

# Country Faith Church

## Summer Newsletter

June - August 2021

“Growing & working together to love God, love each other and spread the Gospel.”

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### **“A Season of Transition” - Pastor Larry Dorman (Pastor’s Heart)**

I was eleven going on twelve when The Byrds topped the charts with a song called “Turn, Turn, Turn”. I had no idea that the lyrics to that catchy tune came primarily from the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament. Eccl.3:1 says “*For everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven*”

Well, I am not that 11-12 yr. old boy in the Bronx anymore, but a 67 yr. old husband, father and grandfather. Becky (my much better and younger half) and I have been praying, seeking God, and discussing together this season of our lives. We have been sensing a very clear direction from the Holy Spirit to begin preparing for a time of transition. I have recently shared this with our elders and deacons and we have been discussing a “step down” plan for myself as the Sr. Pastor of Country Faith. Seeking wisdom, counsel and advice, I have also discussed this with people like Jim McCracken and others on the Truebridge leadership team. I have been working my way through a book that Clem Ferris suggested about leadership transition in churches that has also been very helpful. Let me say very clearly that this is NOT about being unhappy, feeling hurt or problems in the church. On the contrary, Becky and I feel incredibly blessed, loved and supported by a great church family for over 36 years!! So, what is it about? Primarily, the desire to be obedient to the direction of the Holy Spirit, however there are some factors that contribute to His leading.

I realize that I still look about 40 to most of you, so we will be offering free eye exams after church next Sunday. Seriously, it is about age and season of life. We don’t have the energy that we used to have and feel that it’s time to release some of the weight of ministry responsibility to “younger others”. By the time you read this, we will have had our 13<sup>th</sup> grandchild. With both of us having full time responsibilities, we have often been unable to attend significant events in our grandkids lives such as baby dedications, water baptisms as they made the decision to follow Christ, Christmas programs, academic and athletic events, etc. Before they all grow up, and while we’re still able to travel, we’d like to do more of that. Another major factor is to make room for those “younger others” to advance in the calling of God on their lives. We are blessed to have two great young pastors, each with gifts and strengths that complement each other, and

#### **Sunday Service Times:**

Worship Service: 10:00am

Youth: 7:00pm (check schedule on page 7 for specific days)

**218-776-3367**

**cfchurch@gvtel.com**

**www.countryfaith.org**

**(see what’s happening at CFC & listen to sermons)**

**Find us on Facebook now too**

## **“A Season of Transition” - Pastor Larry Dorman (Pastor’s Heart) Cont.**

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serve the church body. We are also blessed with a unified elder team that’s diverse in giftings as well as age. We range from 36-75 years old. There’s something very healthy about generations loving and respecting each other, learning from each other, and working together for God’s Glory!

Realizing the truth of Proverbs 16:9 “*We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.*” Here’s my plan as the Sr. Pastor of CFC... Lord willing:

- Continue one more year as full time Sr Pastor (till March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022)
- Starting April 1, 2022... a 20% reduction in both salary and work hrs.  
\*This year we will focus on passing the baton to the next leader(s)
- By April 1, 2023 ... I will continue serving as the Truebridge Northern Hub leader and be involved in apostolic oversight and encouragement for CFC (as well as the other Northern hub churches), but will no longer serve on staff as the Sr Pastor.

\*\* Btw...Becky is also moving in a similar direction and timeline with her executive director position at the Clear Waters Life Center.

**A Prayer Request to All:** As elders, we have been praying and discussing the future leadership of CFC. We know that God has a plan, and our hearts desire is to hear and follow His plan. Please join us in praying for this. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to connect with myself or one of the other pastors or elders.

As I said earlier, Becky and I feel so blessed to be part of the CFC family. We are excited and confident that God has great things for our church body in the days and years ahead. Though our roles may change, we plan to use our gifts to serve at CFC, support our new leaders, and continue “Growing and working together to Love God, Love each other, and spread the Gospel”!



FROM THE  
PASTOR'S  
HEART

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## Local Outreach Opportunities

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God loves people! We as His children have been blessed to experience His love in a transformational way. His love has freed us from the bondage of sin and death and has given us new life in Christ. This new life, the life of Christ in us, allows us to be active participants in God's Kingdom. When God is alive in us, and we submit to His leading, we expand His kingdom. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatian church, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Christ desires to express His power and His love for people through us! What a privileged it is to partner with God in what He is doing! We get to reach out to those around us with the power and love of Christ!

As a church family we want to be ones who actively submit ourselves to Christ so he can work through us. Our mission statement is "Growing and working together to love God, love each other and spread the Gospel." Spreading the Gospel is about having a heart like God: full of love for people. It is about being His ambassadors by demonstrating and proclaiming the love and truth of Christ. We want to be ones who reach out to friends, neighbors, coworkers, and community members. This is our call, to live with a mindset and vision of "local outreach".

Recently, a group gathered to brainstorm ideas of who we should prioritize our local outreach efforts toward in the next year. As you can imagine there are just about endless opportunities. As we discussed options, three groups of people rose to the top - the elderly, young adults, & Native Americans. We came up with a few general ways to connect with these groups, but we want to solidify some of those ideas into plans we can act on.

**If you have a heart to reach out to any or all these groups, or desire to assist in some way with this effort, please join us at CFC for a planning meeting Thursday, June 10 @ 6:30p.m.** If for some reason you are going to miss the meeting but would still like to be a part of these local outreaches, let us know. There is a signup sheet for the meeting on the information center. Please sign up if you can make the meeting or if you would like us to keep you informed of our plans. If you have any questions you can talk with Becky Dorman or Charis Nordlund or myself.

For His Kingdom,

Pastor Nathan



# Current & Upcoming Summer Semester Jr Church Curriculum

June - August 2021

## 3 & 4 year olds

### **Hand's on Bible Curriculum**

Samuel

Elijah

Jonah

## 5 years & Kindergarten

### **Hand's on Bible Curriculum**

Ruth

Elijah

Jonah

## 1st - 2nd Grades

**Clive & Ian's Wonder Blimp of Knowledge** - on the Character of God

**Buck Denver What's in the Bible: Words to make us Wise** - Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, & Song of Solomon

**Buck Denver What's in the Bible: God Speaks** - Major & Minor Prophets of the Old Testament

## 1st - 2nd Grades

**Gospel Project** - The life of Jesus & the Chronological Journey thru the life of Jesus in the Gospel, the formation of the church in Acts & the promised return of Christ in Revelations.

## 5th & 6th Grades

13 Lessons for Kids about Living for Jesus

## Kindergarten-3rd Grade Day Camp

### **Knights of North Castle: K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Day camp**

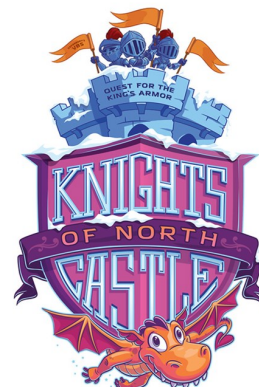
Mark your calendar now!! **We are excited to offer a K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade day camp again.** This year's theme is "Nights of North Castle"! Learn to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His Power! We will explore Old & New Testament stories and discover different pieces of the protective armor of God. Let's "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God and sharing God's love to the world".

**Our day camp will be held Tuesday, July 27th at Country Faith Church.** The day will be filled with truth filled sessions, awesome worship, fun games, creative crafts, tasty food, and outdoor play.

Cost for this 1 day camp will be \$15 dollars and includes a swim outing to the Clearbrook swimming pool, t-shirt, snacks, crafts, activities and more. Times are 8:30am-5:00pm and kids will need to bring a sack lunch. Full registration details will be out mid-June.

It takes a lot of hands to coordinate this event and many ways to help (decorators, group leaders, registration, kitchen) so if interested in being involved please get in touch with Nicky Ubert or Leah Watne.

***Ephesians 6:10*** "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."





# Kids Camp 2021 - Light It Up! - July 8th - 10th

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Camp is coming!!! We will be accepting registrations through June 27th. The rate to register for camp is \$95 through June 6<sup>th</sup> after June 6<sup>th</sup> it increases to \$120.00. If you need additional registration forms they are at the information center in the fellowship hall.

Camp is held at Dellwater, for kids going into 4th thru 6th grade! New 7th graders are also welcome. In addition, they also have the option to attend Youth camp. Check out all the LIGHT IT UP details online or in the registration forms. If you need assistance with a camp scholarship please connect with Nicky Ubert.

**Please continue to lift up Kid's Camp in prayer!** Specifically pray for those that will be coming (campers & volunteers) for their hearts to be open and ready for what the Lord has for them and safety for all. We would love to be blessed with beautiful weather but we know that God will meet us there. No matter the weather, camp will be GREAT if our hearts are focused on the real purpose; growing deeper and stronger in our faith!

**Please consider how you might like to be involved.** Are you curious about what it would be like to volunteer at Kid's Camp or what you could do to help? Talk to one of the team members for more information. *Perhaps you are considering blessing a child with a scholarship to attend Camp this year?* If so, please check with Nicky Ubert.

It takes a huge group effort to pull together our camps and NO part is too small! Thank you, Thank you!!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to check in with one of us!

## **SPECIFIC NEEDS for Camp:**

- Male & Female Counselors
- Youth Assistant Counselors
- Activities Coordinator
- Kitchen Help
- Scholarship donations
- Approx. 3 Med-Small Christmas Trees (to borrow)
- We will be decorating and setting up at Camp Dellwater on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and are looking for people interested in helping.
- We will also need help with clean up at the end of camp on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> starting in the early afternoon.
- LASTLY– Do you like to make Bars/Cookies? We will need baked items to provide in the staff/volunteer lounge for camp. If you would like to provide something please let Nicky Ubert know. Thank you!

God is great!

The camp planning team- Cindy Wishard, Dacia Olson, Destinee Benson & Nicky Ubert



LIGHT  
IT UP!



# YOUTH CAMP 2021

## GUEST SPEAKER Josh Edwards

Josh Edwards is a missionary with reviveMINNESOTA/ Time to Revive. His heart-beat is to see the Church united and revived to be equipped to do the work of the ministry. Josh has been ministering and speaking to teens for over 20 years. He also is a worshiper / musician / songwriter / recording artist. Josh, his wife Megan, their three kiddos (Ezra, Aiden, and Josie), and Bella the dog live in Wells, Minnesota.



**Sunday, Aug 1st -  
Wednesday, Aug 4th**

**7th thru 12th Graders  
Camp Dellwater, Shevlin**

**Cost: Early Registration: \$100 by Sunday, July 11th**

**Late Registration: \$125 between July 12th - July 25th**

**\*\*FINAL Registration date: Sunday, July 25th**

**- Registrations will NOT be taken and no refunds will be given after this date!!**

Make Checks payable to "Country Faith Church"

And mail to:

Dacia Olson

17179 - 370th St

Bagley, MN 56621

There are extra brochures at the Information Center at the church.

### **Youth Contacts**

**Pastor Brad Binder:** at 218-776-3367 or 218-358-1221, [bradbinder@countryfaith.org](mailto:bradbinder@countryfaith.org)

**Dacia Olson** at 218-766-7764 or [Hilfiger\\_01@hotmail.com](mailto:Hilfiger_01@hotmail.com)

# Youth Ministry



**ELEVATE  
YOUTH  
VALLEY  
FAIR  
TRIP**

7-12th graders

**MONDAY, JUNE 14TH  
(12PM) -  
TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH  
(11:59PM)**



**\$100 per student  
Space is limited  
Sign up guaranteed  
by Sunday, May 30th**

Staying in St Cloud Monday Night  
Details also at [www.countryfaith.org](http://www.countryfaith.org)



## Youth Valley Fair Trip

7th-12th Grade Fun Trip to Valley Fair,  
Monday June 14th (12pm) - Tuesday, June  
15th (by 11:59pm) \$100 per student, space  
limited, sign up guaranteed by Sun, May  
30th at the info center.

**Sun, June 6th** - 6th Grade Kick Off & Youth  
**Friday, June 11th** - 6:30-8:30pm Youth Prophetic Night  
**Sun, June 13th** - No Youth Night  
**Mon-Tues June 14th-15th** - Youth Valley Fair Trip  
**Sun, June 20th** - No Youth Night (Father's Day)  
**Sun, June 27th** - 7:00pm Youth Night

**Sun, July 4th** - No Youth Night (Holiday)  
**Sun, July 11th** - 7:00pm Youth Night  
**Sun, July 18th** - 7:00pm Youth Night  
**Sun, July 25th** - 7:00pm Youth Night

**Sun, Aug 1st - Wed, Aug 4th** - Youth Camp at Camp Dellwater  
**Sun, Aug 8th** - No Youth Night  
**Sun, Aug 15th** - 7:00pm Youth Night  
**Sun, Aug 22nd** - 7:00pm Youth Night  
**Sun, Aug 29th** - 7:00pm Youth Night

If you are not a part of the youth Facebook page please contact  
Pastor Brad or one of the other youth leaders and they can get  
you added.

**As always: Invite your friends, All are welcome!**

## Youth Schedule



**For Teens 7th - 12th Grade**





## My Story, His Story - Jen Forsberg

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To say that I am an introvert would be an understatement. I don't enjoy talking to people, even small talk can feel uncomfortable. I prefer to spend time alone rather than with others; even my close friends don't see me enough. Lately I have felt a burden of compassion that I believe is from the Lord. Sure, it's easy for me to send a "thinking of you" card in the mail, or even pray for people who come to mind. However, this new compassion for people (yes, real live people) has taken things way past my comfort zone. I have invited someone over for supper. I have spent time talking and getting to know someone. I have provided care for someone who was sick. I have opened our home for a needy person to stay for a while. When I felt that I was in over my head, I briefly asked the Lord if I could have a little less compassion! He said "No" because that goes against every prayer in which I have asked Him to shape me to become more like Him. Did He have less compassion when He was busy? Did He have less compassion when it was inconvenient? Did He have less compassion when it was politically incorrect? Needless to say, I am grateful for this gift from the Lord.



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## Mustard Seed Homes Resident Update

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My name is Randall Feist. I'm blessed to be 36 years old, since I've been through a lot. I grew up in foster homes and institutions with parents who separated. I started getting in trouble at a young age. As a young adult, I was an atheist. Sitting in a jail cell and facing a life sentence in prison, I found and came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I felt God; I felt His spirit in me. I put all my trust and faith in Him. He got me through all my troubles, but being a new Christian, I took it for granted.

When I got out of prison I didn't continue to give my life over to Him. I thought, "Hey, You helped me through this. Thank you and good bye until next time." Next time came really quick! I overdosed and died twice. I thought and told myself that God must have had a plan for me. I still didn't turn my life completely over to Him until I got a wakeup call straight from God. I got into trouble again and ended up being blessed by coming to the Mustard Seed.

The first few days I cried a lot. God was letting me get my past out, so I could turn my life over to Him. Right away I wanted more. I prayed night and day, "Please God let me see my kids or even talk to them just for a second!" There came a period when I was returning to my old self, giving up on myself and God; then we went to a men's retreat. Trust me, I was not happy to go, but guess what? God wasn't giving up on me! He wanted me to know that He had plans for me and that He was still by my side and always would be. So what did He do?

He talked to me through prophecy! I was sitting in a room with 140 Christians. I was mad, confused, sad, fighting with myself, and begging Him to show me a sign! Anything, just to reassure me that He was





# Mustard Seed Homes Resident Update

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with me, and I could trust Him. I was crying, and I was a mess! The speaker, out of nowhere, picked me to prophesy over. Words straight from God; exactly what I needed to hear. I was ready to fully turn myself over to Him!

A few months later I was baptized, and I knew that I was walking with God again! To bless me even more, He brought my kids back into my life! God has giving me so much! I still ask, "Why?" He keeps telling me the same thing, "I have plans for you. I will never give up on you. I will always be here to love you! I need you to love yourself now! I need you to love others and pass My Word on to them. Be a living testimony of what I can do for people".

I learned so much in Mustard Seed, stuff that I never knew; I thought I knew it all! All things are possible through Jesus Christ! He continues to put His love and wisdom in my life, and trust me, I'm listening now!

In the year and a half since completing the Mustard Seed program, life has had it's twists and turns. It begins with farming, then Kloeey, my daughter, came to live with me for the 2019-20 school year. I was able to build a good relationship with her and be her basketball coach. What a blessing! In June 2020, God put Jessica into my life. Neither of us was looking for a relationship; it was definitely a God thing. We took it slow and built a relationship around Jesus. We have had so much fun together. We really focused on Jesus, and He has blessed us day after day.

By the end of 2020 I felt that God wanted to do more with me, so I gave up farming and moved to town. I started working more at the Life Center and with the guys at Mustard Seed. I felt this is what He wanted me to do, so I committed to it.

Recently I got another prophetic word from God which lined up with my life right now and confirmed I'm right where I need to be. God has been my Father and Friend through all of this. He has directed me in hard times to keep me on track with His plan. He continues to steer me. He has blessed me so much and has promised He will continue.

June 7<sup>th</sup> will be Jessica and my one-year anniversary, and we expect to be married very soon. She will be moving to Clearbrook to continue our journey together with the Lord.

# Clear Waters Life Center Events

Summer fun brought to you by Clear Waters Life Center



**Outdoor Brick Oven Pizza  
& Music Nights  
CWLC-Gonvick**

**Fridays this summer:  
June 11, July 9, & August 20  
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Variety of brick-oven PIZZAS,  
drinks, and dessert!**

**No reservations necessary.**

**Free will donation to go towards Gonvick  
building upkeep projects.**

*Building Lives, Growing Relationships, Imparting Hope*

 **THRIVENT  
FINANCIAL**  
*Connecting faith & finances for good.*

226 Elm Street, Gonvick,  
cwlc@gvtel.com  
clearwaterslife.org

## Pottery & Mosaic Studios

**Mondays**

**10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Clear Waters Life Center - Gonvick

226 Elm St.

\$5 per Monday

*Fun way to spend a few summer  
Mondays with your kids or grandkids!*



Skilled mentors are available to help with your creativity! All supplies provided. Beginner or experienced, come and nourish your creative side. Youth 13 and up are welcome to participate, under 13 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Come for a few hours or  
pack a lunch and come  
for the day.



The studios are made possible by the generous donations of people who love to create. Donations are accepted at the studios. Thank you to all who support the studios.



[www.clearwaterslife.org](http://www.clearwaterslife.org)

**Join us at the  
Clear Waters Life Center**

**Food Booth  
August 4th-8th  
at the**

**Clearwater  
County Fair**

# Clear Waters Life Center Events (cont.)

## Found Object Sculpture Workshop

Tuesday, June 15th, &  
Wednesday, June 16th,  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
\$10 per 2-day workshop

The instructor for this workshop is Jay Jones who is an active painter and sculpture. He has presented at many sculpture workshops in our communities.

Be mentored in the art of finding and creating a "found" object metal sculpture. Learn how to design, grind and weld plus create a small sculpture to take home.



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board and Region 2 Arts Council; thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Come be a part of creating an artistic destination for the community to enjoy that will become a part of the public life and activity in our area. Learn skills with hands-on experiences!

Call 218-776-2789 to reserve your spot.

Art workshop and class held at CWLC • Gonvick, 226 Elm St.

## Garden Art Creations

4 week class: August 9, 16, 23, & 30

From stepping stones to glass totems, cement dipped material to leaf imprints. If you can think it, you can create it!

Instructor: Leanne Walberg

**MONDAY evenings**

**6:30-8:30PM**

**CWLC•Gonvick, 226 Elm St.**

**\$5 per session**



Art

Food

Senior Services  
Physical Activity

Join us for one  
or all.

## PICKLE-BALL

An energizing way to get exercise!

Pickle-ball courts at the CWLC-Gonvick Gym are open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
9:00 AM - Noon and 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Come, watch, and see if this is something YOU would like to get involved in. We have the paddles and balls and have added more days and times to include YOU!

\$1 suggested donation



**Transportation, Homemaker**



**Senior  
Homemaker &  
Chore Services  
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Free for Clearwater County residents, 60 & over  
General housework • Outdoor maintenance



**Senior Connection  
Transportation  
Service  
218-888-2320**

**M-F \*24 hour notice required**



# Camp Dellwater Camping Available

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Hi, everyone, just a quick note to remind you to check your calendar and the website and make your reservation to camp this summer out at Camp Dellwater!!!

Rates are listed below or can be found on our website: [www.dellwater.com](http://www.dellwater.com).

RV Sites (full hookups): \$35/night

Camper Cabins (rustic cabin equipped with nine bunks. This unit has power and is located a short walk from the shower house or beach). \$75/night

Nurse's Cabin (one full size bed and two twin, ac, bathroom in cabin, mini fridge): \$150/night

Half Side Lodge: \$200/night

- Right side lodge (sleeps up to 14, screened in porch, mini fridge, family exclusive bathrooms and showers)
- Left side lodge (sleeps up to 12, screened in sitting room, mini fridge, family exclusive bathrooms and showers)

Full Lodge with Kitchen: \$400/night with non-refundable \$100 cleaning fee (per reservation, not per night)

Each cabin and RV site includes a picnic table & a fire ring

Additional A la carte fees:

- Wood: \$5/unit daily
- Pontoon rental: \$40/2 hour block
- Day Use: \$5/person
- Activity Center: \$100/day

Call Camp Dellwater at 218-243-2061 for special event rates, more information or to make a reservation.

