



# THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 13, 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

### Hope Haven International

As followers of Christ, Hope Haven unleashes potential in people through work and life skills so that they may enjoy a productive life in their community. They distribute wheelchairs to people in need around the world.

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

Summer is moving right along as it always does. July is nearly half over and time just keeps on ticking. It has been warm and humid, which I know is very good for growing conditions in those fields. I see lots of photos on social media, so I know many of you are getting in some vacation times with your families. It is that time of the year and I do hope you are all enjoying that. Summer is a good time for those kinds of things and I love hearing about the memories you are making. Enjoy the summer everyone!

Sunday evening is our congregational meeting at 6pm. I guess you could say this is the time of getting all the pieces into place from all this time we have spent on this project. I have had to really focus on what I can do in all of this. I must focus on doing church. I must leave this business to all of you and the leading of the Spirit. My part is to be a pastor to all of you. Do church! Share the gospel! Teach the Word! Take care of the hurting ones. After this is all finished, that very next Sunday, we will all gather to do church. The week after that we will do the same thing. I have been focused on that. I will trust all of you to do some good work on Sunday evening. I am praying that God will be there with you all. It is important work that we do.

I want to thank you all for the kind words during my COVID time. It is really going around now and lots of people have it. For the most part I did just fine, but I wouldn't want to do that again any time soon. It is a tough little bug to be sure. I am sure I got a little run down with things and it got me. I have now managed to pick up an infection in my sinuses this week as well, but that does seem to be clearing up. I guess I'll get all of this "stuff" taken care of during the summer. When I get a little discouraged, I just stop and think of others that we know, and it really humbles me. We have several very serious things going on in the lives of so many in our church family. From the folks we know in Ukraine, to here at home, and many of our cancer folks, it is a full plate for those ones. It captures your heart for sure. I am praying for a deep presence of the healing of God for those friends who are struggling right now.

I have been planning some fall things. That's right, fall things. It will be here before you know it and I don't like to get caught off guard. I like to be ahead on things. I'm much better when I have time to work things out. I work on wording and my presentation very often. I try to make sure I don't get stuck in a preaching rut...that can happen. I do enjoy the planning as well. I think I need a retreat of sorts to put things together. I have been thinking about that. Summer is good for that sort of thing.

Sunday morning, we are moving into that long section of chapter 8 that almost seems out of place. Paul will talk about how we long for something greater in this life. It is the suffering language that we encounter in this part of this chapter. It is not the easiest section to understand, but I will do my best to bring a fresh perspective to it. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | SUNDAY, JULY 17 @ 6:00PM**





## **THIS WEEK**

### **THURSDAY, JULY 14**

8:30 & 9:30pm- Softball games  
(Sherman Park)

### **SATURDAY, JULY 16**

7:00am- Prayer Ministry  
10:00am- AA Meeting

### **SUNDAY, JULY 17**

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

### **TUESDAY, JULY 19**

9:30-10:30am- Play Group  
7:00pm- Book Club

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 20**

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy)  
6:30pm- Discipleship Training

### **THURSDAY, JULY 21**

6:30 & 7:30pm- Softball games  
(Sherman Park)

## **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 will meet on Monday, Aug. 8 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Everyone welcome!

### **BOOK CLUB**

The morning book club will meet Wed, July 20th at 9:00am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing *Uncommon Friendship* by Rosner & Tubach.

The evening book club will meet on Tues, July 19 at 7:00pm at church. They will be discussing *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers.

### **HOPE CIRCLE**

Hope Circle is taking the summer off. Check the first Communicator in September for our new sessions.



**SUMMER NIGHTS ARE HERE AND WE'RE EXCITED INVITE YOU TO "PICNIC IN THE PARK" ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST @ 6:30PM AT UPPER TUTHILL PARK! THERE IS A PLAYGROUND TOO FOR THE KIDS TO PLAY! JUST BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND WE'LL PROVIDE A HOT DOG MEAL.**

## **PLAY GROUP**

*free, all are welcome*

**TUESDAYS  
9:30-10:30AM**

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. (older siblings welcome as well)  
Questions? Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org or 605-336-1475

## **FINANCES**

Sunday, July 10, 2022

General: \$11,779  
Vision: \$595  
Missions: \$65

General YTD: \$433,439  
Vision YTD: \$37,894  
Vision Account Balance: \$35,543



### **Block Party**

Sunday, Sept. 11  
11:45am-2:00pm

### **Adult Baptism**

Sunday, Sept. 18th @ 4:00pm

If you are interested in being baptized, please  
email [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org).

### **DMV**

#### **(Discipleship: Men's Version)**

Starting Date: Monday, Sept. 12  
7:00-8:00pm

### **Request for prayer for a Mission Trip**

Doug Harms is heading to Alaska today and will arrive in Anchorage around Midnight tonight.

He is joining his Daughter, Trisha & 2 granddaughters for a Mission Trip through ChangePoint Church of Alaska. They will fly out of Anchorage on July 10th and head 550 miles northwest to a village of Kotzebue which is also about 25 miles north of the Artic Circle. (brrr). Their goal is to reach the youth in and around the Kotzebue area. The youth seem reluctant to attend church but they will attend camps and Bible Schools. It would be similar to traveling to the reservation in South Dakota.

They will be taking this opportunity to share the word of God with them. Pray that their hearts will be opened to the Gospel & that they see Jesus in each and everyone of those that are on this trip.

They will return to Anchorage July 17th.

Pray for Doug's travels and for God's work to be done.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Tami Boyle's dad (pancreatic/liver cancer)
- Becky Lee (broken arm)

### **ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Joan Schouten (surgery recovery)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Jim Halling (cancer)
- Darren Ellwein (rotator cuff surgery recovery)
- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery & radiation)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's brother, Lee (cancer)
- Melanie Oden's uncle, Bruce (cancer)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Brian Frisbee (blood clot/ long-term stroke rehab)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Mazie Boyle
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)

### **CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences go out to Wilma Barrett in the passing of her brother, Harvey Rozeboom. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Chad and Wendy Hellenga and their family, in the passing of Chad's dad, Brian Hellenga.

### **ARE YOU GOING ON A MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER?**

**OUR CRC MISSIONS TEAM WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR YOU!**

**CONTACT ROBIN JACOBS AT  
ROBINMJACOBS98@GMAIL.COM OR  
612-730-7754 WITH YOUR UPCOMING  
TRIP INFORMATION.**





# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

I hope you are all having a great summer so far. I'm heading into the "fall prep" season of my job, which is always a good challenge.

I'd like to start our list of Sunday School teachers planning to teach this fall. A couple of people have let me know which age group they'd like to team-teach this year, but we need many more teachers. If you are willing to serve in that way, please let me know at your earliest convenience. I'll do a little more "official recruiting" in the next few weeks, but it is helpful to know who we have so far.

Here are a few dates you get on your calendar:

- First day of Sunday School this fall, September 25, 2022
- Start of Midweek, October 5, 2022.
- We're looking at July 24-27 as possible dates for a super "cool" VBS in 2023.

Thanks!

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Children's Ministry  
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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE MANY, MANY KIDS AT CAMP THIS YEAR. IF YOU HAVE A STUDENT AT CAMP AND HAVE SOME PHOTOS TO SHARE IN THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO HEATHER.DEWIT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG**

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

This week is our summer women's event! Women of all ages are invited to come together on Wednesday, July 13 from 7:30-8:30pm at church. We'll be doing something creative, but you'll have to come that night to find out what it is. ☺ We will also have a devotional time, and we'll be discussing women's ministry schedules for the coming fall season. This should be a fun evening of experiencing God, meeting new friends, as well as engaging our creative juices. ☺ There's no need to RSVP. Just come and bring a friend. I hope to see many of you on July 13!

I also need to inform those of you who have been attending Jon Harmsen's class that his last class on evangelism and outreach will be held Wednesday, July 27th. Please note that this is a change from the original schedule. As many of you will understand, Jon had some unexpected things come up this summer, and he needs to wrap up this set of classes by the end of July. If you have any questions about this, please contact Jon. And while I'm at it, I want to take time this week to thank Jon for his fantastic work on this summer class. I've had very positive feedback from those attending, and I know it has been a valuable experience. Thanks, Jon!

Men, don't forget that the first meeting of the DMV (Discipleship: Men's Version) will be Monday, September 12 from 7:00-8:00pm here at church. I know you get busy, so please get that on your calendars!

And lastly this week, I have a new little summer challenge for you. You may remember in my last article that I encouraged you to spend unscheduled time with friends or family where you celebrate simply "being." Well, this week, I challenge you to find some time where you can be alone with God to celebrate "being." You might think of it as a date with God. You don't need to be praying, reading, journaling, or whatever you think you should do in God's Presence. You may not realize it, but God enjoys sitting with us! He loves just being with you. How often do you give Him that opportunity? So, this week, make some time to sit with God. Ideally, you might sit with God for an hour...not accomplishing anything specific. But I'm guessing that even 15 minutes of this might feel like an eternity for some of you. ☺ I invite you to take as much time as you are able. Start with short blocks of time and build to longer blocks if you like. As busy as our summers can be, I believe we desperately need times where we stop our activity and spend time with God while we do nothing. The potential for significant spiritual transformation during this time is massive! Blessings as you give this practice a try!

Have a great week!

Liz  
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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](mailto: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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