



THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 1, 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

MISSION HAITI

Love Jesus.
Love Others.
Make Disciples.

Mission-Haiti's purpose is to show the love of God by developing and equipping strong Christian leaders in Haiti for the cause of Christ

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

March is here! I truly wonder what this month will bring for us. I am sure many of you are wondering the same thing. It has been quite the winter for us. I am surprised how much melting has occurred though. Sunday's temps really took that snow down a bunch and now it's all that water. I was in Orange City on Sunday afternoon, and they don't have near what we have here. I saw dirt! I hadn't seen that for a long time, but in the fields there, you could see the dirt. Honestly, it looked so different. It is amazing how we adapt to things. Spring is coming folks. It really is!

Community Friends! We are trying to get our Elder and Deacon ballots going again this spring. We really need you get those turned in please. I know that task gets more difficult each year because that list is so long and it's hard to know all those people. I have been hearing some talk about seriously changing how we do all of that, but right now we are still doing this how we have done it in the past. We need you to get those votes done. I'll remind you on Sunday again.

We had to cancel last week's MidWeek due to the weather. It seems this year all those snow events come in the middle of week. I am ok with that because when they happen on the weekends, that sure does change Sunday and that is a lot to get ready for. Hopefully, we are back at it this week and we can keep that going now until the end of the season. We have lots to cover in my class before we are done. I do enjoy MidWeek!

A group of us attended a planning meeting in Orange City this past Sunday afternoon. One of the gentlemen from The Kingdom Network joined us for a meeting with the other members of our Great Plains hub. There were some other churches there looking to see if they might want to join us as well. Right now, in our group there are four churches. We spent our time praying for each other and then breaking up into groups sharing our thoughts about how and what we might do as a "hub". These first meetings are so much more about getting to know the people around you first. There were lots of ideas shared. I did enjoy the spirit of the meeting and I do believe this is going to work well for us. We did learn that the ARC and Kingdom Network are doing several things together. I like that. We are on the same team. It's not a competition.

Sunday, we will look at the journey of Abraham. Abraham was called by God to be the father of many nations. That is a rather significant calling. God chose him and then moved him. Abraham moved many times. 17 times! Often with not much information as to how things were going to go or what was going happen. There will be moments in his life when what he was asked to do would make no sense to his reasoning. Abraham didn't always do things correctly, one might even say, at times he was not in the best place spiritually speaking. Still, God stayed with him all the way and moved this man to where God needed him to be for reasons only God could really know. There is much to be discovered in this story. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

YOU
BELONG
HERE

UPCOMING DATES

Nominating new consistory members

Deadline: Sunday, March 5

Ballots & the list of eligible people are at The Link in the lobby.
Email the church office (connect@communityrc.org) if you'd like a link to vote online.

WD <40 Women's Discipleship

(for women of all ages)

Monday, March 6

7:00-8:00pm

(Led by Liz Teel)

DMV – Discipleship: Men's Version

(for men of all ages)

Monday, March 13

7:00-8:00pm

(Led by John Blok)

NEW DATE: **Wednesday, March 15**

6:30-7:30pm- Adoption Information Meeting

presented by the staff at Lifeline Children's Services

Would you like to learn more about adopting a vulnerable child from an international orphanage or from the US foster care system?

This info meeting is open anyone interested in learning more.

Please RSVP by calling Lifeline at 605-626-8588
or emailing melissa.steltz@lifelinechild.org.



**INTERESTED IN PLAYING
CHURCH SOFTBALL
(ON THURSDAY NIGHTS)
THIS SUMMER?**

Contact Doyle Burnside

doyle.burnside@communityrc.org
or sign up at The Link in the lobby.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 1

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal- BBQ

6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,

Middle School Youth Group & Adults

7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

Saturday, March 4

10:00AM- AA

Sunday, March 5

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service

10:05am-Sunday School

Monday, March 6

7:00-8:00PM- The Wired Word

7:00-8:00PM- WD40

Tuesday, March 7

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, March 8

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal-

Italian Meatloaf/ Cheesy Potatoes

6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,

Middle School Youth Group & Adults

7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

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, March 13 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

Morning book club will meet on Wednesday, March 15 at 9am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Have You Seen Luis Velez?* Everyone has to find own copy.

HOPE CIRCLE

Due to our "snow day" on Feb. 21, Hope Circle will try again on March 21 at 7:00. Hostess is Carol and Jerralyne has the lesson.



KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi!

This week, I want to give you a to-do list.

- Sign kids up for VBS and invite friends to join. <https://communityrc.org/vbs> The components of VBS are coming together, and it is going to be a REALLY good week again this year. Our theme is Christmas in July!
- Sign YOURSELF up to volunteer for VBS and recruit someone else to volunteer too. <https://communityrc.org/vbs>
- Consider adding church camp to your summer schedule. Inspiration Hills is the camp many of our Community Kids attend, but there are other great camps in the area as well. Our church has seen the impact a great camp can have for kids and has committed to pay for 50% of each child's camp fee from Inspiration Hills (if you sign up before the early sign-up deadline) so please keep that in mind as you consider sending your child to day camp or overnight camp. Community helps pay for other camp as well, so if you have a different church camp in mind, please email me and I'll let you know the details on having the church help with that cost. At inspiration hills, the sign-up process includes a box that asks what your church pays, so you can just put the 50% amount in the box and Inspiration Hills bills us here in the office. Some of the camps are already filling up and have a waiting list so don't delay.
- If you don't have a child or grandkids to send to camp, please keep the camp staff and students in your prayers.
- Check your house for CLEAN 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 gallon buckets. We could use some more for our drumming on Wednesday nights. If you have some, please feel free to drop them in my office or the children's wing. Speaking of Wednesdays, we have some college students working with the kids on Wednesdays now and it is going great. It is not too late for your child to join the fun. This week we'll be talking about the Fruit of the Spirit.

I am still seeking one more 4th grade teacher to finish out the year team teaching. It is a great group of kids and I'd love to have them connect with one more caring adult this school year. Because we have co-teachers who teach every other week, if you decide to volunteer, you'd teach about 5 times between now and Mother's Day. Please let me know if you are interested.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

Community Kids

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605-336-1475

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



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Let's talk about VBS!

This summer, VBS is scheduled for the end of July; July 24-27 to be exact. We always host VBS in the evenings, but we make sure to be done at a reasonable time. VBS is open to children as young as 3 years old and as old as going into 6th grade. And there are many ways for adults (and even older middle schoolers and high schoolers) to volunteer during the week. Heather is already looking for lesson leaders, game coordinators, craft builders, and general VBS helpers every night. Our topic this year is Christmas in July, and I'm already excited to introduce you to your VBS host for the week: FeLIZ Navidad. ☺ Registration is open online, so get those kids signed up and invite friends! It's going to be a fantastic week of learning about God and His love for us!

Also, don't forget that part of the décor for VBS is wrapped boxes. We invite anyone and everyone to wrap a box and bring it to church at your convenience. Families, this would be a wonderful way to help with VBS as well as prepare your kids for the week this summer. You can wrap an empty box with Christmas paper and bring it to the church anytime you want. We'll start a pile in the children's wing, and we are eager to see it grow and GROW! Then during the week of VBS, your kids can go on a hunt to find the box they wrapped. (Feel free to wrap more than one of you'd like!)

Attention women! Our next WD40 meeting is coming up next week, March 6 at 7:00pm. Remember that women of all ages are welcome, and we always finish by 8:00pm. This spring, we will meet the first Monday of March, April, and May, and then we'll take a break for the summer months. Bring a friend and join us!

And lastly this week, my Grandma Lucy wanted to say thank you to all of you who sent cards and letters for her birthday. She was overwhelmed with all of the lovely greetings she received, and she said it really made a difference for her to know so many were celebrating with her and sending well wishes. Thank you!

Have a wonderful week, friends!

Liz
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NOMINATING NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS

NOMINATIONS DUE BY MARCH 5

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FINANCES

Sunday, February 26, 2023

General: \$8,402
Vision: \$1,350
Missions: \$960

General YTD: \$109,933
Vision YTD: \$11,112
Vision Account Balance: \$32,614

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THE GIVE

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



East River Foster Parent Network:
Boys joggers/ sweatpants sizes 7-14
Headlice treatment kits

Community Youth Group:
Old Cell phones & ink cartridges

Community Kids Ministry:
Christmas Wrapping paper & wrapped empty
boxes

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Joan Scouten (shoulder surgery)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloom
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery 3-3)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Brian Frisbee (cellulitis in foot)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Gary Newman (heart procedure)
- Verle Valentine (kidney stones)
- Carrie Valentine (fractured ankle/foot)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Marv Vos (double hip replacement)
- Angie Bonnema's dad (whipple surgery 2-21)
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Cherri Price (ongoing chemo)
- Glenda Van Den Hoek
- Nicole Ryan (deployed for 6 months)
- Gina Jean Baptiste- teacher from Frederique school in Haiti (amputated leg & lost pregnancy after accident)
- Dan Stephany (heart issues)
- Kyle Wigg (liver disease)
- Karen Johnson (heart issues)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (surgery recovery)
- JoAnn Hanssen
- Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Marcia Groeneweg's brother-in-law (leukemia)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Steve Lee (lung transplant postponed)
- Joe Johnson
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Tami Boyle's dad (pancreatic/liver cancer)
- Melanie Oden's uncle, Bruce (cancer)
- 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)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)