



# THE COMMUNICATOR

JUNE 7, 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

June is certainly feeling like summer and yes, we could use a little rain. I know that would sure ease the minds of many of our farmer friends. We just never know what the weather will do. All that snow and now it is so difficult to get a cloud to stay overhead long enough to get a good shot of rain. We just wait. Seems like that can be a theme in life, waiting. We do not wait in vain however, because God knows all things and how it needs to go for us. That is not always easy, but it is a truth we can all live by. Summer is here...enjoy everyone!

I have been very amazed at how quickly all the "Becky" books have gone. I am keeping a few back for myself for obvious reasons, but lots of people picked up a copy. You can always order them online if you wish. Thanks to everyone who got one and I hope you will all share it with others as well. As Liz stated on Sunday morning, it is not an easy read, but one that can give some deep perspective on life when things seem to be going all wrong. God doesn't let us down when we are in a valley...he is there. It's not going to make it all go the way we want, but His presence carries us along. We gain something. It is perspective. It is a way of raising the value of simple things. It has a way of changing our hearts into something more malleable. It is not easy, but it will bring a kind of new life. The sadness will not go away. I don't think a person would want it to. The sadness changes. It becomes a kind of deep peace. For those who have gone through such things, they might say it differently, but it is what I hear them say. For those who are right in the middle of a rough journey, it might be too early to understand this, but you can have hope. God is working. That work will bring healing. Trust! Listen! Learn! Jesus knows what to do!

We have been trying to get a read on how many kids will be in our summer Bible School. So far we have a good number who have preregistered, but we know there are many more. Summer is here and everyone is in a different gear. Lots of activities and vacations and trips, water sports and summer leagues and softball and fishing and...well, you get the point. I just want to remind you all that at the end of July, we are doing VBS. Christmas is July! It is going to be an amazing amount of fun. Pass the word! Let's fill that place!

The new series on Romans 12 is now in motion. I think it is going to be a good one. As I said this past Sunday, Romans is so well written! No matter what chapter you decide to do, you are going to find so much value in those words. Chapter 12 is a turning point in that book. The verses that will follow are all going to show us what a surrendered life to Jesus will bring us. This week we will do verse 2. Most all of you have heard that verse dozens of times. It is one of the memory verses we all know. We are going to look at what Paul means when he talks about renewing our minds. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

**NOTE: We will livestream the 9:00am service only throughout the summer.**

You can watch LIVE at 9am or anytime after that service has ended at [www.communityrc.org/watch-live](http://www.communityrc.org/watch-live)

YOU  
**BELONG**  
HERE

# Summer Dates to Save

**Mark Your Calendar!**

## ▶ **Picnic In The Park Wednesday, June 21 Upper Tuthill Park**

Join us for "Picnic in the Park" on Wednesday, June 21st @ 6:30pm at Upper Tuthill Park!  
Just bring a lawn chair and we'll provide a meal! (hotdogs, chips, dessert & water)

## ▶ **VBS Monday, July 24- Thurs., July 27**

We're celebrating Christmas in July!  
See Details Below!

*early 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 7**  
6:00pm- Youth Group

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

**Sunday, June 11**  
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service  
10:10am- Adult Sunday School

**Monday, June 12**  
Noon- Senior Citizens (E. 10th Pizza Ranch)  
6:30pm- Church Softball (Sherman Park-Field D)

**Tuesday, June 13**  
9:30-11am- Play Group

**Wednesday, June 14**  
6:00pm- Youth Group  
6:30pm- Carnies Faith & Family Night

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### **AA BIG BOOK MEETING**

**NEW  
UPDATE**

For the summer months, AA will be meeting via Zoom on Saturdays at 10:00am. Here's the zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdK0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09>

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

### **SENIOR CITIZENS**

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, June 12 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 on Tuesday, June 20, at 7 pm at the church.  
We will be discussing The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan Meissner.

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, June 21, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.  
We will be discussing And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie.

### **HOPE CIRCLE**

Hope Circle will meet on June 20th at 7:00pm. Jerralynne is hostess and Carol has the lesson.

## DOYLES'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Here we are in June which means our high school youth group is starting up on Wednesday nights again. Each week does look a little different, so I will be emailing parents, posting on socials and connecting with students in our group chat. Parents, if you do not receive my emails and would like to, please let me know so I can get you added in our system. For students, I use the GroupMe app to text for the high school group. Again, if students are not a part of that group and would like to be added let me know and I can get that done as well. Finally, the youth group Instagram page is communityrc\_youth if you would like to follow that. We will be keeping that going this summer since things do shift around some.

Next week, we will be having a welcome to youth group event for the incoming 6th grade class. If you have a middle school student, this would be the week to come connect as a group. While I know summer gets busy, it would be so great to see as many of the middle school students there as possible as we build the community up for the upcoming school year! We will go from 6:00 – 7:30 Wednesday June 14th. Hope to see you there!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions regarding the student ministries here at Community please feel free to send them my way.

Doyle

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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



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Barb Klein
- Kathy Klein (tests)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Marv Sturing (cancer/ hospice)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Joe Johnson (traveling to China)
- 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, Vonnie (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Scott & Jayne Knochenmus for the unexpected passing of their niece, Melissa Knochenmus. Melissa is also a cousin to Kim and Cole Becker, Kaycee and Jason Albertson.

## FINANCES

Sunday, June 4, 2023

General: \$12,208  
Vision: \$1,385  
Missions: \$1,090

General YTD: \$340,333  
Vision YTD: \$29,891  
Vision Account Balance: \$29,206



A photograph of three children playing outdoors with many bubbles floating around them. The children are smiling and appear to be running or jumping. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting trees or foliage.

HEATHER'S UPDATE

# KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

I hope your summer is going well.

As the calendar switched to June, my brain switched from "school year" to summer! I'm looking forward to some fun in the sun, and of course Vacation Bible School! If you haven't been part of VBS at Community, I highly recommend taking time to do so. We start with worship at 6pm and end with worship at 7:45. In between, the kids get to experience a Bible lesson, create a craft, and play some games. This year, our theme is Christmas in July. We fit a lot of fun and learning into those evenings and we're doing Monday through Thursday again this year- July 24-27. We still need quite a few volunteers and of course we're ready for more kids! Tell some friends.

Sign up at: [communityrc.org/vbs](https://communityrc.org/vbs)

I'd especially love to get people plugged in for some of the following roles as soon as possible: Preschool Bible Story Leader, Preschool Craft Leader, Preschool Games Leader, 3-5 Grade Bible Leader, 3-5 Grade Craft Leader. Remember, all of the supplies and instructions are already done. We just need you!

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

Community Kids

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605-336-1475

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**APPLY  
NOW**

## **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](mailto:HEATHER.DEWIT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG)**



LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Summer is here, and we are in our summer schedule at Community! I realize my saying this is a bit like preaching to the choir, but please remember to read this newsletter every week to be reminded of upcoming summer events. And encourage your friends to check out The Communicator as well! It's a fantastic connection tool!

We are counting down the weeks to VBS! I'm getting really excited for all we'll be doing during that time together. We still need to get those kid registrations in so we can adequately prepare for the right number of children. And we still need many adult volunteers to help during the week. The theme this year is Christmas in July, and our dates are July 24-27. Remember that VBS is open to 3-year-olds through kids who are going into the 6th grade. Get those registrations in!

Thanks to everyone who took copies of my dad's book about my mom's cancer journey, "The Story of One Word." Even though we are out of hard copies at church, a few copies can still be purchased online at Amazon. I hope you find it to be an encouraging read on a difficult topic. And above all, we want God to be glorified in it.

Don't forget that the "Your Story...And God..." guideline sheets will be available all summer. You can pick up hard copies on Sundays in the sanctuary or you can download it from the church website and app.

And lastly this week, I had a couple of people respond to my question about the worship devotionals I share on Sunday mornings. Once again, here's the feedback I'm looking for:

I've been asked recently about the little worship devotionals I do every Sunday and if they are available to read elsewhere during the week. If you'd be willing to share your input with me, I have a couple of questions for you:

1. Would you also like to be able to access those devotionals during the week?

2. If so, what would be your preferred format for those devotionals? I could write them out and put them in the Communicator and/or on the website. Or I could do a short video of them and have those available in different places online. I'm also open to suggestions for other ways to make these available to people. So, if you have any great ideas, feel free to share!

I'm not making any guarantees about this! ☺ It's possible that the majority only wants them to be shared during worship on Sunday, and I would be ok with that! But if there are more of you who would like to be able to revisit those devotionals or share them with others, I'd like to make that happen if I can. Please feel free to share your thoughts, either in person on a Sunday or by emailing me at [Liz.Teel@communityrc.org](mailto:Liz.Teel@communityrc.org).

Have a great week, friends!

Liz

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