



THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 10, 2022

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

August- Feeding South Dakota's Backpack Program

This program provides at-risk children with nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods during weekends and holidays when school is not in session.

YOU
BELONG
HERE

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We got a little rain, didn't we? That was something! It made such a difference and then the early part of the week was so much cooler. That has brought smiles to faces. I know not every place got as much rain as we did, but it was a large area of rain and for that we are grateful. I noticed a bit of fall in the air this week. Did you all notice that? It is coming, but I think we have plenty of summer left. That's my prediction. The school next door was having some meetings this week so the season is changing for sure. Enjoy the time folks because time is always moving forward just like we talked on Sunday.

We are doing some planning for fall things as I have mentioned before. There is always a seeking for new ideas and thoughts. We are always wanting to bring something to you that will be inspiring and uplifting. Life is complicated and our spiritual lives need attention. That is what our calling is here...fill up those hearts with God. Resetting our lives is a place that the church can do a work that is beneficial. That's what we are focused on. As I have mentioned many times this summer, we have lots of neighbors moving in around us and I am wanting to be very intentional about how to reach out to them and let them know we are here. Then, when they come, what is here for them? How do we best do that ministry to a new friend? What are they seeking? Do they know much of what churches are about? Why might they stop in? Lots of good questions for churches to consider. It is a growing part of the city out here...we have a Savior that could really bring a good thing into those lives. Yes, we do!

Liz has been coordinating adult classes for MidWeek. There are going to be some good ones and lots of variety. I won't get into all the details in my article this week, but I am really liking where this is going. I believe we will have some very good things for you to dig into this fall. I know kids and youth and all those things are being thought through with some deep reflection. It is time to gather families and bring some good relational time and great learning together. We pray that God will be present, and that ministry becomes a valuable part of your week. Midweek doesn't start till October, but we are already working on it. You are worth our time and effort. We'll stay in touch as things continue to come together.

Sunday's message: We Are More Than Conquers". I have done this text several times over the years, but never in the context of how we have done Romans 8 this time. Paul will end this chapter with some answers to the question of what things separate us from God. Now, Paul will say very strongly that nothing can do that, but we know there are things that can shake our confidence. We worked on some of that in last week's message. There are plenty of things that are "against us", but those things cannot separate us...that is a different matter. We might get distracted, but God is not. His focus is laser-like. Therefore, we are not just folks who find a way to put up with the world or find tools to that simply drag us through things...we are people who are living in the power of the Spirit. We are more than over-comers...more that conquerors. There is another level. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Around the office, things are really starting to pick up momentum for our fall ministries and activities. I think it might be easiest for me to share some information about what's coming up at Community.

Women: The WD<40> group (Women's Discipleship) has expanded to include women of ALL AGES, and we have also shifted our meeting time to evenings to include working women who can't leave their jobs in the middle of the day. Our first gathering for this new group will be Wednesday, September 7 from 7:00-8:00pm. Following that initial gathering, we'll be meeting the first Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00pm. Again, every woman is welcome! If you have any questions, please contact me.

Men: The DMV group will have its first meeting on Monday, September 12 from 7:00-8:00pm at church. This is a men's discipleship group that is open to men of all ages, and it will be led by John Blok. The monthly meetings will always be held on the second Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00pm. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Pastor John will be hosting his "The Wired Word" study on Monday nights this fall. His first class will be starting on September 19 and will run from 7:00-8:00pm. This is open to any interested adults. If you have any questions, you can contact John.

I'm very excited to announce that we'll have at least 4 adult class options for Mid-Week this year! More information about those classes will be available at Ministry Sunday on September 11, and I'll be highlighting a class in my article every week until then too. This week, I want to highlight FPU, Financial Peace University. One of our young couples from church, Reid and Dana Goeman, will be leading this class. If you're interested in learning about how to manage your money and reduce debt from a Biblical standpoint, then I encourage you to check out this class. This is our only Mid-Week class that has a fee for materials, and that fee is \$129.00. However, Community wants to make sure that the fee isn't prohibitive for anyone. If the cost is a bit too much for you, please contact me, and we'll get you a scholarship! You can read more about FPU and register for Reid and Dana's class at ramseysolutions.com. Select the "Find a Class" option and search for Community Reformed Church. As always, if you have questions, please ask me!

And lastly this week, I'm happy to report that I had a really nice time at my high school reunion. About half of my graduating class was able to come, and it was good to catch up with them, some of whom I hadn't seen since graduation day, 30 years ago! Every time I head back to my hometown of Burke, SD, I have a renewed and deeper appreciation for the way I got to grow up. It was one of those small towns where everyone knew everyone else, the whistle rang at lunchtime and suppertime, and it was safe. Kids could ride their bikes and walk anywhere around town without fear of misfortune. I'm very thankful for that time in my life and for days (like last weekend) where I could intentionally take time to appreciate those years of my life.

Have a great week!

Liz

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KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

I have been sharing our need for Sunday School teachers for a few weeks and we thought it might be helpful to describe what teaching Sunday School at Community looks like!

Sunday School starts at 10am. Each class has 2 teachers (and some classes have helpers as well.) The teachers take turns teaching so that no one has to commit to every week. Some teams rotate every other week, some every other month, and some just work together to pick weeks that work for them. It is up to you! We usually have some teachers with experience and many with little or no teaching experience.

We try to make the Sunday School lesson easy for you to teach, so you can focus on building connections with the kids and learning about the Bible together. I put the supplies in a bag and folder, labeled with the date for the lesson, in your classroom so you can come in, check it out, and get right to it! There is a binder in the room with all of the lessons and a copy for each of the teachers to take home.

For the preschool age kids, a lesson is usually a short puppet skit, a Bible story, prayer, and a little craft. For the Elementary kids, there is a Bible lesson, discussion, hands on activity and prayer time.

Some of the "perks" Sunday School teachers have shared with us are:

- Sunday School teachers learn along with the kids.
- Meeting great kids and families is a great perk!
- Sunday School teachers are "prayed up" by some special people in our church.
- A guaranteed 40 minutes to connect with others from church, spend time in God's word, pray, and learn.
- Who doesn't want to have kids wave at them at church?
- This is a low stress way to positively impact the faith journey of other people, and yourself.

Here is what we're still looking for:

- 3 and 4 year old preschool- 2 more helpers
- PreK- 2 teachers and 1 helper
- Kindergarten- 1 more teacher
- 2nd grade- 1 more teacher
- 3rd grade- 1 more teacher
- 4th grade- 1 more teacher
- Substitute teachers

For Midweek, we'll need some "Midweek Grown Ups" to learn and have fun with us.

If you are willing to help, please email me or use our SignUpGenius link. [Bit.ly/3P56f2T](https://bit.ly/3P56f2T) or contact me.

First day of Sunday School this fall, September 25, 2022

Thanks!

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FALL

IT'S THE PERFECT
TIME TO JUMP IN!

KICKOFF KICKOFF KICKOFF KICKOFF

Mark your calendar for these fall groups/events!

WD<40>

(Women Discipleship Group
under 40 or over 40 ☺)
Wednesday, Sept. 7 @ 7:00pm

High School Youth Group

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 7

Kickoff Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 11th from 11:45am-2pm
Join us for a catered meal & inflatables!

Adult Baptism

We're excited to hold our adult baptism
celebration on Sunday, Sept. 18th at 4:00pm. If
you'd like to sign up for baptism, please email Holli
at connect@communityrc.org.

DMV- Men's Discipleship Group

Starting Date: Monday, Sept. 12
7:00-8:00pm
Led by John Blok

The Wired Word

Monday nights from 7:00-8:00pm
Bible Study led by Pastor John Thornton

Fall Fling

Fundraiser for H.S. Youth Group
Wednesday, Sept. 21
6:00pm

Sunday School Starts

Sunday, Sept. 25th @ 10:00am
3 year olds- adult

THIS WEEK

Thursday, August 11
7:00pm- Elders Meet
8:00pm- Consistory

Saturday, August 13
7:00am- Prayer Ministry
10:00am- AA Meeting

Sunday, August 14
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM-
Sunday Services

Tuesday, August 16
9:30-10:30am- Play Group
7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, August 17
9:00am- Book Club (Bagel
Boy on MN Ave.)

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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,
Sept. 12 at noon at the East 10th
Pizza Ranch. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet Wed, Aug.
17th at 9:00am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.
They will be discussing Redeeming Love by
Rivers.

The evening book club will meet on Tues, Aug.
16 at 7:00pm at church. They will be discussing
Delusion by Gallier.

THE LINK WELCOME TEAM

INTERESTED IN BEING THE SMILE
BEHIND THE LINK WELCOME DESK
THIS FALL?

EMAIL HOLLI AT CONNECT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG

early childhood weekday **PLAY GROUP** *free, all are welcome*

TUESDAYS
9:30-10:30AM

Questions?

Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org
or 605-336-1475

THE GIVE

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



Union Gospel Mission:
Deodorant

LSS:
New or gently used board games

St. Francis House:
Belts & crew socks for men & women

East River Foster Parent Network:
Lotion, baby lotion, infant socks

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Seth Halling (surgery recovery)
- John & Marcia's granddaughter (auto immune disease)
- Jean Nollman (upcoming surgery)
- Marcia Thornton (sinus surgery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Carolyn Odens (back surgery)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (cancer)
- Tami Boyle's dad (pancreatic/liver cancer)
- Joan Schouten (surgery recovery)
- Darren Ellwein (rotator cuff surgery recovery)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's brother, Lee (cancer)
- Melanie Oden's uncle, Bruce (cancer)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Brian Frisbee (long-term stroke rehab)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Mazie Boyle
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)

FINANCES

Sunday, August 7, 2022

General: \$10,627
Vision: \$1,855
Missions: \$460

General YTD: \$501,366
Vision YTD: \$43,121
Vision Account Balance: \$33,375

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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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