



# THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 8, 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 marching! It does look like March will do what March will do. Snow is in the forecast again for this week. I was so glad to get Sunday morning in before the snow started. I consider that a blessing of sorts. It was nice that you didn't have to contend with roads and parking lots. We will see what this week brings. It was a good day on Sunday. I love the buzz in the air around church right now. I hope we can continue to build on that as the spring moves along. We had lots of folks online on Sunday as well. I always remind myself to stay on message. God will move the people's hearts. I just have to present Jesus!

I hope you got your ballots turned in for our election of Deacons and Elders. That time gets away from us very quickly. Get it done folks! We need to stay on this. It is easy to get busy and forget. I do it all the time. Still, it's work we all must do. Thanks everyone!

We certainly have many on the prayer list this week again. Many of our families are battling difficult things and as a church we can be intentional about lifting up our hearts to God on their behalf. It is a season for sure. We have a caring family and with that comes the desire to be for our friends. Jesus be near!

I am working on some new things for a series right after Easter. I like where the study is taking me, and I think it is becoming something that we can really build on over the summer and into the fall. I spent last Sunday afternoon in Orange City, as I have mentioned in last week's newsletter, and that meeting, and some of the conversations around that meeting, have produced some good ideas. At least, they seem good right now. I am well aware that sometimes a good idea over time can fade a bit, but this one seems to be gaining speed in my heart. I like that. We'll be talking more about all this after Easter. Go God Go!

This coming Sunday, we turn our attention to Moses and his wandering time in the desert. This is probably the story we think of first when we think of wanderers in the Bible. His story is most immediately known to folks. Again, we want to see if there are common themes in that story and in the story of Abraham. I think we will see many things that line up the same. The one that that will certainly change is the direct evidence of God being present. God is visible as they journey along. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

YOU  
**BELONG**  
HERE

# UPCOMING DATES

## Nominating new consistory members

**Deadline: Sunday, March 12**

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

## 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

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](mailto:melissa.steltz@lifelinechild.org).



**SIGN UP!**

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

**Contact Doyle Burnside**

[doyle.burnside@communityrc.org](mailto:doyle.burnside@communityrc.org)  
or sign up at The Link in the lobby.

# THIS WEEK

## 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

## Saturday, March 11

10:00AM- AA

## Sunday, March 12

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service  
10:05am-Sunday School

## Monday, March 13

7:00-8:00PM- The Wired Word  
7:00-8:00PM- WD40

## Tuesday, March 14

9:30-11am- Play Group

## Wednesday, March 15

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

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](mailto: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.



A photograph of four children of diverse backgrounds playing outdoors with many bubbles. They are smiling and reaching out towards the bubbles. The background is a lush green field with trees.

# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi!

We have been having so much fun in the Children's Wing. The Sunday School kids are having fun and learning. We are seeing some new faces and also have many kids who have been here all school year. I heard some great big prayer requests this week. Please pray with your kids. They have a lot on their hearts and are learning to lay that down with God. Good stuff! In Midweek, we have been learning a variety of topics. Last week, everyone did a Fruit of the Spirit lesson. This week, the Kindergarten and First graders will do the Fruit of the Spirit again with some new activities. The 2-5 graders are moving on to talk about how God looks at our heart and doesn't see us the way the world sees us. We're hoping to have a little time for bucket drumming again because they were having a good time. An hour goes by so quickly when we're having fun! 2 of our 3 college age staff are on break this week so we will have a little different team this Wednesday.

We're still seeing more kids signing up for camp and we're busy planning VBS, so I'm hoping all of this talk of summer will bring us less snow at some point. Perhaps a "Christmas in July" theme was a questionable choice on my part. I didn't mean I wanted Christmas weather to last all the way UNTIL July! ☺

Some important links:

- Sign kids up for VBS and invite friends to join. <https://communityrc.org/vbs> You can bring empty boxes wrapped in Christmas paper to help us decorate. Also, if you have some awesome Christmas decorations that you want to bring in July, send me a picture or description and we'll see if we've got the perfect spot. I'm working on the decorations map/ layout right now so I've got VBS on the brain. I know we've got a big light up nativity, a tree, a snowy scene, and some other fun stuff in the works but it is a big place with a lot of room for exciting decorations.
- Sign YOURSELF up to volunteer for VBS and recruit someone else to volunteer too. <https://communityrc.org/vbs>
- Inspiration Hills Camp: <https://www.inspirationhills.org/summer-camp/>
- We have a new Nursery theme for March, The Lord is My Shepherd. We would love to have some additional volunteers: <https://communityrc.org/nurseryvolunteers>

I am still seeking one more 4th grade teacher to finish out the year team teaching. Because we have co-teachers who teach every other week, if you decide to volunteer, you'd teach about 4 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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LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Attention men! This coming Monday, March 13, the DMV group, (the monthly men's discipleship group led by John Blok) at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Men of all ages are welcome, and you'll finish by 8:00pm. No need to RSVP. Just come and feel free to bring a friend!

Don't forget to bring those wrapped presents for VBS! Even one wrapped box will help with our decorations. You can bring the boxes to church anytime and drop them off in the office area. No box is too big or too small for our decorations!

In these early days of Lent, I find myself thinking about different ways I can be watching and anticipating interactions with God during my day. I'm trying to think outside the box about how God might be trying to interact with me at different moments during the day. Are there people He brings across my path whom He wants me to notice? Is there work He is inviting me to do? Are there activities He would like me to do in which He intends to meet me? I have been surprised at the places God has been inviting me to join Him. Typically, these are moments where I am usually doing tasks that I can do without thinking – things that are second nature to me. I have felt God inviting me to notice how He is involved in these second-nature tasks. When I pay attention, I notice God inhabiting those tasks in different ways. Sometimes He simply makes His presence known. Sometimes He shares a word of encouragement with my soul. Sometimes He shares His own joy with me at being included in these tasks. I hope that makes sense! So, this season, I'm trying to pay special attention to how God meets me in those everyday tasks.

If you haven't made any specific plans for Lent, I would encourage you to start looking for God in the everyday work of your lives. Watch how God might show up when you're doing the boring, mundane, or just plain simple things you do day in and day out. You might be surprised at where and how God shows up. ☺

Have a wonderful week, friends!

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 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



DOYLES'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



We are in our final month for midweek and we find ourselves in a series we do every year – “March Madness”. This is our relationship series where our middle school students go over friendships, family, and school/sports/authority relationships. While the theme is always the same, the content changes each year and gives new perspectives into the different relationships students have. This year, our focus stems from our weekend retreat as we look at what it looks like to love God with our hearts, minds and strength within those relationships. The high school group also does the same series but it is all about those dating relationships. Again, every year is a little different and we look into those same three areas (heart, mind, strength) as we dig into this years conversation. Fair warning for our high school parents, there are plenty of things that come from these series that I always encourage students to talk with you about. So if you get those questions, I am sorry and you are welcome all at the same time!

Each year, one of the big events we do is the Red Carpet Night for the high school students. This year that will be held on March 25th, with meal time of 6:00. I am working on getting that set up with the restaurant the seniors selected and will get that all out to students and parents when location is finalized! For those who are in regardless of where we go, an RSVP is asked for the event so I can work with the place on numbers.

Finally, I wanted to send out one more reminder for Rocky Mountain High this summer. I know the registration process can be difficult, so if you/your student is still planning on joining us this year and you are having trouble with that, please feel free to reach out and I can help with that. The dates for Rocky this year are July 22nd-26th.

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community send them my way!

Doyle Burnside  
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## FINANCES

Sunday, March 5, 2023

General: \$9,381  
Vision: \$590  
Missions: \$240  
Wednesday Night: \$243

General YTD: \$119,314  
Vision YTD: \$11,702  
Vision Account Balance: \$33,204

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Joan Schouten (shoulder surgery)
- Aaralyn Van Der Slood
- 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)
- 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 Slood (cancer treatments)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Marcia Groenweg'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)