

the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2022

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From Steve's Desk...

It's hard to believe that Kids Club is going to be starting its third year. In the Fall of 2020, we began the program and ran it nonstop until the Spring of 2022. Now we are looking forward to our big Kick-Off event on September 21st from 6:00 to 7:30 PM! This is a new event to kick it off.



We will have four large inflatables and games and food in the gym. We are inviting the entire Elementary and Middle Schools of Riverdale to participate. We would love to have over 100 people participating in our Kick-Off event. The next week September 28th will begin the after school program.

KIDS CLUB



**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



IMPACT MIDDLE SCHOOL



Please begin to pray as we look forward to meeting new families in the community that need to know Jesus. What Jesus did on the cross is why Kids Club exists. We want to meet families so that we might introduce them to our church family...so that they can be introduced to our Savior. Also, please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets in the church lobby for ways you will be able to help with the Kick-Off event and Kids Club. Thank you for praying and helping wherever you can with this outreach event!

Steve

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT



October 2nd

6:30pm

THE STAGE
*is waiting
for you*

CCC'S ANNUAL

TALENT SHOW

Share your awesome talents with us!
Contact Kathy Kohrt to be part of this
year's program.

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

It's time again for our annual Talent Show! Have a rare talent? A unique hobby collection? Do you love to spend a Sunday night as a family being entertained, laughing, and enjoying some fellowship with others? **Our Talent Show is October 2nd at 6:30pm!!** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! It's going to be fun!

If you would like to be part of the program, please contact the church office (309-523-2834) or Kathy Kohrt very soon!



"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19

10TH ANNUAL CRUISE-IN



Our 10th annual Cruise-In was held Saturday, August 20th. So much work went into planning this great community event. We had about 26 cars "cruise in" and the yard was filled with kids playing games, touring the fire truck (thank you Port Byron Fire Department), and jumping in the bounce house. The gym was filled with tables and a delicious free lunch and more family games. Our donations for IDES totaled \$531.00. THANK YOU EVERYONE who had a part in this day!

FALL KICKOFF IS SEPT 21ST!

Sept. 21st 6–7:30pm

KIDS CLUB



Bounce Houses



*Corn Dogs
Mac + Cheese*

**FREE!
FUN FAMILY
EVENT!**



More info: call 309-523-2834
Email: cccportbyron@gmail.com

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

KIDS CLUB HIGHLIGHT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Season One Watch Party

CHOSEN

Tuesday Mornings - 9:00am

watch | discuss | reflect | rejoice



Have you seen the show that has taken the world by storm? The Chosen is the first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. We will be watching the 8 episodes of Season 1 this summer. Grab your coffee, bring a friend, and settle in for a great show and great discussion each week.



Women's
Renew & Refresh

September 10th
9:30am

Countryside
Christian Church

September 17th
9:00am

Countryside
Christian Church



MEN'S
BREAKFAST

Faith. Food
& Fellowship

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Rock River Christian Camp



Rock River Christian Camp is located near Polo, Illinois. It is our Christian camp outreach and is supported by about 30 Christian churches .

“We want to inform you of some things that are affecting the camp financially in 2021-2022 and moving forward so that you can know how to be in prayer for the camp and understand what the camp’s needs are currently. Even though we are debt-free, we depleted most of the reserve we had for projects and savings to stay afloat this summer.



- Number one: the number of campers was down this summer. Covid uncertainty affected some and some camps were limited to 50% capacity.
- Number two: the cost of food went up significantly this year. Some of the cost was due to more individual serving items and disposable items.
- Number three: hourly wages for summer staff and all staff increased. Much of the summer staff is paid minimum wage and that rate has increased from \$7.25 to \$12/hr. on Jan. 1, 2022. They currently hire 15-20 summer staff so this is a huge increase,
- Number 4: insurance has increased partly due to the increase in the cost of building materials.”

One of Countryside’s young people, Connor Kohrt, was a camper this year and made the decision to be baptized. He came home and was baptized on July 24. It is an example of the impact the camp has on young lives.



“To keep Rock River Christian Camp going each year is very expensive. We work hard to keep the cost to a minimum, but we also want to provide good camp service, so we ask for your help. Would you please give to Rock River Christian Camp? If you have been blessed and can help offset some of the cost, we would greatly appreciate it.” (Newsletter Oct. 2021)

The camp has a wish list for needed items. They include: water fountains, Lifetime chairs, Lifetime tables, a dump truck, cabin mattresses. basketballs, luggage carts, washing machine, clothes dryers. pool chairs, Amazon gift cards, Walmart or Sam’s club gift cards, and Staples gift cards.

“We want to thank all of you that have prayed for the camp, have given financially, or volunteered your time at camp this year. We also thank our camp board members, the year round and summer staff, deans, and all the summer faculty. We also thank everyone that came as a camper this year. We greatly appreciate you. This camp would not be here without any of you. God has used each and every one of you to work in the lives of all who come here. Please know you are loved, appreciated and prayed for.”

Dan and Leslie Augenstine, Camp Managers

For more information about Rock River Christian Camp check the booklet on the mission shelf in the foyer.

2022 SEE YOU AT THE POLE

GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER
SEPT 28, 2022

GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER
SEPT 25 - OCT 1, 2022

Sept
28



Aflame

Never let the fire in your heart go out.
Keep it alive . . . PRAY!

Romans 12:11-12



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SEE YOU AT THE POLE™

September 23rd

7:00am

Riverdale and Erie Schools

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Psalm 73:26

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

A NEW LOOK FOR THE SANCTUARY

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHT



The first Sunday in August was our first Sunday in our newly renovated and newly carpeted Sanctuary! It is amazing to look at the before and after and we are so thankful to all the volunteers who helped with this project! There were people who painted, disassembled the stage, helped rebuild the stage, kept up with the cleaning of the construction mess, reconfigured the sound system, installed trim and the pallet wall, and organized a cleaning crew for the whole Sanctuary! The result is beautiful and wouldn't have happened without you!



"He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:24

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

2022 Offering Budget (as of 7/31/22):
\$122,692
YTD Offering Actual (as of 7/31/22):
\$133,171

2022-2023 Mission Year
(beginning 5/1/2022)
Faith Promises Goal: \$41,552
Faith Promises YTD: \$11,825

We can't always see how God will provide for us. When your account balance is barely in the black, it's easy to question if God will really provide. But our circumstances do not change God's faithfulness or His promises. We can trust Him even when it doesn't seem to make sense.

Tithing is not just a command, it is a gift within an instruction. God promises that when we tithe, He will not only provide for us but will also bless us immensely. God doesn't want to take from us; He wants to bless us.

Deuteronomy 15:10 says when we give generously, God blesses our work. And in Malachi 3:10, God Himself tells us to put tithing to the test and see if He won't pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

As we partner with God in ministry and trust Him for our provision, we experience His presence and faithfulness in ways we didn't before. And that experience of God's presence brings the biggest blessing of all — the deep and lasting peace of knowing we can trust God with everything.

Reflect:

- Do you trust God to provide for you?
- Do you manage your money like it's a gift from God?
- Is there a particularly uncertain area in your life where you can choose to trust God's promises?



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.

"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 8 – Greg Jones
- 8 – Arlys Koepping
- 15 – Becki Winger
- 16 – Connor Kohrt
- 18 – Angela Heydeman
- 19 – Bill Courter
- 19 – Nancy Dufur
- 19 – Sydney Collis
- 20 – Gail Horst
- 27 – Cathy Lotz
- 27 – Larry Cullison
- 30 – Alec Simms



SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

- 4 – Brandon & Alicia Simms
- 10 – Tim & Holly Trout

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
HOMEWORK ALREADY!
I JUST GOT BACK TO
SCHOOL!



I HAVE TO WRITE A
PARAGRAPH ON WHAT
I DID OVER THE SUMMER!
A WHOLE PARAGRAPH!!



September

1. Jeremiah 40-42
2. Jeremiah 43-46
3. Jeremiah 47-49
4. Jeremiah 50-52
5. Lamentations 1-5
6. Ezekiel 1-3
7. Ezekiel 4-7
8. Ezekiel 8-11
9. Ezekiel 12-14
10. Ezekiel 15-18
11. Ezekiel 19-21
12. Ezekiel 22-24
13. Ezekiel 25-27
14. Ezekiel 28-30
15. Ezekiel 31-33
16. Ezekiel 34-36
17. Ezekiel 37-39
18. Ezekiel 40-42
19. Ezekiel 43-45
20. Ezekiel 46-48
21. Daniel 1-3
22. Daniel 4-6
23. Daniel 7-9
24. Daniel 10-12
25. Hosea 1-4
25. Hosea 5-7
27. Hosea 8-10
28. Hosea 11-14
29. Joel 1-3
30. Amos 1-3



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Children's Ministry

Nursery

Sunday School Time (9:30-10:15)

Worship Time (10:45-12:00)

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
4	Cathy Lotz	Georgia Cullison Sarah Denekas
11	Gail Horst	Sarah Denekas Kathy Kohrt
18	Sarah Denekas	Nancy Dufur Addison Tiesman
25	Kathy Kohrt	Becki Winger Kristina Rogers

Children's Church

**Teacher/helper are dismissed after offering*

Date	Teacher	Helper
4	Criss Evans	Cathy Lotz
11	Criss Evans	Cheryl Gipson
18	Criss Evans	Donna Vickroy
25	Criss Evans	Gail Horst

Worship Ministry

Communion Meditation

September 4

Ryan Schmidt

September 18

Don Vickroy

September 11

Teresa Garcia

September 25

Jim Kaecker

Greeters



Please sign up for a Sunday that works for your family! Welcome people, direct them to the sanctuary, nursery, or rest rooms if needed, and hand out bulletins.

Church Building Cleaners

Gail Horst & Georgia Cullison
Wayne & Cathy Lotz
Kathy Kohrt & Lisa Jones



Breakfast Volunteers


New sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Please sign up for a Sunday that works best for you! Provide breakfast treats and help serve coffee and clean-up between Sunday School and Worship.



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

September

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever. (Isaiah 40:8)</i></p>				1	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM</p>	<p>5</p> 	6	<p>7</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Elder Meeting 9am</p> <p>Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Women's Coffee 9:30am</p> 
<p>11</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM</p> <p>Grandparents Day Patriot Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm</p> <p>Church in use Zuma Township Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Men's Study 9am</p> <p>Worship Team 6:30pm</p> <p>Basketball 5-8pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	15	16	<p>17</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 9:00am</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>Men's Study 9am</p> <p>Worship Team 6:30pm</p> <p>Basketball 5-8pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>KICK-OFF PARTY FOR KIDS CLUB & IMPACT</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	22	23	24
<p>25</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM</p> 	26	<p>27</p> <p>Men's Study 9am</p> <p>Worship Team 6:30pm</p> <p>Basketball 5-8pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>SEE YOU AT THE POLE 7:30AM Kids Club 3-5pm Impact 4-5pm</p>  <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	29	30	