

No newsletter June 28th

Next newsletter will
be send out on
Thursday, July 6

THE COMMUNICATOR

JUNE 21, 2023

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

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

It sounds like it might be a very hot week for us, but we are hoping for rain towards the end of the week. It is dry though and you can see that. Praying for rain is a good thing to do and I have been doing that. I like the summer warm, but I like the rain too. It is certainly summer now, and this week the official first day will happen. Then the sun starts going in the other direction. Seasons come and go and all of that seems to move a little faster each year. I hope you are all enjoying the summer. I can tell people are out and doing all kinds of things. Photos of vacation spots are everywhere. Lake and Mountains seem to be the most popular. Although, many of you have lots of sporting activities going on as well. Softball and baseball tournaments are everywhere these days. There are camps for the kids and all sorts of things to get done in this short period of time we call summer. Enjoy it! The church is still here. You can watch us when it works. I think the summer series has been a good one thus far. I'm just saying...

This week we will be having our church picnic. We try to keep a few things going throughout the summer for those of you who like to stay connected through these busy months. The church picnic is just one of those things we keep doing. It always seems to be a popular get-together. I think what is most beneficial about that event is that people from all the services get to see each other. We find that it is easy to lose track of people if they aren't going to the service you go. We have even had people who work together who didn't know that each of them went to the same church. That's the one thing that multiple services removes, but we try to do things that connect. It is just how this all goes.

Bible School is getting closer now, and Heather has been extra busy trying to get helpers for that event coming at the end of July. I know people are just going and going right now and as soon as that time gets closer, they will get signed up. It happens every year that way. If you can remember, try to get signed up and maybe contact Heather if you can help us out. It really is not that difficult of an ask, and it is a lot of fun! It is one of my favorite things to during the summer at church. Join us for a little Christmas in July!

This Sunday the message is from the 4th verse in the series. We have all learned much in this study. I want to keep teaching through all this as best as I can. Paul, as I have mentioned often, did an amazing job of giving us a book that expresses so many good truths for the church to consider. This week we will stay on the theme of building the body of Christ. Churches are full of people with all kinds of gifts and interest. Each one uniquely formed and each one important for the work and the effectiveness of the church. Think on that a bit. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

YOU
BELONG
HERE

Summer Dates to Save

Mark Your Calendar!

▶ **Picnic in the Park**
Wednesday, June 21 @ 6:30pm
Upper Tuthill Park

Bring a chair and we'll provide a hot dog meal.
There's even a playground for the kids to play on!

▶ **VBS**
Monday, July 24– Thurs., July 27
We're celebrating Christmas in July!

**NO
PLAY GROUP
TUES. JULY 4th**

of childhood weekday
PLAY GROUP
free, all are welcome
TUESDAYS
9:30–11:00AM

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.
Questions? Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org
or 605-336-1475

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday School class will continue to
meet throughout the summer months.

Everyone welcome!
Sundays @ 10:10am
in the Chapel

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, June 21

6:00pm- Youth Group
6:30pm- Picnic in the Park
(Upper Tuthill Park)

Saturday, June 24

7:00am- Prayer Ministry
10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)
See details below.

Sunday, June 25

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service
10:10am- Adult Sunday School

Monday, June 26

6:30 & 7:30pm- Church Softball (Sherman
Park- Field D)

Tuesday, June 27

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, June 28

6:00pm- Youth Group

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AA BIG BOOK MEETING

For the summer months, AA will be meeting
via Zoom on Saturdays at 10:00am.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?
pwd=N1NiemsOMG5vdK0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1NiemsOMG5vdK0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09)

Please contact Tom Jacobs
(tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

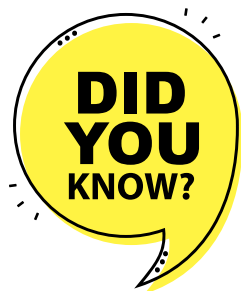
SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday,
July 10 at noon at the East 10th
Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie
Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday,
July 18, at 7 pm at the church. We will be
discussing Nightingale by Hannah.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday,
July 19, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on
Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing The
Nature of Fragile Things by Meissner.



**WE COLLECT USED GREETING CARDS AND
DONATE THEM TO NURSING HOMES
& DAYCARES.
PLEASE BRING THOSE CARDS TO THE LINK AND
WE'LL BE SURE THEY ARE DONATED.**

FINANCES

Sunday, June 18, 2023

General: \$7,359
Vision: \$190
Missions: \$220

General YTD: \$374,917
Vision YTD: \$33,153
Vision Account Balance: \$32,468

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Chris Hill (surgery recovery)
- Larry Oostra (heart surgery recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Barb Klein
- Kathy Klein (tests)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloot
- Angie Bonnema's dad
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Glenda Van Den Hoek
- Nicole Ryan (deployed for 6 months)
- Karen Johnson (heart issues)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnice (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)



REGISTER FOR THE EVENT

Scan the QR Code

or

visit www.mission-Haiti.org
and click "register for MOVE"



**CHERRY ROCK PARK
SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
8:00AM**

LET'S FUND THE ORPHANAGE!

**\$25 SINGLE PARTICIPANT
COST:\$80 TEAM REGISTRATION
FREE KIDS AND SUPPORTERS**

4 MILE TEAM RELAY RUN

4 team members running 1 mile
each group costumes encouraged

1 MILE WALK

Not a runner? No worries, walk!
80's themed costume encouraged

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Kids activities provided
Fun for the whole family

Register Now!

Vacation Bible School



Free- bring friends!
communityrc.org/vbs



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HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hello Everyone!

I want to highlight the Family Adventure Packs that are available in the hallway outside the Youth Room doors. Those packs are free for everyone to borrow and include some fun activities for you to do. This is available to you, even if you don't have kids! There are fun things like hammocks, puzzles, games, art, and a wide variety of activities. Each pack is different. Please feel free to grab one and take it home for a while, even if it is just to play a new game or find a few Bible questions to ponder. They don't have a deadline, so you can take them with you on vacation if you want as well. There is even a road tripped theme one!

As a reminder, for VBS this year, we still need a number of volunteers, but the spots I'd like to fill right away are:

Preschool Games Leader

Preschool Class Leaders

1st Grade Class Leader

3rd Grade Class Leader

5/6 Grade Class Leader

See you soon!

-Heather

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THE GIVE

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

Ben Reifel Middle School:
games & puzzles

The Banquet:
coffee

Lunch Is Served:
Granola bars & applesauce/ encouraging notes

Children's Home Society:
Swimming towels
outdoor sports/rec equipment



NURSERY COORDINATORS

HIRING NURSERY COORDINATORS FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS.

THIS POSITION HAS FLEXIBLE HOURS AND IS PAID HOURLY.

IF THIS JOB INTERESTS YOU, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY EMAILING: HEATHER.DEWIT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

As we pass the midpoint of June, I want to share a short little challenging conviction that I've been fussing with for the past couple of weeks.

I've been reading a lot about denying the self. The short explanation of this is that if we want to follow Jesus and be transformed by God's grace, the first thing we must do is put our own desires at the foot of the cross. Of course, many of our desires are God-given, good desires. But when you start to take a deep dive into your desires (even the good ones) you will often see that although the desire itself might be good, the reason for your desire might be broken. Now, that's a whole different topic for another time! But for today, I want to talk about the basic relinquishing of our desires to God to grant Him the freedom to give us what He knows we need.

The conviction for me came when I realized that although I have been giving my desires back to God, my attitude hasn't always been an attitude of surrender. It's sort of like I was saying, "I'll surrender my life to you, but I won't be happy about it."☺ That might seem ridiculous to say, but it's the truth. There have been many times in my life where I surrendered to God's will but I wasn't happy about it because I knew God was leading in a direction I didn't want to go! But I also knew that God's way is the best way, so I was willing to do the best thing, even I wasn't happy about it.

Isn't that a juvenile way to behave? I was being a brat. And to what end! I wasn't hurting anyone but myself and was totally missing out on the fullness of the goodness that God's way was offering.

What I'm learning is that my attitude in the surrender plays a role in how I relate to God. When I'm disgusted, frustrated, or even angry at the fact that God is asking me to surrender to Him, that negatively affects how I relate to Him about other matters. But if I can surrender even my attitude of surrender to Him, that will positively affect how I relate to Him in other matters.

So, here are my questions for you to chew on a bit this summer:

1. What are the things God is asking you to surrender to Him? They might be outcomes, people, gifts, experiences, etc. What is it in your life God is asking you to surrender to Him?
2. And if you can't think of anything you need to surrender, take a quick look at one of your desires. Is there anything about your desire that's off? Is there something within your desire that God is inviting you to surrender to Him?
3. What is your attitude as you surrender (or even think about surrendering) that to Him? Are you angry? Excited? Nervous? Annoyed?
4. Note how that attitude affects the way you interact with God. You might find, like I did, that you need to surrender the attitude too.

Blessings on you as you give this some thought this summer...

Have a great week, friends!

Liz

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CONSISTORY NOTES

JUNE 15, 2023

Attendance: Pastor Clyde Teel, Grant Boltjes, Stan Deelstra, Tyler Wolf, Harvey Odens, Russ Hoogendoorn, Darren Ellwein, Ken Hartzell, Lyle Pudwill, Mary Burggraaf, Ross Larson, Tom Van Roekel, Doug Harms

Opening Devotion – Romans 12:14ff and opening prayer - Grant Boltjes

MSA the May 11, 2023 consistory meeting minutes.

MSA the May financial report.

The new handbook will be reviewed and revised; members of the committee will be Russ Hoogendoorn, Ross Larson, Darren Ellwein and one at-large member from the congregation with the final draft to be approved by consistory and congregational approval at the January congregational meeting.

Reports by Liz and Heather were reviewed.

The Kingdom Network May 17 hub meeting was reported on.

Russ reported on the property updates.

Joyce Tarrell is the 8:00 a.m. pianist.

A home school group has requested use of the church on Tuesdays during the school year from 8:00-5:00. We are denying the request as it would interfere with programs already scheduled at the church.

A time of brainstorming on how to make our presence known to new neighbors at the city grows around us. How do we attract them, let them know who we are?

Next meeting will be in August.

Closing prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Burggraaf, Clerk