

# HE CAME TO US

ADVENT SERIES

## THE COMMUNICATOR

DECEMBER 13, 2023

### Weekly Calendar

DEC 13 - DEC 20

**Wednesday, Dec. 13**

No Midweek meal or classes

**Thursday, Dec. 14**

11:30am- Joy Circle @ All Day Cafe

**Saturday, Dec. 16**

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See details page 2 for details

**Sunday, Dec. 17**

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service

No SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Monday, Dec. 18**

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday, Dec. 19**

9:30-11am- Play Group

6:00pm- Hope Circle (Donna's House)

**Wednesday, Dec. 20**

No Midweek meal or classes

### CLYDE'S ARTICLE

December keeps moving along! Each week goes by, and we get a little closer to Christmas. It always seems like the season gets away from us too quickly. This year with the nice weather has really accelerated the time, at least it feels that way to me. I am enjoying the nice days though, and I would not mind at all if that would stay around for a few more weeks. I think most of us would agree with that. Remember last year? Oh my! We can hold off on the winter thing for a few days.

I want to thank the choir members for their fine work on Sunday. You were on your best game on Sunday. You all did such a great job. Liz and I have both commented on the way you all worked so hard to do the little things right. It made a difference. Congratulations Choir! I must apologize to the online folks about the sound on Sunday. That was really my fault. I set up the mics for the choir on a couple of empty channels as I thought that would be easier, but I forgot the check the level of the on-line send on those channels which was set to nearly off. Oops! So, you could hear the piano well, but not the choir. I felt bad about that. I know everyone in the choir wanted to run home and listen, but it was hard to hear. The 10:45 service was a little better, but that was on me. Technology can get us. All that said, the choir in the room sounded wonderful and I hope all our listeners got a little extra Christmas in your heart on that day. Thanks also to all the many folks who helped us tear down at the end. That was amazing. A Great Day!

This week is Christmas at the Cathedral for me. I am singing, once again, with that group along with several other folks from our church. This year's concert is going to be another wonderful program. I do enjoy the challenge of learning new music and the opportunity to share the Christmas story in that place along with so many fine musicians. This year, the message of the program is very powerful. I don't know if there are tickets still available, but I would highly encourage you to take that program in. It is very inspirational friends and the music this year is very powerful.

I hope you are all having a wonderful Christmas season. I know that many of you will be traveling about in the coming days to various Christmas concerts and family happenings. I do hope it brings great joy to all of you and remember to pray the many folks in our church family who are having some difficult moments during this season. The world around us is not always very pleasant and even the first Christmas was not all fun and laughter. God was coming to the world for the lost and He is still in that line of work. We can't get it done; He will come to us.

Doyle is going to fill in for me on Sunday as I have learned to not try to do three morning services and then 2 programs of Cathedral choir in the same day. It's too much and it is a good opportunity for our Youth Pastor to get up in front and bring a good word to you. The following Sunday, I'll be back, and just to remind you, that's Christmas Eve! That's right, the last Sunday of advent is Christmas Eve. We'll talk more in a couple of weeks. Have a great week!

# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13, 20, 27**  
NO MIDWEEK MEAL OR CLASSES

**SUNDAY, DEC. 17, 24, 31**  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**SUNDAY, DEC. 24 @ 9:00 & 10:45AM**  
**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICES**  
BOTH SERVICES LIVE-STREAMED  
9:00AM SERVICE- ASL INTERPRETER  
NURSERY AVAILABLE

FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION  
VISIT [605.CHURCH/EVENTS](http://605.CHURCH/EVENTS)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dalton Coffey (shoulder surgery recovery)
- Darla Moulton's son-in-law, Neil (cancer)
- Jerry Ackerman (carotid surgery 12/15)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Joanne Avery (broken arm)
- Ann Munce (shoulder surgery)
- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic cancer)
- Joyce Tarrell (recovery from car accident)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloot
- Angie Bonnema's dad
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad

## THANK YOU

Thank you very much for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and the memorials given to Midwest Honor flight in memory of my brother Arlyn Boersma. Also a special THANKS to Pastor John for his visits during our 50 days of our difficult journey

Jan Boersma



### Check out the Mission Haiti Sponsor Tree in the lobby!

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This provides education, daily meal, and health basics!

## Joy Circle Women

December 14th @ 11:30am

All Day Cafe at the Western Mall

Let's enjoy lunch together to celebrate Christmas!  
RSVP to Cleone 261-9504 or Char 366-1341 by Dec. 7

## Suppers 6

Our first Suppers 6 groups met in October and we had a wonderful time getting to renew with old friends and make new ones. We are giving you an opportunity to sign up for January or February or both. If you have already signed our original list, you DO NOT need to sign again. A sign up sheet will be available at The Link. Please join us for some fun and fellowship. If you would like to host a dinner, please indicate on the sign up sheet.

For more info:

Cheryl Weerheim- 940-8413

Deb Teunissen- 359-6375

Elaine Deelstra- 351-4202



## FINANCES

Sunday, December 10, 2023

General: \$9,618

Vision: \$305

Missions: \$95

Wednesday Night: \$232

General YTD: \$865,050

Vision YTD: \$75,868

Vision Account Balance: \$30,740

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### FRESH ENCOUNTER

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

LifeLine Children Services

### AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA will be meeting via Zoom on  
Saturdays  
at 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09>

Please contact Tom Jacobs  
(tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday,  
January 8 at noon at the East 10th Pizza  
Ranch. Questions, please call Connie  
Parmley,  
605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

### HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet at 6:00pm on  
December 19th at Donna's house.

### BOOK CLUBS

Book Clubs do not meet in December.

**The evening book club** will meet on  
Tuesday, January 16, at 7 pm at the  
church.  
We will be discussing *Mind of Her Own*.

**The morning book club** will meet on  
Wednesday, January 17, at 9 am at the  
Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.  
We will be discussing *Being Mortal*.



LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

A massive thank you to the choir and to the children who truly gave of themselves in rehearsal as well as at the performances yesterday! Your ensemble sound and the meaningful way you made music was absolutely inspirational. I think this was the best choir concert to date! And thank you to everyone who came to listen and share in that Sunday of worship. It was a blessed day!

Please remember that we are taking a break from both Sunday School and Mid-Week until after the first of the year. Mid-Week resumes January 3, 2024, and Sunday School resumes January 7, 2024.

Of course, don't forget about our special Sunday services on **December 24** at 9:00 and 10:45am. These will be our special **Christmas Eve Communion Services**. Both services will be identical and will include Christmas music by The Teels. 😊 Regular services resume on December 31 at 8:00, 9:00, and 10:45.

And lastly this week, I'll be taking some vacation days this week to participate in Christmas at the Cathedral here in Sioux Falls. This will be my 10th year of participating as the pianist with the orchestra for these concerts. Over the years it has been my distinct honor and pleasure to get to work with some of the finest musicians I've ever met. It's always a challenge musically, and I enjoy that challenge! I've made new friends, and my faith has grown as I've gotten to worship in different settings, with different people, celebrating different traditions. One of the things that always amazes about this experience is how immense God's love is. It never ends, and it's for everyone! As much as I have enjoyed Christmas at the Cathedral, I am feeling like there are some other opportunities I'd like to take advantage of during the holiday season. Consequently, this will likely be my last year of playing for Christmas at the Cathedral. It's been a blessed gift of 10 years, but I'm excited for new possibilities next year. Some of those possibilities involve singers and services right here at Community! Stay tuned! 😊

I hope you all have a wonderful week!

Liz  
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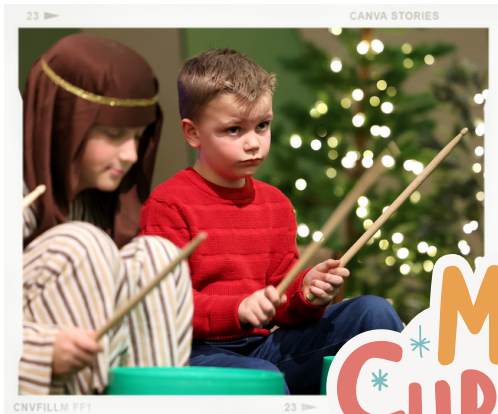


HEATHER'S UPDATE

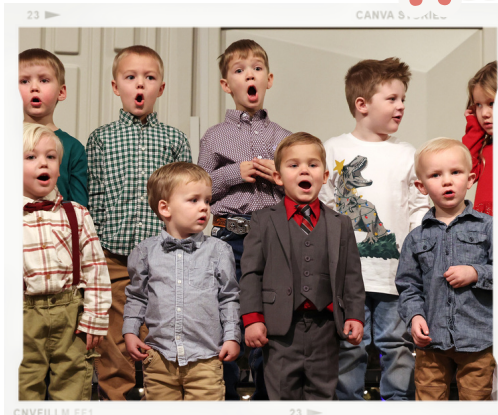
# KID'S MINISTRY



Please enjoy these photos from the Christmas program, taken by Emily Spartz-Weerheim who volunteered her time and shared her talent to catch great photos of the kids in action.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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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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