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# Welcome to Christ Community Church

**August 31, 2025**

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## Moments for meditation

*We use this time to worship and prepare for worship*

### We worship in song, prayer, and giving

Call to worship  
Songs of praise  
Opportunities at CCC  
Baptism Recap  
Prayer  
Worship through giving

### We worship by hearing and heeding God's word

Scripture – Mark 11:1-25  
Sermon – “A King, a Fig Tree, and a Temple”  
Song of Response  
Benediction and postlude

**The church office will be closed Monday, September 1 in honor of Labor Day.**

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**September 7 Congregational Vote** On September 7 immediately following the worship service the congregation of Christ Community Church will vote on calling our next Senior Pastor. Pastor Jon Wizarde has been presented to the congregation as a candidate for the position of Senior Pastor by the Search Committee and Elder Board.

According to our Constitution, the decision to call a Senior Pastor is made by a secret ballot vote at a business meeting for which announcements have been made at least four Sundays before the meeting. Calling a Senior Pastor requires a three-fourths majority vote of members present at a legally constituted meeting.

**Who are voting members of Christ Community Church?** According to Elder Board Policy people officially become members of the church at the moment the Board of Elders votes them into membership. So, how do you know if you are a voting member? All members of CCC have filled out an application form and submitted it to a Pastor or Elder. You would have had an interview with a Pastor and Elder and then received a letter from the church informing you the Elder Board accepted your application and voted to affirm you as a member of the church.

We are grateful for everyone who is a part of the CCC family whether you are a member or regular attender. The congregational vote to call a Senior Pastor is for those who have been affirmed as members of the church. We will be relying on you to know your membership status. If you are not sure if you are a church member or if you don't recall completing the process described above, please contact Pastor Mike or Pastor Drew.

**Do I have to be present to vote?** The answer is Yes, you must be present to vote at a congregational meeting. The constitution of CCC says, “Calling a Senior Pastor requires a three-fourths majority vote of members present at a legally constituted meeting.”

Sample Ballot:

As a voting member of Christ Community Church I affirm that Pastor Jon Wizarde should become the Senior Pastor of the Christ Community Church.

- ☐ YES, I do affirm the call of Pastor Jon Wizarde to be Senior Pastor
- ☐ NO, I do not affirm the call of Pastor Jon Wizarde to be Senior Pastor

## CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS PAGE AT CCCZION.ORG/EVENTS

**Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** This year's breakfast will be held at the ZBTHS Main Campus in the South Cafeteria at 8:00am on Monday, Labor Day, September 1. Tickets for the breakfast are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. You can pick up your tickets in the church office.

**Elder Board Update** The CCC Elder Board meet on August 26 and discussed the following:

1. We met with Senior Pastor candidate Jon Wizarde and discussed some of the aspects of his job description and had some time for Q&A with Pastor Jon.
2. We reviewed the elected and appointed members of the Nominating Committee. They are: Jan Keiler, Greg Nugent, Jeanine Richards, Drew Wicklund, Joan Glover.
3. We discussed the election process for voting on our next Senior Pastor at CCC. An announcement regarding the election will be placed in the bulletin and emailed to the church family.
4. We discussed and reviewed a list of potential candidates to serve on the Camp Leadership Team.
5. We discussed and reviewed the proposal from the Camp Leadership Team for the Gathering Place loan repayment.
6. The Elder Board commissioned a study to review the compensation for all paid staff. The study is complete and the information was distributed to the Elder Board for review.

**Pray for the Gamon Family** Marty's mother, Linda May Gamon, passed away on August 11, 2025. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.

**Israel Tour** Israel is opened up again for tour groups. They actually never closed but there was a time when flights in and out of Israel were restricted. Pastor Mike recently got a letter from the Israeli Department of Tourism warmly welcoming us back to Israel. The trip planned for December 1-10, 2025 is still on and we would like to have another informational meeting about the trip on Sunday, September 7, right after the congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. The deadline to sign up for the trip is October 1.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Join us for In-Tents 9/12-9/14!** Come on by and set up your tent or RV anytime after 12:00pm on the 12th! This year In-Tents is hosting an outdoor volleyball tournament on 9/13. If you would like to participate but don't have a team, sign up in the office and we will get you paired with one.

**Hey Moms!** Are you a mom with kids from birth through 6th grade? We'd love to have you join MomCo! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 9:00–11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy inspiring topics, delicious food, and meaningful adult conversation, plus childcare so you can truly relax. (We also have a homeschool room for older children.) First meeting is September 10. Register with QR code (YEJ6 is our code)



**The Big Tent** We need help putting up the "Big Tent" for Convocation. On Thursday, September 18 at 9:00am we will be setting up the tent on the church lawn. Coffee and donuts will be served to provide some energy for about 10 able bodied people needed to get this monster 20' x 40' tent up and staked in. If you are available meet on the lawn near the Flagpole entrance. Contact Pastor Mike for details.

**Worship Choir** will resume on Wednesday, September 3. Practices are held Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Choir Room. Whether you are a returning vocalist or new to the choir, please consider joining! Choir is open to anyone High School age or older. If you are interested and need more information, please see Craig. "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1

**Please Pray for Those Who Were Baptized Last Sunday**, that they may know God more and more deeply in the days to come: Madi Burk, Jessany Contreras, Nathaniel Gamon, Josh Halperin, John Hathcock, Claudia Lopez, Daniel Lopez, Keegan McBroom, Ethan Miller, Jason Moore, Erick Moreno, Josh Nzabilinda, Estella Perry, Joseph Rojas and Izabella Sandoval.



**Congratulations to Ezekiel and Leah Barnes** on the birth of their son, Leo (7 lb 7 oz, 20 in), born on Wednesday, August 27.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (FOR ALL LADIES 18 AND OVER)

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE  
AT [WWW.CCCZION.ORG/ADULTS/GROUPS](http://WWW.CCCZION.ORG/ADULTS/GROUPS)

**Women's Apologetics Book Club -A 1st Peter 3:15 Ministry-** This is more than just books! Looking for a way to equip yourself to reach people for Jesus? Join this group of like-minded women as we launch into a new season of challenging topics! Beginning on Wednesday, September 17, from 6:30-8:45pm, we will discuss the first half of *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus, 3rd edition*, (c) 2018 by Nabeel Qureshi (pgs. 13-205). No time for reading this one? Check YouTube for Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: the Christian Testimony of Nabeel Qureshi for a more condensed version of his compelling story. With Islam now ranked as the fastest growing religion in the world, this is an important read. Through his own conversion story, Qureshi gives us an insider's look at the teachings of Islam and obstacles Muslims face to coming to faith in Jesus when confronted with the truths of Christianity. Join us for fellowship and discussion on Wednesday, September 17! This group meets in the Humphrey home and is hosted by Melissa Humphrey and Erica Millar; please reach out to Melissa Humphrey at [melissahumphry@yahoo.com](mailto:melissahumphry@yahoo.com) for more information or to RSVP. Always be prepared...

### **Women's Bible Study | 6:30-8:00pm | Darms Chapel**

"You're Welcome Here: Embracing the Heart of Hospitality" is a Revive Our Hearts study from the teachings of Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth. This 6-week study will dive into the heart of hospitality - a way to live in full surrender to Jesus. Our meeting time will include short, encouraging videos featuring women who are serving the Lord in their homes. We will meet Monday evenings 9/15, 9/22, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27. To join, please contact Heather Stried at [heathap78@gmail.com](mailto:heathap78@gmail.com) or text/call 847-571-0672. A limited number of books available for \$10 through Heather, or purchase from [reviveourhearts.com](http://reviveourhearts.com)

### **Cards, Crafts and Connections | Wed., Sept. 3 | 6:30pm | Seminar Area**

Entrance near the ramp to the CAA. We will be gathering to connect with old friends while making new friends. You may bring your own craft to work on or join in creating fall crafts. We will be signing cards as well. See you then.

**Ladies' Friday Morning Bible Study** starting up 9/26. 9am in the Parlor. Studying "Heaven- When Faith Becomes Sight" by Jennifer Rothschild.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (CONT.)

**Gather 2 Grow Kick Off Event: "50's Drive In Movie Night"** Saturday, September 20, 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Gym. Bring your own lawn chair and share some laughs with the ladies of our church (18 yrs. and older). We will provide a devotional, beverages, light snacks, games and movie. You can even dress up 50's if you like! We will also announce our new bible theme for the year. See you there!

**Save the date for Gather to Grow:** 10/4/2025, 11/1/2025, 12/6/2025

## MEN'S MINISTRIES

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**Thursday Night Men's Bible Study | Youth Room | 6:30-8:30pm** The Thursday Men's Bible study is examining the life of Jesus as described in the Gospel of Luke. We invite all men of any age to join us; all you need is a Bible and a hunger for deeper understanding of God's Word.



### Upcoming Special Events

**Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** Monday, September 1

**Congregational Meeting** Sunday, September 7

**In-Tents** September 12-14

## CAMP ZION

**\$50,000 Summer Matching Gift Challenge!** A generous friend is donating \$50,000, and is asking you to help us match it in our Second Annual \$50,000 Summer Matching Gift Challenge Campaign! We are confident that our friends care about camp enough that we could not only match that gift, but could multiply it by five, for a total of \$250,000 by Labor Day. (Generous gifts have already come in!)



Unless specifically designated, gifts will go toward:

- Gathering Place lower level flooring, a portion of the needed tables and chairs, one of several furniture groupings, portable stage modules, and several TV monitors for presentations. \$50,000 at this time.
  - Installment payments to some of the subcontractors who worked on the Gathering Place.
  - Final dock renovation work.
  - Normal camp facilities care and upkeep, and necessary equipment purchases.
- Please prayerfully consider giving a generous gift of any size. Gifts can be made online at [www.campzion.com/donate](http://www.campzion.com/donate), or mailed to Camp Zion, P.O. Box 32, Ellison Bay, WI 54210. Please mark your gift "Summer Challenge Gift".

**Leave Your Mark at Camp!** Purchase an engraved brick to be placed near the bridge leading to our new Gathering Place through our Gift Paver Brick Campaign. Honor a loved one, favorite staff person, express thanks for camp's impact in your life, share a happy memory, lots of possibilities. 14 characters per line for up to 3 lines, \$200 per brick. Orders can be placed at <https://campzion.com/donate>, or through the Camp Zion Office.

**Register for Fun and Fellowship** at one of our fall retreats now at [campzion.com](http://campzion.com)!

- Women's Fall Retreat September 12-14, with guest speaker Heather Haas.
- Family Camp Weekend at Camp Zion, August 29-September 1, with guest speaker Mark Deering.
- Jr. High and Sr. High Fall Camps.
- Men's Retreat, Oct. 17-19, with guest speaker Marc Mailefer.

**Camp Zion Lost Not Found** items are located in the Christian Arts Auditorium lobby. Items should be claimed prior to Labor Day.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



**For More Information** about TBD Young Adults text TBDYA to 847-310-7600.

**Tonight at 7:00pm**, come to the Patenaude's to hear Jordan's YWAM Testimony and have ice cream!

**This Fall** small groups for: **Men** (led by Ken Langley) **Women** (led by Lisle Stalter) and **Young Marrieds** (led by Steven and Michelle Angelos) will begin. Use QR code to sign up!



## YOUTH MINISTRY (7TH - 12TH GRADE)

[lbarnes@ccczion.org](mailto:lbarnes@ccczion.org) FOR SIGN-UP OR MORE INFO

**No Youth Groups This Weekend** Junior and Senior High Youth Groups are off for the Labor Day holiday. See you next week when we get the school year kicked off.

**Fall Camp Registration is Live** Hayride, fall colors, hike to the bluff, hot chocolate, worship, Bible study, and a break from the new school year. Get away and relax with us for our senior high (October 10-13) or junior high (October 24-26) sessions. If anyone is in need of financial aid, it is available. Contact Pastor Leo for more info.

**Oasis Groups Coming This Fall** Our oasis groups are designed for high school students to have a single gender gathering with one or two adult mentors once a week throughout much of the school year. Such nights provide a break from stress to marinate in God's Word together and grow deep. This year we will be studying James and Proverbs beginning October 15 and 16. Sign up by contacting Pastor Leo or at any youth group event.

**Everything Youth Ministry in Your Inbox** If you are not already receiving the CCC Youth Ministry Newsletter each month, including articles, the monthly calendar of events, and details for various youth ministry activities, please send your email address to Pastor Leo to register.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (BIRTH THROUGH 6TH GRADE)

[TALLEN@CCCZION.ORG](mailto:TALLEN@CCCZION.ORG) FOR SIGN-UP OR MORE INFO

**Sunday School Move up September 7** We are excited to begin a new year! We invite everyone to come to Sunday school! It's a great way for children of all ages to begin their week - learning Bible stories, memorizing Scripture, object lessons, building friendships, singing songs of praise, having fun and receiving encouragement in a safe and welcoming setting.



**AWANA** Give me an L and an O and a V and an E! What does that spell? **LEADERS** - we need you for 24 Mondays, September through April, 6:30-8:00, to share God's love and truths with children. Disciple & Evangelize in a fun and grace-filled setting.

Leader Sign-up sheet in the Lobby. Registration, first club night and more information coming soon.

### Upcoming Events:

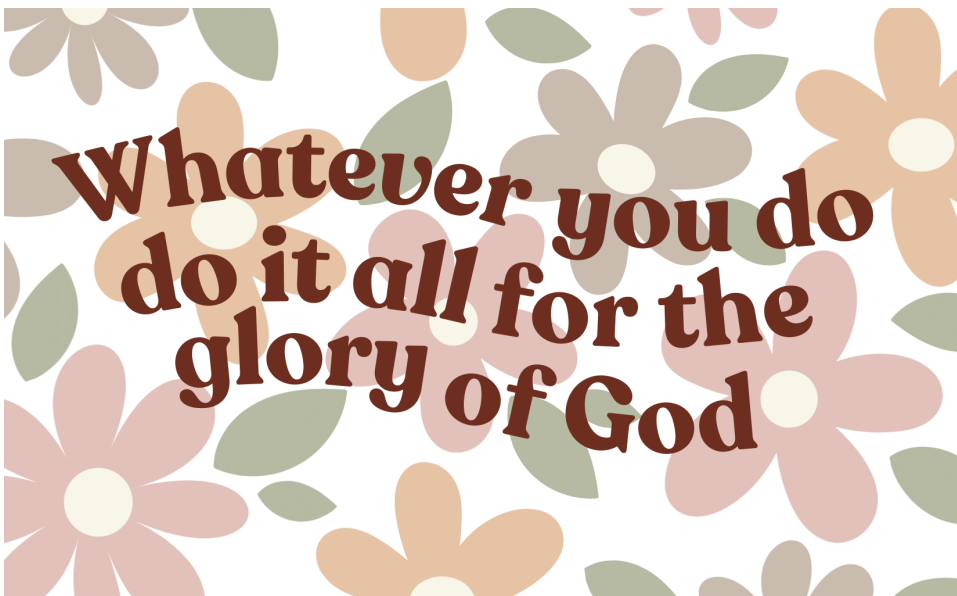
**Harvest Party** Saturday, October 25

**Children's Christmas Party** Saturday, December 13

**Christmas Program** Sunday, December 14

**Valentine's Party** Saturday, February 7

**Mother Daughter Event** Saturday, May 2



## CONVOCAATION

*Sept. 28-Oct. 5, 2025*

**JOINT ABF W/ LUAAN & SUSANNE GOOSEN**

9 am | Sunday, Sept. 28th | CAA

**WORSHIP NIGHT W/ STEPHEN & JESSICA LANGLEY**

5 pm | Sunday, Sept. 28th | Sanctuary

**BROWN BAG LUNCHES | FELLOWSHIP HALL**

12 pm | Monday: Richard John, Tuesday: Cheryl Zvirblis

Wednesday: Erica Millar, Thursday: Stephen & Jessica Langley

**TALK'O TUESDAY W/ SUMMER MISSIONS TEAMS**

6 pm | Tuesday, Sept. 30th | Gym

**SERVICE DAY: DONUTS & PRAYER, SERVICE PROJECTS**

9:30 am-12:30 pm | Saturday, Oct. 4 | Meet at the Church

Lunch provided by Home Away From Home

**JOINT ABF W/ THE HARAS AND JAPAN TEAM**

9 am | Sunday, Oct. 5th | CAA

**PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT | FOOD TRUCKS & FUN**

3-6:30 pm | Sunday, Oct. 5th | Church Lawn

Join us for prayer, praise, and the Children's Award Ceremony. Food trucks will be here for anyone who would like to purchase dinner. We'll also have s'mores, a campfire, and games!

**HOST A MISSIONARY FOR A MEAL!**

Sign up in the Sanctuary Lobby.

**GENEROUSLY**  
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ABF 9:00AM - 10:10AM**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM**

**GET CONNECTED**

**Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs)**

**Credo** - Room E (Quilting Room)  
**The Merge** - Fellowship Hall  
**Elevate** - Llyod Chapel  
**Touchpoint** - Seminar Area  
**Unidad en Cristo** - Darms Chapel  
**Women's** - Parlor  
**Youth**

**High School** - YBF - Youth Room  
**Junior High** - Room 5

**Children**

Classes meet in Children's Wing

**Baby Nursery**  
**1 Year Olds**  
**2 Year Olds**  
**3 Year Olds**  
**4 Year Olds Through K**  
**1st & 2nd Grade**  
**3rd & 4th Grade**  
**5th & 6th Grade**

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is to glorify God in obedience  
to the Great Commission and the  
Great Commandments."**