provide snacks each week to the kids. If you would like to cover one of the weeks, that would be very helpful. If you have a “Life Lesson” (a 20 minute devotional) you would like to teach the kids some week, that would be wonderful! If you have a craft or a special skill you would like to teach the kids, or you want to listen to kids read, or you want to participate in some games or activities, there is a spot for you! Please prayerfully consider if God may be leading you to this. Thank you!

"I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope." — Jeremiah 29:11

NEW KIDS PROGRAM STARTING



ALL NEW program for 4th grade and up students and their parent/guardian that enjoy or want to learn remodeling and light construction.

Our goal for Construction Club is to have kids and parents work and learn together. We hope to remodel the lower entry way/lobby of the church by the gym doors and put down carpet squares in a classroom. In the classroom we will fill and level cracks in the floor, and install **carpet squares**. In the lower lobby, we will be taking out the carpet, putting down new **flooring**, removing and painting hand rails, reinstalling handrails, removing coat rack and relocating an AED device, adding a **pallet wall** from floor to ceiling on the east wall of the lobby, and trimming it all out.

The leadership of Kids Club sincerely believes your 4th grade and up students have this in them. We also believe that a strong bond is made between father and son, or parent and child when a challenging project is completed well together.



REGISTER for Construction Club
at www.countrysidecc.org



"Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness."

Isaiah 43:18-19

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Norm & Jill Weatherhead

Norm and Jill Weatherhead work with Pioneer Bible Translators in Papua, New Guinea as Bible translators. They have been involved there for over 20+ years. They are from Calgary, Canada. Jill works a portion of the year as a registered nurse in Calgary and joins Norm when she can to work with the translation team in PNG. Drawn by a vision to see God's Work changing lives in every language, Norm and his wife, Jill have devoted their lives to translation work.

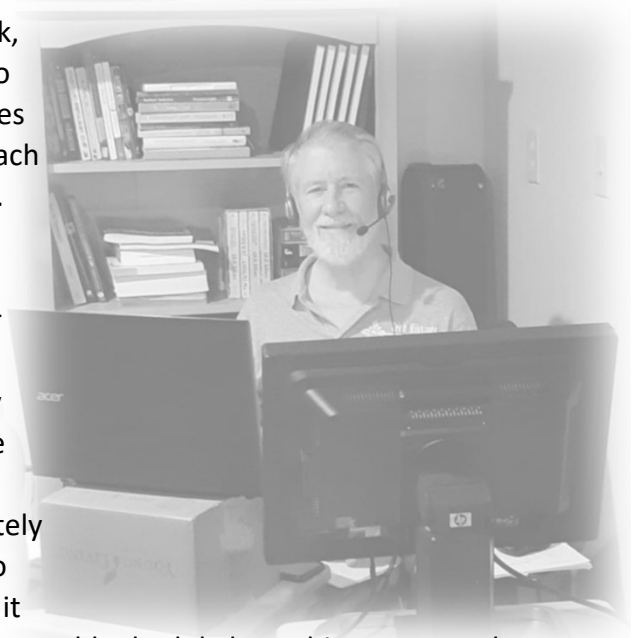
In 2017 at the Faith/Promise event Norm presented the Countryside congregation a copy of the New Testament in Mborema Kam, one of the many languages of Papua New Guinea. The translation and printing of the New Testament represented 32 years of translation work. Norm and Jill have spent 20+ years of their work with this book and Countryside has been a financial supporter during those 20 years. It was a true pleasure to receive this gift and to learn the part that we at Countryside played in bringing the Bible to people who previously did not have access to the written word of God.

Currently Norm and Jill are in Calgary, Canada due to the Covid virus. With modern technology Norm is able to continue his translation work with the individuals in Papua, New Guinea. When he will be able to actually return in person is not known.

Norm asks for special prayers at this time as his older brother Murray committed suicide in mid- January. Murray had been dealing with the same neuro-muscular disease as Norm and the situation become more than he could handle. Because of this recent tragedy Norm is asking for emotional healing for them and for Donna, Murray's wife. He is so grateful for all the emotional support during this difficult time.

Additional prayer concerns are for Norm who has been experiencing episodes of high blood pressure, some dizziness and vertigo since January 19 due to the stress of everything and that they would draw strength each day from the Lord of Life.

Upcoming ministry, beside his translation work, includes Norm working with two students who needed extensions from last semester's courses at CanIL. Norm has had the opportunity to teach an online Phonology linguistic course at CanIL. This is a foundational course for missionary linguists who desire to serve overseas in Bible translation or literacy ministries. Also pray for the preparation Norm will be doing for the course he will teach in the fall of 2021 on how to plan Bible translation, literacy and Scripture use activities with language groups. In late March/early April Norm will be working remotely via Zoom with the Akukem translation team to go through revisions to the text of Luke to get it ready for the final consultant check which they would schedule later this year or early next.



Norm and Jill state that they are so grateful for our partnership with them in prayer and financial support. For more information refer to the booklet on the mission table in the foyer.

SEEKING GOD



Norwegian theologian Ole Hallesby described prayer as simply letting God into our lives. God “knocks,” he said, “not only in the solemn hours of secret prayer” but “in the midst of your daily work, your daily struggles, your daily grind ... when you need him most.”

Prayer, added Hallesby, is as essential to life as air. “As impossible as it is for us to take a breath in the morning large enough to last us until noon, so impossible is it to pray in the morning in such a way as to last us until noon,” he said. “Let your prayers ascend to [God] constantly, audibly or silently, as circumstances throughout the day permit.”

This past month, many in our congregation participated in a **21 Days of Prayer Challenge**. Some included fasting as part of this prayer challenge. If you would like to get the 21 days and do it as a family this month, please contact the office.



We are now taking orders for Easter Lilies! They will be \$9 each and can be given in memory or celebration of someone. They will be delivered to the church before Easter and you are welcome to take them home with you after the service on April 4, 2021.

Orders are due by Sunday, March 14th.



"Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks." — Philippians 4:6

SPENDING TIME TOGETHER

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

WORLD VISION PRESENTS

WHEN THE LIGHT COMES TOUR

BIG DADDY
Weave



SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021

CORAM DEO BIBLE CHURCH

3800 E 53rd St, Davenport, IA 52807

7:00 PM

Tickets - \$14.95 each for a group of 10 or more
Tickets go on sale to the public
the morning of March 13th – first come, first serve

Sign-up Sheet in the Church Lobby or contact Becki Winger

“So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

Lincoln Christian University Presents

Be Still

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
tentative date, subject to change



ALLIE WORTHINGTON



CHRISTY NOCKELS

\$35 ON OR BEFORE MAY 5, 2021
\$40 ON OR AFTER MAY 6, 2021
SORRY, NO REFUNDS
A BOX LUNCH IS INCLUDED
IN THE REGISTRATION FEE.



Lincoln Christian
UNIVERSITY

"Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all." — James 1:17

MEN'S CONFERENCE

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



Jerry Boykin



Bryndan Loritts

**IRON
SHARPENS
IRON**
2021

**Saturday,
April 10
Davenport, IA**

**Coram Deo Bible Church
3800 E. 53rd St.
Davenport, IA 52807
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*As Iron Sharpens Iron,
So One Man Sharpens Another*
Proverbs 27:17

Register with the men of your church @ www.FocalPointMinistries.net

This Conference is for Men of All Ages!

Emerging Men (ages 13-19) Full Throttle Men (ages 30-55)

Pioneering Men (ages 20-29) Seasoned Men (ages 55+)

Worship ~ 16 Seminars ~ Exhibitors ~ Resources

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

Our Giving

YTD Offering Budget: \$24,230
 YTD Offering Actual: \$28,497
 YTD Faith Promises: \$29,946

"But if someone who is supposed to be a Christian has money enough to live well, and sees a brother in need, and won't help him - how can God's love be within him?"



—1 John 3:17

You know that the hardest thing for you to give up is your money. It represents your time, your energy, your talents, your total personality converted into currency. We usually hold on to it tenaciously, yet it is uncertain in value and we cannot take it into the next world. The Scripture teaches that we are stewards for a little while of all we earn. If we misuse it, as did the man who buried his talent, it brings upon us the severest judgment of God. The tithe is the Lord's. If you use it for yourself, you are robbing God. We are to take the tithe as a standard, but to go beyond the tithe is an indication of our gratefulness for God's gifts to us. In the midst of sorrow and trouble, this life has many blessings and enjoyments which have come from the hand of God. Even our capacity for love is a gift from God. We show our gratitude by giving back to Him a part of that which He has given to us.

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.



WAYS TO GIVE

- IN PERSON
- MAIL
- ONLINE
- MOBILE APP
- TEXT

Point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right to be taken to the online giving site. From here you can choose to give online or via text



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH events

3/1	MONTHLY DEPARTMENT MEETINGS Evangelism/Missions (6:30pm) All Departments (7pm)	 Be Connected Be Heard Be Informed
3/5	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	
3/13	BIG DADDY WEAVE CONCERT 7:00pm	
3/14	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	
3/18	ELDERS' MEETING 9:00AM	
3/27	TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00PM	
3/28	PALM SUNDAY	
3/28	FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION Items for the month are due this Sunday and will be delivered to the Food Pantry this week	

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Jacob Johnson
- 4 – Tammy Havens
- 8 – Al Baxter
- 8 – Kati Jo Chasek
- 10 – Erin Trout
- 15 – Corey Chasek
- 18 – Teresa Garcia
- 21 – Ryan Schmidt
- 21 – Linda Griffin
- 23 – Vicky LeCleir
- 27 – Ashley Knapp

March ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 – Larry & Linda Griffin



“Have you done something to warrant a drive-by prayer group?”

March

1. 1 Kings 8-10
2. 1 Kings 11-13
3. 1 Kings 14-16
4. 1 Kings 17-19
5. 1 Kings 20-22
6. 2 Kings 1-3
7. 2 Kings 4-6
8. 2 Kings 7-10
9. 2 Kings 11-14
10. 2 Kings 15-17
11. 2 Kings 18-19
12. 2 Kings 20-21
13. 2 Kings 22-25
14. 1 Chronicles 1-3
15. 1 Chronicles 4-6
16. 1 Chronicles 7-9
17. 1 Chronicles 10-13
18. 1 Chronicles 14-16
19. 1 Chronicles 17-19
20. 1 Chronicles 20-23
21. 1 Chronicles 24-26
22. 11 Chronicles 27-29
23. 2 Chronicles 1-3
24. 2 Chronicles 4-6
25. 2 Chronicles 7-9
25. 2 Chronicles 10-13
27. 2 Chronicles 14-16
28. 2 Chronicles 17-19
29. 22 Chronicles 20-22
30. 2 Chronicles 23-25



READ THROUGH THE
BIBLE IN A YEAR

FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

PUZZLE



BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.



VDEO

___ _ _ _ (Genesis 8:8)



LWO

___ _ _ (Psalm 102:6)



GEELA

___ _ _ _ _ (Isaiah 40:31)



TOKRS

___ _ _ _ _ (Jeremiah 8:7)



APROSWRS

___ _ _ _ _

“Are not five ___ _ _ _ _ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many ___ _ _ _ _ .”

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV

Answers: dove, owl, eagle, stork, sparrows



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH



NURSERY

Ages 0-3 years old

During the SERMON TIME only!

March 7 Holly Trout

March 14 Kathy Kohrt

March 21 Georgia Cullison

March 28 Mary Green

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church at this time. We are hoping to restart this as well sometime very soon!!



Communion Meditation

March 7

Teresa Garcia

March 14

Steve Allison

March 21

Hannah Herrman

March 28

Don Vickroy

At this time, there will be no offering or communion ushers needed.



BUILDING CLEANERS








Wayne & Cathy Lotz

Kathy Kohrt & Lisa Jones

Don & Donna Vickroy and Georgia Cullison

2021

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	01 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm	02 Rivers Edge Homeschool Group 3-4:30pm	KIDS CLUB 7:45AM-11AM	03 Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm	04 Gym in Use Basketball League 6:00-8:00pm	05 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	06
07 COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM	08 Church in use Zuma Township Meeting Cub Scouts 6-7pm	09 Men's Study 9am Girl Scouts 6-8pm Cub Scouts 6-7pm		10 Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm	11 Elder's Mtg 9am Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm Basketball League 6:00-8:00pm	12	13 Big Daddy Weave Concert 7pm
14 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM	15	16 Men's Study 9am Girl Scouts 6-8pm	17 ST PATRICK'S DAY  Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm	18 Gym in Use Basketball League 6:00-8:00pm	19	20 KIDS CLUB LUAU 5:00PM 	
21 COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM EASTER LILY ORDERS DUE	22 Cub Scouts 6-7pm	23 Men's Study 9am Girl Scouts 6-8pm Cub Scouts 6-7pm	KIDS CLUB 7:45AM-11AM	24 Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm	25 Gym in Use Basketball League 6:00-8:00pm	26	27 TRIVIA NIGHT 7:00PM 
28  PALM SUNDAY COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM 	29 Cub Scouts 6-7pm	30 Men's Study 9am Girl Scouts 6-8pm		31 Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm	<p><i>They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"</i></p> 		

LIVESTREAMING *with*



Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOR735qhzkzpfUjEtP-A>



Facebook: www.facebook.com/countrysidecc.org at 10:45am.



Website. The sermon will be available in video or audio form on the church's website page <http://countrysidecc.org>



If you are not able to access the internet on your computer or mobile device, we will be able to download it to a DVD for you. Just contact the church office to obtain a copy.



Countryside Christian Church

3817 230th St. N

Port Byron, IL 61275