“I AM”

A SERIES IN JOHN
Welcome to Christ Community Church
December 3, 2023

Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’
John 11:25-26

We worship in song, prayer, and giving
Advent call to worship
Hymns of praise #247-249
Children’s Christmas Program
Opportunities at CCC
Prayer
Worship though giving

We worship by hearing and heeding God’s word
John 11:17-44
Sermon – “I Am the Resurrection and the Life”
Song of Response

Benediction and Postlude

Jesus said, ‘This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it... Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’
John 11:4, 40

Memorial Christmas Poinsettias
If you would like a loved one's name in the memorial list in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Thursday, December 14. Suggested donation $15 to help cover the cost of the poinsettia. You may take a white poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Service. (The red poinsettias are artificial.)

Sacrificial Offering
Little known fact: The mission program at CCC is not funded through your regular tithes and offerings received on Sunday mornings here at church. We have historically (for 125 years now!) collected what we call a “Sacrificial Offering for World Missions” three times a year. It is through these offerings and the designated giving to the mission fund that supports our entire mission program. This year our sacrificial offering will be received on Sunday December 24th at the end of our worship service.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as ushers and greeters at the Selah concert. If you are interested please contact Terri Allen at tallen@ccczion.org

SELAH IS COMING TO CCC!
DECEMBER 16 AT 7:00PM
PURCHASE TICKETS IN THE LOBBY TODAY
GENERAL ADMISSION $25
VIP $45 (INCLUDES Q&A WITH SELAH AT 5:30PM)
Men’s Bible Study | Chapel Foyer | Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm This Bible study meets each Thursday in the chapel lobby. We are currently studying the Letters of John. If you’re looking for Christian fellowship and growth in your knowledge of God’s Word we invite you to join us.

Wednesday Night Men’s Bible Study will meet in the Parlor from 7-8:30pm.

Don’t Be Alone on Christmas! Please join our families for our annual Family Christmas Party held on December 25th, hors d’oeuvres at 12:30pm and dinner at 1pm. All you need to bring is a dish to pass. Please RSVP by December 20th with the number of people and what dish you will be bringing. Contact Kathy Richards at 847-650-2920 or Jeanine Richards at 224-217-1635.

Steps of Paul Tour Departing March 15, 2024 Many of you know we postponed our trip to Israel due to the war. One option we gave to those who booked the trip to Israel is to join this tour following in the footsteps of Paul. The tour also offers an options cruise on the Aegean Sea to visit Patmos and Ephesus. We will visit Thessaloniki, Philippi, Berea, Athens, Corinth and other places on Paul’s missionary journeys. The tour is not just for those who were unable to re-book for Israel; it is open for everyone. Information about the tour is available in the lobby and the church office. Contact Pastor Mike for more details or if you have questions.

Camp Zion Giving Weekend We are excited to announce the first ever Camp Zion giving weekend, set for December 15-17! Camp donors are generous throughout the year, but we are planning some fun giving challenges throughout that weekend. Stay tuned, and spread the word! All gifts will go to the GIVE TO GATHER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, and will count toward the $300,000 matching challenge.

The Gathering Place Matching Challenge Earlier this year, we had several large gifts totaling $300,000 for the Gathering Place, and we would like to challenge you to help MATCH those gifts! All gifts to the Gathering Place received between October 1 and January 1 will go toward the $300K Matching Challenge. Thank you!

Camp Zion Jr. High and Sr. High Winter Camps will be here before you know it, and registration will be open soon. Spread the word that Camp Zion is open year round, and invite friends from other churches to consider having their winter retreats at Door County’s Christian Camp.

Upcoming Gatherings in the Fellowship Hall—Save the Date! January 13th, February 17th, March 16th

New Year’s Lunch | Fellowship Hall | Saturday, January 13th | 11:00-1:00 All ladies are invited to join us for a New Year’s Snowflake themed lunch. Be blessed in the new year with fresh insight from Ephesians 6 by Donna McDowell. Enjoy laughter and fellowship and learn how to create your own beautiful charcuterie board. We will provide instruction and all supplies, we just need you to reserve your spot for this fun gathering! Please sign up for this event in the narthex or in the church office.
Youth Ministry (7th - 12th Grade)
lbarnes@ccczion.org FOR SIGN-UP OR MORE INFO

High School Girls’ Baking Day Our high school girls are invited to an afternoon of baking today from 2-6 PM. Transportation will be provided to and from CCC, leaving at 1:30 PM and returning for youth group in the evening. Dinner will be provided. For the address for the event, please see Hannah Teixeira or Pastor Leo.

Albino Pachyderm Sightings The final events of every youth ministry year are the junior high (December 18th) and senior high (December 17th) white elephant Christmas parties. They are held during normal youth group hours (6:30-8:30 pm). The senior high party takes place at the Varsek home (10726 W Liberty Ave in Beach Park). The junior high event will be at the Pinter home (11202 79th St in Pleasant Prairie). Students should bring a small gift to exchange.

Winter Camps Mark your calendars for our junior high (January 26-28) and senior high (February 16-19) winter camp sessions. Registration will be open soon. Financial aid is available for families in need.

Youth Ministry “Matching Grant” Program Our fall and winter camp retreat scholarship account is funded from the proceeds of the pop machine outside of the youth room. One way that you can help students get to camp is to donate cases of pop cans, thus increasing the profits made for weekend retreats. Donations can be dropped off at the church office throughout the week or on Sunday mornings.

Children’s Ministry (Birth through 6th Grade)
tallen@ccczion.org FOR SIGN-UP OR MORE INFO

A Most Sincere Thank You to everyone who assisted in any way with the Children’s Christmas Program Rehearsal, Gingerbread house assembling & donations and games. The children are loved by our church and I’m so grateful!

AWANA Tomorrow’s theme is The Story of the Birth of Jesus Costume (choose person, animal, etc.) and Bring a Friend.

Christmas Eve Service Opportunity - we are looking for six to eight older children or a couple of families with younger children to help pass out candles. You would need to arrive at 6:15 pm. Contact Terri Allen to volunteer.

December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 pm We'll supply candles and glow in the dark candles. Invite your family and friends. Looking for children to serve by greeting and handing out candles.

Pictured are the AWANA junior leaders. They are creative, smart and servant-hearted and will be taking on some responsibilities as well as some leadership training from a biblical perspective. What a great group of individuals! Please pray for them. Philippians 2
“The purpose of Christ Community Church is to glorify God in obedience to the Great Commission and the Great Commandments.”