



# THE COMMUNICATOR

NOV. 29, 2023

## Weekly Calendar

NOV 29 - DEC 6

### Wednesday, Nov. 29

5:30-6:30pm- Meal (Soup)  
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, Dec. 2

7:00am- Fresh Encounter  
10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See details page 2 for details

### Sunday, Dec. 3

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service  
10:10am- Sunday School  
3:30pm- Kid's Christmas Program  
4:30pm- Choir

### Monday, Dec. 4

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm- WD40 Christmas Party

### Tuesday, Dec. 5

9:30-11am- Play Group

### Wednesday, Dec. 6

5:30-6:30pm- Meal  
(chicken salad/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

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

Thanksgiving is behind us now and November will come to an end this week. The time is getting away from us again. December is here, folks. Christmas is just around the corner. It doesn't seem possible, but it is here. Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Here we go! I was able to do one last hunting run before the winter sets in, but I didn't see the one I was looking for so, I guess all the animals are safe for another year. I did have a great time out there in the hills. I do so appreciate the family out there that lets me do that. It is a gift for sure. A little chillier this week and some snow, but I do think things are going to ease a bit in the next few days. A little more normal, shall we say, and I am ok with all of that.

This week the church is taking on the appearance of Christmas. Lights and trees and the colors of the season. It is amazing how quickly that appearance can take shape. There are work crews running around the place each with their function. It is a simple look, but always very nice. I so love this season!

Once again, I want to give a shout out to the choir and their work this year. We have had time to really begin to put some extra touches on the music. That will make such big difference to all of you as you listen. There are a couple of very complicated pieces in this year's program. They will sound very simple to the listening ears, but they are not easy to do well. Our choir has just buckled down and put some effort in this year's program. That program is on the 10th of December at the 9 and 10:45 services. It is a day of Christmas music and the sounds of the season. I think it will be a good one!

The kids Christmas program is this coming Sunday afternoon at 3:30pm. There are lots of moving parts to that, and I know lots of extra work has gone into that as well. As I stated in last week's newsletter, kids and Christmas is a good combination. I know they are working hard to do it well. There is a lot of variety in this year's program. I am looking forward to seeing how it all comes together.

Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and our theme this year is taken from the song that Liz wrote, "He Came To Us". The theme was in my mind a long time ago, but I just had to borrow that title. The idea is that Christmas is really about the cross. A baby in a manger is a great story, and the plan of God coming to us to bring the good news of the Kingdom, is a powerful statement to what God had in mind to redeem the world. However, without the cross the manger is only a story. With the cross the manger is celebration of hope and glory. So much to focus on! I am excited to bring those messages. Sunday, we begin with some of the prophets' words to us. The anticipation of what God was going to do. That's Christmas, the anticipation of the moving the Spirit on the earth. Emmanuel-God with us. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

# Upcoming Dates

## 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 to pack around 700 baggies.

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

## Suppers 6

Our first Suppers 6 groups met in October and we had a wonderful time getting to renew with old friends and make new ones. We are giving you an opportunity to sign up for January or February or both. If you have already signed our original list, you DO NOT need to sign again. A sign up sheet will be available at The Link. Please join us for some fun and fellowship. If you would like to host a dinner, please indicate on the sign up sheet.

For more info:

Cheryl Weerheim- 940-8413

Deb Teunissen- 359-6375

Elaine Deelstra- 351-4202

## 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

LifeLine Children Services

### AA BIG BOOK MEETING

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09>

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!

## FINANCES

Sunday, November 26, 2023

General: \$10,010

Vision: \$525

Missions: \$95

General YTD: \$842,379

Vision YTD: \$66,133

Vision Account Balance: \$21,005

DOYLES'S UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



People always remind me how fast things fly by once Halloween is done. As I look at the calendar this morning I cannot believe how true that is. We only have two more weeks of midweek left!

As the year comes to an end for youth group, we also finish up our You asked it series in middle school. There were so many great questions asked about God, the bible, church and how life and faith go together. Some of those questions will fit really well with different series planned for the new year, and the rest we are going to work on getting done this week. Along with our lesson time, we also started a carpet ball tournament for the middle school group. That might end up continuing on in the new year but we will get to see who the king of the table is at some point this school year!

The high school group is finishing up our series on Esther this Wednesday. There is so much in Ester's life that is really difficult. Still, she continues to pursue what is right in the eyes of God through it all. While we don't see God at work like stories of Moses or Abraham, we do see how He moves and works in the background through the life of Esther. Last week we looked at the "for such a time as this" verse. This week, we see the faithful steps Esther takes and the huge change that comes from her actions.

Finally, this year we will be doing our **Christmas party on the final night of midweek, December 6th**. I will be sending out an email to all the parents with some more details/invite to students for that. I'm looking forward to celebrating the Christmas season together. We will have Christmas cookies, some fun games, hot chocolate and a Christmas decoration to bring home for those that would like to.

I love this time of year! As we finish 2023, if you have any questions about the youth ministry, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle  
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

• Ezra Harmson

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dave Mayer's brother, James
- Ann Munce (shoulder surgery)
- Cleone and Elaine's sister, Joanne (surgery recovery)
- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic cancer)
- Joyce Tarrell (recovery from car accident)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (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 Sloot
- 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

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out on the passing of Arlyn Boersma, Jan Boersma's brother. Please keep Jan in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Lyle Pudwill on the death of his mother, Marjorie. Please keep Lyle and Jill and their family in your prayers.



LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Once again, I'll update the holiday schedule right here. Read on for upcoming events and ministries at Community!

**November 29, 5:30-7:30pm – Regular Mid-Week**

**December 3, 3:30 – Children's Christmas Program**

4:30-4:45pm – Final Children's Choir rehearsal with Liz the church choir

**December 4, 7:00-8:00pm – WD40 Christmas Party – All women are welcome!**

There's no need to RSVP to this event. If you want to come, please bring a consumable gift for the gift exchange. A consumable is a gift that can be used up like ChapStick, paper towels, or a bag of flour. Be creative! And if you want to bring a plate of goodies to share, please do so. We are also gathering some items for donation that evening. (For more information on the donation, please contact me or Holli directly.) We meet in the fellowship hall at church.

**December 6, 5:30pm – Last Mid-Week of 2023**

**December 10, 9:00 and 10:45 – Christmas Choir Concerts (with the children's choir)**

I say this every year, but it's true. I think this year's choir is the best one we've ever had! They have worked incredibly hard on some complicated music, and it is sounding absolutely beautiful. Remember, this is the perfect Sunday to invite a friend to church. We'll be singing Christmas carols, you'll hear the choir sing, and the love of Christ is so evident that Sunday. I hope to see a full church that day!

**December 24, 9:00 and 10:45am – Christmas Eve Communion Services**

These services will be identical and will include Christmas music by my family. 😊

**December 31, 8:00, 9:00, and 10:45 – Regular Services Resume**

**January 3, 2024, 5:30pm – Regular Mid-Week Resumes**

Have a great week!

Liz

Liz.Teel@communityrc.org



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

We need children to help with the  
Christmas Choir concert!

If your kids are willing to sing, please email Liz  
(liz.teel@communityrc.org). Here are the details  
for the rehearsal and performances:

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

Performances:

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



HEATHER'S UPDATE

# KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

The Christmas Program is **THIS SUNDAY!** This Wednesday night is our last Wednesday practice for our dancers and drummers (and actors.)

On Sunday, please come enjoy the kids as they tell us the Christmas story. The program is at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary.

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

(K-5 Kids with acting parts are invited to come from 1-2pm on Sunday for some extra practice if it works for you.)

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

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>

There is only one big dress rehearsal for the K-5 kids on the day of the program, so kids will probably want to test out their group lines and songs at home a bit.

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!

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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.**

**Pastor Clyde Teel**  
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