



THE COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER 9, 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

Angel Tree reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families, helping to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs through Christ.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

November is moving right along, and we are hearing the possibility of a little winter coming our way this week. We knew that could happen. I have been trying to do a little hunting back home, but lots of things keep bumping that around just a little. It is a good time of the year to be doing that. I have lots of great photos this year as I have been out and about in river country.

I want to share a set of stories that have been a part of my life this past few days. I went hunting, back in Burke, last Saturday for just the day and then drove back to Sioux Falls for Sunday's church services. Now, you might be thinking that was a crazy thing to do, but it just so happens that because I was back in Sioux Falls and in my house on Sunday afternoon, I discovered my ice maker on my fridge had started leaking and was quickly filling the hallway with water. If I had not come back home, that would have been a disaster. I was able to get a company out and get the water removed and fans to dry it all up as well as get the leak fixed. Timing is everything! So, I then drove back out to Burke on Monday afternoon to do a little hunting. While I was home, my mom got very ill and I was able to be there to get her to the hospital before things got more serious. If I had not been there, things would have not been good at all. There is much more to that story, but for now I will share that much. Once again, timing is everything. I then needed to get to Sioux Falls Tuesday night so I could get a few things done and I could return to Burke for mom. Mom had sent some extra rolls home with me which I needed to get in the downstairs freezer. I went down to the freezer, and it had gotten unplugged and had started thawing, but because I discovered it in time, I saved all the contents. Once again, timing is everything. Now folks...if you ever wonder if there is someone watching over us, He is. I know some would say what a mess of a few days that was, and in some ways yes, but with a little deeper perspective, you can see another side of that story. Life is going to be filled with all kinds of crazy things, but we are not alone. There is more to all of this that I will share at some point but for now, let's just say I am living in the presence of a God who is watching over me. I like that! Evident! I love that! Go God Go!

The choir is doing some good work folks and even though I was doing water damage in my house during the practice on Sunday afternoon, Liz said they are doing a great job! I so appreciate the time these folks put in to do that. It is such a wonderful addition to our Christmas Season that we all get to enjoy. Keep up the good work choir. We want to bless our friends with music. Go God Go!

Sunday, we continue with the mini-series "There Will Be A Day!". Remember, we are using this as an addition to our fall theme "On Faith". When Jesus returns, that will be a day alright, but I am wanting us to be aware and seek the Kingdom now. Jesus said it is available. It is the power of the church, and I am hearing the buzz in the building as we work our way through it. You are awesome people Community, and I am confident that God is doing a good work here. He is not done...There Will Be A Day. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

YOU
BELONG
HERE

Encourage a teacher.

COMMUNITY'S SCHOOL ACTION TEAM
IS COLLECTING

\$5 GIFT CARDS.

EACH GIFT CARD WILL BE GIVEN TO A
TEACHER AT BRMS OR INSPIRATION ON A
CHALLENGING OR STRESSFUL DAY.
THE GIFT CARD WILL BE GIVEN WITH PRAYER
AND A CARING NOTE FROM THE TEAM.
SUGGESTIONS: COFFEE, ICE CREAM, ETC.



Sponsor a Child
AT COMMUNITY'S PARTNER SCHOOL WITH
Mission-Haiti
\$125 PER YEAR
STOP AT THE TABLE OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

My name is Chinayden
My name is Christie
My name is Benlanda
My name is Mideleon

THE GIVE

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

Union Gospel Mission:

Hygiene items including, razors,
nail clippers, wash cloths

Operation Christmas Child:

Stuffed animals, dolls, toy cars, legos

The Closet by the Foster Network:

Kids Clothes- size 5-12 needed most currently
All sizes appreciated

Neighborhood Schools:

New & gently used coats, hats, gloves, boots



THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 13

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
10:05am- Sunday School
4:30pm- Choir

Monday, November 14

Noon- Senior Citizens
(E. 10th Pizza Ranch)
7:00-8:00PM- The Wired Word
7:00-8:00pm- DMV- Discipleship Men's
Version

Tuesday, November 15

9:30-10:30am- Play Group
7:00pm- Book Club
7:00pm- Hope Circle

Wednesday, November 16

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy on
Minnesota Ave.)
5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal- **Pizza**
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,
November 14 at noon at the East 10th
Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie
Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUBS

Morning book club will meet on Wed. Nov. 16,
at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We
will be discussing *Invisible Wall* by Bernstein.

Evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Nov.
15, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing
Before We Were Yours by Wingate

THE HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on November 15th at
7:00pm. Donna is hostess and Jeanie has the
lesson.

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I'll begin my article this week by bragging up the choir! We had a fantastic rehearsal on Sunday afternoon, and we have three more rehearsals before our concerts on December 4! Community, remember that December 4 is a really great day to invite a friend to church. We'll be singing a lot of Christmas carols as a congregation that day, and the choir will bring their hard work to its culmination by performing their concerts at both the 9:00 and 10:45 services. It's such a festive holiday Sunday, and it really puts everyone in the Christmas spirit! I hope you're making plans to join us on December 4!

We had another wonderful WD <40> gathering this week. Our conversations have been full and meaningful, and it's been a huge blessing to watch new relationships unfold among the women. We decided to have a Christmas party at our next gathering on December 4! Here are the details:

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!
- If you want to donate a gift for the exchange (\$10 or less) please get the gift to me by November 30.
- All women are welcome!
- Please RSVP to me by November 30 so I have enough gifts for everyone!

Remember that the men will be meeting for their next DMV group this coming Monday, November 14 from 7-8pm.

As we approach our holiday schedule, I'm thinking it would a good time to begin to get the word out about the changes in our Mid-Week schedule for the season. Mid-Week will not meet during Thanksgiving week. Instead, we'll have a Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00pm. And the last few years, we have decided it works best for everyone if we take off a few weeks of Mid-Week during the holidays. We will not meet for Mid-Week on December 14, 21, or 28. We will resume on January 4. I'd also like to note that we'll be having three services on Christmas Eve. We'll do those services on the hour at 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00pm. And since Christmas falls on a Sunday, we'll only be having one service that day at 10:00am. I'll be sure to include this schedule in my article every week through Christmas.

Upcoming Ministries

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

Mid-Week

Sunday, November 13, 10:05am

Sunday School

Sunday November 13, 4:30-6:00pm

Church Choir Rehearsal.

(We only have 4 rehearsals left!)


Monday, November 14, 7:00-8:00pm

DMV (Men's Discipleship Group)

Have a great week, everyone!

Liz

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THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23 | 7:00PM

DOYLES' UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



We are fully in November and our new series in middle and high school start this week. Our middle school group follows the high school order as we dive into God's promises. This week we look at God's promise to be with us. Following Liz's message from a few weeks ago, we explore the consistent message that God will be with us. That we can experience the Kingdom of Heaven now, because the King continues to walk alongside us. He shows up.

Our high school group moves into a series we are calling "Once Bitten, Twice Shy". I think it's safe to say we have all experienced pain or brokenness in relationships with others. How do we respond to that hurt when it comes from different areas of our lives. From the church, from family, from friends? This month, we explore those questions in light of God's promises that we just talked through in October.

It's also crazy to start thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas break already, but they will be here before we know it. As I was going through our Wednesday nights left for midweek I realized we only have 4 more weeks together – well 5 if we are counting the Christmas Party on the 14th. Speaking of Christmas party, we will be changing things up and heading to Thunder Road for our party this year. I'll have more on that once we get a little closer to Thanksgiving week.

Finally, I want to get a change of time out there for a Profession of Faith meeting. Originally I had planned on having one this fall. However, this fall got away from me as I planned for the start of midweek and so we will be pushing that back to the end of January. Our Profession of Faith here at Community is a mentor based process and is available for students when they decide to start that process. I will talk more about that at our meeting along with a few other options and resources available.

That's it for this week. If you have any questions regarding the youth ministry here at Community feel free to send them my way.

Doyle
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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Steve Lee (lung transplant postponed)
- Gracia Harmsen (unexplained pain)
- Marv Sturing (scans for cancer)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Barb Klein
- Elaine Deelstra
- Pat Koll (cancer)
- 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 Sloot (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)

THANK YOU

Dear friends at Community Reformed Church, Thank you very much for the cards, emails, and gifts you have given to me over Pastor Appreciation Month. Those meant a lot to me. John Thornton

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Mark Koll and his family. His mother, Lorayne Koll, passed away at 98 years. Please keep them in your prayers.

FINANCES

Sunday, November 6, 2022

General: \$15,130
Vision: \$1,725
Missions: \$385
Wednesday Night: \$375

General YTD: \$807,792
Vision YTD: \$61,656
Vision Account Balance: \$29,727



KID'S MINISTRY

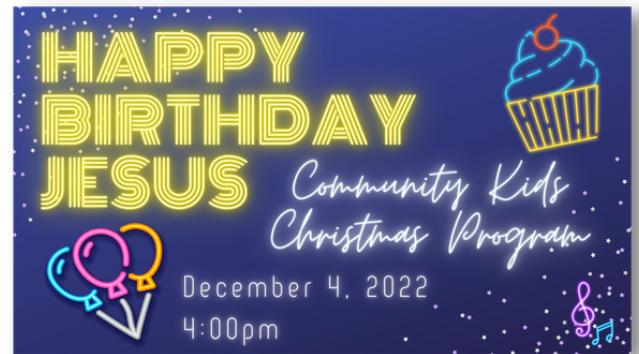
HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hello Everyone!

The Christmas Program is sneaking up VERY quickly! I'll be giving the lines to K-5 kids who are doing individual lines soon. I'll put out the songs for the K-5 kids soon as well. K-5 kids already have their group lines (see below.) The preschool kids can practice their whole program at home. They've been practicing on Sunday mornings, and it is sounding so sweet! We're having a Birthday Party for Jesus! The program is at 4pm on December 4. Preschool kids will arrive around 3:45pm. K-5 kids will arrive at 1pm on that day and stay until the program starts.

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/5080f4caciaa2eabfb6-christmas>

For the younger kids (haven't gone to Kindergarten yet), we do practice during the singing time at Sunday School each week. The words for songs were handed out to parents and are also on our web page at <https://communityrc.org/children>. The preschoolers can wear whatever outfit parents want to put them in. Most usually wear their "Christmas outfit" or "party clothes." We mostly just want them to be comfortable and have fun! K-5 kids will have just one big practice! We'll get together from 1-4 pm on 12/4/22 (the day of the program) to get ready for the main event! We're hoping everyone can learn their line in advance, so we'll practice the lines and songs a little in Sunday School and we'd appreciate your help in teaching your child the part for their grade level at home. Parts & Lines for each Grade are at: <https://communityrc.org/children>



As a reminder, Operation Christmas Child boxes are out and ready for you to pack! Pick up a box to fill at home. Start with one special item like a soccer ball and pump, a doll, stuffed animal, etc. Add other fun toys, hygiene items like a toothbrush or soap and school supplies/ paper/ crayons. Write a note or send a picture of yourself to make it personal if you want. Add \$10 for shipping or print a trackable label at <https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/label-options/#printable-labels>. Pray for the child who will get your gift and their family as this may be the very first time they are hearing about the love of Jesus! Return the box to church by Nov 13. The K-5 grade kids are packing boxes this year on November 9 at Midweek.

See you soon!
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Community Kids
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The operation Christmas Child table is set up in the lobby!
Grab a box, fill it, and bring it back by

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Permit No. 7119

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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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