



# THE COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER 30, 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

Lunch Is Served is a nonprofit organization with the unique mission of delivering simple sack lunches for working men and women who are attempting to break the chains of poverty and hunger.

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

December has arrived and the world turned white. The snow isn't always what we want to see, but it has been so dry this year, that I think we are all glad to see some snow fall. It works this year for us. It is December, and that means snow and Christmas and all the things that go with the season. I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family. We certainly did! My mom seems to be getting through all the infection things now, and she is feeling better. I hope we can keep her moving in that direction. You will all be very busy in the coming days and weeks with concerts and family get-togethers. Life can get very full this time of year. To that point, I will simply say...enjoy all of that! Life can certainly change in a hurry, so when we can have some good moments, I say, enjoy them. Take care of yourself as there are all kinds of little germs floating around out there. 'Tis the season for all of that as well. It is winter my friends and we are pretty good at doing that in the mid-west. Welcome December!

This coming Sunday morning is our annual Christmas Choir concert day. A reminder to the 8am service people to come this week to 9am as we are putting those two services together. It will be a morning of singing carols together and listening to the choir sing. We have a very nice group of singers this year, with a few new faces in the crowd as well. At our last rehearsal, I felt like things had really come together nicely. The choir works very hard, and Liz and I ask a lot of them. They seem to respond each year with such dedication. I know they really want to do their best for all of you. Music has a way of expressing what words alone cannot do. Christmas is a wonderful season to offer that gift, and this coming Sunday, we are going to do just that. It is a great day to invite a friend or two.

MidWeek is once again starting back after the Thanksgiving break. We only have a couple of class times left and then it is Christmas break. I can't believe we are at this point in the year, but it is here. I have enjoyed my class discussions so much, and I cannot thank my class group enough for sitting in there with me and sharing our thoughts together. It has really helped me put some words to my thoughts. We have talked about what the challenges are going to be as the church in America moves ahead. The culture around us has changed. The world around us has changed. What is our message? How do we approach the folks who are seeking for more and may not even be aware of it. It has been a good class for unpacking those ideas.

The kids Christmas program is coming up on Sunday afternoon at 4pm. Get those cameras ready because I have a feeling there will be lots of opportunities to catch some good moments. Heather has been putting things together (literally in this case) for the program. It is a grand idea to put all this together, but it will be fun afternoon. We invite you all to the festivities. Kids and Christmas! There really isn't much better than that!

The message on Sunday is the choir. That's right, we are going to bring the word in song. There is something right about that. Christmas is that season we so enjoy. The music of the season is a big part of that. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

COMMUNITY KIDS  
**NURSERY**  
Our December theme is:  
**THE BIRTH OF CHRIST**



# UPCOMING DATES

## Sunday, December 4

Christmas Choir Concerts 9:00am and 10:45am  
No 8:00am service.

## Sunday, December 4

Kids Christmas Program 4:00pm  
(K-5 kids PRACTICE 1-4pm ON Sunday 12/4)  
(Preschool Kids arrive at 3:45pm in Kid's Wing)

**Wednesday, December 14 & 21** – NO Mid-Week

## Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Communion Services  
3:00pm, 4:00pm, and 5:00pm  
*No nursery for these services.*

## Sunday, December 25

Christmas Morning Service 10:00am  
*No nursery for this service.*



## Library News

Check out the Christmas section in  
the library!



## THIS WEEK

### Wednesday, November 30

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal-Tacos  
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,  
M.S. Youth Group & Adults  
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

### Saturday, December 3

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

### Sunday, December 4

No 8:00am Service  
9:00 & 10:45AM- Choir Concert  
10:05am- Sunday School  
4:00pm- Kid's Christmas Program

### Monday, December 5

7:00-8:00PM- The Wired Word  
7:00pm- WD <40< Lipstick Christmas Party

### Tuesday, December 6

9:30-10:30am- Play Group

### Wednesday, December 7

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal-Soup  
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,  
M.S. Youth Group & Adults  
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth 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,  
December 12 at noon at the East 10th  
Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie  
Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

## BOOK CLUBS

BOOK CLUBS WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER.

FOR JANUARY: Morning book club will meet on  
Wed. January 18, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on  
Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Bear  
Town*.

Evening book club will meet on Tuesday,  
January 17 at 7 pm at the church.  
We will be discussing *Anne of Green Gables*.  
Talk to the librarians about Hoopla.

## HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on December 20th at  
6:00pm. Helen is hostess for our Christmas  
party.

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Ladies, the last day to RSVP to the women's Christmas party is this Wednesday, November 30. This party will be this Monday, December 5, and is open to all women. Details are below:

## WD <40< Lipstick Christmas Party

- (No need to dress up but do wear bright lipstick! 😊)
- Monday, December 5, 7:00-8:00pm
- If you'd like to bring a plate of goodies to share, please do!
- We will be doing a little gift exchange, but I'll provide all the gifts!
- Optional: you can donate a gift for the exchange (\$10 or less). If you want me to wrap it, please get it to me by November 30!
- All women are welcome!
- Please RSVP to me by November 30 so I can get enough gifts for everyone!

This Sunday, the church choir will be sharing the fruits of their labor at both the 9:00 and 10:45 services. They've worked incredibly hard in rehearsals since October, and I know they are going to bring beautiful and meaningful performances to everyone in attendance. As I said on Sunday, this is the perfect day to invite a friend to Community. Hopefully we'll see many new and old faces in church on Sunday!

## Holiday Schedule

### Sunday, December 4

Christmas Choir Concerts 9:00am and 10:45am  
Children's Christmas Program 4:00pm

### Monday, December 5

WD <40< Christmas Party 7:00pm (RSVP to Liz by November 30!)

### Wednesday, December 14 – NO Mid-Week

### Wednesday, December 21 – NO Mid-Week

### Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve Communion Services 3:00pm, 4:00pm, and 5:00pm

### Sunday, December 25

Christmas Morning Service 10:00am

### Wednesday, December 28 – NO Mid-Week

### Sunday, January 1

Regular Services 8:00am, 9:00 am, 10:45am

### Wednesday, January 4

Regular Mid-Week activities resume 5:30-7:30pm

And of course, we can't forget our upcoming ministries for this week!

### Wednesday, November 30, 5:30-7:30pm

Regular Mid-Week

### Sunday December 4, 9:00 and 10:45 am

Christmas Choir Concerts

### Sunday, December 4, 10:05am

Sunday School

Have a great week, everyone!

Liz

Liz.Teel@communityrc.org



Check out The Link in the lobby  
to pick a child to sponsor!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Leah Reuwsaats' mom, Marie (Angioplasty 12-5)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Lexi Valentine
- Marcia Groeneweg's brother-in-law (leukemia)
- Pat Koll (radiation treatments)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Steve Lee (lung transplant postponed)
- Gracia Harmsen (unexplained pain)
- Marv Sturing (scans for cancer)
- Barb Klein
- Elaine Deelstra
- Joe Johnson
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (cancer)
- Tami Boyle's dad (pancreatic/liver cancer)
- Melanie Oden's uncle, Bruce (cancer)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Brian Frisbee (long-term stroke rehab)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Slood (cancer treatments)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)

## early childhood weekday PLAY GROUP

free, all are welcome

**TUESDAYS**  
**9:30-10:30AM**

Questions?

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

## THE GIVE

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



### Glory House:

Towels

### Teddy Bear Den:

Baby blankets

### Ronald McDonald House:

Canned fruit, boxes of mac'n cheese, spaghetti sauce, ground coffee or k-cups

### Lexi's Christmas Closet (Sanford Children's Hospital):

Board books, stuffed animals, dolls, toy cars, legos, coloring/ crafting kits, sports water bottles, etc.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Danielle, one of the  
nursery coordinators, on the birth of her  
daughter, Rilee!

## FINANCES

Sunday, November 27, 2022

General: \$13,048

Vision: \$465

Missions: \$80

General YTD: \$859,101

Vision YTD: \$65,478

Vision Account Balance: \$26,157



# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

Our Christmas Program is next Sunday! We're having a birthday party for Jesus, complete with birthday cake! Please join us and celebrate with the kiddos. The program is at 4pm on December 4.

Christmas Program Important Information:

- Preschool age kids arrive at 3:45 on Sunday in the Children's Wing.
- K-5 kids arrive at 1pm on Sunday in the sanctuary! We'll practice all afternoon, have a snack, get into costume and jump right into the program!
- The songs for the K-5 kids and preschoolers are all on our web page. <https://communityrc.org/children> The K-5 kids all have a group speaking part by grade level which is also on the web page.
- I'll need some adult helpers for this as well so please save the date and plan to lend a hand. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4cacao2eabfb6-christmas> I need some help with the preschoolers, some help during the day, and some help with costumes and snacks. Can you join the fun?

As you look ahead on your calendar, remember that we'll take a Christmas break and won't have Sunday School or Midweek from 12/14/22 to 1/1/23.

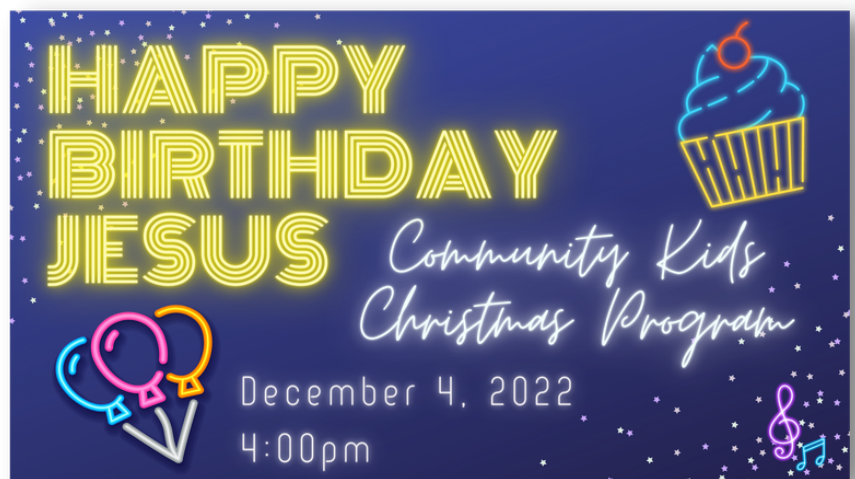
See you soon!

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Community Kids

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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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