



THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 31, 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

THE BANQUET

The Banquet is a volunteer-based ministry, which means meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups.

COMMUNITY SERVES AT THE BANQUET ON WED. SEPT. 21

Sign up at The Link or
by emailing
connect@communityrc.org

YOU
BELONG
HERE

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

It is September. My thoughts this week have been on many of church friends who are going through some rough places in their lives right now. Those who are still recovering from deep loss and those who are battling cancers and deep emotional/spiritual pain. The world is broken, and it is always there before us. God will be near because God is that way. I pray our folks in those places will experience that truth. It is so comforting and empowering to get through the next hours, days, weeks and yes, even years. My thoughts are on the fall and the new series, which I am still working on. I am really wanting to do something that will enhance the calling I am feeling for our presence on this street we call Faith. It is not that we haven't done well up to this point, but I do believe so much has changed here and that has brought a new sense of purpose and calling for what we can all do for the sake of others and the great work of the Kingdom. First, we build our own faith walk. There is always room for that. Then we consider others who are also seeking that. (They may not even be aware of such a need.) Finally, we set an intentional strategy to bring "The Word" to them. I'll still working on it, but it is starting to take shape.

Starting soon, I am writing a new 30 days of prayer devotional for our fall plans and programs. I want to use that time for the church to come together and pray as one. Praying that God will unify the focus and direction of this place for the sake of the Kingdom. In practice, that means growing us deeper in Jesus and setting a course for others around us to encounter the same. It is keeping my mind busy for sure, but it has been an amazing way of getting my heart in the right place for our church family. I can't do it alone, and I know I have lots of you who will be diligent in your prayer time. There is power in the unity of prayer in the Kingdom. Those daily thoughts will be online and go through the church app as they were this past spring. That seemed to work very well.

With fall being here, that also means that school is back in session once again. The activity out here as picked up again. I know that many of you with children and yes, grandchildren will be busy running here and there for all kinds of activities. It does keep our families busy. I loved those first days of school in the fall as a teacher. It was a time to get the kids excited about what was going to be happening and try to instill in them how great it was going to be. There are times I miss it a bit. However, this week the students came over to the church for their evacuation practice. All of them! All 1010 of them! And staff! All in our building! They fit! I liked it...quite a thing to witness. We are being good neighbors.

Sunday's message is my second "freebie". This week I am going to move into the New Testament and the story of the women at the well. For many of you this is a story you know all too well. My direction this week will focus on the way Jesus is reflecting the "God of redemption" in this fascinating encounter in the middle of the day. A woman has gone there to draw water. Jesus is there to quench her thirst. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Before I dive into my weekly highlight of upcoming Mid-Week classes, there are a couple of other unique opportunities at Community, which I'd like to share with you.

First of all, the first WD <40> meeting of the fall is happening next week! On Wednesday, September 7th from 7:00-8:00pm, women of all ages are invited to join us in the fellowship hall at church for a night of conversation and learning! I'm so excited to get everyone back together and to get this group rolling again after our summer break. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Secondly, we need some help to clean and prep the kitchen for our upcoming Mid-Week programs. If you would be willing to help do some light cleaning in the kitchen, please contact me. On Saturday October 1, from 9:00am-noon, Janet Bartscher will be in the kitchen cleaning out and wiping down the cabinets and drawers in the kitchen, as well as going through the pantry and other storage spaces. If you'd be willing to lend your hands to help, please contact me. We don't need a huge group, but we do need more than one. 😊

And speaking of Mid-Week, here's an interesting opportunity: we are looking for someone who might be interested in adding a new meal to our rotation. If this sounds like something you would like to try, please contact me and we can talk about what would be needed to make this a Mid-Week meal. The other great thing about this opportunity is that you would have the opportunity to try it once or twice before it would get added to the official rotation.

And now onto the weekly highlight of upcoming Mid-Week classes!

This week, I'll highlight my class on Heaven. People always seem to have many questions about Heaven. Will we know each other? What will we do? Will our pets be in Heaven? Etc. My fall class will cover all of these questions as well as any other specific questions you might have. We are also going to talk about how close Heaven is to us! It's closer than you think. 😊 We'll get started on Wednesday, October 5th from 6:30-7:30pm, and we'll meet every Wednesday through the first week of December. If you have other questions about my class, feel free to contact me.

And once again, here is the list of available adult learning opportunities at Community.

Adult Sunday School (Pastor John) - Sunday School Guide
Sunday mornings, 10:10 – 11:00am in the chapel overflow
Meeting currently

WD <40> Women's Discipleship for women of all ages (Liz Teel)
1st Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00pm
First meeting will be September 7 (note it is a Wednesday)

DMV – Discipleship: Men's Version (John Blok)
2nd Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00pm
First meeting will be September 12

The Parent Connection (Shawn and Lori Blom)
Sunday mornings, 10:10 – 10:40am in the chapel
Starts September 25

The Wired Word (Pastor John)
Monday evenings, 7:00-8:00pm
Starts on September 19

Revelation (Pastor John)
Mid-Week 6:30-7:30pm
Starts October 5

Heaven (Liz)
Mid-Week 6:30-7:30pm
Starts October 5

Financial Peace University (Reid and Dana Goeman)
Mid-Week 6:30-7:30pm
Starts October 5

Evangelism and Secular Culture (Pastor Clyde)
Mid-Week 6:30-7:30
Starts October 5

Have a great week, everyone!

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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
6:30-8:30pm
Meal, connect, learn

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
Starts Sept. 19

Serving at The Banquet

Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 5:00-8:00pm
Sign up at The Link or by emailing
connect@communityrc.org

Sunday School Starts

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

THIS WEEK

Saturday, September 3
7:00am- Prayer Ministry
10:00am- AA Meeting

Sunday, September 4
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM-
Sunday Services

Monday, September 5
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, August 30
9:30-10:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, September 7
6:30-8:30pm-H.S. Youth
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)
for meeting access.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday,
Sept. 12 at noon at the East 10th
Pizza Ranch. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet Wed, Sept.
21st at 9:00am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.
They will be discussing Delusion by Gallier.

The evening book club will meet on Tues, Sept.
20 at 7:00pm at church. They will be discussing
Prairie Fires.



DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

School has started and we are drawing close to the start of youth group for the fall as well! Our high school youth groups starts back up this next Wednesday, September 7th. We will meet from 6:30-8:30 Wednesday nights in September with a meal/connection time going from 6:30-7:30 and our structured lessons going from 7:30-8:30. We start like many years in the past with a series on the Gospel. This year, I have decided to add some old sayings to our series to give students a phrase to help remember the lessons throughout the month. This month, the high school will be going through "No Such Thing As A Free Lunch". As we dive into the good news of Jesus and hear how this is a gift given to us from God, we also see how it came with a high price paid by Jesus. Why would he lay down his life for us? Why would he give up all he had so that we could be given this gift? I look forward to exploring these questions as we get into this September and carry on throughout the fall.

Along with youth group starting back up, we will also be starting up our monthly events here in September. For the month of September I am bringing back an event from a few years ago – real life board games. I love board games, students love games that bring us throughout the church. In September we will be bringing the two together as we rework a few oldies and turn them into large group games. There will be some mixed rules from games like Sorry, Trouble and Candyland along with a few others. So middle and high school students, mark your calendars for Sunday, September 25th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Lastly, I have been looking through our Profession of Faith Material this month and realize that it has been a few years since we have held an informational meeting to lay out the process here at Community. I am working on a few additional opportunities students can have as they think about their own faith professions. I will be putting together a time to hold an informational meeting in October as well for anyone interested in learning more about that here at Community. Once I finish going through everything, I will get that meeting on the calendar. If you have any questions about the profession of faith process ahead of time, please feel free to reach out.

That's it for this week. I hope the transition back to the school schedule has gone or can begin to be a good one.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer)
- Jean Nollman (surgery recovery)
- Joe Johnson

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (cancer)
- Tami Boyle's dad (pancreatic/liver 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)
- 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)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)

FINANCES

Sunday, August 28, 2022

General: \$8,534
Vision: \$2,855
Missions: \$999

General YTD: \$557,514
Vision YTD: \$50,146
Vision Account Balance: \$33,007



KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

HHi Everyone,

Now that most of the Community kids have started school for the year, I wanted to get the calendar for this year in front of you.

One more Teacher for each of the following grades:

- PreK
- Kindergarten
- 2nd Grade
- 4th Grade

Helpers:

- One more Helper for 3 and 4 year old preschool.
- 1 more Helper for pre-K

Leader:

- Song leader for preschool (you could probably be the song leader AND a teacher or helper in one of the preschool classes if you wanted to, since the little kids go from singing to the classroom.)

For Midweek, we'll need some "Midweek Grown Ups" to learn and have fun with us each week. You can come every Wednesday or choose the ones that work for you.

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

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

Thanks!

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2022-2023 Calendar

COMMUNITY KIDS

9/11/22 "This is Community" Sunday & Block Party

9/25/22 Sunday School begins at 10am

10/5/22 Midweek Begins

11/23-27/22 No Midweek or Sunday School

12/4/22 Kids Christmas Program 4pm

12/14/22- 1/1/23 No Midweek or Sunday School

3/29/23 Pizza and Praise-Midweek

5/7/23 Last day of Sunday School

7/24-27/23 Vacation Bible School



Learn more at: 605.church/children

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NURSERY

Looking forward to another great month in the nursery! Kids ages infant through 5 years old welcome! Want to help out in the nursery...sign up at this link 605.church/nurseryvolunteers



PLAY GROUP

Parents/ Grandparents/ Caregivers and Kids younger than Kindergarten age will join together for open play time in the Community Nursery as they enjoy time together.

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

CONSISTORY NOTES

AUG 11, 2022

Attendance: Pastor Clyde, Shawn, Robyn, Russ, Lyle, Grant, Ross, Steve, Stan, Corey, Mark, Tanner, Tom Bosch, Mary, and Joel

Devotions Mark 6: 45 - Mark

Opening with Prayer Mark

MSA the minutes from July 14th

MSA of the financial reports for July given by Corey.

Old Business

·RCA transition things

New Business

Reports – Liz, and Heather were reviewed.

- Care Teams have been established
- Task Forces were assigned to consistory members
- Going Forward – Handbook (Orange Book) – Will be established over the next months.
- Going Forward – New 501C3 needs to be filed (Shawn will look into this)
- Going Forward – Medical Insurance and Retirement accounts can stay with the RCA for now, but future options will be reviewed.
- Going Forward – Neighborhood Opportunities – ready set go!!!!
- Banking Options – Plains Commerce is an opportunity 57th at Sycamore – MSA

Pastor Clyde closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Joel Blankers, clerk

Next Meeting September 8th

WELCOME

We welcome these new members
to Community!

Arlen & Evelyn DeZeeuw
Michael & Shanda Hay