

# No Newsletter Next Week June 1st

## THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 25, 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

ARISE Ukraine  
Its purpose is to see Ukraine **saturated with living communities of believers where the transforming power of the gospel is reaching every area of society**—giving every man, woman and child in the country the opportunity to be reconciled to the Father and to each other.

### CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We're still having a little chilly weather in this month of May. I wouldn't say it's the same as it was in April, but we are still hoping for some spring-like weather. All in all, it is not so bad. I sure do like all the green. We are hoping for a little rain this week and I think that would be good. The weather! It's always a way for me to start my newsletter! I did get out last week to do some fishing. We had a good day out that way and now I need to make a trip back home to see my mom. This weekend is Memorial Day weekend, and I plan on getting back to see some family. It's hard to believe we are already at this point in the year, but summer is here, everyone. I hope you are making some good plans to enjoy that. I suppose I should make a few plans for myself. It is amazing how these things seem to sneak up on us.

The 30 days of prayer is wrapping up this week. I do hope we have all joined together with those words. There is nothing profound in them, but it is a way for us to focus together as a church. I have heard very nice comments about that journey. Prayer matters! Remember, we do have a prayer group that meets each Saturday morning at 7am at the church. They would love having you join them.

As God works in our lives during this season of discernment, I know we are all believing for a direction that is the right place for us. I know the Consistory was very thankful for all those who have shared their thoughts and questions at last week's meetings as well as in person with them. We know there are many voices out there who are trusting us to work all of this for the Kingdom. They may be new to us and not feel as certain about these decisions, but I know they are confident in our folks to do it the best we can. I hope you have all been praying for us as we move along this journey. For me, it has been a time to watch and wait. I will be the pastor to all the ideas when this is done. Consistory is working out the next steps for us. They are taking this very seriously. Pray for them to see the way. At the end of all of this we will have church that next Sunday! Remember that! When this is done, we do church the next week. That we will not change. That's our goal and our focus. God knows our hearts.

A reminder folks! Bible School is in June. June is getting close, and we need to you let us know if you are coming. I know it's been a busy end of the school year, but we really do need some help with this. Let us know!

We start a new series on Sunday. I am going to do more of an introduction message to the series this week. Romans chapter 8! All Summer! That is my favorite chapter in all of the Bible. There is so much there for us to sink our hearts into. Paul was writing out some of the most powerful words in the New Testament in the letter to the church. We are focusing on a set of verses in that 8th chapter. It is so full and so powerful. It will be a good summer. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!  
DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING LED BY  
JON HARMSSEN FROM CRU MINISTRIES**

**MAY 25 - DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING  
SESSION #2 6:30-7:30PM**

**JUNE 1 - DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING  
SESSION #3 6:30-7:30PM**

**JUNE 8 - DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING  
SESSION #4 6:30-7:30PM**

**JUNE 15 - DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING  
SESSION #5 6:30-7:30PM**

## THE GIVE

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

**Union Gospel Mission:**  
Deodorant

**Inspiration Hills:**  
Dodge Balls, Tiki Torches, water balloons,  
bug spray

**St. Francis House:**  
Belts & crew socks for men & women

**East River Foster Parent Network:**  
Lotion, baby lotion, infant socks

## THIS WEEK

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**  
6:30pm- Discipleship Training

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**  
7:00am- Prayer Ministry  
10:00am- AA Meeting

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**  
**8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services**

**MONDAY, May 30**  
Office Closed

**TUESDAY, MAY 31**  
9:30-10:30am- Play Group

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**  
6:30pm- Discipleship Training

## 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 will meet on Monday, June 13  
at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch.  
Everyone welcome!

### BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet on June 15  
at 9:00am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.  
(Note the change of location) They will be  
discussing *Kitchen House* by Grissom.

The evening book club will meet on June 14\*  
at 7:00pm (2nd Tuesday because of VBS).  
They will be discussing *Edge of Belonging* by  
Cox.

## FINANCES

Sunday, May 22, 2022

General: \$9,831  
Vision: \$1,020  
Missions: \$345

General YTD: \$351,793  
Vision YTD: \$31,263  
Vision Account Balance: \$36,306

**COMMUNITY KIDS**  
early childhood weekday  
**PLAY GROUP**  
free, all are welcome  
**TUESDAYS**  
**9:30-10:30AM**

Parents/ Grandparents/ Caregivers and Kids  
younger than Kindergarten age will join together for open play  
time in the Community Nursery as they enjoy time together.  
(older siblings welcome as well)

Questions? Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org or 605-336-1475



DOYLES'S UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Summer is here, and so are our Wednesday nights! This next Wednesday, June 1st we start our summer youth group gatherings. We will meet at church with the middle school group from 6:30-7:30 and high school group from 7:30-8:30. I love summer as it allows the group to build new connections with the new students entering in and is often nice enough to have flexibility in our outside! Incoming 6th graders – you are now officially welcomed into the middle school group starting June 1st. I am looking forward to having you join the youth group this year! Incoming 9th grade students, you are also invited to join your new youth group (high school) although you can also continue to participate in the middle school group this summer if you like.

Along with summer comes deadlines. Our camp deadline for Pickerel is also almost here. June 1st is the deadline for high school camp week June 26th-July 1st. The middle school week registration deadline is June 12th. If you are planning on joining me this summer and have not registered yet, do so soon! If you need the registration link, you can email me and I will get that to you.

I am looking forward to starting this next week! Until then, enjoy the start of your summer!

Doyle  
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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jim Halling (surgery recovery/cancer)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (prep for liver transplant 6/21)
- John Thornton (bone marrow biopsy)
- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery & radiation)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Kaye
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's brother, Lee (cancer)
- Melanie Oden's uncle, Bruce (cancer)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Brian Frisbee (blood clot/ long-term stroke rehab)
- Merlin Klein (congestive heart failure)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Mazie Boyle (chemo)
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Mike Hays
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)

### THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers, cards & expressions of sympathy extended to us in the passing of our sister. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

Dennie & Helen Robinson





# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

Thank you! We had a dozen more kids and a couple of volunteers sign up for VBS. We still need many, many more volunteers and want to welcome many more kids. Please take a moment to register your kids and sign up to volunteer. It makes it much easier for us to plan when we know who can come. We can't do this without many, many people. Invite some friends! As a reminder, Vacation Bible School at Community is June 20-23 from 6 to 7:45pm- Monday through Thursday. We try to make it easy to volunteer and hope you can find a way to plug in.

## SOME OF OUR BIG VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- Sing n Sprout teacher
- Preschool crew co-leaders
- Preschool Bible Leader & assistant
- Preschool Craft Leader
- Preschool Games Leader

Next week is the first week of our Early Childhood Play Group! I am really excited to see that group start up and grow. Larrisa and Teresa are staffing that group and I'm thrilled that they said yes to this new adventure! If you know someone with little ones, please spread the word to come to Community on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 to play and chat. Remember, older siblings are welcome to join in during the summer as well.

See you soon!

-Heather

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**LIGHT**   
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**AT COMMUNITY**  
**JUNE 20-23, 2022 | 6-7:45PM**  
[vbspro.events/p/light2022](https://vbspro.events/p/light2022)  
free and fun!



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LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Lately, I have found myself being invited by God  
to set aside some time to sit in His Presence and be still.  
I feel as though there is something He wants to tell me,  
or maybe it's something He wants me to learn or see or unlearn.  
I'm not entirely sure. I just feel the invitation to be still with Him.  
And you know what?

I don't want to do it. 😊

It's not that I don't want to listen to God. I do!  
But the reality is that I don't want to do what it takes to put my heart and mind in a position  
to hear His still small voice.  
I don't want to be still and quiet and focused.

The ugly truth is that I'd rather be preoccupied with things *other* than God.  
Isn't that awful? I'm guessing some of you can relate.  
I'd rather be doing things I want to do.  
Hobbies. Tasks. Plans. Good things!  
I'd rather be in control of what I'm doing and when I'm doing it.

Yet I feel this persistent invitation from Jesus  
to let go of my own plans so I can sit with Him and hear about *His* plans.  
God is inviting me to stop striving,  
stop checking the boxes on my to-do lists,  
stop thinking ahead about how to fill the summer days,  
Just STOP! And be still.  
And let me tell you, this has been challenging for me this spring.

But...  
God is so kind.  
God doesn't press.  
God doesn't push.  
God doesn't guilt.  
God doesn't manipulate.  
God simply invites.  
And then, God waits.

God is waiting for me to spend time with Him.  
Read that last sentence again!  
GOD! The Creator of the universe! The Savior of the whole world! Is waiting on ME.  
And God will wait for as long as it takes for me to be in a position where I can hear Him.  
Truly amazing.

I know how desperately my soul needs this time with God. I feel it.  
So even though I don't really want to do it, I'm going to do it. 😊  
I know it will be good.

How about you? Do you feel God inviting you? He'll wait.

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**SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110**

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**MAY 25, 2022**

**REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...**

**If you would like to request membership or baptism, please  
e-mail the church office at [connect@communityrc.org](mailto: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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