



# THE COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 12, 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

### THE GIDEONS

The Gideons International is dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments across the globe.

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

Most of our fall programs are up and running as we move through the month of October. The trees are changing, and the colors of fall are here. It is a beautiful season. We all hope it lasts for a long while. I have been doing some good reading and researching these past few weeks. It has been good for my head and heart. I believe the church has a new buzz and I really like that. It feels good to be finding a pace again after the past couple of years. I know the virus is still out there, but it does not seem to be anything like it was even a year ago. There are still things in the world that concern us, and much to be mindful of, but we have a God who is greater than all those things. Trusting is a journey. Together we can do this life because we, as Christians, have another way to live. We have a kingdom that is here now, and we can tap into that amazing well of water. Jesus is at that well friends. Go there every day! Draw from the well that will never run dry. Live in that Kingdom!

We did our first MidWeek last week and the turnout was very good. We are still wondering how many more may join us, but it was a good start. There are some great class options for adults and plenty going on back in the children's wing and youth rooms. We have heard over and over that if you want to get connected to Community, the MidWeek meal is the best way to get that done. We invite you to join us for a great time around the tables with a meal each week and get to know some of our new guests.

Choir met Sunday night, and although we didn't hit that 80 number, we know there were several folks who couldn't be there that first week. It is great group of singers. It sounded great for the first week. I am not finished asking though. I know there are still more of you out there and I want to encourage you to join us. We try very hard to make that as convenient as we can. By doing 4:30pm on a Sunday afternoon, we hope people can do choir and then still have all of Sunday evening to themselves or time with the family before the week gets going. The music is very "Christmas" this year and we have a couple of numbers that are going to challenge us a bit. The choir loves that! I am looking forward to bringing that concert time to you all in December! Come out and join us!

We are in the middle of the 30 days of prayer. I have heard to some nice responses from you on that. I am hoping that will bring us together as a church family. I also designed it to give us a direction for personal growth and a way for us to gain some insight on being a church "On Faith" for the sake of the Kingdom. We have this opportunity friends, and I am enjoying watching the church take notice and for hearts that are asking what we can do. It's all good! Go God Go!

Sunday the message comes from the book of Romans. You knew I couldn't stay away from that book! It is a word from our friend Apostle Paul, but this time we are going to look at his life and how God worked to bring to others the good news. God changed Saul to Paul for the sake of the gospel. That will preach! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

OCTOBER IS  
**PASTOR**  
APPRECIATION  
MONTH



LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Our first night of Mid-Week was a fantastic success! It was wonderful to see so many people back at church for that evening ministry. It's never too late to join us for Mid-Week. Remember that we always start with a meal, which is served from 5:30-6:30pm, and that's followed by classes and youth groups for every age group. We even have nursery care available. This week, we'll be serving pizza for supper, and we'll have our first night of classes for all the adults. Let me give you a quick recap of which classes are available for adults.

Pastor Clyde will be leading a class called Evangelism and Secular Culture. In this class, Clyde will be teaching about why the church has lost its effectiveness in our present culture. And he'll be leading discussing about strategies to reverse that trend. Pastor Clyde's class will be meeting in the chapel.

Pastor John will be leading a class on Revelation. This class includes a video series with lectures that focus on common interpretations and ideologies found in the book of Revelation. This class will run all year. Pastor John's class will be meeting in The Corner.

I (Pastor Liz) will be leading a class on Heaven. Participants will have an opportunity to ask any and every question they have ever had regarding Heaven and what happens when we die. I'll put all of those questions into topical discussions for lessons each week. My class will meet in the fellowship hall.

**Please note:** Pastor Clyde and I will **not** be teaching these same classes again in the spring. Although you are more than welcome to jump from class to class, you will **not** have the opportunity to take the same class in the Spring. I know that makes it a hard decision for some of you, but there's no good way to put that idea into practice. Sorry!

We had a fantastic group of singers at our first afternoon of Choir practice on Sunday! It's not too late to join, and we still haven't hit that elusive 80 number. 😊 If you'd like to join us for choir, just come to the chapel from 4:30-6:00pm on Sunday afternoon. Childcare is provided! The concerts will be December 4, and I anticipate marvelous things from this group. Join us!

Upcoming Ministries  
Wednesday, October 12, 5:30-7:30pm  
Mid-Week!

Sunday, October 16, 10:05am  
Sunday School

Sunday October 16, 4:30-6:00pm  
Church Choir Rehearsal

Have a great week, everyone!  
Liz  
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## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Do you have a family member or friend in college this semester? Join us for 30 minutes- to an hour as we gather to assemble boxes of goodies and encouragement, sprinkled with prayers, to be delivered to these students.

No college student? Consider joining us anyway.

To participate, or for more information, email [robinmjacobs98@gmail.com](mailto:robinmjacobs98@gmail.com) or call/text Robin Jacobs 612-730-7754 by October 16th.

**When: Thursday, October 20th, at 6:30pm**  
**Where: Church Kitchen**

What to Bring: 1 empty box/bag for each of your student(s) and a single item to be shared in the boxes (quantity depends on how many sign up). Examples are pretzels, gum, meat sticks, cookies, encouraging verses

# 3RD GRADE BIBLES

given in church on

## OCTOBER 16

Come at 9am or 10:45am



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## 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

### LSS:

New or gently used board games

### 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

## LOST & FOUND

Please check the lost & found located in the coatroom. The kitchen has been cleaned and there are quite a few items that have been left behind in the past year. Anything left at the end of October will be donated.

## THIS WEEK

### Wednesday, October 12

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal- Pizza  
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children, Middle School Youth Group & Adults  
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

### Saturday, October 15

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

### Sunday, October 16

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

### Monday, October 17

7:00-8:00PM- The Wired Word

### Tuesday, October 18

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

### Wednesday, October 19

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy)  
5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal- Soup  
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,  
Middle School 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. Oct. 19, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing Prairie Fires by Fraser.

Evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing Invisible Wall.

## THE HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on Oct. 18th at 7pm. Wilma is hostess and Barb has the lesson (#12). Remember to bring \$12 for your new book.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



We are in full swing here at Community and I know that calendars are full and there is a lot going on for students, so I am thankful for those opportunities that we get together as a youth group. While other things also pile up on the calendar I understand that it is impossible to plan something that doesn't interfere with one or more other things going on. It is just that time of year and so we try our best.

In October, that starts with our middle and high school event. Like past years, we will be heading out the Heartland Country Corn Maze. The date this year is Sunday, October 23rd from 6:00 – 7:00. Students will meet out at the corn maze again this year and will want to make sure to dress to the weather. We could be looking at a wide range of temps so keep that in mind. It will also be starting to get dark by the time we are finishing so a flashlight might be a good idea! I do ask that students RSVP via email or in person on Wednesday or Sunday. That will let me know who to look for as we are gathering together.

Our series get underway this week after their introductions the first night of October. The middle school group will often be a month behind the senior high group and will be starting with a series "No Such Thing As a Free Lunch". This week we explore the creation story as we take a new perspective on a story we go through to start each year. Our high school group will be starting their series "Take it to the Bank". The idea being there are promises God gives us that are known to be for sure as God holds to His words. I am looking forward to digging into a variety of things this week that we can know to be true for us.

Finally, Sunday School is also in full swing. This year, both our middle and high school group will be staring off in the book of John. We have looked at the start and John's announcement of Jesus as God. Then, we looked at some "I AM" statements of Jesus as we see John 1 begin to reveal itself through the teaching and works of Jesus. There is so much there that we won't be able to fully get to, but as we explore the book of John, we get to see into the way the Word became Flesh.

That's it for this week. If you have any questions or your student wants to RSVP for our October event, feel free to email me anytime.

Doyle  
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elaine Deelstra
- Pat Koll (cancer)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Kathy Klein (surgery recovery)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer)
- Steve Lee
- 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 Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Susan Bierwagen and her family on the passing of her brother, Lee. Please keep them in your prayers.

### THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and concerns for the passing of my sister! All were appreciated and Joyce has received her reward in heaven!

Jerralynne Tjeerdsma



### FINANCES

Sunday, October 9, 2022

General: \$8,232  
Vision: \$430  
Missions: \$110  
Wednesday night: \$394  
Sunday School: \$6

General YTD: \$741,049  
Vision YTD: \$56,348  
Vision Account Balance: \$31,814



Hi Everyone,

I had forgotten how much joy it brings me to spend time with the kids on Wednesday nights! I was looking forward to our first week, but it was even better than I expected. We had an awesome group, but there is always room for more when it comes to friends. Kids, come have fun with us! This first Wednesday, we had some fun, we enjoyed getting to know one another and learning names, we played some new games, we talked about what the kids are hoping to learn and try this year, we played a very silly game that one of the kids suggested (thanks Roxy), and of course we danced it out with some praise songs at the end. The kids really had some exciting ideas for this school year and combined with what I already had on my idea list, I think we're going to have some fun and learning packed Wednesdays!

3rd graders get their Bibles on Oct 16 during the 9:00am and 10:45am services.

- There is no need to sign up in advance. Just come on October 16 and we'll call the 3rd graders to the front to receive their Bibles.
- Tucked inside each Bible is a certificate to have the child's name imprinted on the Bible at Crossroads.
- If you know someone who already finished 3rd grade but could use a Bible, let me know! We just want to get God's word into everyone's hands!

Sunday School continues to go well. The preschool age kids have learned all about creation. God made everything! God made us!

Wednesday in the Nursery is always a special time. If you've been on the fence for adult classes because you have little ones, jump in! The kids love the Wednesday night Nursery adventures. The Nursery staff are gifted at connecting with children and are also very creative. This week they painted their arms, hands and fingers to make trees because they are FALLing for JESUS! ☺

Thanks!

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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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