



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

MARCH 9, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

This congregational meeting will be to draw for consistory members. Nominees will be printed in the newsletter as soon as the slate is completed.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

I said in last week's newsletter that the month of March is one filled with warm weather followed by rain followed by snow. I didn't really mean for that to happen as soon as it did. I think I should maybe consider going into the weather business. I would like a little more of that warm weather, as I am sure most of you would. March always has a lot of variety. We are learning that. Hang in there folks, spring will get here.

We had a nice turnout for the meeting on Sunday afternoon and again, lots of people online watching. Remember, you can go on the website and watch it whenever you want. Tom Smith from the Regional office was here with us, giving us a perspective on all of this from the RCA's point of view. He also provided some information about some new things going on with many new church plants. I believe most of our folks were surprised to hear about that news. It is a very new thing going on and one that has a lot of energy behind it. It's not just bad news all the time, sometimes there is a silver lining. We had some good questions asked and folks listened and spent some time afterwards talking to Tom and with each other. I liked that. It is how we get to know all the parts of this. The more we talk and listen, the better equipped you will be when it comes times to make a decision. We will have at least one more of these informational meetings. The next one will bring some other possible directions that other churches have chosen. I have listened to all of you and I am trying to cover all of the ground. Again, I want to emphasize that whatever we decide, once that decision is made, we still have church to do that next Sunday and we will be what we have always been. That message I am hearing as well. It is the strongest word I hear from people. I am listening. Go God Go!

There is a plan being put together for a special offering for our friends in Ukraine. I will know more about this after Consistory this week. We all feel a deep sense of sorrow for those people. Our prayers are deeper and we hurt for them. I know so many want to do something. It is how you folks are. You just want to help in whatever way we can. We will let you all know on Sunday about what is being considered. I am sure whatever it is, our friends in Ukraine will be deeply appreciative. It's just so sad. Pray for God's healing and strength as they endure.

I am working on the sound in the big room. So far, we are making things work. I do apologize for the clutter that is up there. We are working on the solution. Be patient. Once we get the "stuff" we will get at it. We have been out here for a few years and now things are getting some age on them. I rather enjoy this kind of challenge. I just don't like the surprises I get that come last minute. I am sure you all know that feeling. Good ole technology. Great when it works, not so fun when it's being naughty.

Sunday is our second in the new series: Amen! This week I want to spend some moments with you talking about the Messiah. That would be Jesus, but the "saving" of this Messiah was not the "saving" the nation of Israel was thinking in the first century. It was the one God had planned for them all along. The work of the Messiah is not an easy path. Saving souls is expensive. I can't do it! I can't pay for it! I can't earn it! Only love on a scale the size of God gets that sort of thing done. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

FROM THE LIBRARY

Greetings from your church library! We want to take a moment and talk about item donations. Recently some books have been placed in the library slot that are not ours. We don't know if these are meant to be donations or are a mistake. Donations are appreciated but please talk to a librarian or put a "donation" slip with the book so your intentions are known. Check these titles and let us know if these are donations or not:

Knit, Pray, Share
Not "Just Friends"
Torn Asunder

Thanks from your librarians,
Trudi, Lois, Lorena & Merry

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.

MOVIE NIGHT 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.



PASTOR JOHN THORNTON HAS A PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON SUNDAY AT 10:15PM IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

THIS WEEK

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

7:00pm- Elders meeting
8:00pm- Full consistory

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

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

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00PM- Hope Circle (Jeanie's house)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

5:30-6:30pm- meal-Soup 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

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 Hammett.

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 children are smiling and reaching out towards the bubbles. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting a park or garden setting.

KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

I don't have a lot to update you on this week. Please remember to mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School at Community MONDAY, June 20 to Thursday, June 23, in the evening. God's light is in us, around us, through us and for us! We'll be plugging in, shining bright, and burning for Jesus this summer with worship, Bible lessons, games, crafts and fun together.

Some parents were looking for advice to help them talk with their children about what is happening in Ukraine. Tough conversations may also be happening regarding the struggle in Haiti or many other topics that might feel scary or stressful to some kids. I have a few suggestions that may help:

- Remind your child that God is big, strong, powerful AND that God loves us and is for us. Even when things are not going well and people are hurting, God will ultimately use those circumstances for good. In the situation in Ukraine, the Christians have been able to share their faith with many people, all around the world! When events happen, it might be a surprise to us, but it is never a surprise to God.
- Try to be mindful of the media and conversations that kids are exposed to. Kids hear more than most adults expect them to hear and may not ask for clarification on what they heard or misheard. Be particularly careful about images and video. If your child is able to use YouTube or even Google without supervision, you may be surprised at what they've seen.
- If your child mentions a topic, please don't change the subject. Answer questions and be sure your child knows you are available for more questions later. Follow up again after they've had time to process the information. (I might even suggest putting a little note in your calendar to remind you to follow up.)
- Stay calm. Handle your own feelings. Your tone, word choice, body language and reaction can impact your child's comfort level in coming to you later with questions. Your ability to stay calm may impact their stress level. Sometimes a child mentions a topic that surprises you or takes you off guard. It is ok to say that you'll talk about it together in a few minutes. Gather your thoughts and take a deep breath, but don't forget to circle back to the conversation that day!
- Don't overshare. Give your child only the age-appropriate information that they need and answer their questions. Your child might hear about what is happening in Ukraine from a peer or at school, so it is ideal to talk a little at home to help your child receive accurate and helpful information in a safe space where they can ask questions. However, don't feel like you must tell your child everything you know. Some information opens the door to more conversations later. Too much information all at once can be overwhelming or scary for some children. Stick to the facts and don't be afraid to say you don't know something. Some kids might wonder if what is happening in Ukraine could happen to them, but not all kids will even have that thought cross their minds. Therefore, don't introduce new, unnecessary fears. Listen to your child and his or her questions and focus on those. You might be surprised at what your child is hearing. One elementary age student was asking me if I thought WW3 was coming soon.
- Keep the age, development, and temperament of your child in mind. Ask for clarification on questions rather than assuming the child has no understanding of the topic or that the child understands the topic in the same way you do. Kids need to feel safe, stable, connected and protected.
- Try to avoid making promises that you can't control. For example, don't promise that no kids will be hurt in Ukraine. You can't control that outcome. You CAN promise that God is with the kids in Ukraine. Reassure with truth. You can't promise that nothing scary will ever happen to your child but you CAN point out all of the people who will do everything they can to keep them safe including parents, family, friends, police, firefighters, doctors, nurses, etc.
- Point out the helpers. For Ukraine, there are people praying, people helping to take people to safe places, people helping with food and water, people helping kids and people being kind. If your child feels called to help, tell them what they can do. Everyone can pray and it makes a difference! God is listening!
- Sometimes, kids and adults need the support and help of a counselor, therapist, psychologist, or psychiatrist to deal with stress or for other reasons. Don't hesitate to make an appointment if you think that may be the case. If you are looking for suggestions on who to call, we do have some contact information available at Community.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

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DOYLES' UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Our senior high group had our Red Carpet night this past Friday. After being postponed due to weather we ended up with a great night! We had 20 students come out for an evening of dressing up, good food and some fun community building. We ended the night by driving around to a few places for pictures and music. These students are so awesome!

Midweek is now four weeks from the final night! While our middle school group will be coming to an end along with the rest of midweek, our senior high group will continue to go into the beginning of May. There was a lot of things we were unable to cover in our previous series, so we will be back tracking once April comes around and get back into some of the things that we passed over. The end of the year is also a great opportunity for our 8th grade students to be welcomed into the senior high group for a few weeks before we finish up in May. So April 20th and 27th, our 8th grade students are invited to join the high school group before officially being welcomed in throughout our summer activities.

I am gearing up for summer and wanted to get Pickerel Dates out there again. I know that we still have a lot of students that go to inspiration hills and other camps as well which is great! For those who do not, or would like to add a camp week this summer, our senior high week (students who have finished 8th-12th grade) is June 26th – July 1st and our middle school week (those who have finished 5th-7th grade) is July 10th-15th. Camp information, and at some point this month registration, can be found at <https://pllbc.wordpress.com/camp/>

Camp Info - PLLBC

CAMP INFO | REGISTRATION | WHAT TO BRING | POLICIES | SCHEDULE Pickerel Lake Lutheran Bible Camp is a summer camp for youth who have finished grades 5-12. Each week is a time to build your relationship with Christ, unite with friends from camp, and make new friends. For the summer of 2022, we will again be using online...

pllbc.wordpress.com. If you have any additional questions you can always get ahold of me as well.

That's it for this week.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Delna Beckstrom (hospice)
- Brian Frisbee (blood clot/ long-term stroke rehab)
- Elaine Deelstra (infection)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Amber VanRoekel and her family in the passing of her grandmother.

FINANCES

Sunday, March 6, 2022

General: \$18,567
Vision: \$840
Missions: \$1,340
Wed. Night: \$262

General YTD: \$146,805
Vision YTD: \$13,307
Vision Account Balance: \$40,527

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We had another large group of women in attendance for our WD40 group on Monday! So far, this group seems to be finding a life here at Community. I'll keep going! Remember, this group is open to any women who are ages 40 and up, and we meet the first Monday of each month from noon-1:00pm. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Attention MEN!

I have been feeling a push from God to host a men's group that meets once a month for a little food, learning, friendship, and prayer, but I need your input. What times of the week are best for you to meet? Do you prefer early morning? Is a late afternoon best? Or maybe an evening works best for most of you. And is there a day of the week you might prefer? I think the day and time will decide the food. ☺ The study and prayer part will remain the same. As the Adult Discipleship Pastor here at Community, it certainly falls under my umbrella to cultivate intentional gatherings for women as well as men. So, I'm following God's lead on this. If it works, great. If not, fine. But I'm going to try! Please let me know your thoughts on this. I'll be announcing it on Sunday too, so you can either catch me in The Corner with your preferences, or you can email me at church at Liz.Teel@communityrc.org.

Mid-Week is down to our last 5 weeks of meals and classes! It's hard to believe we are at this point of the year already. I still say it's not too late to join! The classes are visitor friendly, and Mid-Week a fantastic way to meet new people. If you've been thinking about trying it out, please join us on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30pm. (We have stuff for kids of all ages at that time too!)

I would like to reiterate in my article this week that if you are interested in donating money to help Paul Logan's ministry in Ukraine, you can do so by sending checks to the church. Checks should be made out to Arise Ukraine. You can also donate online by using the secure links on our church website. Even though Paul and Nastia are safely in a different country at this time, they are still doing so much to help the Ukrainian people. And keep praying! Your prayers are making a huge difference!

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

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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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