



# THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

AUGUST 11, 2021

## 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's  
Backpack Program

## CLYDE'S UPDATE

August and that means school is just around the corner. I have been seeing the activity around this area. There is so much more traffic now. That change is very evident now. You must wait at the light sometimes for quite a bit before pulling out on 41st street. What a change! Summer is getting away from us each day. The rain last week was amazing. Back home, they have received none of that and it sure looks dry back there. Dry is always a challenge. What a difference a few raindrops can make...there is a sermon there.

VBS is done. I wrote a long paragraph about all that last week. It was the first time we gathered the children together for an event in over a year. They had so much fun, and it was fantastic to watch them celebrate the themes of VBS. I loved all of it. It was work for Liz and Heather...fun for me. Those two were exhausted after that week. So much of what needs to happen fall on their shoulders. Organization and frankly the energy of the program falls on them on a high level. We had lots of volunteers who do amazing work with our children. It couldn't happen without them. Lots of moving parts that come together for a great experience with our kids. It is a gift, folks! There was some great church happening in this building during those 4 evenings. I am so fortunate to be a part of that. Thanks everyone.

I have been doing some planning this week for my retreat coming up at the end of this month. I have a pretty good theme going, but I would ask our prayer warriors to lift this all up in prayer that I might bring the right message to these friends. I can only speak with words, but God is strong, and I am sure He will be there, then the words will touch lives. I am very confident that He will do great things there.

I did get back home for my class reunion. I enjoyed that very much. It was good to connect from people in the past. I have seen many of them on and off because they live right in Burke, and I might bump into them when I am back there. Some of them, I had not seen many years, so it was good to catch up on life. Where do those years go? One at a time they go by. It gives you pause to realize how quickly it all gets away from us. Cherish the moments folks, because they are like a vapor.

The church board meets this week. We are looking into several new ideas. Nothing earthshaking, but it is always good to stay focused. I enjoy those meetings because they become celebrations of good things going on. I like that! Go, God, Go!

Activities are being planned! A Block Party and a School Prayer Night. Check out the newsletter for more information. We are about to get back into things at full speed. I hope that all goes well...COVID is still bumping us around. Ugh! Opinions and thoughts show up right with it. It's all so interesting.

Sunday, we will be doing the cross story. Jesus is going to be arrested and then walked up that lonely hill to calvary. God is not an Idol...we will certainly have a new perspective on that phrase after Sunday's message. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!





Join us,  
August 22, 2021, 6:30 – 7:30 pm,  
in prayer for all students and for our neighborhood  
schools, as they start their first year.

Our goal is to support our new neighbors and be Jesus feet  
and hands to them. We will meet at Community to  
simultaneously pray in the chapel or do a prayer walk at each  
school. You will not be required to pray out loud nor to walk.  
If you can't come, we ask that you pray at home for them.



It's our annual block party and your not going to want  
to miss this! We've got a catered meal for everyone  
and inflatables & water balloons for the kids (or the  
kids at heart)!  
Sunday, Aug. 29th  
Noon- 2:00pm  
FREE!



Please donate cash and gift cards that will be given to  
our neighbors at Inspiration Elementary and Ben Reifel  
Middle School to provide school supplies.  
Suggested gift cards: Target, Walmart, Amazon. Drop  
the cash/gift cards in the buckets in the lobby.  
<https://amzn.to/2WRhh5l>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14:

7:00AM-PRAYER MINISTRY (CHAPEL)  
10:00AM- AA MEETING

### SUNDAY, AUG 15:

8:00AM, 9:00AM & 10:45AM-  
IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES  
10:10AM- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### TUESDAY, AUG 17:

7:00PM- AA MEETING  
7:00PM- BOOK CLUB

### WEDNESDAY, AUG 18:

9:00AM- BOOK CLUB

## UPCOMING MINISTRIES

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens meet every 2nd Monday of  
the month at Noon at the East 10th Pizza  
Ranch. Next date: Sept 13. If you have  
questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-  
275-0030.

### BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet on  
Tuesday, Aug. 17th, 7pm at church. The book  
we will be discussing is "Everything I Never  
Told You".

The morning book club will meet on Wed.  
Aug. 18th, 9am at church. The book we will  
be discussing is "As Bright As Heaven".

### BAPTISMS

We'll be doing private baptisms after the  
10:45am service. If you'd like to request  
baptism, please email the church office at  
[connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org).

### AA BIG BOOK MEETING

Every Tues. at 7pm at Community- Open  
meeting. Use east door. AA meeting via  
Zoom or in person at the church on Saturday  
mornings at 10am. Please contact Tom  
Jacobs ([tjstonegate@gmail.com](mailto:tjstonegate@gmail.com)) for meeting  
access.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:10am in the Chapel  
You can pick up a Sunday School Guide in  
the office. The Sunday School Guide is also  
available online (this might involve a  
subscription fee) at  
<https://www.guidemeonline.com/>



LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

VBS was another huge success at church! I'm tired, but I'm so thankful for the ways God moved during the week. I think I've had more positive feedback this year than from any other year. Parents just keep emailing and messaging me about how much fun their kids had, and how much they learned about Jesus. That's truly God at work. Thank you, Community, for all the support and prayers during the week!

We are getting ever closer to our fall schedule and to being able to start up our fall ministries again! Here is a bit of information to get you thinking about just a few of your options this fall.

## **Sunday, September 12 This is Community Sunday**

This is a day where we will offer people the chance to request information on nearly every ministry and opportunity we have at Community! Holli is working on info request cards that will be available on each chair before worship, and every person can fill out the card and request to be contacted with more information about specific ministries and opportunities s/he might be interested in. Holli is tackling this Sunday a bit differently than in years past, and I think it will be a better way for people to literally connect with one another.

## **Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:00-8:00pm Enneagram Workshop**

I'll be hosting a free workshop for any adults who are interested in learning more about what the enneagram is, how to use it effectively in a Christian setting, and I'll even address some misconceptions and misuses of this tool as well. An RSVP to me is appreciated but not necessary.

## **Sunday, October 3, 4:00-5:30pm Choir Rehearsal**

This will be our opening choir rehearsal for our Christmas Concerts! We rehearse every Sunday from 4:00-5:30pm, and we do offer child care during this time. Our concerts will be at the 9:00 and 10:45 services on December 5th. If you are interested in singing with our church choir, please join us!

## **Wednesday, October 6, Mid-Week begins**

This is the absolute best way to connect with and meet people from Community! We always begin each evening with a meal. This year, the meal will be served from 5:30-6:30pm. The classes/lessons for everyone, children through adults, will run from 6:30-7:30pm. You'll notice we've adjusted the time a bit this year. And we are hoping the change particularly helps kids get home a bit earlier in the evening as compared to past years. There are many different ways to be a part of Mid-Week. You can serve in the kitchen, in the nursery, by teaching children, or you can be a part of an adult class. There will be much more detailed information available as we get closer to that time.

As you can see, it's starting to get pretty exciting around here! We are ready to see you back at church for these great ministries!

I think that's it for me this week.

See you Sunday!

Liz



# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE



## Vacation Bible School at Community We had so much fun!



Jesus  
is good  
for our  
heart



3 in 1  
1 in 3



Jesus  
makes us  
whole





DOYLES'S UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Summer is winding down here at Community and I returned last Wednesday from the final week away for the summer. There was so much going on, and all our weeks together for middle and high school youth were so great. It sure is nice to be home for good now though! A huge shout out to my wife Abby Burnside for taking care of the boys while I was gone with the youth. Those trips couldn't happen without her!

This last trip was Rocky Mountain High. After 18 months since it was canceled in 2020, we were able to make our way to Colorado as a group and it was so great. While we had a lot of fun, and students had some great memories made from their Rec plus options of white water rafting and hiking. One thing I loved about the trip is that the worship music and speakers were a highlight of the week. The theme of the week was on the identity of Jesus, and how His identity impacts our identity as well. Both of the speakers were so great, which allowed our group to have some awesome discussion during our youth group times each day. As we come back from the mountains, I am praying that the "mountain top experience" (which was literally in the mountains!) continues to impact and speak into the lives of students and leaders who were able to come along.

As we get ready for fall, both middle school and high school youth groups are done meeting for the summer. Our high school group will start back up in September and our middle school group will start up with the rest of midweek in October. Then, Sunday School starts back up this year in person as well on Sunday, September 19th! I am looking forward to a month of planning and getting ready to being back this fall!

If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime!

Doyle Burnside

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Darla Anderson's daughter, Emma (elbow surgery)

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Robyn Jacobs' dad, Rick (Leukemia)
- Bert Roetman (hip)
- Bert Roetman's son, Loren (stroke)
- Jerry Ackerman (ablation)
- Connie Parmley (broken leg)
- Harriett Valentine's grandson's wife, Amy
- Jim Fisher's brother, Dan
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Jan Kruen
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Brian Frisbee (stroke recovery/ long-term rehab)
- Mitch Jensen
- Jodie Jensen (new cancer treatments)
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

## THANK YOU

"Thank you to everyone who sent cards and anniversary wishes for our 50th Anniversary. It has been enjoyable to receive the cards and hear from many of you. We had a great celebration day with our children and grandchildren. We are very thankful to God for His faithfulness to us throughout our years of our marriage. To Him be the glory." Irwin and Helen

## FINANCES

Sunday, August 8, 2021

General: \$14,465  
Vision: \$600  
Missions: \$1,100  
Faith Ave: \$100  
VBS: \$4,068

General YTD: \$500,493  
Vision YTD: \$61,960  
Vision Account Balance: \$187,476



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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'll be doing private baptism  
after the 10:45am service through  
the summer.**

**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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