



# THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 17, 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 move into the final week of our summer series from the 8th chapter of Romans. It has been a good study. Thanks to everyone who has shared some of the things you have learned and the gains you have found through this time we have spent together. I love hearing from each of you on these things. Our lives need a dose or two of thoughts and challenges that keep us on track and allow us time to consider what God is doing in our lives and in the world. It is very easy to be caught up in the latest news stories and forget to spend time nurturing our spiritual lives. It is one of the reasons churches exist. Churches are places that feed this need in our lives. It matters at so many levels that we do our best to insure this happens. God is ever present and always at work in your life. The more you notice, the more you will notice. Read that sentence again. God is not silent, and God is always up to something for us. Don't let the world win. Live like a believer!

One of the new things I am going to do starting in September is a 30-day prayer devotional centered around what God would have us do to reach out to our ever-growing community of friends at this location. Things have changed so much in the last two years, and that continues to change every week. We have lots of new neighbors and many more are coming. I always knew this was going to happen, but I have truly been overwhelmed with just how many it is going to be. The number of apartment complexes within a half-mile of our church is just amazing. There are new houses being built it seems like every day. If you haven't been back to the north of church in a while, drive up Faith Avenue some Sunday after church and look. It will get your attention. So, I am thinking we need to be very intentional about how we join this growing neighborhood. What needs do they have? Who are they? How can we reach out and help them become a community with each other and at the same time make connections with them? It is a challenge, but one I think will be something that we can all get behind and find to be empowering for all of us. We will start by praying for all of them and our part in their lives. Faith Avenue! It's time!

Liz mentioned we need adults in spaces with children. It was a way for us to ask for teachers for the fall, but try to open our thinking as to what those teachers really do. Yes, it is about doing the lesson, but the lesson is only a tool we use to make connections and build relationships with our kids. Sunday school time is for that reason. We adults are often in that first-line of Jesus in a child's life along with their family. We are seeking adults who bring Christ into the room. We are a part of building disciples...it is everyone's calling. It is in the Bible. It is called the great commission! Pray that up in your God time in the coming weeks. God will speak. He always does!

Sunday we will do the very last verses in Romans 8. Once again, Paul brings the love of God into the final words of this amazing text. Our focus on Sunday is in the phrase "I am convinced!" Paul was absolutely certain Jesus loved him! He was convinced! Faith with conviction comes from a heart that has been completely convinced that God's love has saved us and sustains us. Ok, I'm getting ahead of myself. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

As I mentioned in my article last week, we have several adult education options for this fall at Community, and for the next several weeks, I'll take time to highlight one of the options. This week, I want to highlight Pastor's John's classes.

If you're looking for an Adult Sunday School group, Pastor John leads discussions using the Sunday School Guide every Sunday morning from 10:10 to 11:00. They meet in the overflow of the chapel, and every adult is welcome. Starting on September 19, John will be leading a study on Monday evenings called The Wired Word. This class runs from 7:00-8:00pm and covers a variety of topics regarding our culture, current events, and how Scripture speaks to these things. Again, this is open to any interested adults. And lastly, when Mid-Week gets rolling, October 5, John will be leading a class on the book of Revelation. This will be a video class with discussions that will look at many of the common interpretations of the book of Revelation as well as history and culture surrounding the writing.

Our FPU, Financial Peace University, class will be led by Reid and Dana Goeman. This is our only Mid-Week class that has a fee for materials, and that fee is \$129.00 with scholarships available. You can read more about FPU and register for Reid and Dana's class at [ramseysolutions.com](http://ramseysolutions.com). Select the "Find a Class" option and search for Community Reformed Church.

Over the next couple of weeks, I'll be sharing more about Pastor Clyde's Mid-Week class as well as the class I'll be teaching. Stay tuned!

As a reminder for men and women who are interested in groups:

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!

And finally, I'm starting to look ahead to planning our Christmas choir music! At this point, we are looking at rehearsals on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00pm with the first rehearsal falling on October 9. I invite all you singers to keep that in mind. ☺

Have a great week, everyone!

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# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

We still need more Sunday Grown-Ups!

Spend 40 minutes with awesome kids every other Sunday morning and I promise, you will grow while you help the kids grow!

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.

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.

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](mailto: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

## Sunday School Starts

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

## THIS WEEK

**Saturday, August 20**  
7:00am- Prayer Ministry  
10:00am- AA Meeting

**Sunday, August 21**  
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM-  
Sunday Services

**Tuesday, August 23**  
9:30-10:30am- Play 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](mailto: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!



DOYLES' UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Summer months are winding down and school will be starting before we know it. Usually I feel like summer flies by, but this year has been the opposite in that regard. I am ready for the fall to start and even have all my series planned out for the school year. That is not normal either! It is really nice as it has allowed me to spend some more time with my wife and boys here in August.

While I have been able to recharge, we have also been able to reevaluate the fundraiser for the youth ministry. After looking at where we are, we continue to be well supported as a youth ministry. With that in mind, I want to take a moment and say thank you Community. Thank you for caring for, giving to and loving the youth here! Stay tuned for further updates about a spring fundraiser.

As we get ready for fall I wanted to send out a few start dates to get youth excited to start up. First, Wednesday, September 7th is the start date for high school youth group. Sunday, September 25th is the start of Sunday school. And October 5th is the start for middle school youth group. While I don't want to rush to get there, I am looking forward to it!

Enjoy the final weeks of no school! If you have any questions regarding the youth ministry here at Community feel free to reach out anytime.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Irwin Van Leeuwen (high blood pressure)
- Jean Nollman (upcoming surgery)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Seth Halling (surgery recovery)
- John & Marcia's granddaughter (auto immune disease)
- Marcia Thornton (sinus surgery)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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 14, 2022

General: \$13,108  
Vision: \$950  
Missions: \$225

General YTD: \$530,103  
Vision YTD: \$46,061  
Vision Account Balance: \$36,315



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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](mailto: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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