

# Welcome To Community

December 24, 2023

Today's Message

## Our Spiritual Résumé

2nd Samuel 11



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 **CommunityChurch**  
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# Heaven and Nature Sing

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**CCPL.life / CHRISTMAS**

DEC  
**23**

S A T U R D A Y   A T   6 P M

Traditional Candlelight  
Service

DEC  
**24**

S U N D A Y   A T   10 A M

Combined worship  
Service

S U N D A Y   A T   4 P M

Family Candlelight  
Service

S U N D A Y   A T   6 P M

Traditional Candlelight  
Service



**Kids:** Come and unwrap the sweet surprise of candy canes tonight at Community Church! Join us from 4-5pm tonight for a special hour dedicated to discovering the hidden story within a candy cane. This festive event, tailored for children from Pre-K to 5th grade, is not just about enjoying a classic Christmas treat; it's about exploring how these simple sweets are a beautiful symbol of God's love for us. Get ready for an engaging time filled with joy, learning, and, of course, candy canes! We'll delve into the greatest story ever told, seeing how it intertwines with the legend of the candy cane and the story of Jesus. This is a perfect opportunity for your little ones to experience the warmth of Christmas in a fun, meaningful way

**Children Chimes:** Please join us today after the service and listen to the kids play the chimes in the lobby area. Children who are playing, please be in the area by 10:30am with Mr. Todd and Ms. Nancy.

**Kids:** Get ready to explore the enchanting world of chimes with our exciting new ministry, Chime Champs! Led by the talented Nancy Broughton, this weekly gathering is specifically designed for children in grades 2nd-6th. Join us every Tuesday evening from 6:15pm to 7:15pm in the captivating ambiance of our large group space downstairs. No prior musical knowledge or experience is needed to participate in this extraordinary musical journey. In Chime Champs, your child will not only learn how to play chimes but also cultivate teamwork, foster creativity, and develop a genuine passion for music.

**Encore:** Our next luncheon will be Saturday, January 13, 2024, in CCPL's newly remodeled gymnasium. Doors are open at 11:30 for those who wish to arrive a little early. For lunch, we'll enjoy some delicious fried chicken along with salads and desserts provided by attendees. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon so plan on arriving a little earlier. After our chicken lunch, Linda Alexander will share her expertise with Tiffany Studios. It is a great time of encouragement and fellowshiping you don't want to miss. A signup sheet is provided at the Connect Center today.

**Parking:** For those of you who can, we are asking please park further back in the parking lot, or in the back lot for our evening services. Thank you so much for making it easier for those who have trouble walking longer distances.

## Prayer Needs

### Our Missionary Prayer Focus: Students International

stint.com, Students International -- Students International (SI) leads short-term missions that "help without hurting." With centers of operation in Nicaragua, Guatemala, Dominican Republic (2 centers) and Costa Rica. CCPL supports two full-time SI missionaries in Costa Rica: Juan Centeno (San Jose) and Lily Azofeifa (Desamparados). All SI full-time missionaries aid short-term missionaries to make a real difference in the lives of people. They bring international students and local impoverished populations together cross-culturally to encounter God, share the Good News, disciple and serve others in occupational ministries.

Friends Who Are Sick - Nancy Banwart, David Benjamin, Alan Buckley, Cynthia Burdette, Katie Butcher, Mike Cameron, Wes Cox, Dorothy Green, Charlene Inherst, Gene Inherst, Judy Mervine, Judy Odom, Grace Patterson, Terri Pfaff, Casey Roscoe, Mary Ellen Seibert, BJ Smith, Anita VanBuskirk, Keith Virden, Richard Fox (Coalridge), Al Moses (AlterCare)

### Special Prayer Needs

If you have a prayer request and would like to call the prayer chains

Daytime  
8am-6pm

Mona Hopstock  
234-678-8006

Kathy Walker  
330-607-4134

Evening  
6-10pm

Bonnie Hutchison  
330-644-5352

Diana Pryor  
330-882-9857

Email

Sonya DeBerte  
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## Giving

Last Week's General Fund Giving **\$25,051**

Weekly General Fund Need **\$17,345**

Cash or Check payable to "Community Church of Portage Lakes" Online at [www.CCPL.life/Give](http://www.CCPL.life/Give)

## This Week

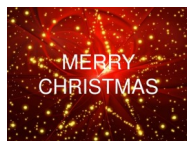
### Sunday

4:00PM Kids Christmas Service

6:00PM Christmas Eve Service

### Monday

OFFICE CLOSED



### Tuesday

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6:30AM Men's Bible Study

8:00AM Breakfast at HM

6:30PM Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday

### Thursday

7:00PM Galvanized

### Friday

### Saturday