



# THE COMMUNICATOR

NOV. 15, 2023

## Weekly Calendar

NOV 15 - NOV 22

### Wednesday, Nov. 15

5:30-6:30pm- Meal (Tacos)

6:30-7:30pm-

Midweek Classes for Children,  
Middle School Youth Group & Adults  
(Nursery also provided)

7:30-8:30pm-

High School Youth Group

### Saturday, Nov. 18

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See details page 2 for details

### Sunday, Nov. 19

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service

10:10am- Sunday School

4:30pm- Choir

### Monday, Nov. 20

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, Nov. 21

9:30-11am- Play Group

7:00pm- Hope Circle

### Wednesday, Nov. 23

7:00pm- Thanksgiving Eve Service  
(No Wednesday night meal)

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

And November marches along! It is going fast friends. I did get back to do a little more time with my mom and a little hunting. The weather, though windy, is very mild. It makes the time there very nice. November has been a welcomed fall month, and we are all loving that. It will probably change one of these days and yes, we all know all about that. Right now, I'm going to enjoy it as much as I can.

We had a wonderful church service on Sunday with lots of folks, new visitors, and just great energy in that room. I love the buzz in the air right now and things are happening in that place. I am excited to see what the next few months is going to bring through the holidays and all that. It is a busy time, but it is a time of great celebration as well. That season is getting closer each and every day.

I want to thank our choir again this week on some good work they are doing. That concert will be here before you know it and I always feel like that day really gets the Christmas season off and running in the church. I am already looking forward to their presentation. We are doing some fun pieces and some that are very challenging for a choir our size. These singers are really stepping up to the challenge.

I am not giving up on a committee to look into how we are going to reach this community in our near neighborhood. That change is exciting and know God has a plan for us to reach out and make a difference. I have a few who have stepped forward, but I am still looking for a few more. I'll be sharing a little more about that on Sunday. Which brings me to ask this question? Have you put down a name of someone that you are praying for? Someone for God to really touch their lives? You bringers out there are making a difference. Pick up one of those cards in the lobby and see what God can do with your efforts. I'll be sharing about that Sunday as well.

The Consistory has been working these past few weeks on our 2024 budget. That process takes a lot of work, and they always do a fine job. We do our best to bring all the right pieces of things together and balance our mission with the actual financial responsibility we owe all of our generous people. That final meeting will be in January. We'll keep you all up to speed on that. Great job Consistory!

This week our series moves into verses in Psalm 23 about a table in the presence of our enemies and anointing and our cup overflowing all from the perspective of a shepherd. This message will concentrate on the goodness of God and his amazing grace/specific grace to empower us in ways we cannot imagine. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22 | 7:00PM

# Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday, Nov. 22**

7:00pm- Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Sunday, December 3**

3:33pm- Kid's Christmas Program

**Sunday, December 10**

9:00 & 10:45am- Christmas Choir Concert

**Sunday, Dec. 24**

9:00 & 10:45am-

Special Christmas Eve Communion Services  
with music by the Teels (both identical services)  
No 8am Service

## Joy Circle Women

**December 14th @ 11:30am**

**All Day Cafe at the Western Mall**

Let's enjoy lunch together to celebrate Christmas!  
RSVP to Cleone 261-9504 or Char 366-1341 by Dec. 7

## Packing Event for CRU

**Saturday, December 9th**

**9:00am at church**

We need a group of 15-20 people to help pack some bags of outreach materials for the Day of Outreach which takes place during the annual Cru Winter Conference. All supplies will already be at church, we just need to have volunteers pack around 700 baggies.

Email Holli (connect@communityrc.org) if you can help!



# ONGOING MINISTRIES

## FRESH ENCOUNTER

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

Lunch Is Served

## AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA will be meeting via Zoom on Saturdays at 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHlIWkqxZz09>

Please contact Tom Jacobs

(tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, December 11 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

## HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on November 21st at 7:00 pm. Carol is hostess and Wilma will lead the lesson.



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## Children's Choir for the Adult Christmas Choir Concert

We need children to help with the  
 Christmas Choir concert!

Check out Liz's article for more details.  
 If your kids are willing to sing, please email Liz  
 (liz.teel@communityrc.org). Here are the details for  
 rehearsals and performances:

Rehearsals: Sunday, November 29, 4:15-4:45pm  
 Sunday, December 3, 4:30-4:45 (Right after the kids'  
 Christmas Program)

Performances:  
 Sunday, December 10, 9:00 and 10:45

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dave Mayer's brother, James

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ann Munce (shoulder surgery)
- Cleone and Elaine's sister, Joanne (surgery recovery)
- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic cancer)
- Carolyn Odens (back surgery)
- Ty Vuong (motorcycle accident)
- Kindsey (broken femur)
- Arlan Boersma, Jan's brother
- Laurie Long (surgery recovery)
- Linda McCann (surgery recovery)
- Dalton Coffey (broken arm)
- Joyce Tarrell (recovery from car accident)
- Randi Van Der Slood (cancer treatments)
- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Slood
- Angie Bonnema's dad
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad

## FINANCES

Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023

General: \$11,772  
 Vision: \$590  
 Missions: \$375  
 Wednesday Night: \$356  
 Sunday School: \$10

General YTD: \$817,630  
 Vision YTD: \$64,923  
 Vision Account Balance: \$27,187





HEATHER'S UPDATE

# KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

K-5 Kids who have been attending drumming and dance practices....here are those practice files I told you I'd put on the web page for those who want to practice at home:

<https://communityrc.org/christmas>

The secret password is 2023 😊

This is your reminder to have your kids practice their Christmas Program songs and lines. There are songs for Preschool and songs for K-5. There are also group lines for every K-5 class. If you don't have a copy, they are at: <https://communityrc.org/children>

We only have a few practices left for the kids doing drums and dance, and one big dress rehearsal for everyone on the day of the program, so kids will probably want to test out their lines and songs at home a bit.

Dress rehearsal is from 2-3:30pm for K-5 on the day of the program- Dec. 3

Preschool Kids should arrive at 3pm on the day of the program.

We need parent volunteers please. In addition to preschool volunteers, I'd like one parent leader for each grade to help them get into costume and get into place for their lines at the right time. <https://shorturl.at/CMT36>

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

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LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I have 2 big items for my article this week. Please read carefully!

**First, let's talk about Christmas Eve services.** Pastor Clyde has had many conversations with many different people at Community (including the 8:00 service folks, Consistory, and others) about the best way to do services on Christmas Eve this year. The tricky thing about 2023 is that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Of course, we just can't do 3 Sunday morning services followed by 3 afternoon Christmas Eve services. 😊 After taking into consideration all those conversations as well as praying about it diligently, we've landed on our schedule! The special Christmas Eve communion services that everyone is accustomed to having in the afternoon will be held on Christmas Eve morning this year at 9:00 and 10:45. Those services will be identical and will include the Christmas music by The Teels that so many of you ask about every year. 😊 This will leave your afternoon and evening totally free to celebrate with your families and friends. So, to recap:

**Sunday, December 24(Both services will be identical.)**

8:00am – No Service

9:00am – Special Christmas Eve Communion Service with Music by The Teels

10:45am – Special Christmas Eve Communion Service with Music by The Teels

**And secondly, I need children to help with the Christmas Choir concert!**

One of the pieces the choir is working on for the Christmas Choir concert has an easy children's choir part. We need a small group of kids who would be willing to learn the part, practice with us twice, and then perform with us at the concerts. If your kids are willing to sing, please email me so I can add them to my list. Here are the details for our rehearsals and performances:

**Children's Choir for the Adult Christmas Choir Concert**

**Sunday, November 29, 4:15-4:45pm**

- Rehearsal in the chapel with Liz to learn the song and sing with the choir.

**Sunday, December 3, 4:30-4:45 (Right after the kids' Christmas Program)**

- Rehearsal in the chapel with Liz and the adult choir.

**Sunday, December 10, 9:00 and 10:45**

- Performances!

Please let me know if your kids can sing!

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather 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](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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