

# Church News

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Most of us have at least heard of the term “prodigal son”, even if we’re not familiar with the specifics of the story or where it came from. If we turn to Luke, Chapter 15, we can read the entire story. The story is a parable, told by Jesus, to the Pharisees and scribes who were grumbling about the fact that Jesus welcomed tax collectors and sinners to hear him speak. In the story, a man had two sons and the younger wanted his inheritance, so the father divided his property and gave the younger son his wish. This son squandered the money in another land, leaving him destitute.....so destitute that he had to take a job feeding pigs. At some point, he decided it would be better to work as a hired hand for his father than to continue as a pig feeder in another country.

So, the son decided to return home and work as a hired hand. But his father, upon seeing him returning, had his servants

bring his best robe and a ring for his finger, declaring, “..... for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found”. Now his brother heard the commotion, and, upon learning that his brother had returned and was being celebrated, became upset with his father. But the father said, “Son, you are always with me, all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found”.

The point Jesus was trying to make? We who are lost sinners can be welcomed back into God’s loving arms at any point in our lives, even if we have strayed far from Him. His mercy will go out to us, all of us, regardless of when we finally seek Him.

## Bridgeview Community Church

“This is my commandment”

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does

not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command

### Church calendar:

Wednesday, March 13,  
7:00 p.m., LENT Midweek Bible Study;  
Thursday, March 14,  
4:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Singers  
rehearse;  
Saturday, March 16,  
CHURCH WORKDAY, 9:00 a.m.;  
Sunday, March 17,  
9:15 a.m., All-Comers Bible Class,  
10 a.m., Worship and Communion.

## Community Bible Church

### Anastasis

Matthew 28:6 “He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.”

Anastasis is a Greek word meaning a raising up, rising, resurrection.

March 31st is the Sunday that we remember and celebrate Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. Jesus could have been born, been an incomparable teacher, a great leader of men, a profoundly wise philosopher, a healer of every malady, a sacrificial server, a conqueror of men’s hearts and nations, and a king unequalled, and yet, He would only be a footnote in history without His resurrection from the dead. The Christian faith in its true essence is not religious institutions, lists of do’s and don’ts, acts of religious piety, or even religious teaching. The hope and foundation of our faith is that Jesus came to forgive our sins, something no one else could do (Mark 2:5-10), so that we might obtain eternal life. The proof of Jesus’ claim is that death

and the grave could not hold Him; He rose from the dead and the world was changed. Read I Corinthians 15:1-11 where the apostle Paul explains Jesus’ resurrection from a first-hand point of view. The book of Romans lays out the need and means of salvation. Romans 3:23 says, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” No one will make it to heaven on their own merit. There is a penalty for sin: Romans 6:23a says, “For the wages of sin is death,” - that’s eternal separation from God. But the story doesn’t end there - because on the cross Jesus paid the penalty for sin and gives the gift of salvation to everyone who asks. Romans 6:23b says, “but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” It is a gift; you don’t earn it or pay for it. The payment has already been made by the Lord. It is very simply presented in Acts 16:31, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.”

In Christ,  
Pastor Dave

### Ministry at CBC

Sunday  
EASTER MUSICAL  
PRAISING CHRIST THE RISEN LAMB  
“The Power of the Cross”  
10:30 a.m.

Wednesday  
AWANA 6:15-8:00 p.m.  
Age 3-Grade 6

Community Christian Academy  
Preschool – High School

## Backyard bird watching with Harry: by Harry Johnson

Are there mobs in your backyard?

Before I get in my mob story, I wanted to talk about my bees. Over the last couple of weeks now, Cheryl and I have noticed bees in our bird feeders. They seem to like the cracked corn/chopped up nut mix I put down. There are times we have a mob of bees in the feeder. So many the birds stay away. Have any of you seen this or can you tell me why they are in my feeders? I’ve been feeding birds in the Illinois Valley for almost 10 years and this is a first for me. I don’t know a thing about bees, so help me out.

I’m sure you’ve seen mobs, and I’m not talking bees, at some time in the Illinois Valley. I’m not talking about

a midnight sale at Freddie’s or Wal-Mart. I’m not talking about angry people at the city council meeting. I’m talking about birds who mob together to chase away a predator that has flown into their nesting area. You’ve seen a hawk flying about and suddenly it’s chased away by smaller birds. Why? It got too close to their nest and they chase the hawk away. Some birds are much more likely to be mobbed than others. Hawks, owls and crows (not you Richard) seem to be the more favorite birds to mob.

Owls, for example, run such a high risk of being mobbed that they remain hidden and still during daylight hours. It’s been noticed that some birds, red wing black

birds and swallows do it so often; it looks like a sport to them. Maybe they have a special prize for the mobber that gets a hawk or crow tail feather.

For some wildlife or bird photographers who want a photo of a mob minded bird, they have to resort to interesting techniques. They will play a recording of owl or hawk calls. When the smaller birds hear the recording they will quickly come out of the trees, ready for a fight. I guess fight is not accurate, because mobbing birds don’t fight, they irritate and dive bomb away potential predators, but mobbing usually stops short of an actual attack.

• Mobbing usually begins with a distress call from

a single male as he takes to the air in pursuit of a predator; which might be a larger bird, a snake, your cat or dog or perhaps even you. I’m sure you’ve all seen video of a bird dive bombing people in a park. What they’re doing is just protecting their nest. It’s not the bad looking 60’s shirt they were wearing or the lady with the bad hairdo. It’s all about the nest and protecting it’s young.

• Birds are more likely to mob during nesting season and are least likely to mob when they’re passing through unfamiliar territory.

• Hawks and birds of prey are more likely to be mobbed in flight than while perching.

• Jays, gulls, terns and

blackbirds often mob together in a single species group. Many other birds band together into temporary mobs. The “we need to mob” call made by a chickadee is understood by a number of small songbirds, so they often lead impromptu mixed species mobs.

• Yearling birds, especially males, may be led into mobs by older birds in order to give them a close-up education on common predators.

• Prey birds that have just caught their dinner, run a higher risk of being mobbed. The smaller birds know the larger bird’s talons are holding something, reducing the risk of retaliation if the mobbed bird’s talons are busy holding something it wants.

Every individual involved in mobbing exercises some restraint, because the cost of a high-speed injury might be death. Wing to wing midair collisions are avoided using the rear-end approach. Most mobbing moves come from above and behind. They’re the safest approach for open-air “get out of town” chases.

So, the next time you see smaller birds mobbing a larger bird, you now know why and can appreciate it more. If you can tell me why the bees are in my bird feeders eating my bird seed please send me an email.

The information above is from Bird Watchers Digest and Harry Johnson. You can contact me at (birdwatching@frontiernet.net).



Backyard Bird Watching by Harry Johnson is brought to you by

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## Places of Worship

BRIDGEVIEW  
COMMUNITY CHURCH  
5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ  
541-592-3923  
“Come Join the Worship!”  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Sonny Moore  
[www.kbcc.us](http://www.kbcc.us)

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH  
Pastor Dave Gordon  
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ  
Office: 541-592-3896  
Email: [cbccca@cavenet.com](mailto:cbccca@cavenet.com)  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Christian Academy  
Pre-K to 12th grade  
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
East River Street  
& Lewis Court, CJ  
Pastor Don Torala  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.  
Church Phone: 541-592-2290  
[www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net](http://www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net)

ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ  
541-592-2006  
Rev. James Boston  
Worship Service - 5 p.m.  
1st Sunday of each month

7th DAY ADVENTIST  
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday Worship 11 a.m.  
Prayer/Praise 7 p.m. Tuesday  
Pastor Marvin Clark  
Church (541) 955-4943  
Madrone Adventist School  
541-592-3330

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
407 W. River St., CJ  
541-592-3658  
Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor  
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Days TBA

VALLEY EVANGELICAL  
FREE CHURCH  
498 Laurel Road, CJ  
P.O. Box 1248  
Pastor Marvin Porter  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m.  
[evfree@frontiernet.net](mailto:evfree@frontiernet.net)  
541-592-6160

THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY  
SAINTS  
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.  
Priesthood, Relief Soc. -  
12:10 p.m.  
Bishop G. Frank Sybrant  
541-245-3394

ILLINOIS VALLEY  
PENTECOSTALS  
987 Caves Hwy., CJ  
541-592-4716 or 541-218-2792  
Sunday - 2:30 p.m.

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH  
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma  
Pastor Dan Robinson  
Bible Study / Prayer Time  
9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE  
ASSEMBLY OF GOD  
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
541-592-3956  
Pastor Mark McLean  
Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study

IMMANUEL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
200 Watkins St., CJ  
Phone 541-592-3876  
Pastor Charles Chase  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.  
Child-care for small children

First Baptist Church of Selma  
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma  
541-597-4169  
Pastor Monty Pope  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.



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