



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

JANUARY 26, 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

Church on the Street

A ministry that shares the gospel on the street of Sioux Falls. Laundry with Love is just one of their ministries where they provide free laundry to people in need.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

Brrrrr! January and wind! Yes, it is winter and yes there is still more of that to come. Each week we move along is getting us closer to being through it all. I have been a little surprised that we have missed some of the snow fall events. I don't mind the open winter as it does make things much easier to plan on Sunday mornings, but the cold is always here and we just have to deal with that. It should really come as no surprise. We have been at this for a long time. That below zero thing is just hard to get used to, isn't it? The sun is getting higher in the sky. There is a sermon there somewhere.

I want to again offer an invite to our meeting on February 6 at 4pm. Remember, we are not voting on anything that day. That is information and discussion time. Questions and thought and prayer for what we need to do. I am working on getting a couple of guests to join us for that. I want you all to have as much information as possible. It is most difficult to make good decisions without good information. We will be streaming that meeting as well, for anyone who can't be with us.

Midweek continues to move along this year. The weather was so cold for a couple of those evenings and the weather does affect that program. Also, I know busy lives and even all the virus stuff affects it as well. We are in that season. Still, it is a nice group that comes out every week and we continue to have some very good discussion in our class times. It is still a good thing we do at Community. Stop out and see us. Supper starts at 5:30pm. Classes start at 6:30pm.

We are having a wonderful time with our school neighbors. We have made a tremendous connection to them this year. We have several things we do with them. I love that. Heather and Doyle have four different groups that come over every Tuesday for some craft and work time with one of the programs in the middle school. We have several volunteers who are working in those places as well. It has been so good to see. We have no agenda but to show them we are here to help them in whatever way we can. It is a good thing we are doing, and we are so humbled by the school's reaching out to us in healthy ways. We treat that as a gift. Good people work there!

On Sunday morning, we prayed for Ukraine and our friend Paul Logan because of all the tension we know they feel. I would like to also mention that our friends in Haiti are having a rough go of things as well. Mission work is not easy. Those folks are always working in places where stability can become a serious issue. God is mighty and He knows every situation better than we can know it. We pray in the power of the spirit and it Jesus name that God will protect and guide those teams to be the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. That God will surround them with his love and mercy and move in the hearts of his friends. We pray for they enemy that he will be stilled. Our mission friends all around the world are in our hearts this week!

Sunday, we move along in our series. The names of Jesus is our gift. This week we will look at another story where the name of Jesus was being used, but it wasn't working. What happened there? We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



NEW



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

John Thornton is looking at restarting the Men's Bible Study and Support Group either in person or via zoom. He is gauging interest in this, so if you would like to be part of that (times and dates to be determined) please call John or email him. Thanks!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 6
4:00pm
See Clyde's article for details.

FINANCES

Sunday, January 23, 2022

General: \$15,660
Vision: \$2,065
Missions: \$570
Wednesday Night: \$109

General YTD: \$53,007
Vision YTD: \$3,700
Vision Account Balance: \$188,311

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

5:30-6:30pm- meal- BBQ
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, JANUARY 29

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

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

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

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!

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

It's exciting to get a look at upcoming ministry opportunities at Community. Here's what's coming up!

The Journey study will get its official start on Sunday, February 6 from 2:00-4:00pm. The meetings will take place at church, probably in the chapel overflow area. 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. Jeannette Jennings will be facilitating this exceptional study. If you would like to be a part of it, you must contact Jeannette by February 2, so we can order materials in time for the study. You can call or email Jeannette at 605-360-7230 or jlkoch19@gmail.com.

The tentative date for another Enneagram workshop I will be teaching is February 26 at church from 9-11am. This will be the same workshop I taught in the fall of 2021. So, if you were unable to join us that time, or if you want to invite other people to join us this time, please put this new date on your calendar. The workshop is FREE to any adults. We'll be discussing the history of the Enneagram, myths and incorrect ideas about it, and how to properly apply it in a Christian setting. An RSVP is not required but it is appreciated.

I've had a strong response to the new women's group, WD40 (Women's Discipleship for ages 40 and up). This study is open to women who are aged 40 and older. I really hope to get women in every decade of life from the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and up! 😊

Here's how it will work:

- o We will meet the first Monday of every month from 12:00-1:00pm unless it's a holiday.
- o Our first meeting will be Monday, February 7.
- o We will meet in the fellowship hall at church.
- o Bring your own lunch!

Our time together will begin with eating the lunches we bring, so if you are late, you won't miss anything. Then we'll spend time talking about specific middle and later life issues with one another, and we'll close with a devotional. You do not need to RSVP. If you'd like to come, just come. And bring a friend! Just remember to bring your own lunch!

I think that's it for me this week. Stay warm out there!

Liz

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CONNECT WITH US



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ORDER TO COMPLETE A CONTACT CARD**



Hello,

I bumped into an article that was shared on Facebook by a friend. The article is from Keloland living. I don't often share articles like this, but it struck me as one with potential to be particularly helpful for all of us. It is a conversation with one of my former colleagues who is just a lovely human and she is talking about dealing with kids' big emotions.

<https://www.keloland.com/keloland-living/dealing-with-kids-big-emotions/>

You may not be aware that in my past career experience, I got to receive training in de-escalation, which is to help when someone, often children and adolescents, are experiencing an emotional or behavioral crisis. I'm not an expert at all, but I did find the training I received to be very helpful. I'm also going to get a little vulnerable with you in this newsletter note and say that this is something that I continue to ask God to change in me every day and He has been so faithful in doing that.

The article from Keloland living was such a great reminder for me, not just in spending time with little kids, but with older kids, teens and even adults too. I once heard someone describe helping an upset child as meeting their storm with calm. I keep thinking about how often we meet a child's storm with our own storm because the behavior a child exhibits in crisis/struggle is stressful, inconvenient or even scary. I think of how often I've responded to my own kids or others in dysregulation with my own stress and dysregulation because that is so natural. This story addresses dysregulation in such a practical way. Even as we all meet people in stressful situations, whether that is kids or adults (increased by staffing shortages in customer service scenarios, or covid worries, or personal struggles, or anything else) it is a good reminder for me that humans in dysregulation have a tough time hearing/ processing/ thinking through the situation. I love using too many words (as evidenced by my frequently long newsletter notes) but sometimes talking someone out of their stress is not helpful until they've had the time, space and tools to regulate and be able to process their emotions and then the information. Kids need extra support because they don't have the tools to regulate AND they don't have the experience yet. This has been so hard for me to remember with my daughters at times, but I'm still growing and learning too. Their grace and God's grace are very appreciated when it comes to this topic.

I think in terms of my walk with Jesus, this topic hits in such a beautiful way. Jesus meets our struggle/ dysregulation/ storm with calm. He can literally calm any storm. He has calmed a physical storm, but He has also calmed the metaphorical storms within us. He is always in control of His own feelings and never meets our crisis with His own drama. He is not embarrassed by our mess or afraid of our yelling. He is simply present and deeply loving. I pray that God can keep helping me change to be more like Him. If you ever have a tough time with a specific kiddo in this way and want some practical tools, feel free to reach out. Again, I'm not an expert, but I am willing to help. So, if you are finding this to be a tough area, or wishing you could go back in time to do a moment better, remember that you are not alone and that God is working patiently with you.

Talk to you soon!

-Heather



DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Hello again! It is so nice to be back at the office and a go for youth activities after being stuck at home last week. After being out for a week there has been some rearranging of events. For January, we are having a game and food night this Saturday for the middle school and high school at church. Middle school will be from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and high school from 5:00p.m – 7:00 p.m. I'll be providing supper for both groups at 5:00 and we will enjoy some food and fun together. Students, come and join us if you are free!

We jump back into our middle school series “You are Enough” as we shift from our identity onto Jesus. I am so excited for this week as we look at the power of Jesus in our series. Our high school group will begin our “You are Heard” series as finals were the first week and last week was canceled. I’m looking forward to how these next two weeks lead into our series in February for the high school group! It has been a lot of fun creating series and diving into some of the new phrases you see posted up in the youth and children’s wing this year. Between our weekly time together and our winter retreat coming up, I am so excited for the next few months!

That’s it for this week. Please let me know if you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community.

Doyle
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SIGN UPS FOR NURSERY OPEN THROUGH MAY
NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
9AM OR 10:45AM SERVICES

605.church/nurseryvolunteers

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gary Holmgren
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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, Vonnie (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)

CONSISTORY NOTES

JANUARY 20, 2022

Attendance: Pastor Clyde, Dustin, Joel, Duane, Russ, Grant, Kenny, Steve, Rick, Mike H., Robyn, Matt M., Shawn, Tom J., Tom B., Logan, Matt W., Steve, and Corey

Pastor Clyde read from John 3

MSA the minutes from December for the Elders and Consistory Meetings.

MSA of the financial reports for December given by Logan.

Old Business

RCA & ARC Updates

- Church informational meeting scheduled Feb.6th
- o This meeting will be Live Streamed.

New Business

Reports – Liz and Heather were reviewed.

Budget – We had a larger revenue month in December than expected and had extra \$2500.00 to give to missions. The following distribution was motioned and passed.

- Atahansis Ugnang (Sudan Pastor)- \$1000.00
- Rise Ukraine – \$500.00
- Mission Haiti - \$500.00
- Talking Bibles - \$500.00

Other

Lawn Service – Rick is getting quotes for hiring a lawn service to take care of the Church grounds with mowing, weed prevention and care.

Softball – Rick will be looking to start Church Softball team building for 2022. There will be announcements coming with more information.

Voice of Martyrs – Have a movie coming out about VOM story. Mike H. would like to have the movie at Church. Looking at sometime in early spring.

Clyde closed in time of prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Jacobs, clerk

Next Meeting February 10th. 2022

NEW DATE

FREE

ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP

Feb. 26 | 9:00-11:00AM

Find Your Type
Do's & Don'ts
Appropriate Application
All Adults Welcome


RSVP if possible
liz.teel@communityrc.org

INTRODUCING

WD40

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP
FOR 40 & UP

1st Monday of the month
Noon-1pm



STARTING FEB. 6

THE JOURNEY

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 jlkoch19@gmail.com

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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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