

Welcome To Community

January 14, 2024

Today's Message

The Good Shepherd

Matthew 18: 10-14



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 **CommunityChurch**
of Portage Lakes



New Year,

New You

Ladies, please join us for a morning of renewing our overall health and wellness as we enter the new year!

Saturday, January 20, 2024 • 9-11am • Gym

Sign up to pray for an hour
at [CCPL.life/Connect](https://ccpl.life/Connect)

STARTING JANUARY 28

Week Of Prayer

Week of Prayer: Prayer is a vital practice for all believers as one of the ways we connect with God. The Week of Prayer is a time when our whole church comes together to grow closer to God and pray for one another. Throughout The Week of Prayer our church will have a variety of resources and events to help you grow in prayer including the prayer room. We encourage you to sign up for an hour in the prayer room and to engage with all the church has to offer during The Week of Prayer. This incredible event will be taking place from January 28th through February 7th, 2024. Sign-ups start today, online or at the Connect Center.

What's Happening

Marriage Matters: Marrieds and Engaged Couples are invited to an evening of fun, fellowship, and food on Saturday, January 27th at 6pm in the Chapel. Bring your favorite appetizer and cultivate friendships while playing card and board games. We'll discuss planning additional events and activity options to support marriage and build our fellowship. Registration will begin this upcoming week. Make sure to sign up to secure a spot!

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-8th. Join us every Sunday morning starting on January 14th from 10am-11am 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. See Ms. Nancy if interested in joining!

Kids: All children's ministry volunteers are invited to participate in our volunteer appreciation dinner happening in the gym on Friday, January 19 from 6-8pm. Family is included in the invitation. This is a "dress up" event! Let Todd know if you are planning to attend.

College & Career: Weekly bible study happens at Todd and Kelly's house on Tuesdays at 7pm. Make sure and bring your bible and be ready for fun.

Visitation Volunteering: Join us for a special event where we empower and equip individuals to reach out to those who are sick or ill in our community. Whether it be through visitation or a simple phone call, you can make a difference in someone's life during their time of need. Join Max Connelly on Monday, January 22nd at 6:00pm to learn more about this amazing ministry.

Encore Movie Matinee: On Wednesday, January 24th at 1:00pm we will be showing the documentary "Johnny Cash - The Redemption Of An American Icon". It is rooted in Cash's faith, and tells the story of a man who knew tragedy from the earliest age, stared down the demons of addiction, but could never get away from the Hound of Heaven. This documentary is based on a book of the same title by Greg Laurie that we have in our church library.

JOMC: *Just One More Chapter!* Book Club's first meeting for 2024 is January 23, 6:30pm in the Café! Our book for January is *The Lady's Mine* by Francine Rivers. JOMC! Book Club is for all ladies who love to read and want to get together to discuss the stories. Looking ahead our book for February is *The Melody of the Mulberries: (Big Creek)* by Tonya Jewel Blessing. All ladies are welcome

Men: Starting Tuesday January 16th, men 35 and older are welcome to come out for some basketball and fellowship. We will meet every Tuesday from 6-8 to build relationships and get some exercise in the process. You can reach out to Josh Kline with any questions

Prayer Needs

Our Missionary Prayer Focus: Christian Service Brigade

For over 85 years our mission has remained the same. Building godly men of today and tomorrow. We could share countless stories about the many lives that have been changed because God uses humble, common men to establish His church. The thousands of Christian men across North America who made their way to weekly Brigade meetings have all been average men from average churches. Books will not be written about them, but the record will show that the friendships they created with individual boys paid immense dividends for the kingdom of God

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)

Special Prayer Needs

Daytime
8am-6pm

Mona Hoppstock
234-678-8006
Kathy Walker
330-607-4134

Evening
6-10pm

Bonnie Hutchison
330-644-5352
Diana Pryor
330-882-9857

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Giving

Last Week's General Fund Giving **\$14,467**

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

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

Cash or Check payable to "Community Church of Portage Lakes" Online at www.CCPL.life/Give

This Week

Sunday

6:30PM SNG

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12:30PM Ladies Prayer Group
1:30PM Sister's In Christ Study

Tuesday

6:30AM Men's Bible Study
8:00AM Breakfast at HM
6:30PM Men's 35 & over BB
7:00PM C&C Small Group
7:00PM MOPS

Wednesday

6:30PM Kids Clubs/ Small Grps
6:30PM Broken Vessels Study
6:30PM Ladies Prayer Group
6:30PM Discipleship Classes
7:00PM Choir

Thursday

6:30PM VBS Team Meeting
6:30PM Veterans Group
7:00PM Galvanized

Friday

7:00PM Volunteer Dinner Kids/ Students

Saturday

9:00AM Ladies Brunch