

No Newsletter next week July 6

THE COMMUNICATOR

JUNE 29, 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

Hope Haven International

As followers of Christ, Hope Haven unleashes potential in people through work and life skills so that they may enjoy a productive life in their community. They distribute wheelchairs to people in need around the world.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

July is here and the 4th is this weekend. It certainly is summer and yes, the sun is shining and yes, it is a bit warm at times. That is what summer does. I know many of our friends have gone off to visit some fun places and camping or other kinds of vacation things. I hope you are enjoying the summer. If you are away from us, just tune in and watch on the screen. The live-stream is a good option when you are traveling. I know it is not the same as being here, but that has certainly been a good ministry tool. Enjoy the summer everyone.

I will start with Vacation Bible School. First, thanks to all the volunteers. These fine people take time out of their busy days to come and spend time with our kids. They are difference makers. Those connections are so vital in these programs. Kids may not remember all the things, but they will most certainly remember a person who was there. VBS is all about creating an atmosphere of joy, music, fun, prayer, Bible, and God being present. This year was about "light". The light of God around us, in us, through us, and for us. It was a great theme and the kids seemed to really take to the lessons. We raised over \$3000 for the Ukraine children. It was money that we will send there for them to purchase baby food for the infants. Our kids really attached themselves to that mission. It was just precious to watch them respond. Thank you, Community friends, for doing this together with our children. I want to thank Heather for another well thought out program. All the lessons, all the crafts, and the organizing she does. She writes it all folks, that's a gift for us. A big thank you to Liz for her skills with those kids during all the opening and closing times. It is a great gift she shares every year. All good! Lots of smiles!

As I mentioned on Sunday, it was a full week with so many emotions in this place. VBS was just exciting and all up, but in the background of that there were several families going through some very challenging things. I spoke of those on Sunday. Life is just that way. In one place all is full and exciting, and in another place anxious and even a bit overwhelming. Be praying for our church family and all these things. As a church, offer up a word for God to be there for people who are having a difficult path right now. We have a God who understands and listens. Go to him.

The ballots have been sent. We hope we got them all to everyone. If we missed anyone, please let us know. I encourage you all to get them turned in to us. You can bring them with you on Sunday, if you wish. You can mail them back. Whatever is best for you. Lots of work has been done. We need you to help us finish well.

Sunday is the 3rd of July. I think I said that wrong on Sunday. The message starts with verse 12 this week. Paul is asking his church in Rome to commit to this new life. Offer yourselves to it! The idea is an interesting way to think about living the Christian life. We have a couple of words in this text to unpack this week. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | SUNDAY, JULY 17 @ 10:10AM



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



**PICNIC IN
THE PARK**
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH
6:30PM
UPPER TUTHILL PARK
3500 S Cliff Ave

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)



MISSION HAITI SPONSORSHIP

The Missions Action Team wants to remind anyone who sponsors a child through Mission-Haiti that re-sponsorship is due on June 30. If you don't sponsor a child and are interested, please keep your eyes open later this year as we will have some new students who need sponsors.

THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

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

SATURDAY, JULY 2

7:00am- Prayer Ministry
10:00am- AA Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 3

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

MONDAY, JULY 4

Office Closed

TUESDAY, JULY 5

9:30-10:30am- Play Group

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

6:30pm- Discipleship Training

THURSDAY, JULY 7

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) for meeting access.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, July 11 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet Wed, July 20th at 9:00am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing *Uncommon Friendship* by Rosner & Tubach.

The evening book club will meet on Tues, July 19 at 7:00pm at church. They will be discussing *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle is taking the summer off. Check the first Communicator in September for our new sessions.

FINANCES

Sunday, June 26, 2022

General: \$12,510
Vision: \$1,260
Missions: \$280
VBS: \$3,356

General YTD: \$411,506
Vision YTD: \$36,509
Vision Account Balance: \$34,160

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Joan Schouten (surgery recovery)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jim Halling (cancer)
- 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 (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)

THANK YOU

We wish to thank our Community Church Family for your prayers, cards and words of comfort in the recent passing of Ann.

Paul DeYoung

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.

**THE KIDS
RAISED OVER
\$3,000 TO
FEED BABIES
IN UKRAINE!**


LIGHT
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AT COMMUNITY

A vibrant photograph of three children playing outdoors with many large, colorful bubbles floating around them. The scene is bright and cheerful, with green foliage in the background.

KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Community!

Wow! Vacation Bible School 2022 is all wrapped up and it was amazing! God gave us quite a week. In numbers, we had over 150 kids, 50 volunteers and the kids brought over \$3341 in offering for Arise Ukraine to provide baby food for infants in need. While it is harder to measure, I would say the impact on children and adults was even greater than anything the numbers show. It was so fun to hear the kids talk and sing about Jesus, the Light! There is a video with some of the photos and videos from the week. Thank you to Emily Spartz Weerheim for capturing those special moments for us! We learned that God's light is around us, in us, through us, and for us.

I have so many people to thank. As I said last week, the staff at Community do so much to make VBS possible and this year, that was particularly evident. There are also some people who jump in and help with anything possible leading up to and during the week of VBS. I hope those of you who I can count on to take care of the "little things" (that add up to be not little at all) realize what a huge impact you make. Whether it is hanging posters, putting up balloons, setting up the sun, cleaning up everything after VBS, helping with first aid, filling in for a teacher who needs to miss a night, or just jumping in as needed, I am very thankful for you! We had fantastic leaders in all areas and age groups again this year. It seemed like everyone had fun and certainly the kids appreciated all of the volunteers and the smiling faces. A huge thank you to the band as well, since worship is such a big part of each night, and it is so well done! I also need to thank the kids and families for being part of VBS! I know you are all busy, and it is so good to see the kids worship, learn, and be church together. I love that the kids are welcoming to new people and seem to genuinely enjoy being together. I also need to thank the leaders of our church for valuing VBS and making it a great week. I appreciate having the resources and time to make VBS fun for the kids in new and exciting ways every year. This is a really good place to work in children's ministry.

Believe it or not, we have already set a tentative date for VBS 2023! We've got our eyes on July 24-27 as possible dates for a super "cool" VBS in 2023. While you are putting that in your calendar, you can also be sure you are here for the first day of Sunday School this fall, September 25, 2022 and the start of Midweek, October 5, 2022.

Thanks everyone!

-Heather

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Just a couple of reminders this week:

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 what it's like to be together. And if you're not available to join us July 13, 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 Monday, September 12 from 7:00-8:00pm here at church. I know you get busy, so please get that on your calendars!

And lastly, I have a request. At some point this month (yes, I'm giving you an entire month to get this done), would you please take 3 hours to sit in the presence of your friends and/or family and enjoy their company. Visit with one another. Drink some lemonade. Maybe play beanbags or croquet (yes, croquet!). Shut off your phones. Turn off the computers and games. Turn off your music and listen to the sounds of nature. Don't plan. Don't accomplish anything specific. Just listen to one another and appreciate the massive value in simply being together for 3 hours. You're going to want to rush. You're going to want to plan or accomplish something together. For some of you, it will feel like a waste of time. Trust me. It's not a waste of time to acknowledge we are human BE-ings. Not human DO-ings. There are 744 hours in the month of July. I'd love for you to spend 3 of those hours simply "be-ing" with those you love. Blessings on your time together!

Have a wonderful 4th of July weekend!

It is for freedom that Christ set us free...

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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