



THE COMMUNICATOR

FEBRUARY 1, 2023

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

Call To Freedom

Call to Freedom provides supportive services for victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in South Dakota.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

The month of January is in the books, and we are off into February now. This is that short month of the year. It will pass quickly as they all do. Time is an interesting thing. We wait for time to pass and then before we know it, it passes too quickly. It is a reality we all live with. I think it is best to do each day with a deep gratitude for the moments we all have. Each day is a gift, and yes, even those that are below zero!

This is that time of year where the church calendar does slow down a bit, but I know that lots of school calendars are busy. Tournaments and contest are coming up! Those will keep a lot of friends very busy. I remember those days quite well. February was always such a full month on the school calendar. It was always a challenge getting all those things done around whatever the weather of the year was throwing our way. I hope all of this goes well for you who are doing these days in your lives.

Liz made an announcement on Sunday about Bible School coming in July. You can register right now if you want. It is going to be a good one this year. Christmas in July is the theme. They have some very clever ways to make that happen. When it's 90 degrees outside it might not feel like Christmas, but it is going to look like it! Lots of fun ahead!

I want to again thank all our prayer warriors out there for what you do each and every day. Prayer is the one thing we all can do, and it makes a difference. We need those focused partners to keep the Spirit alive in this place. We have talented and skilled people, but that is not enough. We need the power of the Holy Spirit pushing us along. Changing hearts, challenging minds, lifting the fallen, healing the broken, and making this a home where Jesus reigns. Thank you Community!

Sunday, we need to get back together and get Peter back into a good state of mind. We left him feeling pretty low on Sunday. Denying Jesus three times when he said he would never do that, was a tough place to be. This week Jesus will go to him. He will find Peter on that same boat when Jesus called him to follow him. Jesus always knows where we are when we are having a bad day, and he always knows what we need. This story we have done before, but this time it is just a little different in that we are carrying the context of Peter's life with us. Peter is very discouraged. Time for a "change"! "Change" is coming! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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YOU
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HERE

UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, Feb. 19 @ 8:00am Special Chapel Music Service

All are welcome! This service will focus on special music and singing of hymns.

CONTRIBUTE AND SHARE YOUR TALENT for a church service!

If you have a musical or instrumental talent to share, please call Joyce Tarrell @ 605. 332. 0014.

All ages welcomed to participate.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

6:30-7:30pm- Adoption Information Meeting presented by the staff at LifeLine Children's Services

Would you like to learn more about adopting a vulnerable child from an international orphanage or from the US foster care system?

This info meeting is open anyone interested in learning more. Please RSVP by February 21st by calling Lifeline at 605-626-8588 or emailing melissa.steltz@lifelinechild.org.

Nominating new consistory members

Deadline: Sunday, March 5

Ballots & the list of eligible people are at The Link in the lobby. Email the church office (connect@communityrc.org) if you'd like a link to vote online.

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ADOPTION PRAYER REQUEST/ DONATIONS

AFTER MANY YEARS OF INFERTILITY, EMERGENCY SURGERIES, EXPENSIVE TREATMENTS, AND 7 MISCARRIAGES, THE HARMSSEN FAMILY IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY ARE ADOPTING.

A FRIEND FROM COMMUNITY HAS CREATED BRACELETS & NECKLACES. CHECK OUT THE TABLE IN THE LOBBY TO PURCHASE FOR DONATION.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 1

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal-
Chicken Salad/Taco Salad

6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,
Middle School Youth Group & Adults

7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

Sunday, February 5

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service
10:05am-Sunday School

Monday, February 6

7:00-8:00PM- The Wired Word
7:00pm- WD<40<

Tuesday, February 7

9:30-10:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, February 8

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal- Chicken
Salad/Taco Salad

6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,
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7:30-8:30pm- High School 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, February 13 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

Morning book club will meet on Wed. Feb. 15, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Being Mortal*.

Evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Gardens of Water*.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on February 15th at Carol's home. Jerralynne will have the lesson.



KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi!

As Liz said on Sunday, VBS registration is officially open! Put July 24-27 on your calendar and register at: <https://communityrc.org/vbs>

VBS Project #1- We're asking everyone at Community to wrap some empty boxes of ALL sizes with Christmas wrapping paper and bring them to the kids wing any time between now and July. We'll use them for decorations and activities. Wrap them in any Christmas wrap and use boxes of all sizes...if someone gets new appliances and would be willing to bring us the giant boxes, that would be super cool! If you have a partial roll of Christmas wrapping paper you are tired of, this is the perfect way to use it up.

Registration is also open for summer camps. Many of our elementary age students attend Inspiration Hills Camp each summer. The Inspiration Hills theme of 2023 is 'Living Water' from John 7:37-38. Inspiration Hills does offer bussing from Sioux Falls

neighborhoods and there are often other kids from Community going that you can carpool with as well. www.inspirationhills.org For Middle School and High School students, check with Doyle as there are a many opportunities for summer camp for those ages. If you have questions about camp or want to know more about what the camp experience is like or how it can impact children and youth, I'm always here to help.

On Sunday, the 5th grade class went to the Youth Group Sunday School room to learn about the Profession of Faith process from Doyle. If any of you have questions about that, please let us know.

Finally, this is a reminder that The Give corner this month is all for the Union Gospel Mission. If you can help them with some items off their wish list, that would be appreciated. They really need some big storage totes off their Amazon wish list, so it is an easy one to help with. Again, I'm here if you have any questions.

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
Community Kids
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605-336-1475



early childhood weekday
PLAY GROUP
free, all are welcome
TUESDAYS
9:30-11:00AM

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

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Let's talk about birds this week. Yes, birds. ☺

As most of you know, I have a cat. His name is Kenny, and he is an indoor cat, so no one has to worry about the safety of the birds at my house. Since Kenny is only indoors, I try to give him stimulating activities he can enjoy, and one of those activities is bird watching. I've put a bird feeder in the landscaping right outside my front door, and Kenny is able to watch the birds right from the window. When the birds come to eat, he sneaks up on them in the window and clicks (for those of you who don't know, cats click when they are hunting) and plans his potential attack. He loves it! What I didn't anticipate was how much I would enjoy watching the birds and how much God has taught me by watching them.

As soon as the birds discovered the feeder, they would come at least 3 times a day to eat. There's always a group at breakfast, a group around lunch-time, and a group in the evening just before dusk. I've fed wrens, black-capped chickadees, finches, and even a pair of cardinals. The cardinals *always* make me pause, especially in the wintertime. The red male is so bright against the white of the snow and the brown bark of the trees. And he's a big bird! It's hard for him to hide while he's feeding. The female is brown, of course, but her beak is the brightest orange color. They always take turns feeding...one watching while the other grabs seed.

When I really stop to think about it, I'm struck by the fact that God knows those two birds individually. He knows where they are at any given moment. He knows when they eat and when they nest. He probably even knows exactly how many feathers there are on each bird! He surely knows how many baby cardinals they've hatched together. And these are BIRDS. Remember Matthew 10:29? "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care." My goodness. When I see how God provides for those birds (sometimes through me and my bird feeder!), and when I think about how much He cares about those birds and how well He knows those birds, I shake my head in amazement that I could ever doubt, even a tiny bit, his care and love for me. How much more valuable are we than birds?!

I am also moved by the fact that those birds will continue to come to the feeder, even when I need to refill it. What a great lesson that is in perseverance for me. When I go to God, I need to be like the birds and continue to go, even when I didn't get what I came for. If I know how to keep birds fed, how much more does God know how to keep me fed?! And if there are times when I go to God's feeder, and I don't find seed, I can trust that there's a reason for that and it's for my good. All I have to do is keep going back to the feeder.

I hope you all get to watch some birds this week. ☺

Liz
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MISSION HAITI SPONSORSHIP

COMMUNITY HAS ONE STUDENT LEFT WHO NEEDS A SPONSOR. SHE IS PRESCHOOL AGE AT OUR PARTNER SCHOOL, FREDERIQUE, IN HAITI. \$125 PER YEAR!

EMAIL CONNECT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries.



Union Gospel Mission:

New Bath & Hand Towels & washcloths

Union Gospel Mission:

New Children's art supplies & journals

Union Gospel Mission:

New & Gently used toys for all ages

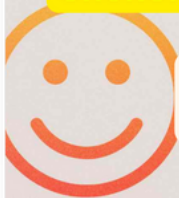
Union Gospel Mission:

New & Gently used extension cords, CD players, DVD players

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**WANT TO BE A PART OF
COMMUNITY'S NEW
PICTURE DIRECTORY?**

**SEND US YOUR PHOTO
ALONG WITH NAMES, ADDRESS &
PHONE NUMBERS TO
CHURCHPIC2023@GMAIL.COM**



**DEADLINE:
MARCH 1ST**

NO NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO SUBMIT A PHOTO!
NO FANCY PHOTOGRAPHY NEEDED!
SELFIES ARE WELCOMED!

IF YOU'D LIKE SOMEONE TO TAKE A PHOTO
OF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY, JAMELEE WILL BE AT
THE LINK ON FEB. 5 & 12 TO SNAP YOUR PICTURE!

FINANCES

Sunday, January 29, 2023

General: \$9,156
Vision: \$335
Missions: \$25

General YTD: \$41,585
Vision YTD: \$3,250
Vision Account Balance: \$32,145

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rick Norris (cancer)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Glenda Van Den Hoek
- Nicole Ryan (deployed for 6 months)
- Gina Jean Baptiste- teacher from Frederique school in Haiti (amputated leg & lost pregnancy after accident)
- Verle Valentine (heart issues)
- Carrie Valentine (recovery from knee surgery)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease- new treatments)
- Dan Stephany (heart issues)
- Carol Van Voorst (broken hip)
- Kyle Wigg (liver disease)
- Karen Johnson (heart issues)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (surgery recovery)
- JoAnn Hanssen
- Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Marcia Groenweg's brother-in-law (leukemia)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Steve Lee (lung transplant postponed)
- Gracia Harmsen
- Marv Sturing
- Joe Johnson
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Tami Boyle's dad (pancreatic/liver 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)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Wilma Barrett and her family in the passing of her mother, Nellie Rozeboom. Please keep their family in your prayers.

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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 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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