



Kerry & Natalie Weishaupt, Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries

## Introducing.....

Hello. My name is Kerry Weishaupt and this is my wife Natalie. What you cannot see from the picture is that we are going to have our first baby girl at the end of December. We are from the Detroit area of Michigan and excited about how God is going to use us in this upcoming school year for the students.

Student Ministries will Kick Off the school year on September 11, times TBA. The Fall Retreat will be at Mount Morris where the students will study Psalm 119 and learn how to apply the precepts of God's word without becoming over whelmed or underwhelmed.

There will also be a great opportunity to invite as many unchurched and churchd friends to the church grounds when we throw a Kickoff party for the Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) and High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) on September 24<sup>th</sup> from noon till 3:00 p.m., more information to follow.

Please be in prayer as the students are given opportunities to apply the gospel and proclaim the gospel over the next few months.

**LIMITS**  
**Senior High Fall Retreat**  
**Mt. Morris**  
**September 16-18**  
**\$110.00**  
**\$50 deposit due Sept. 11**  
**Brochures on Info Desk**  
**in Lobby**

**Scholarships Available**  
**Questions? Contact Pastor**  
**Kerry at 231-7070 or**  
**kerryw@community-**  
**church.com.**

## Promiseland

### Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all that enabled your children to attend Vacation Bible School SonSurf Beach Bash 2011. As kids explored the wonders of the beach, they also discovered the big answers to their big questions about Jesus; Who is Jesus? Why can I trust Jesus? Why do I need Jesus? How can Jesus help me when I mess up? And What does Jesus want me to do? Each day God blessed us with 150+ children and 70+ volunteers at SonSurf Beach. Thank you to all who supported us in prayer and resources. This year's VBS offering total was \$1,105. 82. This offering has been donated to World Vision and used to purchase a dairy cow, two fish ponds and several ducks. These animals will be used by impoverished families in third world countries to provide milk, protein and a source of income.

### Promiseland Fall Kick Off

All Promiseland classes will resume on September 11, 2 year olds-5th grade. We will continue to answer kids' big questions with a curriculum that is a continuation of the VBS lessons. Big Wave Discovery will help children develop an understanding of what the Bible has to say about significant, sometimes difficult, questions they ask about

their faith and life. This course is designed not only to give both preschool and elementary-age children a knowledge of God's Word, but also the opportunity to respond to His truth by living out their Christian faith every day.

This school year some devoted Promiseland teachers are taking a much needed and deserved rest. Would you be willing to help us fill the gap they have left? If each family would serve one Sunday, we would never have to close a class due to teacher shortage. If you are interested in serving the children and families of Promiseland please contact Kim Patterson at 231-7070 or kimp@community-church.com.

### Kid's Worship

The children of Community Church will lead adult worship time Sunday, October 23, 2011. If you would like your child to be a part of this uplifting event, come to Sunday rehearsals beginning September 25, 3:30-5:00 p.m. In order to participate you must attend rehearsals. A cost of \$10.00 per child will be collected to help with the cost of t-shirts (scholarships are available upon requests). If you have any questions please contact Kim Patterson at kimp@community-church.com or 231-7070.



# Community Connection



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## Welcome Back! By Wayne Meier, Executive Ministries Director



Welcome Back, Welcome Back, Welcome Back...if you are over 40, your mind may have put those three statements to some music from "Welcome Back Kotter" which aired from 1975 - 1979. Whew...not sure I want to continue dating myself like that.



This fall, we will also be offering a larger group study as well. My wife Heather and I are excited to be leading a class called **Love and Respect** that will begin on Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm. If you've

Even though most of us don't operate on the "school" calendar anymore, it does seem that when September rolls around, there is a certain sense of renewal and return to normalcy. Here at church it feels very much the same.

As we begin the fall season, the new Youth Pastor, Kerry Weishaupt, is all geared up with a whole gang of adult leaders to kick off the Youth Group year in style. Be sure to check out his article in this newsletter. Men's Ministry and Women's Ministry are already off and running with studies. If you are interested and haven't joined one, please check with Pastor Karl or Dianne Reamer for more information. Ladies...keep in mind that the Beth Moore - Living Proof Live - simulcast is right around the corner on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to inquire how to get your ticket soon!

As always, **LifeGroups** are beginning their season as well. If you are interested in being a part of one or hosting one, please see Pastor Karl and he can connect you with the right folks.

been around Community Church for a while, you have probably seen or been a part of one of the classes in the past. We have been blessed to facilitate about 10 of the classes to date, where more than 150 couples have attended. We love meeting all of the folks on a more intimate level, sharing what God says about marriage in His Holy Word. Dr. Emerson Eggerichs leads the DVD study and shares his extensive Bible and relationship knowledge and experience with the class. We really hope that you will consider sharing 10 Wednesdays with us. If you've already attended a Love and Respect class, we invite you back for another go around. What we'd really like is that if you are interested, you would invite another couple to join you. It is always fun to grow as couples and friends at the same time.

## HELPS Ministry

**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
Community Church  
September 18  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m..  
There will be a sign up sheet at the HELPS Desk. Sign up today!

**Raking Day**  
Watch for details and registration forms in the bulletin. The date will be set closer to the end of Fall.

**Pie Sale**  
Pie orders will be taken in November. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Angie at 231-7070. All proceeds will support the Bless A Family Ministry.



Vacation Bible School 2012 August 6-10, 2012





## OASIS

It's almost time for another OASIS! This past July, Community Church had the honor of sharing an incredible evening of prayer, praise, scripture, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters from River Valley Church. The evening included about 180 worshipers from our church families coming together to enjoy a refreshing evening seeking God together in worship. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with such anticipation that we are already busy planning another OASIS on Tuesday night, November 8 from 6:30-8:30pm right here at the CC worship center. We strongly encourage families to attend with parents and kids worshiping together in the same room at the same time. Even if you can only come for a portion of the evening, it would be wonderful to have you come be part of this refreshing time. November 8 will be another wonderful night of seeking the Lord together through extended music and prayer, with times for everyone to spontaneously share Scripture and then enjoy snacks and fellowship afterwards. There is something special that happens when God's people gather to seek Him, and we so seldom do this with other believers in the Fox Valley. OASIS is the perfect opportunity to change that:) If you missed the first go around, you won't want to miss again... I look forward to seeing you there!!!

## Women's Ministry

### Bible Studies

*Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer is a 7-session Bible study. "What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! This study redefines interruption and shows how it can be God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams." This study will be offered on two different days: Tuesday mornings, beginning September 13 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Promiseland. Child care provided. Contact Dianne Reamer, 233-4627. Wednesday evenings, beginning September 14 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at church. Contact Lisa Koopman, 252-2589. Workbook cost of \$15.00.

*Through THE BOOK In A Year* Will meet twice a month and discuss what was discovered as you read through The Bible in a year. Contact Nancy Brey, 385-0659 for more information.

*Life Group* with Deborah Schmick will meet on Saturday mornings, beginning September 17 at 8:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. They will study the book "Delighting God".

Sue Harvey will offer a Stonecroft Bible Study on the book of Colossians in the Fall. Date and time TBA. If interested please contact Sue at 725-6472.

### Living Proof Live!

September 10 from 8:30 - 4:15 is the Beth Moore Living Proof Live Simulcast. Tickets are \$20.00 and include continental breakfast, event, event booklet and lunch catered by Pilora's. Tickets can be purchased by calling Delores Malo, 237-4832 or the church office 231-7070.

### Meet The Author

September 13 at 7:00 p.m. Karen Kilby will

speak and sign her women's devotional book, *Becoming a Woman of Purpose*, here at Community Church. This 31 day devotional book includes applicable scriptures and a prayer for each day. Discover what it means to trust God and live in His Will through "Becoming a Woman of Purpose".

### EXALT

*Exalt* with guest speaker Rhea Briscoe will be October 15 from 8:00 a.m. - noon. Tickets can be purchased for \$20.00 (\$15.00 before Sept. 15). Contact Dianne Reamer, 233-4627.

### Christmas Breakfast

Christmas Breakfast Outreach is Saturday, December 3 at Becketts. Guest speaker is Beth Dunning from Appleton. Tickets are \$10.00. Call Sue Harvey, 725-6472 for more information.



## Operation Christmas Child

Community Church will be a collection site for Operation Christmas Child for the Fox Valley area. Collection week is

November 14-21, 2011. Watch the bulletin for details. If you are interested in volunteering for OCC please contact

Kim Patterson at 231-7070 or kimp@community-church.com. For more information on OCC visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).

## Missions Ministry: Perspective: Course of Vision

Perspectives Study Program is a ministry of the U.S. Center for World Mission - a non-denominational para-church ministry that works with thousands of churches, mission agencies and campus ministries around the world. The course is run locally around the country by teams of volunteers, usually alumni, who have been personally impacted by Perspectives and have a desire to mobilize their community to God's global purposes. Community Church of Fond du Lac in partnership with Lighthouse Christian Church will host a Spring 2012

Perspectives course. This course is one night a week for 16 weeks beginning January 17/6:30-9:30 p.m. Different instructors from around the country come each week to teach the class. Students are exposed to life-changing articles by top authors like John Stott, John Piper, Ralph Winter and Peter Wagner. Perspectives is about the eternal purposes of God and His desire to be known and glorified by all nations, tongues, tribes and peoples of the world. The course is designed around four "perspectives" -Biblical,

Historical, Cultural and Strategic. Each one highlights different aspects of God's global purpose. For more information see [perspectives.org](http://perspectives.org).

**"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb."  
Revelation 7:9**

## The Perfect Small Groups: 3 P's To Get You Closer.

By Karl Kramer, Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries

### The perfect small group: 3 P's to get you closer

I know, I know, the title is a stretch; I realize there is no "perfect" small group. That said, here are three principles that truly contribute to a great small group experience.

#### 1. Be Prepared

Small group members should be prepared when they arrive for their group. Many people will think this applies to the use of certain curricula, but being prepared is much more than doing homework! Being prepared applies to the daily spiritual life of group members! Going to church once per week does not produce dramatic spiritual growth. Simply adding one more ingredient like a small group won't make much difference either. Ongoing encounters with God make people grow spiritually. Group members should always be encouraged to spend time with God throughout their week. This is their primary "preparation" for a small group gathering.

#### 2. Pray

Group leaders and members will have a much better small

group experience and contribute to their own spiritual growth more when they are committed to praying with and for each other. We need to spend time every day praying for the other people in our groups. Technology can be a huge help where prayer is concerned. With smart phones and tablet computers, it's simple for a group member to note and immediately send prayer requests to each group member. Groups can even send reminders throughout the week to pray for one another.

#### 3. Say, "Perhaps"

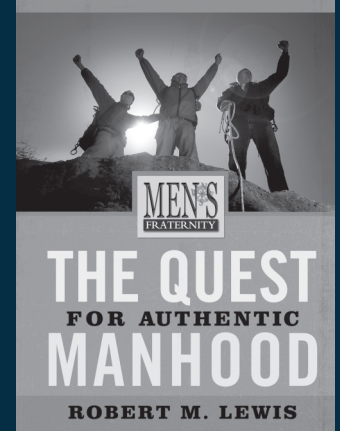
In 1 Samuel 13-14, we find a story about the Israelites having trouble with the Philistines. At the end of chapter 13, we're told that no Hebrew had a sword or a spear except for King Saul and his son, Jonathan. Then in chapter 14, while Saul and 600 other Israelites are gathered for a strategy and prayer session, Jonathan says to his armor bearer (who had no sword), "Let's go across to see those pagans...*Perhaps* (emphasis added) the LORD will help us, for nothing can hinder the LORD. He can win a

battle whether he has many warriors or only a few!" (1 Sam 14:4-6 NLT)

Too many times, Christians and small groups are too afraid to say, "Perhaps." We gather to strategize and pray, but then don't act in faith expecting God to save the day. Most of us live our lives as if "perhaps" isn't enough, and that is tragic. One of the most important elements of our spiritual growth is our willingness to take risks of faith.

Let us have the faith to say, "Perhaps God will help us" and take faith steps for His Kingdom's sake. Let us have the faith to say "Perhaps" and embrace change for our own spiritual growth and for the sake of future generations. Let us always remember that we serve a God who saves when we have the boldness to say "Perhaps."

Be prepared, pray, and say, "Perhaps." This list is by no means exhaustive, but it's a start. What would you add? Look for LifeGroup sign-ups all through the month of September.



## The Quest For Authentic Manhood

*The Quest For Authentic Manhood* - Join us on Tuesday, August 30 / 8:00-9:30 p.m. at Community Church Connections Café. This 24-session study focuses on the primary issues that shape a man's life: explores in depth the biblical concept of manhood; and finally provides practical building blocks for any man to use to construct for himself a nobler, more satisfying manhood. Questions? Contact Nick Matiash, 920-642-0040.

## Church Directories

Trying to figure out who that person is that keeps saying Hi to you? You know they look familiar but just can't put a name with the face? Then you need a Community Church pictorial church directory! They are available t in the church office. FREE to new attenders. To reserve your copy please call 231-7070.

## Financial Corner by Dawn Helm, Business Administrator

### General Fund 2011

Income received through August 15th is at 93% of budget  
Expenses paid through August 15th are at 90% of budget

What a joy to share these numbers with you as we head out of the summer months which are typically lower in attendance and giving. We appreciate so much that many of you have mailed in your offerings when unable to attend church. We do have a little ways to go to catch up, but God has been so faithful in meeting our needs! For that we say 'Praise the Lord!'

Thank you for your obedience with your tithes and offerings to Community Church.

We do appreciate every gift that is given! Your sacrifices have gone a long way in allowing God's work to continue and even expand here at Community Church, in the community around us and through the many missionaries and mission projects that we support here and abroad.

### Go Green!

We want you to know that we do offer direct banking if you desire to make your monthly or bi-monthly donations automatically. Just contact the church office for more information if you are interested in this.