



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

MARCH 30, 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

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

April is nearly here. I realize I say something like this at the end of every month, but still, I am amazed how quickly the days go by. A new month is here. Easter is just a couple of weeks away. Spring? Well, it's coming, but very slowly. The cold air reminds us that we might not want to get ahead of ourselves too far. It will be here when it gets here. We don't control that. It is very dry. A little rain would be welcomed. I won't talk about the wind this week, ok? I guess maybe I just did.

We received such a great email message from Paul Logan in the past few days. He was thanking our church for the gifts and our partnership with him over the past 20 some years. I want to say thanks to Community as well. You are always so generous. There is power in that, folks. The Spirit moves freely when we lay our hearts on the line for others. It is not about our plans or goals...it is giving and letting God do what God will do. It works every time. We still are praying for our friends in Ukraine. It is a dangerous place. There is a great deal of pain and confusion there. Peace, understanding, and wisdom. Pray those things. Thank you, Community!

A reminder as well, that our prayer group meets every Saturday morning. They meet at church at 7:30am. They are there every week. If you would like to join them, you would be most welcome. Spend a little time with friends before God. Not a bad way to start your weekend time.

I know Palm Sunday and Easter are getting closer. That week is a very special time in the life of church. There is much that happened in those days years ago. Things that would forever change the face of faith. The sin of the world would be placed on the life of an innocent man. Death would be defeated, and the promise of new life would be set in place. It is an amazing few hours of history. I will do my best to bring that word to us. What are we to see this year? What is God's direction for us? His love for us is vast. We cannot fathom that kind of expression from Jesus. He is always moving in our direction. If we keep our focus on Him...the Spirit will move, and the kingdom of heaven will be revealed in us. These are good times to reflect on such things. Be still and know!

We have moved Bible School to June this year. That is a change! I have been hearing the office buzzing about those plans that are coming together. We will be reaching out for volunteers soon. We hope you can be a part of that. We are counting on it! Go God Go!

Sunday's message takes us away from Calvary to an earlier story in the life of Jesus. After Jesus was baptized by John the bible says he was led into the wilderness. There he would be confronted with an old enemy. Jesus was tired and hungry and the devil himself moved into position. This is really the beginning of the ministry of Jesus that would eventually bring Jesus to the cross. I believe those two scenes are connected and so, before we get into Palm Sunday, and Easter I would like to look back when this all started. The battle had begun. The real battle is not flesh and blood, but it is a spiritual war. You can't fight that one the same. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!





PIE & GAME NIGHT SATURDAY, APRIL 23 6:30PM

Bring a game if you wish and pie will be provided!
All ages welcome!

Contact Trudi Nelson if you have questions.
(605) 360-1367 or trudinelson@sio.midco.net

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, April 3
10:10am**

This congregational meeting will be to draw for consistory members. Elder nominees are: Susan Bierwagen, Mary Burggraaf, Stan Deelstra, Kristen Dunlap, Doug Harms, Ross Larson. Deacon nominations are: Tanner Corbin, Joel Kraayenbrink, Lyle Pudwill, Ryan VanDeraa, Mark Theisen, Tyler Wolf.

FINANCES

Sunday, March 27, 2022

General: \$13,150
Vision: \$800
Missions: \$115
Wed. Night: \$168
Arise Ukraine: \$2,180

General YTD: \$206,939
Vision YTD: \$19,113
Vision Account Balance: \$38,941

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

5:30-6:30pm- meal- Meatloaf 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

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
10:00am- Sunday School
10:10am- Congregational Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 4

Noon- WD-40 Women's Discipleship

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

5:30-6:30pm- Pizza Night
6:30-7:30pm- Praise & Worship

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: April 11.** Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, April 20, at 9 a.m. at the church. They will be discussing *The Edge of Belonging* by Cox.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. at the church. They will be discussing *Between Shades of Gray* by Sepetys (1941 Europe not to be confused with similar titles). Everyone is welcomed!

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



Hi Everyone!

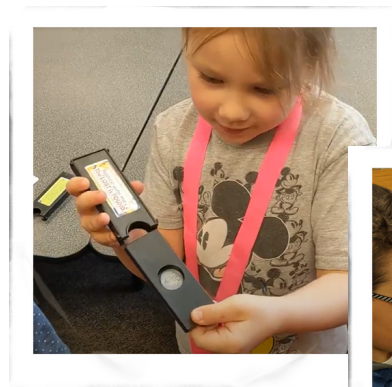
If you are hoping to send your child to Inspiration Hills this summer, please remember that the deadline for early registration is April 15. Community will pay for half of that early registration amount because we know that camp can be a fantastic experience for many kids. There are camp options for all ages, including day camp, overnight, horse camp, wilderness, lodge, grandparent and family camps! There is even a fishing camp! We can also help with the cost of other church camp locations as well, so feel free to check with Heather if your child is interested in a particular camp. As a reminder, Doyle will be giving Middle and High School students information about some great camps!

On Sunday morning, the kids enjoyed some fun lessons. I try not to interrupt classes while teachers are busy teaching, but this week I snuck a few photos to share with you. The photo of a little black box with a coin in it is from the "Lost Coin" lesson in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade. It is a magic trick and the kids had fun showing one another their plastic coin when it was "found" and "lost." "Rejoice with me. The lost is found!"

I'm hoping many kids can join us for Midweek this week and next. They are really looking forward to our final "regular" week together because they have some puppet shows and other ways to tell Bible stories prepared to share with one another. Some of the kids couldn't come last week so they will get to decide which story they want to share and show their friends this week. Then, the kids are excited to worship together on pizza and praise night on April 6. That is always a special evening, so I hope you can come, even if you haven't made it to Midweek yet this year.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Children's Ministry
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DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

We are officially in the end of midweek phase and onto summer plans for the student ministries. Our last night of Middle school is this week before Pizza and Praise the following. The high school group will meet back up after Easter for a few weeks, which will allow the 8th grader's an awesome opportunity to join the high school group for two weeks before summer nights start up in June. Middle and high school will then officially start back up for the summer on June 1st!

With summer comes summer camp! I know a lot of students continue to go to Inspiration Hills or another camp they have grown up going to. I think that is so great! For those who do not, or who would like to add a camp for the summer, I will be bringing a group of high school students and a group of middle school students up to Pickerel Lake Bible Camp this summer. The high school group (those who will have finished 8th-12th grade this summer) is June 26th – July 1st. Then the middle school camp (those who will have finished 5th-7th grades this summer) will be July 10th – 15th. Registration is now open for the summer so if you would like to join me for a summer camp, get ahold of me and I will email out the registration link.

Finally, one thing that has been missing the past two Springs is the youth's Spring Fling Fundraiser. We were able to get the fundraiser in right before Covid hit us two springs ago. This last year, we decided not to host it due to Covid restrictions and how Covid canceled several of the large cost items for the student ministry. As things have opened back up and have been going strong now since then, this year we will be doing a youth fundraiser but are pushing it back to the fall. So instead of the Spring Fling, we will be hosting the Fall Fling come September. I know that several of you have been asking about the fundraiser this year and I thank you so much for thinking about the student ministries here. We continue to be blessed as a youth group and are so thankful for all of your support and care you have for us. As we get closer to the end of summer, there will be more coming about this year's Fall Fling!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions, send them my way.

Doyle
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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Junella Wesselink (fractured arm)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Randy Grotenhuis' daughter, Robyn (brain surgery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Gary Holmgren (stints placed)
- Brian Frisbee (blood clot/ long-term stroke rehab)
- Connie Tiggelaar (hospice)
- John Thornton
- Melanie Sittig's mom, Marcia (broken leg)
- Merlin Klein (congestive heart failure)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- 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, Vonnie (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- 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)

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY!

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
Bernice Wiederich's 90th birthday

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022
Open House from 1-3 PM

The Bluffs Apartments Community Room
Stairs or Elevator Access to the Community Room
7900 East Arrowhead Parkway
(Center Entry Door)
Sioux Falls, SD

If you need directions, please call: 605-366-6141

You can also send cards to:
5760 East Red Oak Drive, Apt. 101
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Since we are only a handful of weeks away from Easter Sunday, (yes, you read that right) I thought it might be prudent to share the spring schedule here at Community.

March 30 - Mid-Week last lesson night. Supper 5:30pm, Lessons 6:30pm

April 6 - Mid-Week Celebration night. Pizza 5:30pm, Praise and Worship 6:30pm

April 14 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00pm

April 17 - Easter Sunday. Regular service times 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:45am

May 1 - Last Day of Sunday School

For those of you who might be planning your summer schedules already, you might want to add our VBS dates to your plans! This year, VBS will be June 20-23. This year, VBS is a little earlier in the summer and we are trying a Monday-Thursday schedule. It's hard to guess what will work best for families, so we're trying a little something new this year. Once again Heather has written a fantastic VBS for our kids, so you won't experience this Bible School anywhere else in the world! I'll be leading music again, but I wasn't able to put together an entire CD of new music this year. (Mostly because we got back to pre-covid work schedules this year, and I just didn't have time!) However, we'll still have a great time singing and worshipping together. And for those of you wondering, you can assure your kids that we WILL be singing the bacon song. ☺ Thank you to all of the men who have contacted me with your excellent input regarding the DMV group! I'm still working out the details, and it's not too late to email me with your thoughts regarding the best days and times to meet. Here's the short recap for what I'm envisioning for this group:

This group is open to men of all ages.

This group will only meet once a month for one hour.

I will be the one leading this group of men until God says differently.

Our time together will consist of food, study, and prayer.

Again, it's not too late to send me your input! I'll be sure to include updates and details in my article as we move forward.

Have a great week!

Liz

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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 Care:

New kids underwear

Mission Haiti:

Boy/Men Shoes

Reach Literacy:

Gently used books

Bishop Dudley Hospitality House:

Toilet paper

NEW

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Permit No. 7119

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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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