



THE COMMUNICATOR

JANUARY 11, 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

Church on the Street
<https://churchonthestreets.org/>

Church on the Street is a ministry who walks with those struggling with homelessness and poverty.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

I think there are still some folks digging out from all the snow. I know the city is still working on the streets. There are a lot of big piles around. We have some serious ones out here as well. It should be gone by June! (Smile Please!) January is going to be half gone by the end of this week. It gets away so very quickly, as do all the months. A person needs to be ready for the next thing because the next thing can come at you pretty fast. I am really enjoying the reading I have been doing for the Apostle Peter series. There are a number of things about him I didn't know, but mostly I have just enjoyed working on the perspective of just how the Spirit changed him. I like that!

Our congregational meeting went very well on Sunday. It has been an interesting time of doing church these last couple of years or so. I still don't think we are back to "regular" yet, and maybe we never will. I know a lot of people have just changed a lot of things about how they order their lives. The folks on the Consistory did a great job this year of really looking what we need to do in all the areas, and they put together a very practical budget. We do our best to plan it all out as best as we can, but you can't plan for everything. The snow this month has shown how that can change things in a big hurry. I want to thank those teams who spent a good amount of time putting all of that together for us. I want to thank Lisa Blankers for all the work she does making sure all those numbers are correct and that they all add up. I want to thank Cory Feenstra for an excellent job of presenting it to us on Sunday...he was great! Thanks to all of you and your amazing generosity. That is very humbling, and I don't take any of that for granted. Finally, we need to thank God! It is **His** moving and **His** work that keeps all this moving in the right direction. If we can maintain our focus and listen to that voice, we will be just fine. We are a church. The world is thirsty, and we have water!

This week we are going to get MidWeek going again after the Christmas break. Last week, we got snowed out. This week looks to be just great! I am doing my class on a book by NT Wright called "Surprised by Hope". I don't expect the class to read the book, but you can if you want. There will be some good discussion around the things the book covers. I'll do my best.

The "Evening with Haiti" we have been talking about is all about getting the experience in Haiti while we are still here in the cold. It is night to spend considering all the friends we have down there and the many folks around here who can't get back because it is not safe. The group here wants to raise awareness and keep the fire in our hearts burning for those people. Join us! Get signed up! It's Sunday evening the 22 of January! It's getting close!

The message on Sunday is about Peter's (Simon's) calling. We spoke of it some this past Sunday, but I want to investigate that choice a little deeper. God's ways are not ours. When God calls, he isn't done after the call. Life is just beginning in the Kingdom at that point. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

YOU
BELONG
HERE

MIDWEEK CLASSES START JAN. 11



PROFESSION OF FAITH INFO MEETING

Sunday, January 29th
10:10am

Anyone who is interested in learning more
about profession of faith please contact Doyle
(doyle.burnside@communityrc.org).

EVENT FOR ALL AGES
(BRING YOUR KIDS TOO)



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
4:30-7:00pm

Please RSVP for the FREE meal
by using this QR code or sign up at The Link in the lobby
or emailing connect@communityrc.org.

Kids receive a Haiti themed goodie bag with coloring book!

THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 11

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal- BBQ
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,
Middle School Youth Group & Adults
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

Sunday, January 15

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

Monday, January 16

7:00-8:00PM- The Wired Word

Tuesday, January 17

9:30-10:30am- Play Group
7:00pm- Book Club (@ church)
7:00pm- Hope Circle

Wednesday, January 18

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN. Ave)
5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal- Chicken
Salad/Taco Salad
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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,
January 9 at noon at the East 10th
Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie
Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUBS

Morning book club will meet on Wed. January
18, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.
We will be discussing *Bear Town*.

Evening book club will meet on Tuesday,
January 17 at 7 pm at the church.
We will be discussing *Anne of Green Gables*.
Talk to the librarians about Hoopla.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet January 17th at 7:00.
Helen will be hostess and Jeanie will have the
lesson.



Hi!

This week I've been enjoying getting "back into the swing of things." After writing that sentence, I thought a few of you may be interested in knowing what "the swing of things" looks like in my role at Community.

There are parts of my work here that happen every week (or most weeks) and other parts that pop up seasonally like Christmas Program or VBS. Christmas break is one of the rare times that some of those weekly things pause and I spend time working on "big picture" projects and organizing. Fortunately, this week brings back time with all of the students. I want to give you a little window into some of the weekly fun things I get to do here at Community, because you are a big part of making what happens here possible!

First, Sunday mornings are wonderful. It is such a joy to see the kids run into the room for Sunday School each week. They are always greeted with warm smiles by volunteers, families, and one another. This week I was struck by how uniquely gifted each of our Sunday School volunteers are. They are each so different from one another and each of them bring their best energy and heart every week. I think that it is so amazing that God has called and equipped such a wide variety of people to bring a good word to such a wide variety of kids! I also enjoy Sunday morning worship and being with my own family here at church.

Then, on Monday morning we have staff meeting. I love hearing what my co-workers are learning and planning. It is also a good chance to process the previous week and ask for advice or feedback on upcoming plans. Also, my coworkers are just really nice and fun people. I don't think we've ever had a staff meeting that didn't include at least a little bit of laughter. Oh... and I usually write to all of you in the newsletter on Mondays and kick off my work for the week.

Monday afternoons are busy. Doyle and I meet with various groups of students from the Middle School next door. The kids come over and do projects that serve the community. Whether it is baking goodies for firefighters or making "first night" care packages for children entering foster care, it is so much fun to see the students demonstrate care for others. This group is called "Bison CARE" which is their school mascot followed by the first letters of Compassion Action Respect Empathy. We meet with additional Bison Care groups on Tuesday mornings as well and as I'm writing this (later than usual), I'm reflecting on how deep those connections are becoming and how much the students are opening up to us and to one another in this safe space. It is good stuff. I wish you could all see it.

Tuesday afternoons and Wednesdays are usually when I schedule meetings, write lessons, prepare supplies, and put away all of the stuff from previous projects. Of course, Wednesday night is one of the highlights of my week! I love teaching on Wednesdays. The kids of Community are so fun to learn with. Wednesdays are a good chance for us all to decompress, connect, explore, grow, and laugh. I'm so ready to see them all again this week, especially after Christmas break and a snow day back-to-back! Our little Wednesday family continues to grow in numbers and in depth.

Thursdays and Fridays are typically my days to write curriculum, answer emails, connect with the community, and study. I also have occasional meetings at the end of the week. Just when I wrap up a project like Christmas Program, or finish getting the supplies into classrooms for Sunday School, it is time for me to start writing VBS lessons and preparing for next year's Sunday School. There is never a dull moment here and I enjoy that. I am thankful that Community has committed the time and funds to make it work for me to do my best work on projects like VBS, Sunday School, Midweek. It makes it possible for me to do some of the prep work so that volunteers can commit more time and energy to making connections with students. I have time to be creative, write strong lessons, and learn what our students really want and need. On that topic, I'd love to get some feedback from all of you. I'm looking for a small group of parents to give me some feedback regarding Children's Ministry at Community. Come at 7pm on January 23 and share your thoughts and feelings regarding Sunday School, Midweek, VBS, Christmas Program, etc. What do you and your kids like, wish, learn, feel? If you are willing to share some thoughts with me, I'd love to listen and learn! If you are unavailable on that date but want to provide feedback, let's connect!

See you soon!

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Well, we are going to try to get Mid-Week started up again this week! If you are new to Community, Mid-Week is one of the best ways to connect and get to know others here. Everyone is welcome! We always serve a meal from 5:30-6:15pm, and we have classes and groups for every single age group. As for the adult classes, I've listed explanations, teachers, and locations below. There is no need to register. If you are interested, just come!

Adult Classes for Mid-Week

The Results of the Resurrection – Pastor Clyde – This class will focus in-depth on the resurrection of Jesus and what that means for the church and us individually. Clyde's class will meet in the chapel.

Revelation – Pastor John – this will be a continuation of the class John started in the fall. This is a video series with discussion questions about the book of Revelation and its different scholarly interpretations. John's class will meet in the sanctuary.

The Kingdom of Heaven on Earth – Pastor Liz (Me☺) – This class will focus on the Kingdom of Heaven now. Heaven isn't just a place we go to when we die. Jesus ushered in the Kingdom of Heaven when He came to earth. We'll use the book "Seeking God" by Trevor Hudson to help guide our discussion, but you do NOT have to read the book to participate. We'll meet in the fellowship hall.

Connecting with your Community – Grace Collins – I'm so excited Grace is willing to teach this class! This Bible-based class is for women and will explore life stories and working with others to encourage deeper community and connection with those around us. This class will meet in the office area.

Attention choir people: if any of you forgot to turn in your music after the concert in December, you can just drop it off in the office at church. We have a cart with all the songs sitting near Holli's desk.

And lastly this week, my dad mentioned on Sunday morning that I'll be celebrating a birthday this week. To be exact, I'll be celebrating my 49th birthday on Friday the 13th! Since my mom died, I have always welcomed each birthday with thanksgiving and anticipation. Aging is a privilege denied to many, and I want to make sure I celebrate and make good use of this gift from God. Part of my celebration this year is going to include a trip to Disney World! My sister and one of my aunts will be heading to Orlando next week to enjoy the warmth as well as all the vast Disney universe has to offer. Mostly, we plan to lollygag around the parks and enjoy the sun.☺ I'll have to miss my Mid-Week class on January 18th, but I'll be back for church on Sunday. If the Spirit leads you, we'd love prayers for easy travel and a blessed trip!

Have a wonderful week, friends!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Carol Van Voorst (broken hip)
- Kyle Wigg (liver disease)
- Karen Johnson (heart issues)
- Craig Odens (heart surgery recovery)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (surgery recovery)
- JoAnn Hanssen
- Al Bolton (heart bypass recovery)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Marcia Groenweg's brother-in-law (leukemia)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Steve Lee (lung transplant postponed)
- Gracia Harmsen (unexplained pain)
- Marv Sturing
- Barb Klein
- 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)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Slood (cancer treatments)
- 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)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Community Reformed Church members for your prayers, cards, donations, and caring words after Chris's passing. Thank you also to those who served coffee before her celebration of life and helped with our family luncheon afterwards. We are blessed to be a part of such a caring church family and truly appreciate everything you have done during this difficult time. CRC is an extremely special place filled with beautiful people devoted to God.

Ken Fedders & family

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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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