



Sunday Morning Services:
9:30am Sunday School*
10:15am Breakfast
10:45am Worship*
*Nursery is provided
Children's Church (4yrs-4th
grade) during Sermon Time

Wednesday Activities:
3-5pm Kids Club (K-5th)
4-5pm Impact (Jr High)
6:30pm Small Groups

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Dear Church Family,

It's Friday night after a great VBS. As I sit here in my house, reflecting on all of the kids and all of the fun that was had during the week... I am listening to the storm. Sirens going off around me and the television program that I was half watching has been interrupted by the weatherman explaining that there are storms on the way.

Ever since last night's closing program of Vacation Bible school, I have had a sort of smile in my spirit because of the good work and relationship building that was done. That joy is currently being pushed on by reports of tornadoes happening just north of me. The wind is blowing harder. The storm is coming. However, I am encouraged in my heart, because of the work of the church, and yet I am very aware of a storm that is happening.

I can't help but think that this is the role of the church in our culture today. At church, I am encouraged with new families arriving and participating. I am encouraged when I reflect on VBS. I am encouraged to think about what will happen with the Cruise-In coming up, the Food Packing Event that is coming up, and already thinking about Kids Club and Impact kicking off. We should all be encouraged. We can all be encouraged as our church continues to do the work we are called to do.

Church family, as we do this work, I feel we need to be more aware of our culture and the destructive winds that are blowing through it. There seems to be an ever increasing attitude that everyone is free to do whatever they want. You can live your own truth. However, this is an attitude that will definitely bring destruction. Every person who has ever hurt someone, stolen something, or worse, has brought with them the attitude that they were doing exactly what they wanted to do. It felt good to them. You could say they were living their own truth. This attitude is a growing storm in our culture and runs so counter to who Jesus wants his followers to be.

Jesus asks us to deny ourselves and follow Him. Jesus asks us to put others first. The Bible tells us that our will and our way will generally lead to a storm.

As I am now sitting here in the comfort and protection of my house, there is literally a storm raging around me. I can't miss it. The wind is blowing. The lights have flickered. The windows have rattled. I'm very aware of it. So, as your brother in Christ, I want to remind you and help you to be aware of the spiritual storm that is all around us. People are looking for comfort and peace that only Christ can bring. As I sit here surrounded by the storm, I also want to remind you that our hope and our encouragement comes from the Lord, and he is working through us and in us at Countryside Christian Church. Jesus has already claimed victory over the enemy! So, my friends, be encouraged but be aware. See ya Sunday.

Steve



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



Thank you, thank you to everyone who made VBS possible this week!! We started off with 25 kids registered and had 65 by the end of the week. Thank you, parents, for bringing your children and supporting youth ministry here at CCC. We had a blast this week! Thank you to the fabulous leaders who volunteered and did a phenomenal job!

Registration: Alicia Simms

Preschool-Kindergarten: Ruthie Coverdill

1st – 2nd Grade: Judy Millies

3rd-5th Grade: Wayne & Cathy Lotz

Games: Georgia Cullison & Jimmy Schumpert

Crafts: Sandy Lawrence, Jamie Schumpert, Becky Wierenga, Jackie Naftzger

Snacks: Becki Winger, Kati Jo Chasek, Amber Ramos

Tech Leaders: Kellan Schmidt & Evan Schumpert

Youth Helpers: Ellie Johnson, Maddie Holderman, Natalia Ramos, Fallen Byers, Lauren Tiesman, Claire Arnold, Clara Jones, Abby Yoder, Ava Mathis, Kellan Schmidt, Evan Schumpert, and Erin Trout

Adult Helpers: Steve Allison, Ryan Schmidt, Jim Kaecker, Jeff & Naomi Jones, Ashley Knapp, and so many others who offered to stay and help out for the night!

Decorating Team: Georgia Cullison, Amber Ramos, Natalia Ramos, Alonzo Ramos, Cathy Lotz, Bev Skelton, Naomi Skelton, Emmett Skelton, Clara Skelton, Amelia Skelton, Sandy Lawrence, Kim Ford, Laura Byers, Fallen Byers, Alicia Simms, Maddie Simms, Stella Simms, Jimmy Schumpert, Jamie Schumpert, Abigail Schumpert, Ryan Schmidt, Kellan Schmidt, Ellie Johnson, Laura Schmidt, Judy Millies, and probably many more!!



*We pray that the Word of God was planted in the hearts of these children this week. It was a GREAT WEEK! Thank you again to all who helped and donated money, crafts, or snacks this week!
In Christ, Laura & Ellie, Directors*

"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18

CRUISE IN IS COMING!

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

11th ANNUAL

Cruise-In



August 5, 2023
11am – 2pm

Shine 'em up & Show 'em off!

Free Food – Free Entry – Free Fun

Dash Plaque to first 50 cars!
Prizes awarded to: Oldest Car,
Oldest Participant, and Pastor's
Choice Award



*Fun activities for
the kids too!*



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"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

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



On Saturday, July 29th, we had a very special morning here at the church - Daughters of the King Brunch. What a joy it is to honor you ladies and thank you Teresa Holt Garcia for planning these beautiful events!

Teresa also hosts a weekly Bible Study on Tuesday mornings for the ladies of the church at 9:00am and a once-a-month Saturday Coffee Fellowship for all the women too!

If you have not been to one of these events yet, please see Teresa or contact the church office for details. A very special event is being planned for this fall so keep an eye on the bulletin or newsletter for details!



The Ladies' Bible Study group on Tuesday mornings have been busy at work making Prayer Squares. I think at last count they had almost 100! Thank you ladies for using your talents to bless others!

"From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing. I will add to their numbers, and they will not be decreased; I will bring them honor, and they will not be disdained."

Jeremiah 30:19

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: FOOD PANTRY

Countryside supports our local food pantry located at Messiah Lutheran Church 302 11th Street Port Byron. The food pantry serves residents located in the Riverdale School district. It is open on Wed. from noon until 2:00 P.M. Families are eligible to obtain food once a month.

Some of the specific needs include:

all paper products, tooth brushes and toothpaste, soup (not chicken noodle), spaghetti sauce, canned corn, canned pastas, syrup, canned meats, hamburger helper and of course money. Cleaning products are also needed as they cannot be purchased with the SNAP cards. Ground beef has been donated so grocery items that can be used with the ground beef are helpful. The financial donations can purchase more food items from the food co-op per dollar than an individual can purchase at the grocery store.

Countryside recently hosted a volleyball tournament with the admission being a non-perishable food item. Eighty five items were donated that day. The food pantry personnel were delighted with this donation.

Grocery prices and other living expenses are increasing for families so money for food items is shrinking. The food pantry recently had a large freezer/refrigerator donated so perishable food can be stored longer. Non- perishable food items are stored in the pantry space provided by the church. The food pantry is one way for Countryside to support the needs of our local community. The last Sunday off each month is designated FOOD PANTRY DAY. The boxes for the items are located in the church foyer.





BACK to SCHOOL

God, we pray for all of our students that they will grow in wisdom over the course of this year. We pray that they will grow academically, learning all that is required of them. We pray that they will work hard, and be successful in their studies. More importantly, we pray that they continue to grow in the wisdom that comes from You. We pray that they become more capable lights to those around them and learn and follow Your heart for them as they make decisions. Give us as parents the wisdom to assist our children as they walk through this life and help us to discern how best to help them.

We pray that our children will continue to grow in faith and obedience to You. We pray that they have integrity in their choices, whether those choices are seen by others or not. We pray that they act in love and kindness towards others, especially those whom the world pushes to the margins. We pray You give them strength to stand up for the outcast. We pray that they may have strength to stand up for what is right. We pray for their obedience to You and other authority figures in their lives. We pray that they imitate Jesus in all their actions, words, and interactions with others. We pray that they are a light to those around them. We pray that they surround themselves with people who will help them grow closer to You.





AUGUST Birthdays

- 3 – Jeff Jones
- 3 – Jimmy Schumpert
- 4 – Laura Schmidt
- 10 – Eric Ryden
- 11 – Addison Tiesman
- 13 – Alicia Simms
- 14 – Jaelin Hawkins
- 16 – Becky Wierenga
- 16 – Randy Denekas
- 21 – Sarah Denekas
- 27 – Rock Lawrence
- 28 – Bob Gipson
- 29 – Laura Byers
- 29 – Scott Olesen
- 30 – Beverley Skelton



AUGUST Anniversaries

- 6 – Jamie & Gail Horst
- 11 – Ryan & Laura Schmidt
- 29 – Bob & Cheryl Gipson
- 29 – Jeff & Naomi Jones
- 30 – LeRoy & Laura Byers



If you think the Lord moves in mysterious ways, you should see long division.

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Childrens Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)			Worship* (10:45-12:00)				
Date	Teacher's	Nursery	Date	Teacher	Helper	Leader	Helper
			*Children's Church Teacher & helper are dismissed from service after the worship communion / offering *Nursery workers are scheduled for the entire church service from 10:40-12:00				
August			August				
6	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Ruthie Coverdill	6	Cathy Lotz	Cheryl Gipson	Shanie Bird	Becky Collis
13	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Cathy Lotz	13	Cathy Lotz	Sarah Denekas	Shanie Bird	Judy Millies
20	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Gail Horst	20	Cathy Lotz	Donna Vickroy	Shanie Bird	Mikah Mikles
27	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Kathy Kohrt	27	Cathy Lotz	Kati Jo Chasek	Shanie Bird	Georgia Cullison

Worship Ministry



COMMUNION MEDITATION

GREETERS

August 6 – Ryan Schmidt
 August 13 – Teresa Garcia
 August 20 – Jim Kaecker
 August 27 – Wayne Lotz

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

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.

Church

BUILDING CLEANERS






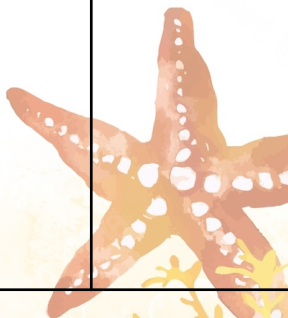

Randy & Sarah Denekas
 Wayne & Cathy Lotz
 Jim & Dawn Kaecker

"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

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August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	2 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	3 Worship Team 6:30pm	4 Pack the Backpack Due 	5 Cruise-In 11am-2pm 
6 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM	7 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm	8 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	9 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	10 Worship Team 6:30pm	11	12 Women's Coffee 9:30am 
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13 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM	14 Church in use Zuma Township Meeting	15 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	16 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	17 1 st day of School Worship Team 6:30pm	18	19
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