

the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JUNE 2021



What you need to know about Kids Club...

Many people have expressed their appreciation of the Kids Club program to me; and I am very happy with the Kids Club program at Countryside. Moreover, it is very important that you hear how it got started. (And for the record I had very little to do with any of it). This is the list of people to thank...

One day last summer (2020) Laura left the office to go to lunch, and 20 seconds later she texted me and said there is a lady and her kids in the parking lot and you should go talk to them. So I did. I met Naomi Jones and her kids learning to ride their bikes on a wide open parking lot. I learned she is related to Kathy Kohrt.

Fast forward to last fall when school was getting started and we learned that there would be no school on Wednesdays. I thought if I had school-aged kids, this would be a hardship, and I thought this could be an opportunity to serve the Riverdale community with some tutoring at the church. It would also be a way to meet families with kids. So I asked Laura to send out an email to the church to see if there would be anyone interested in helping tutor kids for an hour on Wednesdays. Many people replied and we had a meeting at church to discuss how such a program might work. I led the meeting, thinking we could tutor kids for an hour and send them home, but Becki Winger said we should have the kids from 7-11am and have a full kids program. I thought to myself but did not say out loud... "that's too much". However, the idea caught on and plans were made. Again, Laura sent out an email for willing workers and many agreed. Wayne and Cathy Lotz, Sandy and Rock Lawrence, Kathy Kohrt, Becki Winger, Teresa Garcia, Roger and Connie Curry, Sarah Denekas, Laura's family, Criss Evans, and Bob Gipson all agreed to help. Many more helpers were added later!



**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

To start the program and give it a boost I asked Kathy Kohrt if she had a way of contacting Naomi Jones who was the only mom with kids at Riverdale I had met. She gave me her number and I had a delightful conversation with Naomi, who was excited to hear about our new Kids Club program. She committed to telling many other moms about it. We started Kids Club last fall with 15 kids, thanks to Naomi.

Kids Club has now had over 60 kids and 40 different families attend the program and various parties connected to it. I am so grateful that God prompted Laura to text me to go outside and meet a lady in the parking lot. I am so grateful that God gave Becki a big idea! I am so grateful that God has placed me in a church with so many willing workers that give up their Wednesday mornings week after week after week. Please praise the Lord for His provision and please tell all the willing workers thank you for all the time they have put in to make Kids Club great. Now you know what you need to know about Kids Club.

One more thing... Please pray that the families that are connected to Kids Club will find their way to Jesus. Then we will know that Kids Club is truly great!

In Christ, *Steve*

Congratulations

Steve &
Karen Allison
*on the birth of your
first grandchild*



COOPER B. ALLISON

Born: May 6, 2021

*With love from your Countryside
Christian Church family*



*"Every good and perfect gift is
from above, coming down from
the Father of the heavenly
lights" 1 Chron. 16:11*



Thank You!

*Karen and I want to thank
our church family for their
generous gift as we begin
our grandparenting.*

Steve and Karen Allison



CRUISE IN IS COMING!



Saturday, August 21, 2021

11:00AM – 3:00PM

Countryside Christian Church
3817 – 230th St. N, Port Byron, IL

All Donations benefit the Riverdale School District

*Free Entry!
Free Food!
Free Fun!*

Vehicle Sign In When You Arrive
Vehicle Entry Fee – FREE

Shine 'em up and Show them off!

CLASSIC ROCK MUSIC, FANTASTIC FOOD, CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES

DASH PLAQUE TO FIRST 50 CARS!

***PRIZES AWARDED TO THE OLDEST VEHICLE
AND OLDEST PARTICIPANT***

For more information, contact the church at 309.523.2834 or visit the website at
www.countrysidecc.org

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

CELEBRATE OUR CONGREGATION'S
NEWEST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Graduation

RECEPTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 FOLLOWING THE
WORSHIP SERVICE

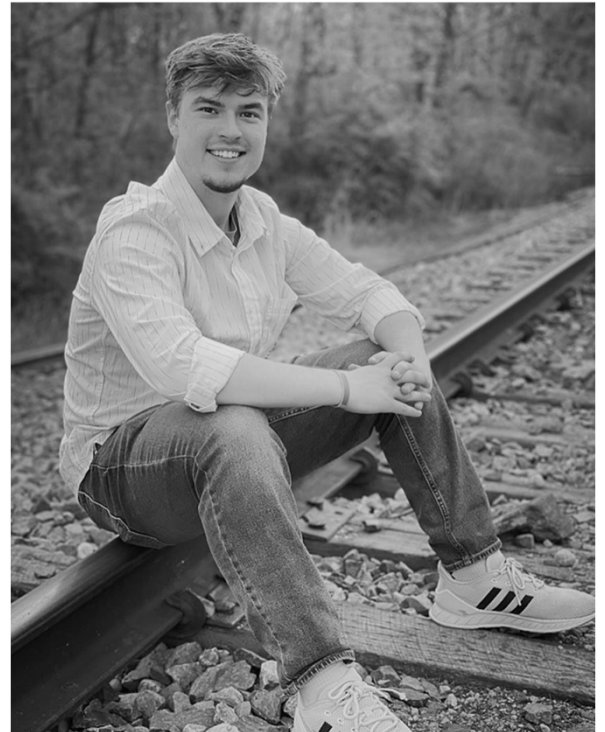
Countryside Christian Church



ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADS!



Eli Mueller
2021 Graduate
Riverdale High School
Baccalaureate Service:
May 23rd - 7:00pm
Graduation: June 6th

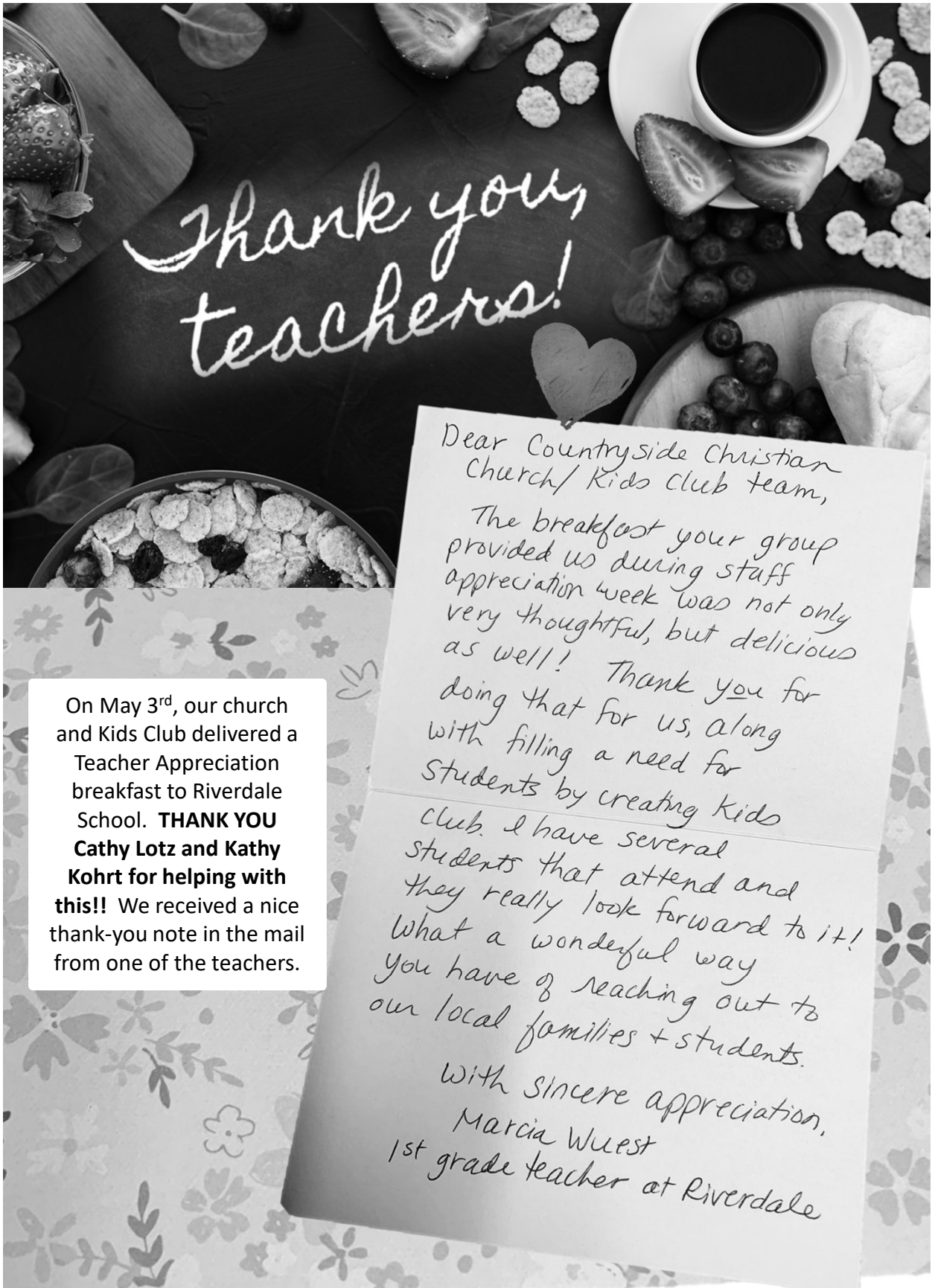


Nathan Johnson
2021 Graduate
Erie High School
Baccalaureate Service:
May 15th - 5:00pm
Graduation: May 16th

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

KIDS CLUB HIGHLIGHT



On May 3rd, our church and Kids Club delivered a Teacher Appreciation breakfast to Riverdale School. **THANK YOU Cathy Lotz and Kathy Kohrt for helping with this!!** We received a nice thank-you note in the mail from one of the teachers.

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

CINCO DE MAYO & MOTHERS DAY

KIDS CLUB HIGHLIGHT



On May 5th, the Kids Club threw a **Cinco de Mayo** party for their families with a taco bar, games, and music! It was fun to see so many come out from the church to help support the youth programs too!

The next Sunday, May 9th, the kids gave a **Mother's Day** presentation during church along with flowers and plants they had grown themselves a few weeks earlier during Kids Club.



"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13



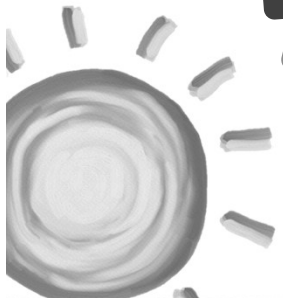
JUNE 16 – AUGUST 10
Kindergarten – 5th grade

SUMMER SCHEDULE

TOP 10

REASONS YOUR CHILD SHOULD ATTEND KIDS CLUB

- 10 To make new friends
- 9 To try new things
- 8 To develop social skills
- 7 Field trips to awesome destinations!
- 6 To build character
- 5 To be around positive role models
- 4 To stay healthy & fit
- 3 To learn about God
- 2 To learn about the Bible
- 1 **TO HAVE FUN!**



FUN FRIENDS FAITH

Register Online:
www.countrysidecc.org

Summer Times:
10am-12:30pm
Every Wednesday

Please bring a sack
Lunch
COST: FREE!!!



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MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Local Food Pantry

MISSION HIGHLIGHT



Come in We're
OPEN

The Upper Rock Island County food pantry is located in Messiah Lutheran Church in Port Byron. Countryside supports this pantry with monthly food donations.

Things which are needed by the pantry include

- non- perishable food items
- cleaning items (dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap),
- paper products (paper towels toilet tissue, facial tissue)
- personal hygiene products (tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products)
- baby items including diapers and baby food.

Many of those items cannot be purchased with food stamps so the food pantry tries to fill these items. These lists are not inclusive.

The food pantry is for residents of the Riverdale School District and is open 12 noon to 2 p.m. each Wednesday.

Due to the Corona Virus items will be pre packed and delivered to your vehicle in a drive thru at the church parking lot. The food pantry can be reached at 309-523-2421 if there are questions.

How to help

Countryside items are delivered to the pantry the last week of each month. Food pantry items remain in great need all year round. School will be out in mid – June so family food needs will be greater when children are home full time. With the current pandemic the needs within our community are even greater. The pantry also accepts cash donations and then purchases items that are needed. Please leave the pantry donations in the marked boxes in the Countryside foyer.

“But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.” 1 Timothy 5:8

MEN IN THE BIBLE

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



A CHILD OF GOD
A MAN OF FAITH
A WARRIOR OF CHRIST



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in Love."</i> <i>1 Corinthians 16:13-14</i>		01 <i>Adam</i>	02 <i>Noah</i>	03 <i>Abraham</i>	04 <i>Jacob</i>	05 <i>Joseph</i>
06 <i>Moses</i>	07 <i>Bezalel</i>	08 <i>Timothy</i>	09 <i>Caleb</i>	10 <i>Joshua</i>	11 <i>Achan</i>	12 <i>Ehud</i>
13 <i>Gideon</i>	14 <i>Samson</i>	15 <i>Samuel</i>	16 <i>Paul</i>	17 <i>The Amalekite Soldier</i>	18 <i>David</i>	19 <i>Mephibosheth</i>
20 <i>Nathan</i>	21 <i>The Rich Man</i>	22 <i>Elisha</i>	23 <i>Stephen</i>	24 <i>Nehemiah</i>	25 <i>Daniel</i>	26 <i>Peter</i>
27 <i>Hosea</i>	28 <i>Job</i>	29 <i>Isaiah</i>	30 <i>Jesus</i>	<i>From Adam to Joshua, and lesser known characters like Bezalel, explore how these men's lives can affect your walk with Jesus. Who were they? How can we learn from them? Written in Carl's refreshingly honest no-nonsense style, find the answers to Who? What? Where? When? and most importantly Why?</i>		

You are a favored son of the one true King. You are meant for greatness. You are meant to live with courage and confidence and passion. And Jesus will train you, guide you, teach you how to live this kind of life—if you let Him. Will you let Him? This month, we are offering a 30 day challenge for men to help encourage and strengthen you in your faith. **Who. What. Where. When.** Carl Beech, author of the popular Manual series of Bible reading notes helps us dig deeper into some of the men in the Bible. If you would like to receive a short devotion each day, would you contact the church office? (309.523.2834 or cccportbyron@gmail.com) The first one will start Tuesday, June 1st.

**STARTS
JUNE 1ST**

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."
Hebrews 4:12

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

LET'S CELEBRATE!

SUMMER KICK-OFF COOKOUT & GRADUATION PARTY



*We will be
honoring our two
graduates with a
cake reception.*

*Congratulations
Nathan Johnson
&
Eli Mueller!!*



SUNDAY
JUNE
13

COUNTRYSIDE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
3817 - 230th St. N
Port Byron, IL

12:00PM
TO
2:00PM



**BOUNCE
HOUSE!**

*Burgers, Dessert, and Drinks
provided.*

Please bring a side dish to share.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28

HAPPY MAY DAY

The kids had so much fun making May Day baskets for people in the church a couple weeks ago in Kids Club and keeping them a secret! We delivered them on Saturday, May 1st much to the delight of their recipients. Some were even offered fresh baked cookies as a thank you! They also received some nice thank you cards! GREAT JOB KIDS!

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



"And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Ephesians 4:23

THANKS FOR YOUR WORK!

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHT



Thank you Mike & Becki Winger and Roger & Connie Curry who helped with getting the landscaping looking nice for spring! We appreciate all your work mulching, trimming, weeding, and making the outside of our church look beautiful!

"All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made." John 1:3

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

5 WAYS TO GIVE

TO COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



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Visit the "Giving" tab on our website:
countrysidecc.org
Or point your smartphone at the QR code below



Point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right to be taken to the online giving site.



We sincerely appreciate your generosity in support of our church. Together, we will continue to do God's amazing work!



YTD Offering Budget: \$48,461
YTD Offering Actual: \$48,769

2021-2022 Faith Promises Goal: \$37,176
YTD Faith Promises: \$1195

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE *events*

6/6

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION



6/7

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT
MEETINGS

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

**MONTHLY
MEETING**

Be Connected Be Heard Be Informed

6/10

ELDERS' MEETING

9:00AM



6/10

CRUISE IN MEETING

7:00PM



6/13

SUMMER KICK-OFF PICNIC &
GRADUATION RECEPTION



6/16

KIDS CLUB SUMMER
SCHEDULE STARTS



6/20

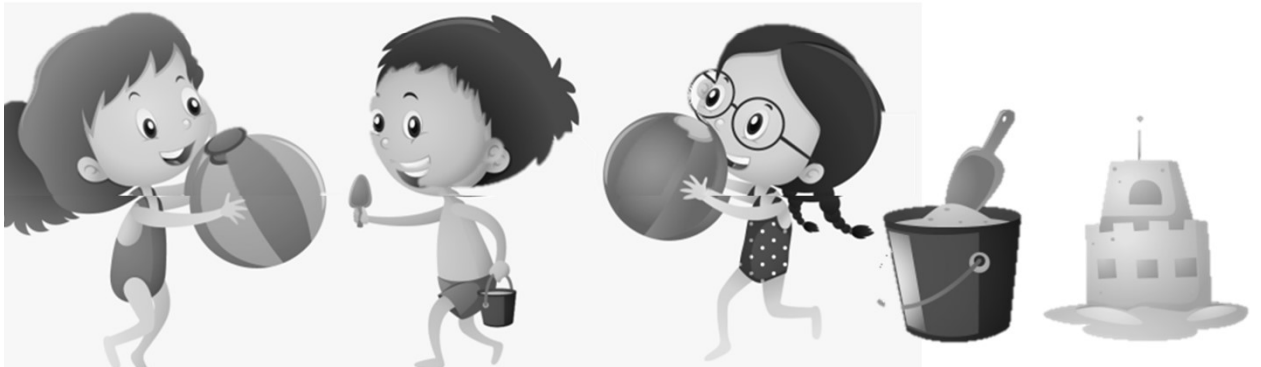
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



6/27

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

JUNE Birthdays

- 1 – Jill Weatherhead
- 3 – Ruby Short
- 12 – Don Vickroy
- 17 – Dorothy Wells
- 19 – Dawn Kaecker
- 20 – Lisa Jones
- 22 – Shirley Baxter
- 24 – Jo Gibbs
- 28 – Josh Wheeler

JUNE Anniversaries

- 2 – Steve & Karen Allison
- 12 – Mark & Tammy Havens
- 12 – Tena & Curt Knapp
- 19 – Becky & Jason Collis
- 19 – Jim & Dawn Kaecker
- 21 – Sarah & Randy Denekas
- 27 – Greg & Lisa Jones



June

- 1. Psalms 19-21
- 2. Psalms 22-24
- 3. Psalms 25-27
- 4. Psalms 28-30
- 5. Psalms 31-33
- 6. Psalms 34-36
- 7. Psalms 37-39
- 8. Psalms 40-42
- 9. Psalms 43-45
- 10. Psalms 46-48
- 11. Psalms 49-51
- 12. Psalms 52-54
- 13. Psalms 55-57
- 14. Psalms 58-60
- 15. Psalms 61-63
- 16. Psalms 64-66
- 17. Psalms 67-69
- 18. Psalms 70-72
- 19. Psalms 73-75
- 20. Psalms 76-78
- 21. Psalms 79-81
- 22. Psalms 82-84
- 23. Psalms 85-87
- 24. Psalms 88-90
- 25. Psalms 91-93
- 25. Psalms 94-96
- 27. Psalms 97-99
- 28. Psalms 100-102
- 29. Psalms 103-105
- 30. Psalms 106-108

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!



NURSERY

June 6 Gail Horst	June 20 Becki Winger
June 13 Cathy Lotz	June 27 Gail Horst

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

June 6 Ruth Coverdill Holly Trout	June 20 Ruth Coverdill Gail Horst
June 13 Ruth Coverdill Karen Allison	June 27 FAMILY SUNDAY



June 6
Criss Evans

June 13
Connie Curry

June 20 - *Still need someone*

June 27 - *Still need someone*



June 6 Don Vickroy	June 20 Wayne Lotz
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June 13 Teresa Garcia	June 27 Ryan Schmidt
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June 6 Mike & Becki Winger	June 20 Wayne & Cathy Lotz
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June 13 Chasek Family	June 27 Schmidt Family
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Kathy Kohrt & Lisa Jones
Gail Horst & Georgia Cullison
Wayne & Cathy Lotz



A FATHER'S LOVE

Psalm 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us:
 "As a father has _____ on his children, so the
 LORD has _____ on those who fear him."

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| • Shem, Ham and Japheth = M | • Rachel and Leah = S | • Cain, Abel and Seth = O |
| • Solomon = O | • Isaac and Ishmael = P | • Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, |
| • Jonathan = I | • John the Baptist = N | Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, |
| • Jesus = C | • Jacob and Esau = A | Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S |

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| God: | "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." | <u> C </u> |
| Adam: | God gave him another son because his older killed the younger. | <u> </u> |
| Noah: | His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. | <u> </u> |
| Abraham: | God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons. | <u> </u> |
| Isaac: | His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. | <u> </u> |
| Laban: | He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob. | <u> </u> |
| Jacob: | Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. | <u> </u> |
| Saul: | His son was David's best friend. | <u> </u> |
| David: | He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. | <u> </u> |
| Zechariah: | His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. | <u> </u> |

Answer: compassion

Thanks Dad!

In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint





What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



"He counts the numbers of the stars; He gives names to all of them." Psalm 147:4



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		01	02	03	04	05
			Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm		Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	
06 COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM Riverdale H.S. Graduation 	07 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm U of I Home Extension 7-9pm	08 Men's Study 9am Cub Scouts 6-7pm Worship Team-7pm	KIDS CLUB 3:00-5:00PM	09 Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm	10 Elder's Meeting 9am Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm Cruise-In Mtg 7pm	11 12
13 COFFEE TIME 10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM Graduate Reception & Summer Picnic 	14 Church in use Zuma Township Meeting Cub Scouts 6-7pm	15 Men's Study 9am Worship Team-7pm Steve leaves on vacation	KIDS CLUB – 10AM-12:30PM	16 Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm	17 18	19 Gym in use all day – Garcia's
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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.



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