



# THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

JULY 28, 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

Hope Haven International



## CLYDE'S UPDATE

Today is going to be a hot one. Then, tomorrow is really going to be a hot one. Then, the next day is supposed to be less hot. That sounds like South Dakota in July to me. I think we can all agree it is certainly warm. We will be fine. It would be nice after all of this for a bit of rain, but we have seen some folks getting that in the area and aren't we all grateful for that? Summer is moving along folks, and August is now right in front of us. Schools are seeing activity around here and you can just tell things are changing. I know many of you are out there getting in some fun summer things. I am all in favor of that. Enjoy it everyone. Get in the sun and stay cool.

VBS starts Sunday. We are at that point now of just wanting to get in there and do it. All the planning is fun, but there is that point when you just want to get at it. Enough planning! It's time. We are hoping for a good turnout, but to be honest, we just don't really know what to expect. COVID has changed so much. We know we will do a great job with the people we have around here...it will be a fun week and Jesus will be lifted up. I think that is really the best we can bring. That is after all what these are about. There are so many people to thank...we'll do some of that in next week's newsletter. Go Community Go!

I have had a few people ask about the finished Faith Ave. We have been sharing with you that we have been working to get that all paid this summer. We haven't yet been billed officially, but we know it is coming. We also did get word that the cost is a little bit more than they first estimated. You know how these things can go. That being said, I want to encourage you all to pray about that a bit in the coming days. You might be led to offer a gift to help with that difference. We believe it will be about \$20,000 more. God has been so amazing through all of this. We have been humbled by your generosity and God's timing. Pray it up folks. Let's see where God leads us in this.

I did get home last week for a day. I went home to see my mom. We had a good visit. She's a good mom...I have been fortunate. We talked about family. We have some serious medical things going on with several people in our family. We had a death in the family last week too. Mom and I sat and talked about those folks. I went that evening to a visitation to talk to my cousin about her loss. I was glad a went. Sometimes life is about moments like that too.

This has been a week of sad news for some and good news for others. I mentioned on Sunday morning how this world and life brings that to us. One family is in sorrow and the family right next to them is in celebration. It takes deep hearts and filled souls to walk those lines. We are called to be a community that recognizes both. Simply put, life is like that. Be in prayer for healing and for celebration. God is bigger than both. This is when you need a person in your life, not an idea. Jesus is that person. Get to know that person!

Sunday, we talk about Jesus again. He is not an idol. I want to bring that word to us again this Sunday, to share the very heart of that man and to understand that God is like Jesus. He is not an idol. This is heart-deep relational/grace-filled personal sharing. Jesus is first and He is only. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!



You are invited by the Community School Action Team to join us, August 22, 2021, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, in prayer for Ben Reifel Middle School and Inspiration Grade School as they start their first year.

Our goal is to support our new neighbors and be Jesus feet and hands to them. We will meet at Community to simultaneously pray in the chapel or do a prayer walk at each school. You will not be required to pray out loud nor to walk. If you can't come, we ask that you pray at home for them.

**NEW**

We are looking to see if there are people interested in a one night sewing event for sewers and non sewers alike to help create bags for children in the hospital. We need sewers, pressors, cutters & people to carry the bags from station to station.

Contact Trudi Nelson 360-1367 if interested.



Please donate cash and gift cards that will be given to our neighbors at Inspiration Elementary and Ben Reifel Middle School to provide school supplies.

Suggested gift cards: Target, Walmart, Amazon. Drop the cash/gift cards in the buckets in the lobby.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 28:

6:30-7:30PM- M.S. YOUTH GROUP  
7:30-8:30PM- H.S. YOUTH GROUP

### SATURDAY, JULY 31:

7:00AM-PRAYER MINISTRY  
10:00AM- AA MEETING  
H.S. LEAVES FOR ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH

### SUNDAY, AUG 1:

8:00AM, 9:00AM & 10:45AM-  
IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES  
10:10AM- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
6:00-7:45PM- VBS

### MONDAY AUG 2:

6:00-7:45PM- VBS

### TUESDAY, AUG 3:

6:00-7:45PM- VBS  
7:00PM- AA MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, AUG 4:

6:00-7:45PM- VBS

## UPCOMING MINISTRIES

**NEW**

### JOY CIRCLE

Let's reconnect with coffee at Bagel Boy on South Minnesota Ave on Thursday Aug. 5th @ 9:30am. Hope to see you all there!

### BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 17th, 7pm at church. The book we will be discussing is "Everything I Never Told You".

The morning book club will meet on Wed. Aug. 18th, 9am at church. The book we will be discussing is "As Bright As Heaven".

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>



LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I'll apologize up front for this week's and next week's articles because both of these articles will be about VBS. ☺

VBS starts this Sunday, August 1, and runs from through August 4 from 6:00-7:45pm. This is such a great week of ministry with children. God moves in obvious ways during the week. Even if you aren't "officially helping" with VBS next week, I encourage you to swing by and spend a little time with us just to watch all of the happenings around church. It will be a blessing.

I'm sure Heather is starting to include thank you lists in her article. It takes so many people to get decorations made and displayed, lessons taught, games planned, etc. VBS is a complicated machine, and we are deeply appreciative of those of you who have volunteered to help this year. As for my article this week, I'd like to focus on a particular group that has been a huge help to me personally.

As many of you are aware, Heather and I wrote this year's VBS. And that meant that I needed to write some new songs to go with what we had written. Once the songs were written, I knew I'd be able to teach them to the kids during the week of VBS, but there was no way for kids to keep singing them once VBS was over. This is where my family stepped in. My dad happens to have a recording studio at his house. My brother-in-law happens to be a skilled recording engineer, my dad and brother-in-law both play multiple instruments, and my sister sings. ☺ Because of my family, I was able to get an entire album recorded for VBS. And because of their generosity, we will be giving away a free CD to every family who attends VBS. You may not be aware of the cost, skill, and time associated with recording an album. It is not a simple task. We are extremely fortunate that we have the ability to do this for the kids. So, THANK YOU, Dad (Pastor Clyde!), Dalton (my brother-in-law), and Abbie (the best sister in the world) for all you did to make this album a reality. I can't wait to give it to the kids next week!

I hope to see you all at some point at church next week at VBS!

Have a great week!

Liz  
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Hello Everyone!

The VBS countdown clock in my office switched from weeks to days! In just a handful of days, we will be having fun together while we learn that God's Mercies are New Every Morning!

**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. Bring a friend or a bunch of friends! Even if you can only make it for one or two of the evenings, come join the fun.
- We need some food to use as examples in the Bible lesson. To sign up to bring food items, use this link or call the church office: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4caciaa2eabfb6-vbsfood>
- Even if you haven't signed up, just come! If you want to help, we can use you to assist kiddos in some of the larger classes and if you don't want to or can't help, you can just come hang out and soak up the excitement, energy and love that comes with VBS. God shows up in some pretty fun ways every year, so I'm hoping this year will be awesome too.

Together, we will learn that God's mercies are new every morning.

On Sunday, we will learn about the Trinity. (Eggs are 3 in 1 too!)

On Monday, we will learn that Jesus makes us whole. (Donuts have holes!)

On Tuesday, we will learn that Jesus changes us. (Cereal boxes say heart healthy.)

On Wednesday, we will learn that we can go be salt and light. (Go be bacon!)

Come make some fun connections with us and make some memories. I know I'll never look at breakfast the same way again.

Talk to you soon!

Heather DeWit

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# UPCOMING DATES

## BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, Aug 29  
11:45am-2:00pm

## START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 19th @ 10:00am

## ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Sept. 22  
6:00-8:00pm



## FINANCES

Sunday, July 25, 2021

General: \$8,117  
Vision: \$580  
Missions: \$53

General YTD: \$444,249  
Vision YTD: \$54,763  
Vision Account Balance: \$180,279

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Erin Weerheim's dad (stent)

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Bert Roetman's son, Loren (stroke)
- Bill Klein (surgery recovery)
- Jerry Ackerman (ablation)
- 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
- 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)

## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Sherri Van Beek and family for the recent passing of her husband, Daron. Please keep her and their kids, Carson, Brendon, and Aubrie in your prayers.

## THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, and cards sent during my recent surgery. A special thanks to Pastor John for his prayers before and after surgery. What a blessing to be part of such a caring church family.  
Joyce Tarrell

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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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