



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2, 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

Call To Freedom

Call to Freedom provides supportive services for victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. By creating a strong network of frontline providers who offer safe housing, mental health counseling, medical assistance, chemical dependency, transportation and other supportive services.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

The first week of February has come. The wind is still working on us and the cold is going to return for a couple of days as well. Winter is not gone and it will be with us for some time. I do remember these last few years and just how long it can go into the spring. I will prepare myself for such things. We have learned a bit about such things, haven't we? I am glad we aren't dealing with the snow things on the parking lots though. That is really nice for all of our folks to get around. There is always a silver lining.

I don't have a lot of new news for this week, but I did want to say how much I have enjoyed the new series we have been doing on Sundays. I have learned so much myself in this study. After doing this these many years, it is so good to find new things to share with the church family. It gives a person a good lift if you know what I mean. I am doing my best to keep at it and stay fresh for all of you. Our online church is growing. Our message is getting out there. We are making a difference. I like the sound of all of that. I also hear from many who have returned to "in the room" church, that being there with folks is very good. I know we are all praying for a change in all the virus stuff. It has been something we have all had to work around in one way or another. I just want you to know God is still working. He is greater than all of this. That we can be sure.

We have the ballots out for new deacons and elders. The list is long. It is almost overwhelming to look through. This continues to be one of the challenges for us as we grow. There is no way that any one person can know every name on that list. Do your best everyone. Get those votes in and we will see what God does with this. We have been discussing this at Consistory meetings now and then. We haven't come up with a plan yet, but we will find a way to make this better. It's not bad folks, it is just a lot of names to sort through and we all see that. Pray it up and get those ballots in. Thanks everyone!

Sunday afternoon we will get together to discuss and bring information about what we need to get done as a church with all the things related to RCA and ARC things. My part is to gather information for you all. At some point this spring we will need to vote as a church about where we want to go and who we want to be a part of. There are not lots of choices, but still, I want you to know about what we can and can not do. We have a guest coming to help in the discussion time. I also know that no matter what we choose we will still do church like we always have. The churches that have already finished this work have said as much. Once a decision is made, then you set about the work of doing church the next Sunday. The main thing will still be the main thing. It is important work that we need to do with care. Let's do it well and do it with grace. Once this is done...we will do what we have always done well. We'll put Jesus on the throne and put our trust there.

Sunday's message is one of those Jesus moments that can be a little troubling. He has this way of teaching that can get one's attention. I hope you have seen that as we have worked through this series. I am bringing as many stories to this series as time will allow. They are each unique and they all bring a different perspective to the discussion. I believe that by doing that, once we finish, you will have a very good grasp on how the church can magnify the power in Jesus' name. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!



In the name of
JESUS

WINTER SERIES

THE JOURNEY

Starts Feb. 6

This study is open to any adult who is interested in learning more about who God is, who we are, and what God is up to in our lives.

Must register by Feb. 2.

Email Jeannette at jlckoh19@gmail.com.



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 6

4:00pm

See Clyde's article for details.

CHURCH SOFTBALL

Are you interested in playing church softball this summer on Thursday nights?

Contact Rick Hanson if you're interested.

If there is enough interest, it's possible to also offer a Monday co-ed team. Must be 16 years old.

Rick Hanson- 605-201-5135

There is also a sign up at The Link in the lobby.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

5:30-6:30pm- meal- Chicken/Taco Salad
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children, Middle School Youth Group & Adults (Nursery also provided)
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
10:00am- Sunday School

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:30-6:30pm- meal-Soup Night
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children, Middle School Youth Group & Adults (Nursery also provided)
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

OTHER MINISTRIES

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 meet every 2nd Monday of the month at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. **Next date: Feb. 14.** Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 9 a.m. at the church. They will be discussing *Being Mortal*.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. at the church. They will be discussing *Maltese Falcon*. Everyone is welcomed!

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

FINANCES

Sunday, January 30, 2022

General: \$7,792
Vision: \$815
Missions: \$625
Wednesday Night: \$162

General YTD: \$78,803
Vision YTD: \$6,697
Vision Account Balance: \$191,307

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

February starts this week! Can you believe it? When time moves this quickly, I am always reminded that no matter how long or difficult a particular season seems, its end will be here before we know it. We just need to keep moving forward. And conversely, when we are enjoying a season, we need to make sure we slow down and actually savor it, because its end will come unexpectedly fast as well! I think the biggest thing I've been noticing is how the days are getting longer bit by bit. I love that!

The last week to make a decision regarding The Journey study is this week. The deadline to register with Jeannette is February 2. If you would like to be a part of it, you must contact Jeannette so we can order materials in time for the study. You can call or email Jeannette at 605-360-7230 or jlkoch19@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to send those Jeannette's way, or you can contact me as well.

I mentioned on Sunday about the new group for women, WD40 (Women's Discipleship for ages 40 and up), and that I would include more details in my article. Here are the high points:

- o This study is open to women who are aged 40 and older.
- o We will meet the first Monday of every month from 12:00-1:00pm in the fellowship hall at church. (If it's a holiday, we'll miss that month.)
- o Our first meeting will be Monday, February 7.
- o Bring your own lunch!
- o We will begin our time by eating the lunches we bring, so if you have to drive across town to get here, you can eat in your car and join up with us when you arrive. You'll only be missing a tiny bit of conversation. 😊
- o After we eat, we'll have some small group conversations about life issues.
- o We'll end with a devotional time.
- o No RSVP is needed. Just come and bring a friend!

I really hope to get women in every decade of life from the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and up! If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

And lastly this week, don't forget to keep the Enneagram workshop on your calendars if you missed the fall workshop. I am tentatively planning that workshop for Saturday, February 26 from 9-11am. More on that later. 😊 Have a wonderful week!

Liz

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THIS MONDAY



A photograph of four children playing outdoors with many bubbles floating around them. The children are smiling and reaching out towards the bubbles. The background is a lush green field with trees.

KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

I don't have many updates for you this week. I'm staying busy working on writing Sunday School curriculum for next year, prepping this year's midweek, writing VBS for this coming summer, and just keeping things moving forward in Sunday School and Midweek. It is so much fun. On Sunday morning, some of the kids were making baskets filled with loaves and fish. There were other lessons going too, but that one kept the kids chatting! On Wednesday, we had a good talk about what rocky soil, thorny soil, birds eating seeds and especially what good soil is like in our lives. Kids had some good thoughts about their own day to day happenings and how God shows up for them over and over. We planted some literal seeds in soil as well. Some kids planted marigolds and some planted cilantro. I'm curious if any plants will pop up. The nursery was having fun with some art as well on Wednesday. I enjoy this time of year after Christmas and before Easter because often we end up talking a little more about stories from the Bible where Jesus was talking, teaching, doing miracles, and interacting with people in interesting ways. The kids seem to become intrigued by that and it makes their conversation extra fun to be hear.

Our School Action Team has asked for your help with a few things.

1. They need people to sew chair pouches for the Inspiration Elementary kids. I have the sample chair pouch in my office, and I will be happy to purchase fabric if we can find some willing hands to sew. If you are willing to help with that, please let me know asap so I can buy the right fabric and supplies.
2. The Elementary and Middle Schools could both use some gear for these cold days. Sometimes kids forget, sometimes kids can't afford items, and sometimes their items get lost. We need snow pants, coats and especially gloves, hats, etc. in sizes from kids size 4 all the way to adult sizes for bigger middle schoolers.
3. We'd like to provide cookies/ bars/ snacks for teachers during one of the days of parent teacher conferences at the Middle School. If you love to bake and want to send some goodies to be served at 3pm on Feb. 10, please email me or call the church office to let the School Action Team know.

Thanks!

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DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Can I just start with how awesome our students are here at Community. I don't say that enough, but we really do have a great group of middle school and high school students here. One example of this out of the many is our upcoming retreat. I remember when I first brought to them the idea of doing a combined retreat with another church there was some initial hesitation. However, after I mentioned it was in partnership with a group that was building up the youth ministry program after several years without one, they quickly got on board and said let's do it. The way these students care about others is something to learn from! I'm now so excited for the retreat and what will come of that here in a few weeks!

We will be starting a new series in the middle school group this month on Wednesday nights. Following the high school path, we will be doing "You Are Heard". I'm looking forward to those conversations throughout the month! Our high school group will be finishing their series this week before we dive into a series "You Said This, Your Parents Said That". I have been having so much fun putting this together and am hoping it goes as well as it has in my preparation/thoughts! One thing I do need to make this go really well is parents of the high school group to reach out with a few things. Some of you have already emailed/given me things which has been great. I have also emailed out something earlier this week with what that is, but if you have a high school student and did not get that let me know and I will send you over an overview for it! I really do think this could be a powerful example of how our students are known, heard and seen. The middle school group will do a very similar thing in March as well!

On Sundays, we are doing a series/conversations on prayer and having opportunities to pray for one another Sunday mornings. I have loved watching students get into groups, talk, listen and pray for one another over the last few weeks. The next several Sunday mornings we will continue to have discussion, small groups and time to pray for our weeks. Clyde's messages on Sunday continue to provide some great conversations as we explore a life of prayer together.

That's it for this week! If you have any question on youth ministry here at Community send them my way!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Tony, Jan McDowell's neighbor (burn victim)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Denny Spitler (blood clot in leg)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Mazie Boyle (surgery recovery/chemo)
- Gary Holmgren (open heart surgery)
- Rich Odens (knee replacement recovery)
- Cleon Groen
- Vi Slecta
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery recovery)
- Jim Halling (cancer)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnice (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Brian Frisbee (long-term stroke rehab)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

THANK YOU

My sincere thanks for the cards, kind words and messages on the loss of my brother. Memories are God's gift to us. Cherish them.
Blessings,
Donna Humme

90TH BIRTHDAY

In honor of Rev. Eugene DeHoogh's 90th birthday on February 22, please join us (David DeHoogh, and Judy DeHoogh-Naatjes) in a card shower.

Help us make his 90th birthday even more special by sending any special memories and well wishes to
Rev. Eugene DeHoogh
711 Woodlawn Dr.
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or email to dgdehoogh@gmail.com

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NOMINATING NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS

NOMINATIONS DUE BY MARCH 6

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.

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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