



# THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 27, 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

### August- Feeding South Dakota's Backpack Program

This program provides at-risk children with nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods during weekends and holidays when school is not in session.

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

The last week of July is here, everyone! I know, I should not even bring it up, but here we are. There are plenty of nice days ahead, so don't worry about that. The summer has gone quickly, but I know that many of you have been enjoying that. You have been busy with all kinds of fun things and lots of summer activities which I applaud. Enjoy this season with your family. As I have been mentioning, I am going to be doing more getting away this fall. It is just working out that way. I love that time of year and I am hoping it is long and I am hoping to get out more to enjoy it. I guess we shall see.

We certainly do see lots of building going on around the city and that seems to be case out in the church area. The amount of dirt work and houses/apartments going up is just amazing to watch. If you don't go through an area for about a month and return it really gets your attention. Where do all these people come from? What brings them here? The main point for me is they are here...and so are we. We have lots of opportunity on this corner. It makes me excited to think about. Pray that up Community! Let's see what God can do.

We have been praying earnestly for many in our church family. The road is long for some of our friends. You have all been watching that with me. Continue to bring a word of prayer on their behalf. It does matter to them, and I think it's good for us as well. It keeps us connected to our folks and gives us a perspective that we are here for each other. We don't need to be right in the middle of other's lives, but we can certainly bear each other's heavy seasons. That is one of those deep things the family of a church can do for each other, and it is a gift we can all share. Thanks everyone!

Fall is coming and that means there are events on the calendar. I know there are several things coming up in September. Check the rest of the newsletter out for what is coming. We had a nice turnout last week for the church picnic. Our planning and motivation in the office is to do as many things as we can and give you opportunities to plug in where it works, with the hope that these events bring us together and connections are maintained. I know, people are busy, and I know you probably don't need one more thing to do, but when it works...join us. We have some very nice people here.

Sunday, our message will start at verse 29. Now, if you read that you will see that word "predestination" or something similar. That idea has been such an interesting topic in the history of the church. It can even be controversial, depending on one's interpretation. It has divided lots of Christians over the years. We are going to look at that a bit this week, but I am also going to call our attention to what may be the most important part of that set of verses. A part that we might have missed because that "predestined" word catches our eyes first, and then without realizing it...we are drawn into that realm. What is Paul trying to convey to his readers in this moment of the text? What does what we have been reading up this point have to say about where we are now in the text? We are learning how to live our lives being led by the Spirit. That is Paul's focus throughout Romans 8...how does this all fit together? We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WD<40>

(Women under 40 or over 40 😊)

Wednesday, Sept. 7

7:00pm

### Kickoff Sunday/ Block Party

Sunday, Sept. 12

11:45am-2:00pm

### DMV

(Discipleship: Men's Version)

Starting Date: Monday, Sept. 12

7:00-8:00pm

### Adult Baptism Service

Sunday, Sept. 18th @ 4:00pm

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

### Fall Fling

Fundraiser for H.S. Youth Group

Wednesday, Sept. 21

6:00pm



## THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries.

#### Union Gospel Mission:

Deodorant

#### LSS:

New or gently used board games

#### St. Francis House:

Belts & crew socks for men & women

#### East River Foster Parent Network:

Lotion, baby lotion, infant socks

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

6:30pm- Discipleship Training

### THURSDAY, JULY 28

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

### SATURDAY, JULY 30

7:00am- Prayer Ministry

10:00am- AA Meeting

### SUNDAY, JULY 31

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

Communion Sunday

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

9:30-10:30am- Play Group

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

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](mailto: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, Aug. 17th at 9:00am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing *Redeeming Love* by Rivers.

The evening book club will meet on Tues, Aug. 16 at 7:00pm at church. They will be discussing *Delusion* by Gallier.

## FINANCES

Sunday, July 24, 2022

General: \$11,459

Vision: \$305

Missions: \$210

General YTD: \$456,398

Vision YTD: \$38,824

Vision Account Balance: \$29,080



DOYLES'S UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Our final week of summer youth group is here this week. After two weeks of camp and needing to cancel last week due to being sick, July has flown by. This week, both the middle school and high school group will meet at church from 6:00-8:00. I will be providing supper for the night as we enjoy our last night together. Students are invited to stay the whole time, but are able to come late or leave early if needed. I'm looking forward to a fun night of food, large group games and conversation.

Our youth fundraiser is coming back after a few years off due to Covid. While there will still be a lot of similarities – a catered meal, desserts, and plenty of fun – there are also some changes. Instead of the Spring Fling, we are moving it to this fall during a Wednesday night in September. I have been able to be a part of two of these fundraisers since joining Community and have continued to be blown away by the support and love the youth experience through this event. I know it has been a few years, but if you would like to come support the youth, enjoy a nice meal and have some fun along with it save this date! Wednesday, September 21st. We will start at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening. In the next few weeks there will be more coming on reserving a spot for this years “Fall Fling”.

I hope you are all able to enjoy the remaining time of summer before the school schedule begins again. If you have any questions regarding the youth ministry here at Community feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle  
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (cancer)
- Tami Boyle's dad (pancreatic/liver cancer)
- Joan Schouten (surgery recovery)
- 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 (long-term stroke rehab)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Mazie Boyle
- 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 Jan Kruen and her family in the loss of her father.

Our condolences also go out to the family of Jim Halling. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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**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 was thinking about how quickly summer is moving along and how it feels like just yesterday we were having fun at VBS together. Now we're more than halfway through summer and the days are getting shorter. If you're like me and wanting to bask a bit in the truth that Jesus is the LIGHT, you might enjoy some the activities below. We'll make the most of these cozy summer nights before back-to-school time catches up to us.

#### Shadow Puppets:

- All you need is to shine a flashlight on a sheet or blank wall and put your hands in between! Change the shape of your hands to make various shapes. Can you make a heart? A cross? Different animals?
- When you run out of cool ways to shape your hands, try your feet!
- Grab some toys and see what kinds of shadows those make. It can be fun to trace the shadow on a piece of white paper as well if you set a toy between the flashlight and the paper.
- It can be super fun with paper shapes too!

#### Homemade Constellations:

- Draw a simple shape on a notecard. Use a pencil to poke little holes all along your shape.
- Shine a flashlight through the card and take a look at your design, glowing on the wall.
- Now that you've seen how it works, make another one!

#### Flashlight Tag:

- An old favorite- the tagger shines the light at the other players. If you get caught by the flashlight, you're out.
- A fun alternative is freeze tag- if the light shines on you, you are frozen until another player can tag you to set you free.

#### Flashlight Limbo:

- Don't break the beam! Set the flashlight on a table and limbo under the light.
- How low can you go? Can you limbo low enough to get below the light? Can you jump over it?

Thanks!

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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**

# CONSISTORY NOTES

JULY 14, 2022

Attendance: Pastor Clyde, Shawn, Robyn, Russ, Lyle, Grant, Ross, Logan, Steve, Tom VR, Stan, Duane, Corey, Mark, Tanner, Tom Bosch, Mary, and Joel

Devotions Psalms 18 - Mary

Opening with Prayer Mary

MSA the minutes from June 9th.

MSA of the financial reports for June given by Corey.

Old Business

·RCA Discussion

New Business

Reports – Liz, and Heather were reviewed.

- Confirm schedule for Sundays schedule.
- Hand out task-force positions to be assigned next month

Pastor Clyde closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joel Blankers, clerk

Next Meeting August 11

**COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH**  
**6800 E. 41 STREET**  
**SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110**

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U.S. Postage Paid  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Permit No. 7119

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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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