



THE COMMUNICATOR

JANUARY 5, 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
<https://churchonthestreets.org/>

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

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

It's a new year. 2023! I can think back and it doesn't seem that long ago that we were wondering what 22 was going to be like. Well, it's over! We have seen a lot of things in that year. I won't do a recap of all of it, but there were some, shall we say, interesting moments. The RCA things catch my mind. That was not an easy thing to go through as you have all told me. We are still having church, and that part has not changed. It is a new year now, and it is time to start planning things for this year. We are going to be thinking about a prayer retreat maybe later in the year as well as some other adventures we think could be very valuable for this place. Today, it was snowing! Oh my! It is the most snow I have ever seen in the parking lot in all these years. It is all open now, but it was a job and one that is probably going to be with us for bit...say April!

MidWeek was supposed to start this week, but the weather put a stop to that. We will pick it up next week and get the new year going. I am doing my class the "semester" on a book by N. T. Wright entitled "Surprised by Hope". It is a book designed to give us a deep look into the mission of Jesus and the reason the resurrection is so important for us. There are theologies to study and what that means for us as we seek to message the world around us. It was a powerful book from my past and I am looking forward to getting into some good discussions around it. I'm always open to some new faces in that class. Join me in the chapel on Wednesday nights and we will see what it means to be surprised by hope.

It's January and with that will come some cold weather and maybe some more snow, who knows? But it is also a time for us to begin planning ahead and that is just what we are doing. It is a time of the year when things can get a little slower for many people. Can't golf in January around here. 😊 (Smile please) I will do my best to bring a good word for us on Sundays and I will continue to do what I can to continue to grow this place deep and yes, wide. We have neighbors around us, and this is just the beginning. I haven't forgotten that. I continue to plan, read, and study about this kind of opportunity. I know we must have our "house in order" as well. I think you have all helped so much in that way. We all still have much to learn about the Kingdom of God and how that impacts each of us and the world around us. The message of Jesus, his sacrifice and resurrection, is life-changing. That's our message folks. It's the best thing we have to offer to each other and for those who are searching for the meaning in life. Remember, everyone is thirsty, and we have water!

Be safe out there friends. The snow is here now and there will be places where the footing can get a little shaky. Step carefully and be aware in those parking lots and sidewalks. The guys have done a very good job of clearing things, but they can't get it all. There are piles of snow everywhere out here. You can only go so high! Sunday, we start the new series on the Apostle Peter. This first Sunday, will be more about God, but that is because God is going to bring a change in Peter's life through Jesus, his son. That'll preach! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

YOU
BELONG
HERE

MIDWEEK CLASSES START JAN. 11

UPCOMING DATES



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

An Evening With Haiti

4:30-7:00pm

Please RSVP for the meal

by using this QR code or sign up at The Link in the lobby.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 8
10:10am

This meeting is to approve the 2023 budget.

THIS WEEK

Saturday, January 7

7:00am- Prayer Ministry

10:00am- AA Meeting

Sunday, January 8

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

10:05am-Sunday School

10:10am- Congregational Meeting

Monday, January 9

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

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

7:00pm- DMV (Discipleship- Men's Version)

Tuesday, January 10

9:30-10:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, 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

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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.



KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I'm excited to see what God has in store for all of us in 2023.

I'd like to draw your attention to two activities in January. First, I want to encourage anyone interested to come to the event that is happening on January 22 in partnership with Mission-Haiti. At 4:30pm, we'll have a half hour lesson on Haitian culture and language. Then we'll start eating at 5. After the meal, we'll have some opportunities to learn, worship, and prayer time. I'm really looking forward to this opportunity for us to grow closer to God together with our friends from Haiti. I'm excited to taste Haitian food for the first time, to have some new experiences, and of course to have some great prayer and worship time together. Parents, I'd like to especially ask you to consider coming with your family. The conversations about some of the tough things happening in Haiti may be a bit heavy for kids (and grownups), but the conversations you'll be able to have with your children afterwards could be really valuable. RSVP requested to help us plan for food. All are welcome! Bring a friend if you want.

The other opportunity I'd like to share with you is just for parents. 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!

Heather DeWit

Community Kids

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A promotional poster for an event titled 'AN EVENING WITH HAITI'. The background is a collage of photos showing people, including children, in various settings. The text is overlaid on the collage. There are yellow starburst graphics. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

AN EVENING WITH
HAITI
EVENT & FREE HAITIAN MEAL
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND | 4:30PM-7:00PM

RSVP FOR MEAL



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Happy New Year, everyone! After a full holiday season, it feels good to be in 2023 and ready to get back to a normal schedule. Mid-Week starts up again this week. Remember that we hold the same weather-related schedules as the Sioux Falls School District. That means if the Sioux Falls cancels school (or even if they do an early release) because of weather, we cancel Mid-Week. We will also send out emails with that information as needed. Hopefully, we'll get the much-needed moisture but also be able to gather on Wednesday night. We'll see what God has in store.

I want to give you an update on our adult class options for Mid-Week. Here are the classes, teachers, and locations. There is no registration required. If you are interested in one of these classes, simply come, and bring a friend!

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.

If you haven't tried Mid-Week yet, I encourage you to do so. It's a fantastic way to meet and connect with others from Community, and we really do have something for everyone. Supper is free (you can make a donation if you choose) and served from 5:30-6:15pm. Classes run from 6:30-7:30pm. Nursery care is available for the little ones. Heather organizes learning opportunities for K-5th grades. And Doyle leads Middle School Youth group from 6:30-7:30pm and High School Youth Group from 7:30-8:30pm. If you have questions about any of this, please me know!

Stay warm out there, friends. And may your 2023 be full of good things!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Carol Van Voorst (broken hip)
- Kyle Wigg (liver disease)
- Karen Johnson (heart issues)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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 Sloot (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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Donna Humme on the passing away of her brother-in-law, Harlan Van't Hul.

Our condolences go out to Junella Wesselink in the death of her sister-in-law Diane. She lived out of state. Please keep Junella and her family in your prayers.