

THE CROSS

WHERE EVERYTHING CHANGED

THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 12, 2023

PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom or in person in our chapel.

People can join via video or using the call-in number if video is not an option.

Join via phone: (346) 248-7799

Meeting website:
<https://zoom.us/j/862139432>
Meeting ID: 862 139 432
Password: 853781

Call Shawn Blom at
605-940-6702 with
questions.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Bishop Dudley House
The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House offers a warm, safe and secure place to start the road back to a more stable, long-term way of living.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELDER/ DEACON

Those nominated for deacon include: Sean Fantroy, Justin Hinks, Joel Kraayenbrink, Eric Van Donge, Tom Weerheim, Tyler Wolf.

Those nominated for elders include: Mike Boyenga, Susan Bierwagen, Kris Dunlap, Darren Ellwein, Doug Harms, Harvey Odens.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

The snow is nearly gone. Amazing! I have been hearing people say that most of that snowmelt seemed to have gone right into the ground. That should be some good news for all the farming community around us. It was a long winter, for sure. I hope we are done with that for the year. It was sure nice to feel the warmer temps, and it sounds like this week is going to be more of the same. I know, we are still in South Dakota, and anything can happen, but at least now it can't stay around too long. Enjoy!

Sunday was great day to be in church! Wow! It has been a long time since I have seen the room that full. We celebrated the risen Christ in grand fashion. That was an uplifting day. I did hear from many of you that it was a good day for you as well. I also received so many nice compliments from our Maundy Thursday service. That one was very good too. Sometimes all the pieces just come together to make things work. Many thanks to everyone who was involved in those. Our friend, Chris Hill, was the clarinet soloist on Thursday evening. Holli did a lot of extra work, this week, with our treats for Sunday morning and a lot of the "look" for all those services. Thanks Holli! Thanks to the worship band that played extra on Sunday and all the many volunteers in lobby welcoming everyone...it was a team effort. Thanks to all of you for a great week of worship and connecting.

My scripture for the week comes from John's gospel, the eighth chapter, verse 12: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' So much of the teaching of Jesus involves this inner working of the Spirit in the hearts of a believer. He speaks too of his dwelling place within us. I hope we do all realize what a radical idea this is. We don't speak of any other person in such a way. There is no other religion that proclaims their "leader" can live within you or that there is a Godly presence that will bring new life. If there is to be new life or a change, that will be primarily up to you as you strive to keep all the various rules and regulations. Following Jesus, the light of the world is more about surrendering than working! It is more about allowing the Spirit to come in and bring change. What a wonderful gift we have been given. This week, pray that the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you. If you aren't sure, ask! If you are sure...get ready! God is going to do something amazing!

Sunday, we are starting a new series called "The Treasure". Our theme verse comes from 2 Corinthians 4 verse 7. During this series, we are going to be looking at that treasure and taking time to grasp all that is for us. How valuable is it? Is it truly a treasure, or is it one more thing we add to our already full lives? Are there other things in church more valuable, or just as valuable? Do we talk about it with each other? You know, if we found a buried treasure somewhere, I am quite certain we would have a significant desire to tell someone. I am looking forward to working on this with you. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Sunday, April 23rd
Congregational Meeting
10:10am

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK APRIL 19th!

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

This week, I want to take a moment to talk with you about finding some quiet and downtime. Recently, I've been feeling the squeeze of more things in the calendar, more options for activities, and more on my to-do list. It feels like this time if year gets packed with "end of the school year" things at the same time as preparing for summer, or even thinking about plans for next school year. Combined with the hope of warmer weather, the glow of a little sunshine, and the sun staying up longer, I'm finding myself a bit antsy and in need of true rest. I need some time to rest and let Jesus give me the peace only He can give.

I initially started this little note to you planning to talk about how much we need time to be quiet, rest, and relax, but instead, I want to talk to you about kids and what rest looks like for them. If you don't know me well, you may not know that one of my passions is learning about and attempting to understand child development. One of the things that has remained consistent in the decades I've been reading on this topic is that children need time, space, and opportunity to PLAY. I don't mean scheduled activities, sports, lessons, practice, or even birthday parties. I'm referring to the kind of unhurried, open ended, relaxed free play that is far too rare. Kids need time to settle into an activity of their choosing with the peace that comes with knowing they don't have to stop to clean up any time soon. They need to be able to set up their pretend grocery store, paint a picture, think of a song, build a stick fort, create a Lego castle, set up their dinosaur scene, etc. without feeling rushed. I sometimes feel like the best "end" to play is when a child gets hungry and stops play on their own to ask for some food. I understand that families have full schedules and limited time, so I know this type of play time may not be an option every day. When my kids were little, most evenings were packed pretty tight, even if it was just supper, baths, books, and bed on a school night. However, for kids to grow up with healthy emotional regulation, strong brains, and healthy bodies, they need this kind of play. Please resist the urge to plan multiple activities on every weekend. Resist the urge to sign kids up for each of the types of lessons or activities they might be interested in. Kids don't need to be entertained. They need practice entertaining themselves. Even if they play the same thing week after week, that is learning. Let them explore their interests. Fred Rogers said, "Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."

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THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 12

6:00-7:00pm- Meal for High School Youth Group

7:00-8:30- High School Youth Group

Saturday, April 15

7:00am- Prayer Ministry

10:00AM- AA

Sunday, April 16

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service

10:05am- Sunday School

Monday, April 17

7:00pm-Wired Word

Tuesday, April 18

9:30-11am- Play Group

7:00pm- Book Club

7:00pm- Hope Circle

Wednesday, April 19

6:00-7:00pm- Meal for High School Youth Group

7:00-8:30- High School Youth Group

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AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA meeting via Zoom or in person at the church on Saturday mornings at 10am. Please contact Tom Jacobs (tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, May 8 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, April 18, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing The Silent Patient.

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, April 19, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing Mind of Her Own.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on April 18th at 7:00pm. Carol is hostess and Marjie has the lesson.

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

What a powerful Easter Sunday we celebrated here at Community this past weekend! It was exhilarating to see the church absolutely FULL of people! I'm guessing we were in the 1100-1200 range for attendance! The Spirit of God was alive and working all morning long. I left feeling energized and encouraged that God's Kingdom is truly here now and that we can live in the power of the resurrection every day of our lives. Halleluiah!

You know, it takes a LOT of people to make special services like that come to life. So, I'd like to thank the people who gave of their time and talents so we could celebrate Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday in powerful ways. Special thanks to Chris Hill for playing a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace at our Maundy Thursday service, and special thanks to Abbie Coffey for singing The Lord's Prayer so beautifully also at the Maundy Thursday service. I don't know how many times I've played for Abbie to sing that piece, and every single time I am moved by it. Thank you, Chris and Abbie! And for Easter Sunday, I want to say a special word of thanks to Rhonda Van Roekel for her masterful organ playing, and to the 9:00 and 10:45 band members, Jacob Hein, Tad Boyle, Dylan Wheeler, Lonny Ackerman, Clyde Teel, and Abbie Coffey for bringing musical excellence to our worship experience. I could not do what I do without you, and I know what a big commitment it is to play for holiday services. Many thanks to you all!

As we move into spring (YAY!) don't forget to register your kids for VBS! Our theme this year is Christmas in July. We invite all families to bring a wrapped box (or 2 or 10) to church to help us decorate. There is getting to be quite a pile in the children's wing! VBS is July 24-27. And keep in mind that we also will need teachers, game leaders, crafters, helpers, etc. So, you adults can register too!

Have a wonderful week, friends. Enjoy this beautiful weather!

Liz

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FINANCES

Sunday, April 9, 2023

General: \$18,976

Vision: \$1,435

Missions: \$235

General YTD: \$232,924

Vision YTD: \$19,612

Vision Account Balance: \$33,718

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Rick Hansen (neck pain)
- Jeff Veltkamp (shoulder surgery)
- Kyle Wigg (liver disease)
- Joe Johnson (traveling to China)
- Verle Valentine (hip surgery recovery)
- Marv Sturing (new chemo for cancer)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Slood
- Carrie Valentine (fractured ankle/foot)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Marv Vos (double hip replacement)
- Angie Bonnema's dad (whipple surgery)
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Cherri Price (ongoing chemo)
- Glenda Van Den Hoek
- Nicole Ryan (deployed for 6 months)
- Gina Jean Baptiste- teacher from Frederique school in Haiti (amputated leg & lost pregnancy after accident)
- Karen Johnson (heart issues)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (surgery recovery)
- Randi Van Der Slood (cancer treatments)
- Marcia Groenweg's brother-in-law (leukemia)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Steve Lee (lung transplant postponed)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Melanie Odens and her family on the passing of her uncle, Bruce. Please keep their family in your prayers.

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REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

**If you would like to request membership or baptism, please
e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org.
We are doing individual family baptism after the 10:45am
service until further notice.**

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

**Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased
every Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase
will go toward our Vision Fund at church.**

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