

NOTE:

Starting Sunday, May 28 and going through the summer, we will livestream the 9:00am service only.

You can watch LIVE at 9am or anytime after that service has ended at www.communityrc.org/watch-live

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.

Welcome



TERESA LIPP
New Nursery Director

THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 24, 2023

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We are coming up on Memorial Day Weekend! That particular weekend is often referred to as the beginning of the summer. We didn't get a very long spring, but we are ready for the sun and warm, that is for sure. I know there are still some schools in session, but most are finishing up very soon. Then all the summer activities kick in. There will be lots of weekend camping trips, vacations, and of course, all the summer activities that go along with all that. Those things can fill schedules to the max. I hope you can all have a great summer and that you get to do some of those things that help you get away from the regular pace of life. The break is good for us. Try not to fill it so full, that you forget to relax. Slow down when you can! It's good for you!

I want to start off this week by recognizing Teresa Lipp as our new nursery coordinator. Teresa has been a part of the nursery for a number of years and is most qualified to take on that position. It should be a smooth transition as Sheri Brouwer and Teresa have worked together for a long time in that capacity. Sheri has been most helpful in passing along all the things she has learned over those 12 years and giving the new coordinator a helpful start. I know that Teresa will do a great job in that area.

Last week, I attended our first official admin meeting of our new hub in the Kingdom Network. Mary Burggraaf and I drove to Maurice, IA last week and worked with our neighbor churches in setting up the team for getting started in being a part of our local network. It is all new, so we were creating a brand-new system in many ways. There was good conversation about what that could look like and then working to figure out what being a part of this team means for each of our churches. This is obviously our accountability friends and the folks who we will work together with in various partnerships in the coming days. For those of you who have been around this sort of thing before, it is a kind of mini-Classis of sorts. There is still much to learn about how we want that to operate. There was some discussion about doing more things together and getting to know our neighbors. There was talk of a combined worship service in July at Inspiration Hills. I will keep you informed about that in the coming days. It was a good team and together we can do some great Kingdom work.

Sunday will mark 9 years since Becky went to heaven. May 28, 2014. I am going to set a table up in the lobby and put her story out for those who would like a copy. There will be no selling, just giving them away. Take one or two, give them to a friend. If you haven't read through those pages, I would encourage you to do that. It is not a pleasant read, but it brings perspective and that is always a good thing. Our theme on Sunday is "remembering". That'll preach!

Sunday is a part of the Memorial Day weekend and so I decided to use this Sunday to talk about "remembering". We have been doing a lot of that as of late. Remember our own lives and all the stories, but also remembering how God has been working in all that we do. Remembering is not always easy for there are times and events we might wish to forget. Still, there is healing and there is strength that comes from remembering. It is so easy to forget those people and moments that matter. It is easy to forget what God has done and is doing. 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 27

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

Sunday, May 28

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

Monday, May 29

OFFICE CLOSED
NO Church Softball

Tuesday, May 30

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!

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, June 20, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan Meissner.

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, June 21, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie.

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

MISSIONS UPDATE

Please pray for Diana Langerock with CRU International as she travels to Accra, Ghana for the TraNet 2023 conference May 31-June 3. She asked for prayers for safe travels, good health, that God would speak to the participants for encouragement, spiritual growth, understanding, and long-term impact.

Abigail Blok, John and Kelly Blok's daughter, is participating in the Northwestern College's Summer of Service (SOS) program at City Church of Compton (CA). She requested prayers for the diverse community and the ministry opportunities. If you'd like to support her in this mission opportunity you can live online at www.nwciowa.edu/give2sos or to the Office of Campus Ministry, 101 7th Street SW, Orange City, Iowa 51041-1996.

Jeff McKee with Navigators requests prayer as he is heading up his team for the summer. This is a new adventure for him this year. He will be leading a 14-18 program coaches/counselors as they lead week long camps in various locations throughout Colorado and Missouri. He asked for safe travels throughout the summer, guidance in his leadership this summer, for God's presence and Spirit at each camp, that the gospel will be spread to kids involved and their families, and especially the military families at Fort Carson when they spend a week with them. The camps run from June 5-August 13.

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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

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Kathy Klein (tests)
- Todd Bittner (tests)

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)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Slood
- 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
- Randi Van Der Slood (cancer treatments)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- 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, Vonnice (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)

FINANCES

Sunday, May 21, 2023

General: \$14,954
Vision: \$1,990
Missions: \$370

General YTD: \$318,010
Vision YTD: \$28,166
Vision Account Balance: \$27,485

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.



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hello Everyone!

Some kids just wrapped up their last weeks of school and some are in the home stretch. Please be in prayer for kids as transitions can be challenging for many children and teens. For some students already struggling with their mental health, a change in routine can be tough. Even for kids who aren't struggling, it can be hard to say goodbye to friends, to switch activities, or just part ways with a great teacher.

Some other specific items in need of prayer are parents with kids home this summer, safety during summer activities, students graduating from high school and college, and of course camp!

I want to take a moment to thank you, Community, for being a church that welcomes our neighbors and is committed to connecting with the schools nearby. As I write this, I'm sitting in my office watching students from one of our neighborhood schools playing in the lawn, just feet from the cross. They are comfortable here. It feels safe and welcoming. That is a precious gift and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to work at a church that does this pretty well. You may not know this, but Community as a church has given gifts to teachers and school staff during teacher appreciation week, given "tough day" bags to the principals to be handed out when a staff has had a particularly long day or week, and has provided meals for school staff, has given water for special events, has gifted earbuds for use during standardized tests for those students who can't purchase their own, and has tried really hard to be a place students and staff can connect with when they need something. When the school track was too wet, the school asked if they could run on our parking lot and we were happy to have them come say hello. They come over when they've got a fire drill. We are their "safe location" which has a nice ring to it in a few different ways. Now that the year is wrapping up, our lawn has become a place for end of year celebrations for various classes, for outdoor learning, for science experiments, and for a quick break. It is fun to see and hear the kids and they are respectful and thoughtful in how they treat the church. Some of the kids who are in our "Bison Care" group that meet with Doyle and I on Mondays and Tuesdays feel extra comfortable here and

it is fun to see them feel so safe and loved. The smiles and waves make my day. We get notes from staff at both schools often sharing their gratitude for the way our church supports the schools and teachers. I love that the school staff know they are welcome at Community and am frequently amazed at what God is doing in this neighborhood. Thank you all for making that possible.

I've been buzzing around the building this week moving supplies from last year's Sunday School out and making the rooms ready for VBS followed by Sunday School next year. If you are able to help with VBS or Sunday School next year, please let me know and I'll get you plugged in. I'll be ready for you!

Our VBS registration list is slowly growing. Register your child for VBS by June 1 to have your name entered to win a \$100 HyVee gift card!

Check it all out at: communityrc.org/vbs

See you soon!

-Heather

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Thank You

**THANK YOU, COMMUNITY REFORMED
CHURCH MEMBERS, FOR THINKING OF THE
TEACHERS AT INSPIRATION ELEMENTARY
DURING TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK.
BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL!
STAFF AT INSPIRATION ELEMENTARY**

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**DEAR COMMUNITY REFORMED, THANK
YOU SO MUCH FOR THE GIFT CARD TO
COFFEE. YOUR KINDNESS IS APPRECIATED
ALL YEAR BUT ESPECIALLY DURING TEACH
APPRECIATION WEEK!
SINCERELY, TEAM 8-3 TEACHERS**



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Last week I shared some reading suggestions for my favorite devotional books. And this week, I'd like to share some of my favorite Tim Keller books. Tim Keller has been an immense influence in spreading the Gospel in cities, particularly in Manhattan, where he planted a church over 3 decades ago that grew to thousands. In the process of being obedient to God and working in his calling as pastor, Tim wrote several books, oversaw many training workshops, and always had a vision for how to address our present American culture in a way that deeply impacted people for the Kingdom. Tim passed away just last week from pancreatic cancer. I never got to meet Tim in person, but as someone who has been deeply impacted by Tim's books and teaching, I am genuinely grieving the loss of his presence on earth. However, I trust that the huge gap left by his passing will be filled by God with people whom Tim worked with closely. And I pray God will continue bless Tim's ministry.

In light of Tim's passing, my deep personal thanks for Tim's calling and ministry, and for how God used Tim to help me carry out my own calling, I'd like to recommend a few of my favorite Tim Keller books. Tim's writing style is approachable and concise, and his theology is exceptional. In his writing, the reader will be able to see how much practice Tim had at sharing the Gospel with intelligent every-day people who weren't afraid to ask hard questions of him (and the church). He's one of only a few authors whose books I've read more than once!

The Meaning of Marriage

Whether you are married, single, engaged, thinking about marriage, not thinking about married, or widowed, this book has something for you. Tim wrote this book with his wife, Kathy. They address God's plan for marriage, what Scripture says about it, how marriage and singleness both change people in profound ways, and the high calling of what it means to be joined together in the image of God. I referred to this book many times when I was a youth pastor, and I have recommended it to many adults as well.

Walking With God Through Pain and Suffering

Tim was no stranger to pain. Both he and his wife had suffered with cancer prior to his being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a couple of years ago. And his work as a pastor in an affluent city created more than its fair share of hardship. Tim speaks to the fact that ALL Christians suffer at some point, and God is ALWAYS present in it. If you find you're going through a particularly difficult season in your life, I encourage you to read this book. You will find it an encouragement. I first read it shortly after my mom passed away from pancreatic cancer (9 years ago this week). It had been newly published at that time and it was a Providential read for me.

Prodigal God

This is a short little book where Tim unpacks the story of the Prodigal Son in the Bible. I've used this book as a small group study book for both adults and high schoolers. It's an easy read with a weighty message. If you need a less intimidating book to start with, Prodigal God is a good choice.

And lastly this week, I hope you all have a blessed and meaningful Memorial Day weekend. Sunday will mark 9 years since my mom went to be with Jesus. I love that this anniversary usually falls somewhere on Memorial Day weekend. It brings even more poignancy to the time spent at the cemetery remembering my grandfathers who served in the military, as well as all the family members who are waiting for me in the immediate Presence of Jesus.

May your remembering be meaningful this week.

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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