



Summer Worship at Speedway Christian Church

At Speedway Christian Church, there's a lot that we do as a congregation. One of the most visible things we do is worship. Worship is such an important part of who we are. The prayers we pray, the words we say together, the songs we sing, our presence at the Lord's Table are all part of the liturgy of our time together in worship. The word **liturgy** comes from a Greek word that mean, "the work of the people." If our worship is the work of the people, it is our responsibility to fully participate both physically and spiritually. And occasionally, that work requires us to evaluate what we are doing to ensure that the worship we offer to God is authentic and accessible.

This summer, worship at Speedway Christian Church will look a little bit different as we pause for some congregation-wide evaluation. Beginning June 2 and going through July 28, we will have one worship service, Sunday at 9:15am. We will worship together as one church for the summer. During the month of June, I will be holding listening sessions as we evaluate our **time** of worship together. These listening sessions are open to anyone in the congregation. I have also scheduled some time to meet with the youth and the children of our church. I will gather all the responses from the listening sessions and in July, the board will spend some prayerful and intentional time to discern what, if anything, could change or be enhanced with our worship offerings at Speedway Christian Church. We do not enter this process with an agenda for change. Instead, we enter this process to discern what opportunities we have to enliven and elevate the worship experience. We enter this experience in hopes that our work as the body of Christ in this place offers glory to God in the most genuine and faithful way. In the end, it is a possibility that nothing will change. It is a possibility that several things could change. Whatever comes of this process, we will do this work together and with open communication.

During June and July while we are worshipping together as one church, there will also be some special Faith Formation opportunities. More information on those opportunities is coming soon.

To kick off the summer worship schedule, there will be a fellowship meal on Thursday, May 30 at 6:30pm, details to come.

Listening sessions will be held on:

Sunday, June 2 – following worship (Bethany Room)

Thursday, June 6 – 6:30pm (Bethany Room)

Monday, June 10 – 12pm

(Bethany Room – during the Lunch and Learn time)

Tuesday, June 18 – 6pm (Zoom)

Saturday, June 22 – 10am (Zoom)

It is my sincere hope that you will step into this evaluation process with the board in faith and with open minds and hope-filled hearts.

In Christ,
Cheryl Kunkel, Moderator



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What an incredible twenty-four hours it has been. From experiencing the eclipse, to the heartbreaking loss of my beloved Boilermakers, it sure has been a period full of all of the emotions one could experience. One of the things that all of this has taught me, is the value of journeying through life surrounded by family and friends. I was able to watch the eclipse with Aubrey, Cody and Lucile along with 4 of their closest friends. To say it was special, robs the actual experience of its beauty. And then, when the Men's NCAA National Championship game began, it was nice to have a community of folks to message with and to eventually console each other as the game began to get out of reach.



This last twenty-four hours reminded me that we need other people in our lives. The experiences that are before us, regardless of what they may be, are better shared with those that we love. Often, it is those same loved ones who are there to pick us up again when things in life just don't seem to go our way.

I pray that this is also the way that you experience church. That is it full of people who you want by your side to celebrate with when things go well, and church is one of the first places that you turn to when nothing seems to be going your way. Here is the beauty of all of this, God is big and gracious enough to hold all our experiences. God meets us in celebration and rejoices. God weeps with us in heartbreak and refuses to let us go.

While I might not get to experience the full solar eclipse from my yard, again. I know there will be another basketball season for those Purdue Boilermakers. I will remain *ever grateful, ever true*. Through the ups and down that will inevitably happen, I am equally thankful for the communities that surround me.

From prayer, lament, praise, trust, thanksgiving and hope. May we experience it all as we continue to be the church that God is calling us to be. If you feel that nudge of God to help our community of faith become that much better. Any member of our staff would be happy to explore the opportunities with you. There are several positions open. I pray this is the time that you have been waiting for. God needs good and faithful workers. You don't have to be 7'4" to apply or even have a good jump shot. You just need to share your giftedness, and I promise you, that will be enough.

Shalom, Rev. Kyle

News and Updates from Reverend Katie Youth/Graduation Sunday

Our youth are hard at work creating and preparing a wonderful Youth Sunday worship service for Sunday, May 5. We will also be celebrating our graduates on this day as they prepare to launch into this new chapter of their lives. Come worship with us and support our youth.



After our 10:15am worship service, we will be gathering in the fellowship hall for a pitch-in lunch to celebrate with our graduates and learn more about their future plans. All are invited!

Camp

Church camp season is upon us and we are so

excited! This year's theme is, "Linked By Love."

- Please see the picture for dates. For more information, prices, and how to register please see our region's website, www.indianadisciples.org.
- Speedway Christian Church will pay half of your camp fee, however if you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to ask. Everyone who wants to go to camp will be able to go. Contact Katie for more information at kgriffin@speedwaychristian.org.
- Finally, the Indiana region is always looking for more adults to counsel camp, so please also let Rev Katie and Rev. Kyle know if you feel called to spend some time with our incredible young people this summer.

Remind

We have Remind text threads for all of our children and youth. If you would like more information, please talk to Katie. Here are the codes so you can access the threads to keep up to date on everything that is going on with our children and youth:

Babies – 5th grade: acaahe
6-8th grade youth: sccjryo
9-12th grade youth: scchsyo

Rev. Katie

***Next Official Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
6:30pm***

**2024 Stewardship
Full Moon Of Giving
April 23 - Pink Moon
Disciples Mission Fund**

In the Preamble to the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we accept our mission of witness and service to all people in the name of Jesus the Christ. We extend God's welcome to all at the Lord's Table, because we believe that our shared Christian faith bonds us to each other and to the entire world.



Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) brings the whole Church together, connecting us to the life-giving and life-saving work we have been called to do. It also simplifies giving for congregations and individuals, providing a way to support the entire Church at once. DMF-funded regional and general ministries offer opportunities for Disciples to serve as missionaries, attend college or seminary, advocate for the least of these, and so much more.

How the gifts are distributed - 49% Regional Ministries, 29% General Ministries, 9% Higher Education Institutions, 12% Office of General Minister and President (OGMP), 1% Other Ministries

Reach out to Chuck Bennett with any other items you would like included in our monthly Stewardship Refrigerator page @ 317-441-5678 or cbennett@speedwayschools.net

In Service,
Chuck and Kim Bennett

Please keep in Prayer

Judy Swisher, Joan Brown
Becky Parke (Bob & Gayle Parke's daughter-in-law)

Our Prayers and Sympathy

To **Phill Smith, Joe & Angie Smith, Gina & Scott Wyland** and family upon the passing of **JoAnne Smith**, who passed away on April 1, 2024.



To **Shirley Westrick and family** upon the death of **Don Westrick**, who passed away on March 31, 2024.

To the **family of Marge Heinekamp**, who passed away on April 1, 2024.

To **Mindy Lewis Hitch & Mark Lewis and family** upon the passing of their cousin, Wendy Lewis, who passed away on April 2, 2024.

To **Andrea Baetsle** and family upon the death of **Brad Baetsle**, who passed away April 10, 2024. Services are pending at this time.

Camp 2024

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| June 10-12 | You & Me 1 ages 5+ w/ adult |
| June 12-14 | New Beginnings grades 1-3 |
| June 14-17 | You & Me 2 ages 5+ w/ adult |
| June 17-22 | CROSS sports & recreation, grades 6-12 |
| June 24-29 | Explorers grades 4-5 |
| July 1-6 | High School grades 9-12 |
| July 8-13 | Middle School grades 6-8 |
| July 15-20 | MAD music, art, & drama, grades 6-12 |
| July 14-20 | Mission as Justice grades 10-12 |

Linked by Love

**Stewardship/Finance
March 2024**

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| March 2024 Funds Received | \$ 49,475 |
| Funds transferred to cover expenses | \$ 0 |
| March 2024 Expenses | \$ 34,308 |
| March 2024 Income greater than exp. | \$ 15,065 |

2024 Year to Date (January—March)

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| 2024 YTD Funds Received: | \$ 142,547 |
| Funds transferred to cover expenses | \$ 248 |
| 2024 YTD Expenses: | \$ 96,074 |
| 2024 YTD Income greater than expenses | \$ 46,721 |

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Spreading the Love of A Little Jesus....

Following is a story (sent from a SCC member) of how "A Little Jesus" has spread and touched lives outside are church family.

It's funny, I didn't know it at the time, but my husband took a few little Jesus from church. (He didn't know I had inventory at home.)

He took them to work last Monday and told me he gave one to his friend, Alice. He asked if I had another, so showed him my stock. He took a few more with him on Tuesday.



Between the message below (from my husband's co-worker) and Chuck Bennett's story on Sunday (April 7), I can really see the ripple effect. Thanks for taking a crazy idea and running with it. The delivery couldn't have been better.

As I mentioned, I asked for an extra little Jesus for our friend TQ. He is an 83 year old Catholic man who we have befriended. My husband, John takes him to mass during the week and they have become great pals. It is so cool to watch – you would LOVE TQ. He was a baseball player in high school and college. This guy truly loves Jesus and talks all the time about his faith.

Anyway, he has had some falls and took a very serious one on Saturday. We learned about this on Monday and John and I went to visit him in ICU on Tuesday. I put the little Jesus in my pocket and when we got there, I said "Hey, TQ, I though you could use a little Jesus" and pulled it out. He got a HUGE smile and has kept it right next to him since I gave it to him. John was there again yesterday and TQ mentioned it.

The gift of the Livestream

Here's quick look at the power and impact of our Livestream ministry. When we turn and wave, chances are good that Sandy Rominger (and others) are waving right back!

Sandy writes: I was both very, very excited and a bit nervous to attend a service in person. I knew I would be welcome, because I know the Speedway Christian Church community, but I also know my story may seem (or be) a bit strange. After growing up at Speedway Christian Church, I have not found a church near me here in the Seattle suburbs that feels right. I am so grateful that you and everyone I met were pleased that I found you this way. It all started when I wanted to go to church on Easter during the pandemic, found your streaming worship services, and just kept joining in to worship with you on Sunday mornings. Of course, I think the 10:15 service occurs at 7:15, and our dog sits in my lap and enjoys it too. I can see the faces of the choir during services.

Allen and Joe: You are doing a great service for me, and I don't know how to thank you!! I imagine that you set out to make services available to local members of the community whose health did not allow them to participate in person. I'm sure everyone who is able to continue to worship at Speedway Christian despite health concerns are very grateful, and there are others like me (who knows how many) who needed to reconnect with their home church and are able to do so through your efforts.

~Sandy Rominger