



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

AUGUST 4, 2021

PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom video. 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

A nice week thus far. Beautiful mornings! I love that. A little haze, but so nice to stand in the air for a little while each morning. It has been a very full few days at church. A lot of different things going on. Important things. Difficult things for families and wonderful things for families. All in the same set of days. I trust God is working. He always does far more than I can imagine, and I can imagine a lot. Summer continues to move along. Schools are showing signs of activity now. Enjoy life people!

We are in the middle of VBS. It has been a great week for the kids. We have so many volunteers here all doing such wonderful work. You give your time and your energy for the sake of a message that you pray brings life to those little hearts. It is a time to sow seeds and when you are around it for just a moment you can see that happening. They are children. They learn quickly. They are silly at times and then so serious. They giggle at the drop of a hat. They make friends. They sometimes get a little nervous and maybe you see a tear or two. Children in a big room are experiencing something very new for many of them. It is the work of teaching. I did for many years, and I must tell you, I never get tired of seeing what happens when they get together. Oh, I know, there are times you want to just send them home, but then you see a smile or hear them sing...and then you realize that what you are doing is making a difference. We might never know how much of a difference...that is up to God and the child, but it is obvious. Go God Go!

I have a couple more things to do regarding VBS. The first is the amazing decorations. I don't know who all the creators were, but I know Heather basically had a meeting and told people what we sort of needed and then turned them loose. The result is what you all saw on Sunday morning and just so you know, by the time we hit Sunday night, there was even more. We could never do anything like this without all those people. I don't know who they all are, but you folks are amazing. Secondly the band. Nick Sittig and Kyle Wigg have been doing this for lots of years...it is not the same without them. Finally, Heather's direction in all of this. It was done very well. Planned out. Organized. Able to be flexible when needed. Adjusting things last minute. Being calm when things are tense. Always joyful. Well done. Wait...one more...Liz. I won't say much, but ask the kids or people involved. I think they can tell you better than I. Go God Go!

Our young people have been doing camps this year as well. Our senior high is at Rocky Mountain High this week with Doyle. That is an event that has been going for a long time and many of you reading this found that to be an important marker in your spiritual life. Camps are special that way. I have met many people who claim a camp experience as a point in time when God became very real. There is something about removing the everyday busy and the familiar routine that makes this happen. We know the value of these programs. It is a lot of work for staff and volunteers, but the rewards are eternal. Go God Go!

This Sunday is Communion Sunday. I am not sure if you do anything in your own devotion time for this, but if you are looking for something to do, I suggest you read the story of the last supper. That is going to be our text for Sunday's message. This moment shows the person of Jesus as he begins to reveal the deep love of the Father for his lost children. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!





You are invited by the Community School Action Team to 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.



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/2WRhh5I>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5:

9:30AM- JOY CIRCLE (BAGEL BOY ON MINNESOTA AVE)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7:

7:00AM-PRAYER MINISTRY
10:00AM- AA MEETING

SUNDAY, AUG 8:

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

TUESDAY, AUG 10:

7:00PM- AA MEETING

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

JOY CIRCLE

Let's reconnect with coffee at Bagel Boy on South Minnesota Ave on Thursday Aug. 5th @ 9:30am. Hope to see you all there!

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 throughout the summer. If you'd like to request baptism, please email the church office at 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) 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

It's VBS week!!!

And what a week it has been!

Of course, I must take time in my article this week to say thank you.

Thank you, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends for driving kids to VBS this week. I know your schedules are often crazy, but when you make room to do extra things like this for your kids, it makes a world of difference. I believe God honors those decisions and blesses them!

Thank you, volunteers for EVERYTHING you have done to make VBS a success. The decorations blew people away! And we simply could not run VBS without the aid of teachers and helpers who bring VBS to life.

Thank you to the worship band! Kyle on drums, Nick on bass, and Pastor Clyde on guitar. We've been playing together for VBS for about 15 years now, and this is a gift I don't take for granted. It is a huge blessing for VBS when we can sing with a live band every night!

Thank you, Heather, for the magnificent job of planning, writing, and coordinating the million different things that need to come together to make a successful VBS week. Community, we are blessed to have Heather on staff. She is exceptional at her job, and if you came to VBS for any amount of time this week, you saw that firsthand. I also want to thank her husband, Jaron, and her daughters, Mickila and Addi Joy who helped every single night. This family has gone above and beyond to support the work their wife and mom feels called to do, and that's no small thing.

And lastly, thank you, Community, for your many encouraging words and for the way you have prayed for VBS. Having the support of the entire church is what paves the way for God to do His big work during the week. And, man, did God do big work! It has been a week full of blessing. Hallelujah!

I think that's it for me this week.

See you Sunday!

Liz



KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

You get a two-part newsletter from me because on a busy week, I'm writing it over the course of two days.

I'm writing the first part from my office on Saturday night. I'm just so in awe at the super team that came to church this afternoon to put up ALL of the decorations for VBS. They were amazing. Their creativity, awesome hearts, smiles and dedication were so fun to see as they put each big piece and detail together to make it look fantastic for the kids. I can't begin to thank those busy people enough for all of the hours they took attending to the details and checking in to see how they can be helpful, even after doing so much. The BEFORE VBS volunteers are absolutely amazing and as I'm writing this paragraph, we haven't even started VBS yet!

I'm writing part two on Monday. As I sit in my office, I'm just overwhelmed by the number of people who did so much to make that first night of VBS a success. My co-workers are pretty amazing. Everyone who works at Community had a positive impact on VBS in some way this year. I can't list all of the ways but they ranged from coming to help decorate, prepping, praying, hanging things on walls, more praying, coordinating and much more. They answered my questions, pondered crazy ideas and made it all happen. I'm guessing you know this by now, but VBS this year is an original theme that Liz and I came up with and created together. Not many children's ministry people have a song writer/ educator co-worker/friend who also graduated from seminary, so you can imagine how fun it is to create together. She is so talented and willing to help!

I am also so thankful for the band who can so skillfully take the songs Liz wrote and bring them to the kids with energy and joy. I love that worship time! They are such a talented and kind group of people. When I was writing the games, lessons and crafts, I imagined what this week would look like and prayed that the right volunteers would come to make it happen and they sure did! As I peeked into each station, I was so thankful for the people who so willingly gave their time, energy and talents to be with the kids this week. Crafts, Bible Lesson, Games, each age group, registration area, photographers, set up, organization, leading and coordinating all take special people and they all were in place! Some of the classes are pretty big this year with over 200 kids in attendance so the fact that all of those volunteers kept smiling is not lost on me! My husband and daughters help me for hours before, during and after VBS doing the "little things" like setting out water bottles, putting out cones, entering registrations, setting out name tags, running sound, doing slides, etc. When those "little things" add up, they are anything but little, and I'm grateful that God gave me a family that loves it here as much as I do. There were also people donating supplies and checking in to see what else we might need as the week goes on. It all means so much!

VBS wouldn't be VBS with awesome kids. I love seeing the kids of Community be "church." I see them caring for one another, worshiping together, learning, growing, trying, laughing and just loving. It is the best part of my job. The parents who bring them each night are a big part of making that happen, both because they make time in the week and because they are raising great humans!

I'll use my article next week to share some photos with you. For now, I've got donuts to set out for VBS tonight! God's mercies are new every morning! God is 3 in 1. Jesus makes us WHOLE! Jesus changes us. Go be bacon!

Talk to you soon!

Heather DeWit

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605-336-1475

SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

8.29.21

Noon-2:00pm

FREE CATERED FOOD & INFLATABLES

FREE SHOES FOR STUDENTS



1,000 students in the Sioux Falls area (Pre-K to 12th grade) will receive a pair of free shoes! Due to COVID, distributions for this year will be done via drive-thru, walk-up, or Door Dash delivery where students will get a "Hope Tote" drawstring book bag that contains their new shoes, socks and other items.

You **MUST** be pre-registered in order to receive shoes. To register for this event, please go to www.samaritansfeet.org/SiouxFalls.

For additional assistance, please contact the Helpline Center by dialing 211.

Since its founding in 2003, Samaritan's Feet has distributed over 8.3 million pairs of shoes in 108 nations and over 450 U.S. cities.

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Robyn Jacobs' dad, Rick (Leukemia)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Bert Roetman's son, Loren (stroke)
- Bill Klein (surgery recovery)
- 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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Erin Weerheim for the passing of her dad. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

FINANCES

Sunday, August 1, 2021

General: \$26,037
Vision: \$4,525
Missions: \$335
Faith Ave: \$1,000

General YTD: \$486,029
Vision YTD: \$61,360
Vision Account Balance: \$186,876

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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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