

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

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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

SUMMER Sunday School



BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

Our three adult Sunday School classes will pause for the summer as we gather together in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for a combined study on **APOLOGETICS**.

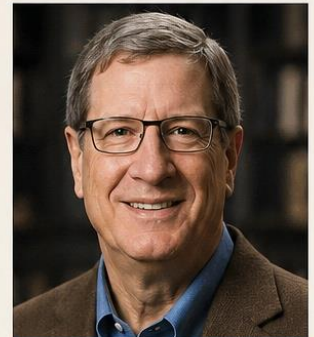
We will be watching and discussing video teachings from:



FRANK TUREK



WES HUFF



LEE STROBEL

Beginning Sunday, June 7th, our three individual adult Sunday School classes will pause for the summer as we gather together in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for a combined study on apologetics.

Throughout the summer, we will watch and discuss video teachings from Frank Turek, Wes Huff, and Lee Strobel, with discussion following each session. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship and learning together as we strengthen our understanding and defense of the Christian faith.

Children's Sunday School classes will continue to meet as usual. Breakfast will be served in the gym at 10:15 a.m., followed by our worship service at 10:45 a.m.

We hope you will join us this summer!

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!

BIBLE CAMP STARTS THIS MONTH!

Kati Jo Chasek, 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 19-20, 2026 (1st – 3rd Grade)

Cost: \$107 (cost includes camper & parent/guardian)

This is a fun overnight experience for campers going into 1st – 3rd 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 26 – 31, 2026 (3rd – 5th Grade)

Cost: \$380.00

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 21 – 26, 2026

(6th – 8th Grade)

Cost: \$380.00

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 7 – 13, 2026 (9th – Just Graduated)

Cost: \$400.00

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 Dispensing 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!

OUR GRADUATING SENIOR

Kati Jo Chasek, Education Chair



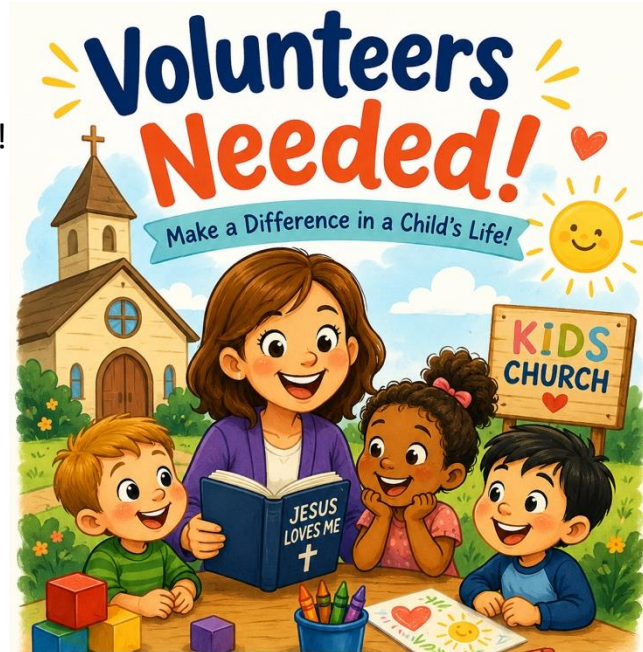
Ellie Johnson graduated this year and will be attending Moody Bible Institute this fall to study Human Services.

On June 7th, we will honor Ellie during the worship service and with a cake reception following the service. Congratulations! We are so proud of you!

Volunteers Needed for Children's Ministry This Summer

We are currently looking for a Preschool Sunday School teacher as well as a Preschool Helper for Kids Church during the summer months. If you enjoy working with young children and would like to help share God's love in a fun and meaningful way, we would love to have you serve with us!

Whether you can help every week or occasionally throughout the summer, your support would be a blessing to our children and families. Please contact the church office or speak with Kati Jo Chasek if you are interested or would like more information.



VOLLEYBALL EVENT – SPRING 2026

Georgia Cullison, Evangelism Chair

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT



VOLLEYBALL EVENT!

JUNE 6TH
5-7PM

 **HOT DOGS AND SNACKS
WILL BE PROVIDED!**

 **WATER SLIDE**

 **OTHER GAMES**

 **BONFIRE
TO FINISH!**

 **COUNTRYSIDE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

 3817 230th St. N
Port Byron, IL

 www.countrysidecc.org

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

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

Ryan Schmidt, Finance Chair

FINANCE HIGHLIGHT

four WAYS to GIVE at

Countryside
Christian Church

Visit
www.countrysidecc.org
for more information.

**2025-2026
Offering Budget**
(Starting 10/1/2025):
\$160,125
YTD Actual:
\$183,987

**2025-2026 Mission
Year**
(Starting 10/1/2025)
Faith Promises Goal:
\$48,600
YTD Actual:
\$36,315



Mail-In

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



Online Giving

Visit online at
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 or In-Person

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

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Food Pantry

by Connie Curry

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, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soup (not chicken noodle), spaghetti sauce, canned corn, canned pastas, syrup, canned meats, Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, and of course money. Cleaning products and personal hygiene 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. Non-perishable food items are stored in the pantry space provided by the church.

Summer is coming and the kids will be out of school where they have been getting free breakfasts and lunches. This will create a bigger need for groceries to feed these growing bodies. Grocery prices and other living expenses are increasing for families so money for food items is shrinking. Several local companies have had job layoffs recently so family incomes are being challenged. More families are relying on the food pantry. The food pantry is one way for Countryside to support the needs of our local community. The last Sunday of each month is designated FOOD PANTRY DAY. The boxes for the items are located in the church foyer.



There has been an increase in canned goods over the last several months which has been GREATLY APPRECIATED. The pantry still needs personal hygiene items, paper products and cleaning products. Thanks for your help in supporting our community.

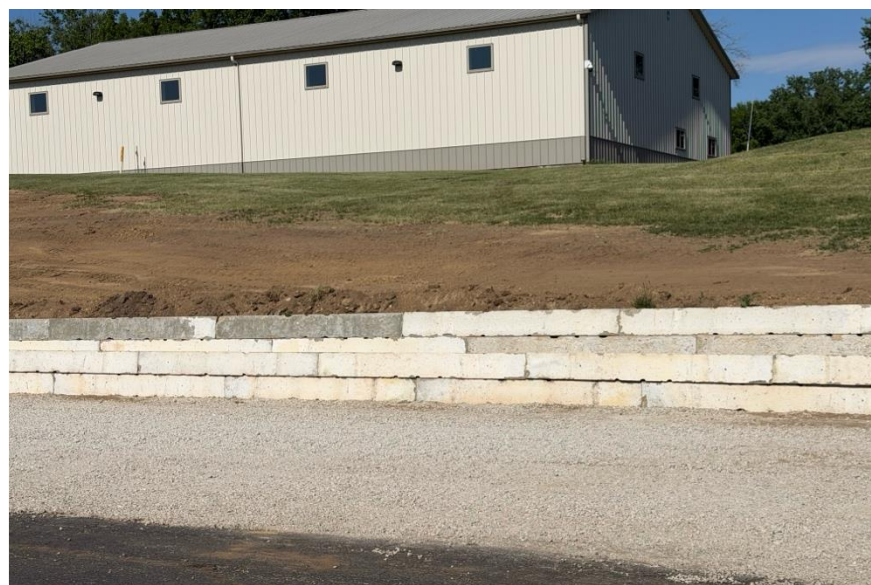
MISSION HIGHLIGHT

Parking Lot Project Completed

We are thankful to celebrate the completion of our parking lot expansion project, including the installation of a new retaining wall. This major improvement was made possible through countless donated hours of labor, generous material donations, and the dedication of many faithful volunteers.

A special thank you goes to Brian Tiesman and Steve Allison for spearheading the project from start to finish. We are also grateful for the hard work and help provided by Larry Van Oosten, Randy Denekas, Jeff Denekas, Brennan Harrington, Mike Winger, Bob Stith, Corey Stith, and Jim Kaecker, along with many other men from the congregation who contributed their time and effort.

This project is a wonderful example of the church family working together to serve the Lord and bless our congregation for years to come. Thank you to everyone who helped make it possible!



SENIOR MONTHLY POTLUCK

Dennis Ford, Seniors Ministry Chair

SENIORS MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

Potluck Party

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH | 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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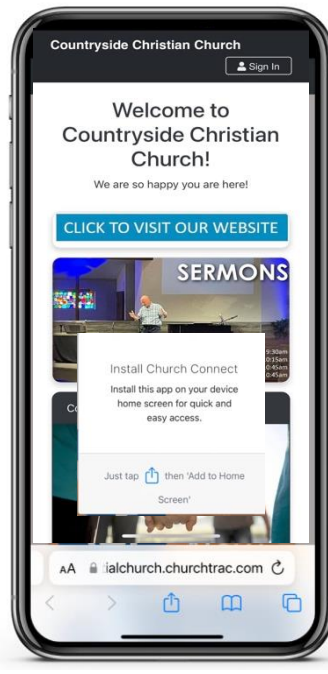
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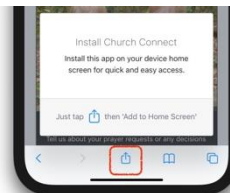
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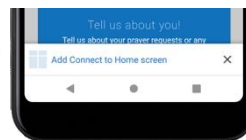
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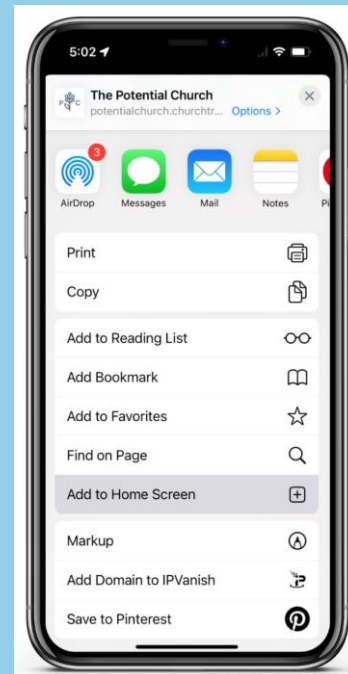
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"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."
Hebrews 4:12

June BIRTHDAYS

Jill Weatherhead	June 1
Ax Jackson	June 3
Bryce Silverwood	June 4
Kenny Rogers	June 9
Paula Mills	June 12
Corey White	June 14
Lydia Harrington	June 14
Kelly Cummings	June 16
Dorothy Wells	June 17
Gavin Bussert	June 17
Dawn Kaecker	June 19
Reg Stearns	June 20
Shirley Baxter	June 22
Carter Campbell	June 28

June ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Karen Allison	June 2
Reg & Jane Stearns	June 5
Nick & Alyssa Baltz	June 8
Jeff & Becky Wierenga	June 17
Jim & Dawn Kaecker	June 19
Jason & Becky Collis	June 19
Randy & Sarah Denekas	June 21
Pat & Shari Gall	June 28
Jimmy & Jamie Schumpert	June 30

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Children's Ministry

	Sunday School Nursery	Worship Nursery	Children's Church	Children's Church (Littles)
Date	9:30 - 10:15	10:45-12:00	2nd - 4th grades	4 yrs. - 1st grade
JUNE				
7	Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz	Mikah Mikles Shanie Bird	Karen Allison Laura Schmidt	Kim Ford Patti Stith
14	Mikah Mikles Becki Winger	Mikah Mikles Becki Winger	Karen Allison Amber Harper	Kim Ford Patti Stith
21	Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman	Mikah Mikles	Karen Allison Donna Vickroy	Kim Ford Patti Stith
28	Mikah Mikles Gail Horst	Mikah Mikles	Karen Allison Sarah Denekas	Kim Ford Patti Stith

Worship Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

June 7 – Ryan Schmidt
 June 14 – Corey Chasek
 June 21 – Larry Van Oosten
 June 28 – Wayne Lotz

GREETERS

Jerry & Nancy Dufur






"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





2026 JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm	2 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	3 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	4	5 Gym in Use 9am-12pm	6 Men's Breakfast 8:00am Volleyball Event 5-7pm 
7 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Graduate Reception 	8	9 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	10 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	11 Zuma Home Extension 1-4pm	12	13 Women's Coffee 9:30am 

EDGE HIGH SCHOOL CAMP (RRCC)

14 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM	15	16 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	17 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	18	19	20
21 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM 	22	23 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	24 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	25	26	27 Senior Adults Monthly Potluck 12:00pm 

ELEVATE JR HIGH CAMP (RRCC)

28 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM 	29	30 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	<p><i>"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." Psalm 103:13</i></p> 			
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