



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

JULY 14, 2021

PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom video. 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

Samaritan's Feet

Samaritan's Feet serves & inspires hope in children by providing shoes as the foundation to a spiritual and healthy life.

CLYDE'S UPDATE

We took a week off from the newsletter and now we are back. I mentioned two weeks ago that we were getting a little rain and the difference that was making. Well, two weeks ago til now, things have changed. A wonderful change as well. The rain was a welcomed sight to all of us. I always say that things around here always look better green than brown. It was a blessing for sure. I am enjoying that. The cooler weather is nice, and we are all enjoying that. Summer is filled with vacations and certainly people are getting out and doing those things. I love hearing about all the fun things. Summer activities are going with softball and baseball tournaments. It is a busy time, but aren't we all so grateful that we can be busy doing that this summer? Enjoy everyone!

We have campers out there again this week, folks. Be praying for our young people as they go. This too is something we missed last year at this time. I am so encouraged by the volunteers who give up their weeks to spend time with young people. These are important connections and seeds we plant. These are investments that can last a lifetime. Eternal ones as well.

VBS is getting closer and already I see the stacks of supplies around the church. We don't really have any idea of just how many kids to expect. We didn't get to do this last year, so this is new ground. We already have a large number of kids registered for VBS and we know potentially there are a lot more. If you haven't done that, let us know that you are coming. Heather is hoping not to get too surprised by the turnout. We need to make sure we have plenty of supplies for the kids. I am really looking forward to this. I can't wait to hear their voices singing in worship center. Be praying for all of that to come together for us. If you would like to help, get in touch with Heather. We need you, Community!

The two schools are nearly completed out here. Grass is growing and it looks, at times, like they have been a part of the landscape out here for years. I am always amazed by that. How quickly a building can seem a part of the space as if it had always been there, but these are new and with that will be lots of traffic. I have emphasized that certainly we want to be there for the kids in those schools, but I want to encourage all of us to consider families there. Moms and dads, families who are looking for place. That is a big part of my focus. We are establishing some very nice connections with these schools and we are trying to be good neighbors first. A place where we can offer help and space and whatever else they may need. Build relationships first...the message always is heard with different ears when people know and trust you. In an American culture, where there is sometimes so much distrust, that is an important bond to make. Families, people! Pray for the families!

Last Sunday I used the word personal a number of times. I know it may seem very elementary to share with people that God is a person, but it is easy to forget that. God is not an idea or thing...he is a person. He wants more than anything for us to treat him as a person. This gets lost in all kinds of ways. Therefore, God is not an idol, not a block of wood or golden calf, not a building, not particular doctrine, but a person. This week, we will discover what this personal God is willing to do for the nation of Israel, who had walked away from him, and began treating Him as an idol. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



PICNIC IN THE PARK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST
6:30PM

UPPER TUTHILL PARK
3500 S Cliff Ave

THIS IS NOT A POTLUCK THIS YEAR.
COMMUNITY WILL PROVIDE THE FOOD & DRINK.

Summer nights are here and we're excited to bring back the "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. (The picnic is not a potluck this year.)

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen will be celebrating 50 years of marriage July 27, 2021. Deb, Mike and Sheri, along with their families, would like to surprise them with a card shower and want to invite you to send a card.

If you are interested, cards may be mailed to:
Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen,
1909 E. 63rd Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Thank you!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Sheri if you can help!
sheribrouwer@communityrc.org

<https://tinyurl.com/6mt44xmw>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 15:

6:30 & 7:30PM- CHURCH SOFTBALL
(SHERMAN PARK)

SATURDAY, JULY 17:

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

SUNDAY, JULY 18:

8:00AM, 9:00AM & 10:45AM-
IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES
10:10AM- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

TUESDAY, JULY 20:

7:00PM- AA MEETING
7:00PM- BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21:

9:00AM- BOOK CLUB
6:30PM- PICNIC IN THE PARK (TUTHILL PARK)
6:30-7:30PM- M.S. YOUTH GROUP
7:30-8:30PM- H.S. YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, JULY 22:

6:30 & 7:30PM- CHURCH SOFTBALL
(SHERMAN PARK)

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISMS

We'll be doing private baptisms after the 10:45am service throughout the summer. If you'd like to request baptism, please email the church office at connect@communityrc.org.

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

Every Tues. at 7pm at Community- Open meeting. Use east door. 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:10am in the Chapel
You can pick up a Sunday School Guide in the office. The Sunday School Guide is also available online (this might involve a subscription fee) at <https://www.guidemeonline.com/>

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, July 20, at 7 pm at the church. They will be discussing *As Bright As Heaven* by Meissener.

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, July 21, at 9 am at the church. They will be discussing *Jaded* by Denman.



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Alright, friends. It's July. In fact, it's the *middle* of July. So, here's my challenging question for the week:

Have you taken time to rest this summer?

I'm not talking about vacation, though I hope you've done that.

And I'm not talking about sleeping in on a Saturday or sending your kids to stay with Grandma and Grandpa for a few days, though I hope you've done that. ☺

I'm talking about true, deep, soul rest.

The kind of rest that's uncomfortable at first because your mind and body only know busyness.

The kind of rest that feels frustrating because your body says you should be doing something productive.

The kind of rest where your mind thinks it's wasting time.

The kind of rest where you allow the muddy river water of your soul to be still long enough to allow the rocks, and silt, and soil to settle to the bottom so the water can finally become clear.

The kind of rest where you can actually *feel* the Presence of God with you.

The kind of rest where you can actually *hear* the whisper of God within you.

The kind of rest that Jesus meant when He said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

The kind of rest we all desperately need, but for which we rarely create space.

This kind of rest looks different for different people, so, I'm not going to give you a how-to for it. I simply want to ask the question and let God lead you into it.

Have you taken time to rest?

Give it a try. And when it fails, try again. And when it works, try again. And again.

Practice rest.

I will too. ☺

Liz
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KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hello Everyone!

Summer is in full swing here at church. Please remember to pray for the kids at camp. This week alone, there are some at Pickerel, some at Inspiration Hills and some at other camps too! We have so many kiddos at Community, it is tough for me to keep track of who is where/ when BUT God knows exactly where each child is and what they need, so I will just ask Him to be with them. So far, it sounds like many of the kids have had a wonderful summer of growing in their relationship with Jesus. Some of our kiddos are going through some tough things this summer as well. We have kiddos who are dealing with life circumstances that are heavy for little hearts, but again, I know that God is with them and carrying the kids and their families, no matter the circumstance.

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! August 1-4, 6:00pm-7:45pm

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/2021>

If you haven't already signed your kids up, please do so asap. It makes it much easier for me to get supplies when I know how many to expect and I want to be sure we have extra available to encourage kids to bring friends and spread the word. We do still have some significant volunteer needs.

1. We need a CRAFT LEADER for the Preschool/ Kindergarten age kids. We provide all of the supplies and instructions. You just show up and teach the kids! The kids come to your station with the volunteers so you don't have to do so much "crowd management" and can have fun showing them the cool things they get to make. The projects are designed to be simple and kid friendly so we're hoping that makes it easy to volunteer too.
2. We need a BIBLE LEADER for the 1st through 6th grade group. Susan is the helper for that group and she has great experience so if you are feeling unsure or nervous, jump in! We give you the instructions and supplies. The lessons this year are pretty fun and engaging so connecting with the kids should be fun too.
3. We need a FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE CLASS leader. This one is pretty fun! You just join the kids and keep them all together as they worship, move from station to station and have fun together. You can lend a hand and have great conversation while connecting with them.
4. We need a PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN DIRECTOR. This sounds overwhelming, but we've streamlined the process to make it easier this year. You'll just help all the volunteers for those little kid groups to move from place to place at the right time and be a welcoming person for the many families that come with kids younger than grade 1.

Please pray about those roles and if God isn't asking you to do it, pray for the person He IS asking. If God is asking you to volunteer but you have questions, feel free to email or call me at church.

Talk to you soon!

Heather DeWit

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Vacation Bible School at Community
August 1-4, 2021
vbspro.events/p/2021



DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

We have hit the camp weeks for our middle school and high school groups for the summer and this year they just happened to all fall close together. We just got back from our senior high camp where we brought a group up to Pickerel Lake Bible Camp. It was an amazing week surrounded in the word of God and the community the students created was amazing. One of the common highlights for students was the campfire time, where students are able to share prayer requests, scripture, encouragement and ways in which God has worked in their life the last year. Then, students pray for one another as requests are shared. It is always a powerful time and this year was no exception. The evening speaker went through the book of Philippians and the theme was surrounded in the joy we have knowing Christ Jesus our Lord!

Then, this week, our junior high students will be back up at Pickerel Lake for a Community Middle School camp week. I am looking forward to starting off my first Community camp for middle school students and am so thankful for the sponsors who will be joining me to make camp a great experience for those attending. While we do have a smaller group this first year, I can't wait for an awesome week together. We will be using the same theme from high school camp for our evening sessions, and then will be changing things up for our morning time together.

Finally, we also have our Rocky Mountain High week coming up at the end of July to beginning of August. While I am bummed that the week overlaps with our VBS week here at Community (seriously, this year's VBS is so great!!!!), I am looking forward to my first time out to Rocky. I'm also excited that they were able to have it this year after needing to cancel last year, and with a lot of uncertainty during the planning stages this year. However, we are a full go and that will be a great experience for everyone going.

Our Wednesday nights for the summer will continue through July, with one week off as we are up at middle school camp. So, our nights for the rest of summer are July 21st and 28th. July 14th we will not be meeting. Again, our middle school meets from 6:30-7:30 and our high school from 7:30-8:30. Summer is a great way for students to build relationships and get to know the new faces that are entering either the middle school or high school youth group.

That's it from me this week. I ask that you would join me in giving praise for a great high school camp week and praying for our middle school camp and Rocky trip later this summer. May God move and work in the lives of our students as they spend time in God's word and with one another. If you have any questions, please feel free to send them my way.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Denny & Helen Robinson's grandson

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Glenda VanDenHoek (elbow)
- Joyce Tarrell (surgery recovery)
- Connie Parmley (broken leg)
- Harriett Valentine's grandson's wife, Amy
- Jim Fisher's brother, Dan
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Jan Kruen
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Brian Frisbee (stroke recovery/ long-term rehab)
- Mitch Jensen
- Jodie Jensen (new cancer treatments)
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Connie Tiggelaar (hospice)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

FINANCES

Sunday, July 11, 2021

General: \$10,678
Vision: \$2,885
Missions: \$320

General YTD: \$419,831
Vision YTD: \$53,708
Vision Account Balance: \$186,615

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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'll be doing private baptism
after the 10:45am service through
the summer.**

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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