



THE COMMUNICATOR

AUG 2, 2023

Weekly Calendar

AUG 2 - AUG 9

Saturday, Aug 5

7:00am- Prayer Ministry
10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)
See details page 2 for details

Sunday, Aug 6

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service
10:10am- Adult Sunday School

Tuesday, Aug 8

9:30-11am- Play Group

YOU
BELONG
HERE

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

It is August! Our summer months are passing quickly and now we are into those last days of the summer season. We all knew it would come soon. There is still plenty of summer left though, so, let's not panic. I was out in the Black Hills this past weekend and I was amazed at how green they are. They have been getting rain out there and you can see it. The grass is as green as I have ever seen it. The weather was perfect! We did have a couple of storms that passed through with some hail, but we seemed to have missed the worst of that. It was a good place to be for a few days. Relaxing! We don't do very much when we go. A couple of drives around the area, we eat too much, and then we play a little music. Vacation is what that is called. I'm back in the office today (Wednesday) and getting ready for Sunday.

I want to thank John Mogen for helping with the worship time on Sunday. The team did such a great job! It is always good to know that when we are gone, church goes just fine. That is a very positive thing. You were all in good hands. Along with that, Brent Eliason preached for me on Sunday. He did all three services which is a big ask, but he said he really wanted to do all of them. Thank you, Brent. Again, Brent is a good teacher and speaker. He brings a good word and good spirit into the room. He loves doing it, and I am so glad to have him as a fellow sharer of the gospel and a good friend. He keeps things moving in a good direction. Thanks to everyone for stepping up and doing a great job!

I also watched the video Heather put together of the kids and VBS. That was so much fun to see! As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we had a pile of kids and they brought so much energy to that place. There are so many people to thank...too many to name. I believe there were over 40 volunteers who did all that work and thanks to so many others who were wrapping Christmas gifts for the last few months. It took a Community effort to get all that done. It was worth it! I always have a great time with Bible school. It is one of my favorite weeks of the year. There is a lot of good church that goes on during that week. It truly is a blessing. Heather and Liz created all of that! They are to be congratulated on a job well done!

Sunday, we get back into Romans 12. We are nearing the end of this series, but before we are finished our friend, the apostle Paul, will have more yet to say. As we near the end of this chapter Paul will once again start to bring in a few more new themes. The words will become practical in application. He will bring some new challenges for his readers. Paul believes with deep conviction that Christians are capable of being ambassadors for Christ in the world in which they live. We are not empty vessels. We are filled. We will talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

KICKOFF SUNDAY BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
11:45-2:00pm

CATERED MEAL & INFLATABLES

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
STARTS
September 24



FINANCES

Sunday, July 30, 2023

General: \$10,924

Vision: \$5,225

Missions: \$525

VBS: \$7,456

General YTD: \$572,699

Vision YTD: \$45,384

Vision Account Balance: \$29,912

ONGOING MINISTRIES

..... 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

Feeding South Dakota Backpack Program

..... AA BIG BOOK MEETING

For the summer months, AA will be meeting via Zoom on Saturdays at 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09>

Please contact Tom Jacobs

(tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

..... SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, August 14 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, August 15, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing The Dutch House by Patchett.

The morning book club will meet on Wed., Aug. 16, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing Nightingale by Hannah.

..... HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will not meet for the summer. We resume in September.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Summer is winding down and with August here we are officially done with summer youth group. High school youth group will start back up in September and Middle School group will start up in October with the rest of midweek. Also with September comes the start of Sunday School! As we get closer to those start dates, I will be sending out some information and updates to parents. Until then, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

If you have not heard, this summer was another Rocky Mountain High year! It was another great week up in Colorado where students came together with close to 3,000 others to worship, learn and grow in relationship with God. The two speakers did a wonderful job bringing out the theme YES AND. There are difficult experiences we all have throughout our faith journey. This year, that was addressed along with the promises, work and gospel of Jesus. YES, we all something we go through AND God has revealed himself, his promises, his love and his righteousness in it all. Sometimes we don't see how God is moving in the midst of the current journey, but He is right here walking through it with us.

This summer has gone by so quickly and I know so many students had busy schedules with sports, camps, vacations, summer school, work and/or many of the above. As the final few weeks come, I pray that students can enjoy the time left, find some rest and get ready for another school year to come. Thank you for a great summer of connections! I am already looking forward to starting back up this fall!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Brad and Janelle Ellis' grandson, Bear (open heart surgery recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Betty Kelley (heart stents)
- Jon & Jane Klemme's son, Josh (heart valve replacement 7/11)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Kathy Klein
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment/shoulder surgery recovery)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloom
- Angie Bonnema's dad
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- 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)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Paul De Young and his family on the recent deaths of two family members. John Vanderwerf and Shirley Nelson passed away on separate days. Please keep them all in your prayers.



THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall
in the lobby.
It's a place to donate to
local ministries.

St. Francis House
New Flip Flops

The Banquet:
New Food Storage Containers

Ronald McDonald House
To-go snacks, hamburger helper, spaghetti

McCrossan Boy's Ranch:
leather work gloves, twin XL sheets

NEW



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Community! You've done it again!

VBS was one I won't forget anytime soon.

More than 200 kids and more than 50 volunteers plus parents, grandparents, and other family and friends filled the church with joy and excitement.

Together, we learned that:

God's LOVE is for us!

God's HOPE is for us!

God's FORGIVENESS is for us!

God's POWER is for us!

We explored the Bible with some important truth and helped make the ideas stick with some cool science.

We filled the sanctuary with snow and some of the awesome dads from VBS who work at the city of Sioux Falls brought their plows in for the kids to see! Now those are some fun VBS memories!

FelIZ Navidad, our fearless worship leader, taught us some new songs, and also brought back some of our favorites. Her accent this year was so believable, we had to break the news to some new friends that she's not actually from the south. ☺ Our live band rocked the room and made the songs easy to learn and hard to forget!

We made some really cool crafts including mugs for our hot cocoa.

We played games with beach balls, parachutes, snowballs, and more.

We drank a LOT of water. It was hot!

We opened some wrapped gifts to help us remember our lessons and to reveal the offering total for each night. We brought offering and the gift to Arise Ukraine to help furnish homes for the people displaced by war totaled \$7456.00.

We made new friends and spent time with people we care about.

We worshiped the Lord and our hearts grew a little bit deeper.

VBS on this scale is only possible because of your incredible generosity with your time, talents, energy, encouragement, and funds. We couldn't do this without all of you and your response to God's love. I appreciate that so much!

See you soon!

-Heather

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

VBS 2023

