



THE COMMUNICATOR

AUG 9, 2023

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

As our month continues to move along, we have been blessed with some very nice rain. I know there were places that got a little too much too quickly, but for the most part, it was an amazing gift. You can already see that change around the town. Getting rain in August is a gift. The weeks are getting away from us and I am seeing some signs of activity at the school already, so I know things are getting close. Summers don't last forever. There are still many fine days ahead so, enjoy those. August will be done before we know it, and then fall will be in the air. I like the fall, but I am not sure I am ready for that yet. I have a feeling many of you are feeling the same way.

There is not much new news for the week, but there are a couple of things I want to highlight. I want to again offer a word of praise and congratulations to Doyle. He has finished all his schooling and he is officially done with his degree. That was a 3-year process and one that took a lot of time and energy. He is done! We are going to be planning a Sunday celebration in the near future. These are great things that we all need to celebrate together. If you see him around, say a good word of praise. It is an accomplishment that we all want to share with him and his family. Great job Doyle!

Heather mentioned that she is now looking for Sunday school teachers for the fall, but she has been very happy with how many people have already stepped up and volunteered their time to do this adventure with our kids for the upcoming year. I love hearing that. If you would like to get involved, get in touch with Heather and she will get you all connected in the right way. These are great ministries that have long-term life impacts. Pray that up and see what God might be saying to you.

Liz and I have been thinking fall choir things. We do that Christmas concert here at the church each year in December. It is a part of the annual Christmas celebration around our church. We want to encourage folks if you would like to sing with us, to start making plans. We practice on Sunday afternoons starting around 4:30pm. We do have childcare for that as well. We had an outstanding number of folks last year, and we would love for you to join us. It is a great way to get plugged into things around here and meeting some great people. If you have questions, ask us!

Sunday, we begin this last section of material from the 12th Chapter of Romans. We are doing communion this Sunday as well. That will bring a new feel to all these words Paul has been speaking to us this summer. This week Paul will again give some very practical advice for living among those who don't live or see things the way we do. We are going to go there again this week! Christians are not like everyone else. We have a living God within! It's right there for us! That can make the difference not only for us, but for those who need Jesus in their lives. It is our calling as a church. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Weekly Calendar

AUG 9 - AUG 16

Thursday, Aug 10

7:00pm- Elders
8:00pm- Full consistory

Saturday, Aug 12

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

Sunday, Aug 13

Communion Sunday

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

Monday, Aug 14

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

Tuesday, Aug 15

9:30-11am- Play Group
7pm- Book Club

YOU
BELONG
HERE

KICKOFF SUNDAY BLOCK PARTY

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
11:45-2:00pm

CATERED MEAL & INFLATABLES

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
STARTS
September 24



FINANCES

Sunday, August 6, 2023

General: \$12,947
Vision: \$470
Missions: \$280

General YTD: \$585,646
Vision YTD: \$45,854
Vision Account Balance: \$30,382

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

The Banquet

..... 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.

DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Only a few more weeks before the school year starts. It's also the first year Oliver will be joining the school year routine! I'm sure there are some students in the same boat of excitement and nerves as the start approaches and maybe some parents who are feeling the tension of the excitement for kids going back and wanting more summer break together.

August is always a busy time, even without youth group going, as planning for the year is in full swing. Like last year, I have a majority of the general lessons set for this school year and now it's the fun part of digging into each one to bring the big ideas into a series that continues to encourage, challenge and equip students. Each year I learn so much as I prepare for these things and that makes it so refreshing and fun! I cannot wait to get back into the routine of the school year together!

Before we get that far though, my wife and I get a few days kids free this week! After a long summer with youth activities and finishing up seminary, I am so excited to have some time to recharge and just be with my family before the new year begins!

With the start of school being just around the corner, please feel free to reach out anytime for more information or with questions regarding the youth ministry here at Community.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Brad and Janelle Ellis' grandson, Bear (open heart surgery recovery)
- 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 Slood
- Angie Bonnema's dad
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Randi Van Der Slood (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



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

Hi Everyone!

A few of you have asked me if I've recovered from the busy week of VBS yet. I definitely have and now I'm looking forward to Sunday School!

Many of our teachers from last year have already committed to teaching again this year, but we do still have some important roles to fill for this fall.

We do "team teaching" at Community to make it easier for people to fit teaching in busy schedules. You team up with another person so that neither of you has to commit to teaching every week. You create a schedule together that works for you. Some teach every other week. Some teach every two weeks. Some teach every other month. Some have pretty random schedules based on what works for both teachers. We also like to have a list of substitutes available for teachers to call when neither of the teachers for a class are available.

Click on our Sign-Up Genius to see what we still need and choose your spot: <https://tinyurl.com/49t5tkw4>

It looks like our Preschool and PreK classes have grown, so we're asking for some additional volunteers in those areas.

Here are some dates to get your calendar going for fall here at church:

- Community Block Party- September 10 after church
- First day of Sunday School this fall- September 24, 2023
- Start of Midweek- October 4, 2023

Thanks!

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I know I'm a week late (I was on vacation last week), but I want to take space in my article this week to say a huge thank you to so many people who helped make VBS a truly inspiring success.

First of all, Heather DeWit does a tremendous job of planning, organizing, and making sure that all potential contingencies have a plan of action. It is a monumental task to prep for over 200 children and over 40 volunteers. Heather does that extremely well. Thank you, Heather, for all you do to make VBS a meaningful God-experience for kids AND adults!

For the band - Pastor Clyde on electric guitar, Kyle Wigg on drums, and Dalton Coffey on bass, HUGE thanks to you guys! The fact that you play every night leaves me with the flexibility to be in front with the kids singing and dancing in a way that gives me freedom to make needed worship decisions "on the fly." I don't know too many other churches who have an entire live BAND for VBS. We are truly blessed that you guys gave of your time and talents to make this work. Thank you!

For the volunteers – whether you decorated, taught, wrangled, gamed, crafted, cleaned up, tore down, unwrapped, wrapped, registered, welcomed, greeted, or did any of the other numerous tasks required to run VBS, thank you from the bottom of my heart. As Pastor Clyde said on Sunday, you ALL MATTER. Every single job is of great importance when it comes to the Kingdom. Thank you for being willing to help!

And lastly, for all you KIDS – thank you so much for singing the way you did, for worshipping with gusto, for cheering on the present openings and snow making, for your generosity with the offering, and for making this year's VBS absolutely one of the best EVER! We literally couldn't do VBS without you. So, from FeLIZ Navidad's heart to yours, thank you!

Next week, I'll share a few more recommendations for books that I've been reading over the summer. And I'm already at work for adult Mid-Week classes as well as the WD40 and DMV discipleship groups. Fall will be here before we know it!

Enjoy the beautiful weather this week, friends!

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