

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:  
6:00pm Small Groups

Church Office:  
309-523-2834  
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cccportbyron@gmail.com  
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www.countrysidecc.org

Live Streaming Info:  
Paste the links below into your browser:



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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

Elders: Wayne Lotz  
Ryan Schmidt  
Jim Kaecker



# VBS

June 29 – July 3  
6:00 – 7:30pm

For K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

VBS 2025 is just a few weeks away! Our theme this year is Mission Space. We are going to "take-off" into outer space and explore the wonders of God! Your kids will have a blast as they fly in the spaceship and learn lessons each day from the Captain and her assistant robot! They will then head to cadet class, engineering class, and the mess hall for games, crafts, and snacks. It will be "out of this world!"

Register today:



Paper registration forms are available in the lobby also. Please see the volunteer and craft/snack supply lists in the lobby as well!



In honor of Father's Day, here are 15 principals about being a Dad to encourage each of you great dads:

**1. All good parenting begins with a fear of the Lord.**

*In the fear of the LORD one has strong confidence, and his children will have a refuge. [Proverbs 14:26]*

**2. Fathers set the tone for their household. Make sure your God is at the center of your family.**

*And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." [Joshua 24:15]*

**3. The chief job of a father is to teach his kids biblical wisdom at all times.**

*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. [Deuteronomy 6:6-9]*

**4. Always remember that children are a blessing from God.**

*Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate. [Psalms 127:3-5]*

**5. Find your parenting strength in God.**

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." [Joshua 1:9]*

**6. Talk to your kids about the Bible and help them to learn scripture. Use scripture as the basis for your parenting.**

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. [2 Timothy 3:16-17]*

**7. God works through fathers to impact their children and families. How is he working through you?**

*For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." [Genesis 18:19]*

**8. Teach your children wisdom and they will bring you joy.**

*The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him. [Proverbs 23:24]*

**9. Teach your children to lead their live based on a biblical worldview.**

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. [Proverbs 22:6]*

**10. The way you lead your life can be a blessing to your kids. Lead a godly life.**

*The righteous who walks in his integrity— blessed are his children after him! [Proverbs 20:7]*

**11. Remember that your choices and actions will impact your kids and their kids and their kids.**

*The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." [Exodus 34:6-7]*

**12. A good father disciplines his son out of love and with love.**

*My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights. [Proverbs 3:11-12]*

**13. Do not provoke your children.**

*Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. [Ephesians 6:4]*

**14. Parenting is a temporary stewardship. Marriage is forever. The best thing you can do for your kids is to be a good husband.**

*Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. [Genesis 2:24]*

**15. God cares about the relationship between fathers and their kids.**

*And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction." [Malachi 4:6]*

# Happy Father's Day!

# NEW ADULT CLASSES

*Sarah Denekas, Education Chair*

DDS classes (Disciple Development Seminars) are starting Sunday, June 1st during our Sunday School hour. This is a graduated curriculum to help you grow deeper in your faith. We will explore topics together like: ***DISCOVERING WHO GOD MADE YOU TO BE. ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND WHO GOD MADE YOU TO BE, THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD MADE YOU TO DO.*** Future topics will include growing in maturity, defining your mission, building relationships, and becoming a contagious Christian. Some good stuff!! This will be open to all adults as our three adult Sunday School classes will pause during summer so that we can all be a part of this. Starts at 9:30am in the gym followed by breakfast. Children's classes will still meet at the same time and nursery will be provided. See you then!



# DDS Classes start

## June 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30am

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

*Keep my commands and you will live;  
guard my teachings as the apple of your eye. ~ Proverbs 7:2*

# BIBLE CAMP STARTS THIS MONTH!

Sarah Denekas, Education Chair

**BRING A FRIEND DISCOUNT:** Campers who "Bring a Friend" (who has never been to RRCC) will receive a \$30 discount (\$15 for one to three night youth camps) for each new camper that registers for youth camp. The camper that does the inviting will receive the discount.

**CCC SCHOLARSHIPS:** Our church also supports kids who would like to attend a camp by helping with \$125 of their registration fee.



## **TEDDY BEAR CAMP**

June 13-14, 2025 (1st – 3rd Grade)

Cost: \$100 (cost includes camper & parent/guardian)

This is a fun overnight experience for campers going into 1st – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to come to check out RRCC for the first time. Each camper must bring a same-gender parent/guardian (or call the camp office to discuss possible options). Campers spend the weekend swimming, singing, enjoying the campfire, participating in great Bible lessons, having scavenger hunts, wagon rides, and more!



## **EMBARK CAMP**

July 27 – August 1, 2025 (3rd – 5th Grade)

Cost: \$365.00

Campers between 3rd and 5th grade are loading up for the journey of a lifetime. Here at EMBARK, campers will be diving into what it really means to follow God with a lot of fun along the way. Each day, these campers will come face to face with God's truth and grace. They will encounter higher challenges, whether it is stepping up and helping out or maybe it is climbing up the zip line pole. These campers and faculty members will sleep overnight in cabins that are close to the bathhouse and dining hall. A day at camp consists of great worship, dynamic speaking, small family group times, swimming, canteen, campfires, and so much more! Get ready to EMBARK with us!



## **ELEVATE (JR HIGH CAMP)**

June 22 – 27, 2025

(6th – 8th Grade)

Cost: \$365.00

Campers between 6th-8th grade, are stepping up to Elevate. This week, we are moving and rising to a higher place, position, and state, intellectually and spiritually. We are getting loud! We have embarked on our mission, and now it is time to step up. Here at Elevate, you will encounter situations that challenge and push you to new levels. You'll find life-changing experiences during a week of Elevate. Just as all main camps, Elevate campers and faculty will find themselves sleeping in cabins overnight that are close to the bathhouse and dining hall. A day at Elevate includes worship with a band, speakers who will ignite a flame in you, small family group times, swimming, zipline, canteen, campfires, and so much more!



## **EDGE (HIGH SCHOOL CAMP)**

June 15-21, 2025 (9th – Just Graduated)

Cost: \$385.00

High School students, 9th-Just Graduated, are going to the Edge. These students will make a difference in the lives of others. Campers, during their week of Edge, will be going out into the surrounding communities where they will be serving others. This is a week of stepping up to be the leaders and servants that each of us is called to be: Eagerly Dispersing God's love Everywhere. The service projects will vary, but each one can have an effect on a life. That life could be yours. Edge campers and faculty will sleep overnight in cabins that are near the bathhouse and dining hall. Along with the service projects, campers at Edge will partake in worship with a band, classes, intense speakers, small group discussions, swimming, zipline, paintball, canteen, campfires, and more!



## CELEBRATION BELLE Dinner Cruise

Join us for an unforgettable evening  
of cruising on the Mississippi River  
on the beautiful Celebration Belle!



**June 13, 2025**



**6:30pm**



**\$61 per adult (includes dinner)**



**RSVP to Criss Evans or in church lobby**



*Colossians 2:2: "That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ."*

# OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

Wayne Lotz, Finance Chair  
Jim Kaecker, Treasurer

## FINANCE HIGHLIGHT

### four WAYS to GIVE at

Countryside  
Christian Church

Visit  
[www.countrysidecc.org](http://www.countrysidecc.org)  
for more information.

**2024-2025  
Offering Budget**  
(Starting 10/1/2024):  
\$75,208  
YTD Actual:  
\$89,812

**2024-2025 Mission  
Year**  
(Starting 5/1/2024)  
Faith Promises Goal:  
\$59,500  
YTD Actual:  
\$42,236



## Mail-In

Mail in your offering directly to our church office at the address below:  
Countryside Christian Church  
3817 230<sup>th</sup> St. N  
Port Byron, IL 61275



## Online Giving

Visit online at  
[www.countrysidecc.org](http://www.countrysidecc.org) to use our giving website directly.



## Mobile Giving

Use our Church App to give on your mobile device. Scan the QR code below to add to your phone.



## Drop Off In-Person

Visit our church office and use our drop box located in the church lobby.

# MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Rock River Christian Camp

by Connie Curry

Rock River Christian Camp is located near Polo, IL. It is our local Christian Camp and is supported by approximately 30 Christian churches.

The camping season for 2024 saw 10 campers attend from Countryside. CCC will contribute \$125 toward camp registration for each camper attending a week of camp. Cathy Lotz is handling camp registration and the financial vouchers. The list of camps and their dates are on a poster in the church entry.



There are many financial needs of the camp, including day to day expenses and long term maintenance projects. Roofs are needed on the Earth Lodge, the Old Chapel., the well house, the garage and the Office. Extensive electrical is being done at the main camp removing old aerial lines and putting service underground. The Earth Lodge roof fundraiser is about \$6000 short of the goal of \$84000. The roof construction is winding down.

Volunteers are always needed through the summer for mowing and general maintenance. If you can spare a day or so Dan Augenstine, camp manager, will be glad to put you to work.



Countryside has been asked this year to furnish canned apple pie filling. About 20 cans are still needed. Supporting churches are asked each year to help furnish non-perishable items to help limit the food costs.

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



MISSION HIGHLIGHT

# SENIOR MONTHLY POTLUCK

SENIORS MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

# Potluck Party

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> | 12:00PM**



**Please bring a dish or dessert to share!  
Beverages will be provided!**

**COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

RSVP to Dennis and Kim Ford or sign up in the church lobby

*Colossians 2:2: "That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ."*

# WORSHIP "ON-THE-GO"

Ryan Schmidt, Worship Chair

**Are you using our Church App yet?** You can view upcoming events, click links to listen or view sermons, access the website and this month's newsletter and calendar, give your tithe online and even set up recurring giving that is automatic if you would like to, submit registrations, access the church directory, send emails or call other church members in one click, and more! It's FREE and easy to use! Here's how to add it to your phone:

# WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

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## Scan your Code

or navigate in your browser to our Church Connect page: <https://countrysidechristian.churchtrac.com/>



Scan me

This is the QR code to scan! Just point your smartphone camera at the square as if you were taking a picture of it. Your phone will do the rest! Click on the yellow box when it appears to be taken to the next step.

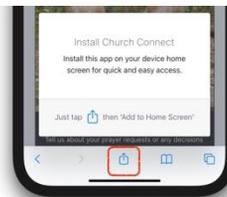
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## Click the Button

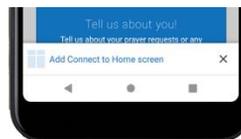
Use the Action or Share button to open the menu.



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## Add to Home screen

Then follow the prompts to finish adding the app to your device.



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## Create an account/Sign In

Create an account or sign-in by following the prompts in the upper right hand corner.

If you need help with any of these steps, we would be happy to help you!!

"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

### June BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Jill Weatherhead
- 1 – Mikey Chamra
- 3 – Ax Jackson
- 4 – Bryce Silverwood
- 12 – Paula Mills
- 14 – Corey White
- 17 – Dorothy Wells
- 19 – Dawn Kaecker
- 20 – Reg Stearns
- 22 – Shirley Baxter
- 25 – Chelsi McClintock

### June ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Steve & Karen Allison
- 5 – Reg & Jane Stearns
- 17 – Jeff & Becky Wierenga
- 19 – Jason & Becky Collis
- 19 – Jim & Dawn Kaecker
- 21 – Randy & Sarah Denekas
- 30 – Jimmy & Jamie Schumpert

# VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

## Children's Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)		Worship* (10:45-12:00)				
		Children's Church			Nursery	
Date	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				
June		June				
1		1	Karen Allison	Naomi Jones	Mikah Mikles	Dawn Tiesman
8	Becki Winger	8	Karen Allison	Kati Jo Chasek	Sarah Denekas	Amber Miller
15	Cathy Lotz	15	Karen Allison	Alisha Simms	Mikah Mikles	Becky Collis
22	Sarah Denekas	22	Karen Allison	Chelsi McClintok	Sarah Denekas	Rachael Creen
29	Gail Horst	29	Family Sunday	Family Sunday	Mikah Mikles	Cathy Lotz

## Worship Ministry

### COMMUNION MEDITATION

June 1 – Jim Kaecker  
 June 8 – Wayne Lotz  
 June 15 – Ryan Schmidt  
 June 22 – Jim Kaecker  
 June 29 – Ryan Schmidt

### GREETERS

*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

Gail Horst & Rhonda Stahl  
 Wayne & Cathy Lotz



*"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*

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH



# 2025 JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM</p> <p><b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM</p> <p><b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm</b> All Depts. 7pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8:00am</p> 
<p>8</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM</p> <p><b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM</p> <p><b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Zuma Home Extension 1-4pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>Celebration Belle Dinner Cruise</b> 6:30pm</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Women's Coffee 9:30am</p> 
<p>15</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM</p> <p><b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM</p> <p><b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>VBS Planning Meeting 6:00 pm</b></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<b>EDGE HIGH SCHOOL CAMP (RRCC)</b>						
<p>22</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM</p> <p><b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM</p> <p><b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>25</p> <p><b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>VBS Decorating Day TBD</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>VBS Decorating Day TBD</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>Senior Adults Monthly Potluck 12:00pm</b></p> 
<b>ELEVATE JR HIGH CAMP (RCC)</b>						
<p>29</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM</p> <p><b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM</p> <p><b>WORSHIP</b> 10:45AM</p> <p><b>POTLUCK LUNCH</b></p> 	<p>30</p>	<p><i>"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."</i></p> <p><i>Psalm 103:13</i></p> 				
<b>VBS 6/29-7/3</b>						