



THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 17, 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

Arise Ukraine

Arise! Ukraine is a ministry established by Paul Logan in 1997. Its purpose is to see Ukraine saturated with living communities of believers where the transforming power of the gospel.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

The rain was amazing! Everyone I talk to is just in a such a good frame of mind. It is amazing how a little rain can change things. The sun is shining today, and I have a feeling things are going to start growing now. Spring has arrived and we are all so glad it has. May has given us a good feel thus far. I am looking forward to more of the same. I have a feeling we all are.

I hope you were all able to spend some good moments with your family this past weekend. Mother's Day is often a time to spend with special people in our lives and I am sure many of you were celebrating all of that. It is that time of year. Graduations are coming soon, and I have already been to a couple of those receptions. Family times are fun to watch. These are life changing moments like the ones we talked about on Sunday. Our life stories are filled with moments and times that helped shape our lives. It makes us who we are. God is working in all those moments as well. I simply tell folks to enjoy those times to the fullest. They are gifts!

I have several weddings this spring/summer. I have already been in that phase for a couple of weeks now. The calendar can get filled up on these weekends. Once again, these are family times that are very special moments. Markers in life, you might say. I try to make each of them special in their own way. Weddings are the same in many ways, and yet, if you look a little deeper, there is always something unique about each one of them. They are times to gather families together and do a bit of celebrating of life and happy times. It's all good stuff.

Summer is just around the corner as well and with that will come all the vacations and weekend get aways. I know it's coming. It happens every year. There are all kinds of summer activities, as well, with softball games and soccer...lots of schedules to keep. Make an effort to stay connected, if you can. The online church works for that. I am working on a good series for the summer, and I am working to keep all these themes connected. Tune in while you are in that camper!

Sunday is actually the last in this series on treasures. It is hard to believe we have already finished that series, but here it is. Sunday, I want to review a bit of what we started this past week and then move that into the next piece which is called "The Message". Our lives have a purpose. I really do believe that. I might even add one more thought to that; our lives have purposes. I believe there are moments that will happen throughout our lives and God has moved in our hearts to prepare us for those moments when we become his ambassadors. Those can be large events and sometimes they are small. Sometimes we are aware of what they are and often times they happen, and we never notice until maybe years later or in some cases, we never even know. Still, God was at work in us for those very moments. We have these treasures in these jars of clay...they are to be shared. They become our message! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



Summer Dates to Save

Mark Your Calendar!

▶ **Canaries Faith & Family Night Wednesday, June 14**

Community has 60 free tickets for the Canaries baseball game on June 14th. Please email Holli (connect@communityrc.org) to reserve yours!

▶ **Picnic In The Park Wednesday, June 21 Upper Tuthill Park**

Join us for "Picnic in the Park" on Wednesday, June 21st @ 6:30pm at Upper Tuthill Park!
Just bring a lawn chair and we'll provide a hot dog meal.

▶ **VBS Monday, July 24- Thurs., July 27**

We're celebrating Christmas in July!
See Details Below!



Register Now!
Vacation Bible School

VBS Christmas

Sign up by 6/1/23 for a chance to WIN \$100 gift card!

**JULY 24-27
6-7:45PM**

Free- bring friends!
communityrc.org/vbs

SCAN ME

THIS WEEK

Saturday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 21

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service
10:10am- Adult Sunday School
6:30-8:00pm- Middle School Event at church

Monday, May 22

7:00pm- Wired Word
7:25pm & 8:20pm- Church Softball @ Sherman Park (Diamond D & B)

Tuesday, May 23

9:30-11am- Play Group

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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, June 12 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday School class will continue to meet throughout the summer months.

Everyone welcome!

Sundays @ 10:10am
in the Chapel



NURSERY COORDINATORS

HIRING NURSERY COORDINATORS FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WEDNESDAY NIGHTS.

THIS POSITION HAS FLEXIBLE HOURS AND IS PAID HOURLY.

IF THIS JOB INTERESTS YOU, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY EMAILING: HEATHER.DEWIT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG

THE GIVE

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



Ben Reifel Middle School:
games & puzzles

The Banquet:
coffee

Lunch Is Served:
Granola bars & applesauce/ encouraging notes

Children's Home Society:
Swimming towels
outdoor sports/rec equipment

DID YOU KNOW?

WE COLLECT USED GREETING CARDS AND DONATE THEM TO NURSING HOMES & DAYCARES. PLEASE BRING THOSE CARDS TO THE LINK AND WE'LL BE SURE THEY ARE DONATED.

FINANCES

Sunday, May 14, 2023

General: \$14,113
Vision: \$230
Missions: \$40

General YTD: \$303,056
Vision YTD: \$26,176
Vision Account Balance: \$32,887

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Marv Sturing (cancer/ hospice)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Joe Johnson (traveling to China)
- Verle Valentine (hip surgery recovery)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloom
- Carrie Valentine (fractured ankle/foot)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Angie Bonnema's dad (whipple surgery)
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Cherri Price (ongoing chemo)
- Glenda Van Den Hoek
- Nicole Ryan (deployed for 6 months)
- Karen Johnson (heart issues)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (surgery recovery)
- Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Steve Lee (lung transplant postponed)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- 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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Mike Boyenga and his family on the passing of his mother.

Our condolences also go out to Jane Newman and her family in the passing of her sister, Julie.

Please keep these families in your prayers.



DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL


We are in the transition from the school year to summer here and it is always a strange time. However, it is also a great time to get some cleaning, organizing and planning done! The middle school summer calendar for the year was sent out already and the high school one will be coming out this week. Parents, if you do not get those emails, please let me know so I can make sure you are added to the list.

Class of 2023 – the next few Sundays we will be running a slide show during the services for senior recognition. It is a great way for the congregation to see you all! If you would like to be a part of that, please email me a photo along with plans for next year by Thursday this week. Congratulations seniors!

We are also having a middle school event this Sunday! We will be meeting here at church from 6:30-8:00 for some yard games, snacks and fun. The weather looks like it will be nicer than this last weekend, but rain or shine we will be getting together. Also, this is the first even that our current 5th grade students are invited to join us for! So for all you 5th graders, come enjoy some time with the middle school group as you being that transition process here at Community!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions regarding the student ministries here, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle
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HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hello Everyone!

A few more families registered for VBS this week. Thank you! As a reminder, if you have registered your child for VBS by June 1, your name will be entered to win a \$100 HyVee gift card! You can register on paper or online. We also need more volunteers, so please consider signing up to help with VBS. You won't be disappointed. If you have questions about how it works to volunteer or what the responsibilities are, please let me know. We provide all of the instructions and supplies and do our best to make it easy for volunteers. Check it all out at: communityrc.org/vbs

Speaking of volunteers, I need to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Sunday School volunteers this year. It was another great year of Sunday School and I'm grateful for everyone who made that happen. There were some fun times, deep conversations, growing relationships, and big Bible learning. I hope you understand how great that impact you made is.

See you soon!
-Heather
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org
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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

As I announced on Sunday, we have a great incentive to get your kids signed up early for VBS this year. If you register your kids by June 1, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 Hy-Vee gift card! It really helps us to know how many kids to plan for, and we are hoping this incentive will help you sign up as soon as possible. ☺ VBS is July 24-27 and is open to 3-year-olds through completed 5th graders (going into 6th grade). It's a fantastic week of experiencing God for kids and for adults! Please get those kids signed up, and you can sign up to volunteer as well. You won't regret it!

As I mentioned in my article last week, I've been doing a lot of reading since Mid-Week ended. That's a big part of what I do to prepare for the coming year of Discipleship ministry at Community. Every year at this time, I usually end up going to a few graduation parties, and my gift of choice for graduates is a daily devotional. I have a personal favorite I've been gifting to kids (and adults) for years (see below). So, I thought it might be helpful to share some of my recommendations for daily devotionals. Here are a few to consider.

My Utmost for His Highest – Oswald Chambers

This daily devotional is considered a classic among Christian devotionals. And Chambers' words are still incredibly poignant for today. There are a couple of different options with this devotional. Since it was written almost 100 years ago, you have the option to buy the original or an updated language version. In this case, I actually prefer his original wording. It's not hard to understand, and his choice of words definitely has a fullness that some of the updated language misses. But both versions are excellent.

Streams in the Desert – L. B. Cowman updated version by James Reimann

This daily devotional focuses on the hardships of life and where God's life-giving "streams" can be found. There have been many times in my life when I've read Cowman's words, and been stunned by how specifically they have related to my own life. Once again, this was first published nearly 100 years ago, and in this instance, I actually prefer the updated language version. Reimann did a phenomenal job of updated Cowman's language. This is the devotional I gift to people most often. God uses it in powerful ways.

Hearing God Through the Year – Dallas Willard

This is a daily devotional with excerpts from Willard's outstanding book, "Hearing God." In fact, this little daily devotional was how I first encountered "Hearing God." I loved it so much that I bought the full book! The daily devotional takes short sections of the book and couples them with Bible verses and prayer. These are short little devotionals and would work well for people who are short on time.

I hope this gives you a place to start if you've been looking for something to inspire a bit of daily time with God. It's always a blessing!

Have a wonderful week, friends!

Liz

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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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