

The Newsletter of

February 2012

# Community United Methodist Church

## What Makes Us Scared?

Pastor Markus

A year ago my wife Carrie and I drove through downtown Chicago on I-94 when all of the sudden a car came towards us crashing into the middle crash barrier of the interstate. We saw the fender fly up in the air with a big noise. Scary situation – we were glad the construction barrier did its job and prevented the car from coming over to our side. That was just a few days before the end of the year.

Every new year, yes, every day, brings with it dangerous situations. Sometimes we get scared, that's just part of life... AND GOD KNOWS IT. That's why God encourages us to do something with our fear:

"Come to me with it!"

It seems like that what is true for us as individuals God also wanted to tell us as a congregation.

Throughout January we all were invited to draw a personal Bible verse for the year. On the first Sunday of the year Ann Joehnk - the most experienced person present at that time - drew a Bible verse for us as congregation.



In this Psalm King David speaks about his experience of being surrounded by enemies. The scary moments of his life taught him to turn to God and trust his leading completely. Can a congregation as a whole get scared too? Being involved in active ministry for and with God always has scary moments. Risks have to be taken and sometimes it even seems like the church is surrounded by adversaries. Have you ever been in a scary situation 'just' because you belong to God's church? It's probably normal to question if it's really worth being in it with God. Psalm 56 shows us another way of dealing with ministry-fear:

'God, when I'm afraid due to my responsibilities as a member of your church, I will trust in you.' Amen?

Glorify God

Encourage One another

Share Jesus



FOUNDATIONAL VALUES OF  
COMMUNITY UMC  
8 OF 12

ON CHRIST  
THE SOLID  
ROCK  
WE STAND

*TWELVE VALUES FOR BEING  
THE CHURCH TOGETHER*

"...Christ Jesus himself is the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." Ephesians 2:20-22 NIV

Are you familiar with the Foundational Values of Community UMC? It is important that you are! Each month a different Foundational Value will be featured, please take some time to read and understand the things God says are important for life together!

Visionary Faith

To accomplish His vision we must be willing to step out of our comfort zone. We must be willing to live out visionary faith and take risks as God leads.

We will walk forward in faith, then trust God for the next step.

Hebrews 11

IN WHAT WAYS HAVE YOU ALLOWED GOD TO STRETCH YOU IN SERVICE TO HIM?

ARE YOU ASKING GOD TO IDENTIFY YOUR COMFORT ZONES?

# Youth News

*The CUMC Youth  
challenge you to  
100% participation  
in the*



*You can make a difference!*

*On February 5th*

Bring your non-perishable food items for the CUMC Food Pantry.

There is a great need for Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Mac & Cheese and meal in a can items like Chef Boyardee pasta's.

Let's make a difference in the lives of others!

## XXX SEX XXX

It's on TV, in song lyrics, movies, video games, school, and everywhere else our children look.

Church too?

Absolutely. After all, sex was God's idea, and it is

a very special gift. Youth group is a safe environment to talk and learn about what God wants for our lives. February is the month of love, what better time to talk about sex?

Through out the month Confirmation and High School students will be talking about the benefits of waiting to have sex until you're married, the possible consequences if you don't, mysteries of the opposite sex, and dating. By looking at scripture for advice and direction a clear picture will be painted for your teen as to God's desire for sex.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please don't hesitate to contact me.  
262.210.0181 krystalrichmond@hotmail.com



# Chili Supper

Sponsored and prepared by the Men of  
**Community United Methodist Church**

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

**4:00-7:00 PM**

**Dine in or carry out —**

**\$8.00 per person**

**Kids 7-12 \$6.00**

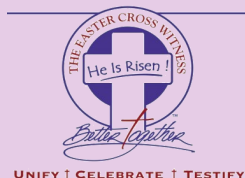
**Children 6 & under — Free**

**Men-** we need your help with set up,  
cooking, serving and clean-up!

**Ladies-** we need your pies to serve for dessert!!!



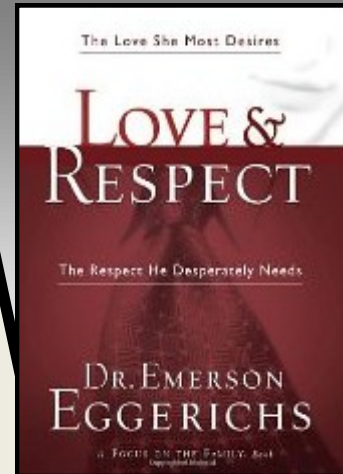
## CUMC will participate in the 2012 Easter Cross Witness



### The Witness:

The Easter Cross Witness was created to give disciples of Jesus Christ an opportunity during the Easter Season to witness to the Risen Christ. A cross is placed blank side out on Ash Wednesday and is turned on Resurrection Sunday to declare, "He is Risen...And It is Finished! The Easter Cross Witness was created to be a witness; not yard art or an Easter decoration. The Easter Cross Witness gives a visual witness that prayerfully creates opportunities for a verbal witness. The Holy Spirit has used the ECW to draw many to the Lord.

Crosses will be available at the Ash Wednesday Service. Watch for additional information coming soon.



## Love & Respect

## Two-Day Marriage Conference

### **Women Need Love. Men Need Respect.**

It's as simple and complicated as that.  
Love & Respect is a dynamic, practical seminar designed to help couples and singles understand and strengthen relationships based on Ephesians 5:33.

Hosted at Faith Chapel

141 Westridge Avenue, Burlington

Friday February 24 6:45 pm—10:15 pm

And Saturday February 25 8:45 am—1:45 pm

**Cost:** \$15 per person through February 13th  
\$20 per person after February 13th

Free Childcare is provided on Saturday.

Please call in advance to advise ages and number of children participating in childcare program.

Register online at [faithchapelefca.com](http://faithchapelefca.com)  
or call 262-763-9008



## Noisy Can

February 26th

Shepherd's Home

Union Grove, Wisconsin

Shepherds Ministries, a nationally recognized organization founded on Jeremiah 23:4, provides compassionate Christian care, vocational education and job opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities, helping them attain Appropriate Independence with fulfilling jobs and lives, while also providing for their spiritual development. For adults with developmental disabilities and their families, Shepherds' case managers, living skills instructors, nurse, consultants, teachers, work supervisors and

## Men's No Regrets

### Conference

Saturday, February 4th

**There is no men's breakfast this month, but we**



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The awesome ladies who make the prayer shawls that our Visitation Pastor John Wulz gives out to those he visits could use your help. If you knit or crochet and have small amounts of yarn left at the end of your project, consider donating it to this wonderful ministry. You can bring it to the church office or give it to Fay Tichy, she will see that it arrives in the hands of these busy servants of God!

## HEARTS AT HOME – the Go-to Place for Moms

*In the Moment* 2012 Conference

March 16-17 2012

Normal, IL

When it comes to motherhood, we have one shot. One moment in time. We can't go back and do it again. What if what if you could learn to live in the MOMent? Move your eyes to the bigger picture and stop sweating the small stuff...what if you could focus more on "being" instead of "doing?" Are you up for the challenge?

Ready for a fresh perspective?

Need your mom batteries recharged?

Grab some friends and learn to delight in an ordinary day. Slow down. Be refreshed. Live fully... in the beauty of the MOMent you are in.

Check it out at [www.hearts-at-home.org](http://www.hearts-at-home.org)

Brochures can be found on the kiosk in the lobby.

## World Day of Prayer

March 2, 2012

Since 1920 through World Day of Prayer, women all over the world have affirmed that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

In 2012 the women of Malaysia invite us to work with them, with God and with the people nearest to us, to create a world in which gender, race, culture, religion, and state is honored, nurtured, and empowered.

The 2012 theme is **"Let Justice Prevail"**

**Cross Lutheran Church, 126 Chapel Terrace, Burlington**

invites you to join them March 2nd at 9:00 AM for fellowship followed by a prayer service at 10:00 AM.

There will be an organizational meeting on February 6th at 1:00 PM at Cross Lutheran Church if you are interested in more information. Or contact Carol Fell at 763-3520 or [wfell@wi.rr.com](mailto:wfell@wi.rr.com)

FEBRUARY 22nd



# ASH WEDNESDAY

SOUPER SUPPER  
& FAMILY SERVICE  
6:30 - 8 PM

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*A TIME TO GATHER ALL AGES FOR A SIMPLE MEAL TOGETHER.*

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*A TIME TO GIVE SO OTHERS MAY BE FED AS YOU BRING  
A NON-PERISHABLE ITEM FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY*

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*A TIME TO WORSHIP AND BEGIN THE SEASON OF LENT*

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*A TIME TO PICK UP YOUR EASTER WITNESS LAWN CROSS*

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## Personal Bible Verse Testimonies...

**The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.**

**Psalm 34:17 (KJV)**

This was the Bible verse I pulled from the basket on New Year's 2011. I have to say, it induced quite a bit of laughter from the people in my life. Family, friends and co-workers all found great amusement in this verse when relating it to my life, especially when coming off a year where I had to deal with a kid in trouble with the law, an absolutely crazy father dying of cancer and a job that demanded more and more each day. I can't honestly say that I was delivered out of all my troubles, and those of you who know me, know this to be true after the year I've had. But it never failed to make me smile when I would read it and it certainly entertained everyone else who did too. Tracy Ouellette

When I got my new verse this year I went to put it in my wallet where I keep the 2011 verse.

My 2011 verse was **Psalm 27:1**

**"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"**

On the back I had written "George W. Bush favorite 9/11," and "Romans 8:31 "If God is for us, who can stand against us?" When I got my 2011 verse I looked in my Bible to mark it and found the notation about President Bush written beside it with the date. The significance of Romans 8:31 - that's the verse Pastor preached on Jan. 1, 2012 exactly on year later to the day.

My 2012 verse has no notations in my Bible but we'll see what significance it has for me this year. It is Psalm 90:14 "Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days." My devotions and prayer are how every day begins for me and I can honestly say God does satisfy me in the morning. All I have to do is miss a day or be late and I feel the difference in how my entire day goes. Thanks for my awesome verses. Cleo Hollingsworth

In a letter to Pastor Markus, Millie Morgan included this about her verse for 2012: "I got a very appropriate Bible verse, it's really great for me. God intended for me to get this one, I see his hand in this.

**Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10**

This is the verse I picked for 2012. I had to laugh at how God does things! This Psalm goes on to say: *Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.* This portion of Psalm 51 has been a personal prayer I fall back on often when I allow my self to *give up* the joy of being a Christian — when I am relying on my own spirit instead of the Holy Spirit! I am curious to see what God does with this over the next 11 months!

Gail Biesiadny

What are your stories? We still want to know.

## February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4:00 PM -Food Pantry 6:30 PM -His Kids-Wired -Adult Bible Study 8:00 PM Praise Team	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Men's No Regrets Conference
<b>5</b> Youth Services  & Souper Bowl of Caring food drive	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM -Worship Meeting	<b>8</b> 10:30 AM -Staff Meeting 6:30 PM -His Kids-Wired -Adult Bible Study 8:00 PM Praise Team	<b>9</b> 12:00 PM -February Fellowship Luncheon  7:00 PM Long Range Planning	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM -Trustees Meeting	<b>15</b> 4:00 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM -His Kids-Wired -Adult Bible Study 8:00 PM Praise Team	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM -Finance Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4:00-7:00 PM Chili Supper
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM -SPRC Meeting 7:15 PM -Communications Meeting	<b>22</b> Ash Wednesday Dinner & Service 6:30- 8:00 PM No His Kids or Bible Study. <b>WiRed High School only will meet.</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Noisy Can Shepherd's Home	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 PM -Council of Ministries	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM -His Kids-Wired -Adult Bible Study 8:00 PM Praise Team			



Ellie Rae Willms was baptized on January 22, 2012. Please welcome Justin & Kristi, their daughters Jayleigh and Ellie!

CUMC will have a booth at the  
**Waterford Home and Commerce Show**  
 SATURDAY MARCH 3RD, 2012  
 9:00AM - 4:00PM  
 WATERFORD UNION HIGH SCHOOL  
 100 FIELD DRIVE, WATERFORD, WI 53185  
**Volunteers needed!!!**  
 If you are able to help staff the booth that day  
 please contact Mary Wicinski at [mprimary@wi.rr.com](mailto:mprimary@wi.rr.com).  
 We will had out some type of consumable  
 –mints or water  
 and church and preschool information.



### Fellowship Luncheon

Thursday, February 9, 2012  
 12:00 PM

in the CUMC Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by the women of CUMC!

For Reservations call 262-534-2313  
 or 262-210-7495 by February 6th.

Community United Methodist Church

455 S. Jefferson Street

Waterford, WI 53185



Now is the time for fall registration!

**OPEN HOUSE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

**4:30—6:30 PM**

Help your child prepare for kindergarten.

We have half day 3K and 4K  
developmentally appropriate programs.

Check us out!

[www.thewaytogrowpreschool.com](http://www.thewaytogrowpreschool.com)

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