

THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

MARCH 2, 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

Bishop Dudley House
The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, in downtown Sioux Falls, offers a warm, safe and secure place to start the road back to a more stable, long-term way of living.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

It's March! I know this is that month which can give us a view of nearly all of the seasons. Warm weather followed by rain, followed by snow are not uncommon in the weeks ahead. We are working our way to spring and that sounds nice. I had an interesting week last week, which turned out to be some very good moments to do some good thinking. It was a good thing to focus my thoughts and for that I am most grateful. We all have weeks like that. Lent is coming. It is a good time for us to stop and consider our own journeys and the people who have been a part of that. Spend some time with God about your life and your direction. Consider the goodness of God and his work in your life. It's a new month and an opportunity to renew your thoughts and hearts. It is the journey of Lent now which has my attention. I will do my best to help all of us deepen our understanding of Christ's work, the cross and the glorious resurrection. It is all ahead of us. It will be a good journey.

Our friends in Ukraine are battling an awful moment in history. They are a country which has known so much hardship. They have been caught many times with some powerful nation coming and stealing away their lives as it were. We know people there. We are connected in that way. We are saddened by things like this, things that seem so unnecessary and pointless. The minds of broken people are sometimes difficult to understand. Is it about power? Is it about fear? Is it simply wanting to leave a mark on history? Something the world will remember them for doing? I don't know the answers to those questions. I only know that God is greater than any army. Greater than any world leader. Greater than any ideology. My prayer is one of confidence that He is there with those people. He will do what needs to be done and we can trust that! I pray that God will protect our friends. He will confound the enemy and bring peace to this embattled place.

This Sunday afternoon at 4pm we are having our second informational meeting. We are going to stream that so you can watch online. We will also post that on our web page so if you can't be there or if you miss it, you can watch later. This meeting is our RCA friends who are going to share. They will be able to answer our questions and concerns. I do hope you will take the time to listen. We have been a part of this denomination for a lot of years and seems only appropriate that we have them share. Tom Smith from the Synod of the Heartland will be our speaker. He has been a part of the RCA in many capacities. He has some good insight for us and some great wisdom to offer. It will be another good day.

Sunday is our first in the new series for lent, Amen! That is the title of this series. Amen! It is a series based on the cross and Jesus' deep commitment to do for us what no one else could ever do. His eyes are on each of us. His love and mercy to be poured out on each of us. We are his focus. His journey to Calvary is for us. We are on his heart and mind. That will preach! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

PART 2

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

4:00PM

LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE ON 605.CHURCH

MOVIE NIGHT AT COMMUNITY

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
6:30PM

Voice of the Martyrs presents:
Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the
Nazi Years is the story of how God's
love transformed an ambitious,
atheistic hedonist into one of the
greatest Christian women of the
20th century.

Movie is rated PG-13.



ATTENTION FISHERMAN

JUNE 10-11

PLATTE CREEK LODGE

More details to come
but if you have questions, feel free
to contact: Al-351-3917
Stan- 376-4148

CHURCH SOFTBALL

Are you interested in playing church softball this
summer on Thursday nights?
Contact Rick Hanson if you're interested.

If there is enough interest, it's possible to also offer a
Monday co-ed team. Must be 16 years old.

Rick Hanson- 605-201-5135

There is also a sign up at The Link in the lobby.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

4:30pm- Mission Team Meeting
5:30-6:30pm- meal- Italian Night
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,
Middle School Youth Group & Adults
(Nursery also provided)
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

6:30pm- CPR class

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
10:00am- Sunday School
4:00pm- Informational Meeting Part 2

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Noon- WD40 Women's group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

5:30-6:30pm- meal-Chicken/Taco Salad
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,
Middle School Youth Group & Adults
(Nursery also provided)
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth 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 meet every 2nd Monday of
the month at noon at the East 10th Pizza
Ranch. **Next date: March 14.** Questions,
please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030.
Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet
Wednesday, March 16, at 9 a.m. at the
church. They will be discussing *Maltese
Falcon* by Hammatt.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday,
March 15, at 7 p.m. at the church. They will
be discussing *Neither Dog Nor Wolf* by
Nerburn. Everyone is welcomed!

Hope Circle will meet on March 15th at
7:00pm at Jeanie's house. Helen will have
the lesson.

A photograph of three children playing outdoors with many bubbles floating around them. The text 'KID'S MINISTRY' is overlaid in large white letters.

KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

I know it seems like summer is far away, but I want to take a moment to remind you of a couple of opportunities that would be great additions to your summer calendar.

- Vacation Bible School at Community is in June this year! We are going to start VBS on MONDAY, June 20 and wrap up on Thursday, June 23. Join us as we learn about LIGHT together! God's light is in us, around us, through us and for us! He is the LIGHT! We'll be plugging in, shining bright and burning for Jesus this summer with worship, Bible lessons, games, crafts and fun together.
- Camp registration is in full swing at Inspiration Hills and other camps in the area. If you are planning to send your son or daughter to camp and are hoping for Community to pay for half, please be sure to sign up prior to the "early registration" deadlines.

Wednesday in the Nursery we talked about how God Made Us Unique like a snowflake and God Loves Us! (The kids got to choose either a Snowflake or Heart to watercolor paint)

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
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MAZIE BOYLE FAMILY MEAL TRAIN/ FUNDRAISER



A group of friends started a meal train to support Mazie, a 6 year old, and her family through her cancer journey.

If you would like to help the Boyle family by providing them with a meal, please take the time to sign up for the meal train. <https://mealtrain.com/3doe5l>

Also, mark your calendars for **Monday, March 21st and come enjoy a meal at the Barrel House**. 10% of the proceeds from the WHOLE day will go to help pay Mazie's medical bills. Questions please reach out to Sheri Brouwer at 605-261-2153.



DOYLES' UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

March is officially here and with it comes some spring cleaning. We had a few students come to church this past weekend to help clean/pick up the two youth rooms and they did an amazing job. I should have done a before and after photo to save in case they ever wanted to start a business! We are also working on rearranging the back youth closet and making that a place for students as well. It's a big project but I am excited to see how it all turns out.

Wednesday nights continue to come and go and it is hard to believe that we only have one more month left for midweek this year. Our middle school group will be ending our time together in a series "You Said This, Your Parents Said That". I already have some responses back for the middle school group, but I encourage both middle school students and parents of middle schoolers to fill out the google form emailed out this week. The more we get back, the more we are able to do with the series. As we get into the series, we will be exploring struggles, questions and doubts that our middle school students face. At the same time, we will get an insight into all the things are parents pay attention to. Throughout our series, students will be encouraged to bring the discussion home as they continue to work through all that goes on in the life of a middle schooler. High school will be doing our yearly March Madness theme again. While the main topic of relationships remains the same, I will be changing some of the conversations and focal points up once again.

To move from spring to summer – our camp weeks are set!. I know that a lot of our students continue to go to Inspiration Hills and others they have gone to in the past and that is great. For those who do not have a camp, or would like to add another to your summer list here are the dates I will be going. High school will be June 26th – July 1st and the middle school camp will be July 10th – 15th. We will be joining Pickerel Lake Bible Camp again this year. If you have any questions about the camp, please feel free to send them my way.

That is it for this week. If you have any questions about the student ministry's here at Community, you can email me anytime.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Connie Tiggelaar (hospice)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- John Thornton
- Melanie Sittig's mom, Marcia (broken leg)
- Merlin Klein (congestive heart failure)
- Connie Parmley's nephew, Mike
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Tony, Jan McDowell's neighbor (burns)
- Denny Spitler (blood clot in leg)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Mazie Boyle (chemo)
- Cleon Groen
- Vi Slecta
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery recovery)
- Jim Halling (cancer)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnice (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Brian Frisbee (long-term stroke rehab)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

FINANCES

Sunday, February 27, 2022

General: \$13,849
Vision: \$850
Missions: \$470

General YTD: \$128,235
Vision YTD: \$12,467
Vision Account Balance: \$39,687

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Next Monday, March 7, we will have our 2nd gathering for WD40. As a reminder, WD40 stands for Women's Discipleship for ages 40 and up. We meet from noon-1:00pm the first Monday of every month, unless Monday is a holiday. The only stipulation is that you be at least 40 years of age! ☺. At our first gathering, we had almost 40 women in attendance with every decade from the 40s to the 90s represented, so I'm very excited to see what the March meeting holds for us! Simply bring your own lunch and join us in the fellowship hall at church. If you need to, you can eat in your car on the way, and then join us for the group stuff around 12:15. We always eat first in case some women need to join in late. That way, you really won't miss anything of importance. You do not need to RSVP. Simply come. I hope to see many of you there!

I had a nice sized small group in attendance for the Enneagram workshop on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who came and participated! There's a chance I'll do a more in-depth enneagram workshop in the future for those who are interested in learning more specifics about each number as well as the subtypes and how they can affect the numbers. If I decide to do that, I'll write about it here. ☺

If you were able to read my article last week, you will remember that I wrote about Ash Wednesday and some different ways you might want to consider observing Lent this year. Ash Wednesday is March 2 and marks the beginning of 40 days before Easter. (That 40 days doesn't count the Sundays!) Lent is a season where we can take time to repent and prepare for the celebration of Easter. It is a time to contemplate our lives and the ways we live that might need repentance. It is also a time to prepare to deeply enter into Jesus' death and suffering and awe-inspiring resurrection. It's meant to be slow and deliberate work that creates space to meet with God.

There are many different ways to observe Lent. One of the ways is the traditional route of fasting. This might be a case where you give up a specific eating or drinking routine. For instance, do you start every morning with a cup of coffee or tea? What if you abstained from that during Lent? Do you always need a little sweet treat after a meal? What if you abstained from that? Do you scroll through social media before bed? What if you abstained from that? If you decide to fast in this manner, remember that every time you would otherwise partake, you instead take those moments to turn your attention toward Jesus. For a different route, you might like to add a new practice to your daily schedule during Lent. Perhaps you'd like to get up 15 minutes earlier than normal and have coffee with Jesus in the quiet of your home. Maybe you'd like to turn the radio off in your car and talk to God while you drive instead of listen to music. Or maybe you'd like to pray anytime you are standing in a line. You have so many options for observing Lent! Blessings on you as you enter the season of Lent!

Enjoy the mild weather this week!

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NOMINATING NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS

NOMINATIONS DUE BY MARCH 6

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.

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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