



THE COMMUNICATOR

JUNE 22, 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

Samaritan's Feet is a humanitarian aid organization that serves and inspires hope by providing shoes to those in need around the world.

Since its founding in 2003, Samaritan's Feet and its partners have served more than 8.7 million people across 108 countries and 530 U.S. cities.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

Summertime! The heat was here, and it was windy. That didn't take long to get a little irritating. However, the wind changed direction and a little stormy weather, and we are back to a little less heat. All is fine. I know lots of folks are doing summer things. Softball is going, baseball, swimming, vacations, and all sorts of activities that we all love to do in these warm months of the year. Enjoy everyone! Things around the church are a little busy right now, but I am hoping that slows a bit and I can get out and do some of that as well. Stay connected to us as you go about the summer things. There is still church going on.

Vacation Bible School is in full swing this week. Lots of kids and lots of helpers! It is a great thing to watch. Heather has put lots of planning into this week. It started a long time and so it is good to see it all come together. I am always so happy to see the many adult volunteers who do this year after year. I love their willingness to get involved with the kids. It matters at so many levels. This year the theme is "Light" and so we have all kinds of light things around. Liz is once again doing the opening worship time with a new character she and Heather have created. Liz Lumens is her name. She is a light scientist of sorts. It is all good fun. Go God Go!

The membership folks of church will be getting that letter in the mail this week outlining the recommendation of Consistory. There is an explanation letter and an official ballot in that mailing. We will print a copy of the letter in next week's newsletter as well. As I have stated before, there has been a lot of prayer and hard work that has gone into this. We will need you to get those enclosed ballots back to us as soon as possible. The Consistory has made a recommendation to you and now you will need to determine if you agree with their work or not. It is pretty straight forward. We are nearing the end of this journey. Finish well. Once again, let me remind you that what folks were most concerned about was the impact this all might have on church. They didn't want us to battle. I have great confidence that we will get through all of this just fine. We prayed, we listened, we do our best. There is church to do each week and there are people who need to hear the amazing message that we all want them to hear. At the core of who we are, that's what we do. That is our focus and that is our vision. Go God Go!

We have had a number of our families who have been dealing with some very serious things this week. As I celebrated with the kids at Bible school and as I thought about all the voting things getting done...I was so drawn to the medical struggle that many of you are dealing with right now. Sometimes that really hits me. The contrasts that I see are often a bit overwhelming. I was excited about VBS and in the same week sad about those other things. My heart was a little heavy this week for some of our families. Pray folks. It matters.

Sunday's message is about the "life" the Spirit of God brings to our lives. What is Paul getting at in this idea of life? We often talk about the new life we find in Christ, but what is that exactly? Is it a new way to live, or is there more? We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!





DETAILS IN LIZ'S ARTICLE.



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. (THE PICNIC IS NOT A POTLUCK THIS YEAR)

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

6:00-7:45pm- VBS

6:30pm- Discipleship Training

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

6:00-7:45pm- VBS

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

7:00am- Prayer Ministry

10:00am- AA Meeting

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

9:30-10:30am- Play Group

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, July 11 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Everyone welcome!

FINANCES

Sunday, June 12, 2022

General: \$9,092

Vision: \$600

Missions: \$190

General YTD: \$391,920

Vision YTD: \$35,024

Vision Account Balance: \$40,067

COMMUNITY
KIDS

early childhood weekday 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



PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Darren Ellwein (rotator cuff surgery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jim Halling (cancer)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (prep for transplant 6/21)
- 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 the family and friends of Ann De Young. Please keep them in your prayers.

**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.**

A photograph of three children playing outdoors with many bubbles floating around them. The children are smiling and reaching for the bubbles. The background is a lush green field.

KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

VBS week is finally here! If you are reading this before Thursday night, and haven't come to VBS yet, feel free to stop out! VBS is from 6-7:45. If you can make it to hear the kids during worship time (6-6:30 and 7:30-7:45) I think you'll enjoy it!

I have so many people to thank for making VBS happen again this year! If you haven't spent much time hanging out in the church office, you may not realize what a great working environment it is! The other staff at Community play a huge role in making VBS successful. Each staff member shares their gifts in a variety of ways. Liz is leading worship again this year and has also added a bunch of fun touches that I think the kids will enjoy. Her creativity makes the opening and closing so much fun!

We decorated for VBS throughout last week and some amazing people jumped in to make it look awesome for the kids. Evita A was here for a ton of hours and came up with some really fun and exciting ideas including the stars everywhere and the lit up trees, among other things. She inflated many, many balloons!! Lori and Emily H fixed the sun's rays when they fell off and also helped create the sun, the fireworks, and some other cool displays. Doyle helped with decorating as well!! My family (Mickila, Jaron and Addi) were here often to help create some of the lighting effects, to put together the pond (with heavy rocks) and to help with other things. If you see any of those people, please give them an extra smile or two. There were others who popped in to help with VBS prep as well!

I'm looking forward to my newsletter next week to share some pictures of VBS with you, and to thank more of the people who make VBS happen. It is always incredible to me that everyone can find the time, energy and joy to make this week happen for the kids. I am also thankful that the kids and families make time in their summer to enjoy VBS together.

Have a great week!

-Heather

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Bible School has been running this week, and we are having such a great time learning about the light of God! I just have to say that Heather DeWit has done a fantastic job of writing this entire VBS. Her organization and creativity are top-notch. She makes a complicated series of events run very smoothly. Plus, she handles the unexpected better than just about anyone I know. We are truly blessed to have Heather doing this important work at Community. The next time you see her, be sure to tell her thank you!

I also want to thank the guys in our band who show up every night to play for the children's worship. Nick Sittig plays bass. Jacob Hein plays drums. And Pastor Clyde plays guitar. Because they are willing to play, I have the freedom to stand in front with the kids to sing and dance and worship. It's hard to dance from a piano bench. ☺ This band is a huge blessing to Community. Most VBS programs must use DVDs for their worship time. But this personal and live music adds so much to our time together. Thanks, guys, for your willingness to play!

Attention All Women: You are all invited to our WD40 summer event 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! As I mentioned last week, I'm strongly considering opening this group to all women, but I would love feedback from women under 40 about what you would like to see in a women's group. If you join us in July, you'll get a feel for this group and whether or not you'd like to be a part of it. And if you're not available to join us, please stop in The Corner some Sunday and talk to me about what would be valuable to you in a women's group.

And Men, don't forget that the first meeting of the DMV (Discipleship: Men's Version) will be 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'm already starting to get a list together of classes we'll be offering this year for Mid-Week! If you've been feeling the nudge from God to teach or lead a class, please talk to me. I love having several options for our adults to choose from during Mid-Week.

Stay cool out there, friends! Summer is here. ☺

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.
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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