



# THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 14, 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 BANQUET

The Banquet is a volunteer-based ministry, which means meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups.

### COMMUNITY SERVES AT THE BANQUET ON WED. SEPT. 21

Sign up at The Link or  
by emailing  
[connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org)

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

Kickoff Sunday is behind us and off we go into the fall season. There will be things starting new each week around here, which keeps us on our toes. It appeared to me that Sunday went very well. Lots of friends stayed for the meal and fun and there was just a good general atmosphere. One must be reminded that there is some very good church that happens after the actual worship time is over. The connections that we make, and all the talk is how we become the church. We are by nature relational people, and as important as good teaching is, we must admit that our friends and connections we make are also foundational in our spiritual walks. Most of us would have a difficult time remembering a sermon we heard 5 years ago, but we can remember the people and remember the impact they had. Even Jesus coming is a reminder of how important that personal touch really is. Jesus did come certainly to teach about a new way of living, but it was his personal touch and sacrifice that set the tone for what it means to be the church. I like it when all the pieces seem to come together for a good day. I was pleased with Sunday. It was a good day to be here.

John Block reported to us that the men's group got off to a good start with some 30 men in attendance. We hope that as the time moves along, this group will continue to offer something that our men need. We are well aware that it won't fit into everyone's schedule, and we are also aware that it won't fit every spiritual need. John is a great guy and a fantastic person to be around. That group is about growing friendships and building disciples together. If you need information about it, check with Liz in The Corner on a Sunday morning or email the church. We can get you information.

MidWeek is not too far away and I noticed that big signup area at the tables on Sunday morning. That meal is a big deal, as you all know. It takes many people to make that thing work. If you would like to help with that, check the tables in the lobby for details or again, talk to Liz in the Corner. I am looking forward to getting that all going the first week of October. There are lots of classes and places to get connected. It is also a good way to introduce folks to us. Bring them along for a MidWeek meal and sit in on a class.

I went to a conference on Monday this past week to listen to ideas on how a church reaches out to community. It was a conference primarily for church planters, but ideas would fit us a bit as we look at how things have changed out here in the past couple of years. What I learned most was some the things not to do. The world has changed and we know that all too well. What worked in the past may not be the best approach these days. As always, the best source of advertising is word of mouth. That has not changed, but what may have changed is the value of knowing a person first. Lots to talk about and I will be sharing much of it from time to time.

Sunday's message is the second in the series. This week we are going to talk about "location". We all know in business the importance of being in the right place at the right time, but with Jesus, location is simply about knowing he is in that place and the faith of followers that if they can get their friend in front of him, things will change. That will preach! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

YOU  
**BELONG**  
HERE

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We had a group of nearly 40 women meet for the WD <40> Group last week! Remember, this group is now open to women of all ages, and we meet the first Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00pm. Our next meeting will be October 3rd.

I'm so excited for the DMV to get their official start this week. By the time you read this newsletter, the DMV will have had their first meeting. I'll be sure to report about that in my article next week. Remember this group is led by John Blok. It's open to men of all ages, and they meet the second Monday of every month. Their next meeting is scheduled for October 10 from 7:00-8:00pm.

This Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm, we'll be hosting an adult immersion baptism service for any adults who have been desiring baptism. I'm really looking forward to this event. Immersion baptism is a powerful thing to witness, and I'm deeply excited for the adults who will be baptized that afternoon. The service is open to anyone who would like to attend, and if you'd like to be baptized, just give me a call, and we'll get you on our list.

We are still looking for a few people who are willing to clean and prep the kitchen for our upcoming Mid-Week programs. If you would be willing to help do some light cleaning in the kitchen, please contact me. On Saturday October 1, from 9:00am-noon, Janet Bartscher will be in the kitchen cleaning out and wiping down the cabinets and drawers in the kitchen, as well as going through the pantry and other storage spaces. If you'd be willing to lend your hands to help, please contact me. We don't need a huge group, but we do need more than one. ☺

Coming up on September 28 and 29, you will have a unique opportunity to join online with others from all over the country to participate in the Faith Driven Entrepreneur and Faith Driven Investor conferences. Mark Groeneweg is hosting these watch parties here at Community. If you have ever wished there was a conference where you could learn more about being a good steward with and use Christian principles for your entrepreneurial or investment opportunities, then these conferences are for you! Mark attended last year and found them to be so valuable that he wanted to offer to host them this year. Mark will be in The Corner this Sunday between services to chat more about this opportunity. And if you're interested, mark off those 2 dates on your calendar. You won't want to miss it!

Have a great week, everyone!

Liz  
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## FAITH DRIVEN ENTREPRENEUR/ FAITH DRIVEN INVESTOR CONFERENCE

Watch party held at Community  
Sept. 28th: 9am-3:30pm  
Sept. 29th: 9am-3:30pm



## FPU

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University! This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! You can sign up for this class at [fpu.com/1151472](https://fpu.com/1151472).

Class starts October 5 @ 6:00pm.



# FALL

# KICKOFF

Mark your calendar for these fall groups/events!

## Adult Baptism

We're excited to hold our adult baptism celebration on Sunday, Sept. 18th at 4:00pm. If you'd like to sign up for baptism, please email Holli at [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org).

## The Wired Word

Monday nights from 7:00-8:00pm  
Bible Study led by Pastor John Thornton  
Starts Sept. 19

## Sunday School Starts

Sunday, Sept. 25th @ 10:00am  
3 year olds- adult

## Parent Connection

Looking to connect with other parents?  
Join us on Sunday, Sept. 25th  
@ 10:10-10:40am in the chapel

## Middle School/High School event

Sunday, Sept. 25th @ 6:00-8:00pm  
Real-life board games!

## Midweek starts

Wednesday, Oct. 5  
5:30-6:30pm-Midweek Meal  
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,  
Middle School Youth Group & Adults  
(Nursery also provided)  
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

### MIDWEEK MEAL VOLUNTEERS

<https://bit.ly/3KhDLGn>



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

## Serving at The Banquet

Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 5:00-8:00pm  
Sign up at The Link or by emailing  
[connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org)

**\*\*Still need 12 people to help serve!**

**\*\*Still need 3 people to help prep the food! (2-5pm)**

## THIS WEEK

### Wednesday, September 14

6:30-8:30pm-H.S. Youth Group

### Saturday, September 17

7:00am- Prayer Ministry

10:00am- AA Meeting

### Sunday, September 18

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services

4:00pm- Adult Baptism

### Tuesday, September 20

9:30-10:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- Book Club

7:00pm- Hope Circle

### Wednesday, September 21

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy)

6:30-8:30pm-H.S. 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](mailto:tjstonegate@gmail.com)) for meeting access.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, October 10 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Everyone welcome!

## BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet Wed, Sept. 21st at 9:00am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing *Delusion* by Gallier.

The evening book club will meet on Tues, Sept. 20 at 7:00pm at church. They will be discussing *Prairie Fires*.

**Hope Circle** will meet on Sept. 20th at 7:00 pm. Hostess is Helen and lesson leader is Marjie. The lesson is #11 in our Parables book.



## DOYLES'S UPDATE MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Our senior high midweek is officially underway as we enter week two for the fall. This week, we move from Creation to the Fall. The world and our relationships with one another becomes broken as sin enters for the first time. Even more so, the relationship with God also changes as they move from freely walking with him in the garden to the removal. Still, there is good news even in the story of the fall. We can see God's love for His creation. That love we see even in the consequences is one that continues to show up through the entirety of scripture. God loves His creation – God loves continues to be present for us. It sets up week three so well as we enter into the redemption story and work of Jesus.

We are just over a week away from our first event of the fall. Sunday, September 25th both the middle school and high school students are invited to church for a night of large group games. I am working on creating a large group mixture of some old classic board games to try to bring something new and fun to our rotation. However, there will also be some oldies we bring out as we enjoy some time together Sunday evening. We will start at 6:00 and be finished by 8:00 Sunday night. Hope to see you there.

Finally, our other two start dates for Sunday school and Middle School are approaching quickly. Sunday School will start the 25th. Then, the first week of October – the 7th – our middle school youth group will start back up Wednesday Nights. I am looking forward to all that is going on this fall. As we get going, if you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime.

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## FINANCES

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022

General: \$15,056  
Vision: \$840  
Missions: \$355

General YTD: \$595,565  
Vision YTD: \$53,293  
Vision Account Balance: \$36,155

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Vi Slechta (hospice)
- Kathy Klein (surgery recovery)
- Justin Hinks' friend, Adam (accident)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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)
- Susan Bierwagen's brother, Lee (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)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnice (cancer)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE 437 PROJECT

### THE 437 PROJECT

#### A RUN ACROSS SOUTH DAKOTA FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

The 437 Project was born of a passion for bolstering both physical and mental wellness and the often overlooked connection between the two. In 2022, the inaugural 437 Project will run 437 miles across the state of SD, raising funds to support The Helpline Center. (Sept. 22-25)





# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone,

Sunday School is almost here, and I can't wait to see everyone back in action in the kids wing. We have a wonderful lineup of volunteers this year and I think we'll all be growing together and having fun.

I do still need one more PreK teacher and a bunch more substitute teachers. If you would be willing to help, please let me know.

For Midweek, we'll need some "Midweek Grown Ups" to learn and have fun with us each week. You can come every Wednesday or choose the ones that work for you.

If you are willing to help, please email me or use our SignUpGenius link. [Bit.ly/3P56f2T](https://bit.ly/3P56f2T) or contact me.

Some reminders:

- First day of Sunday School this fall, September 25, 2022
- 3rd graders 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 a child or adult who needs a Bible, feel free to let me know. We love to put God's word into the hands of people, and you can help us do that by letting us know. We give out a NIV Teen Study Bible to both children and adults.
- Midweek starts on October 5, 2022.

I want to say a quick thank you to some people who have made a big impact with the school community near our church. The School Action Team is a small group of people who focus on what God might be asking us to do in relation to our awesome neighbors at the schools. God has really been moving! Thanks to those team members for their time, patience, dedication and commitment. Thank you also to Jolene L, who served at Inspiration School last year as a volunteer, doing laminating for teachers. That was a big blessing to that school and is appreciated. We have a new volunteer keeping that ball rolling that this year but I wanted to be sure we celebrate that impact Jolene made in the 2021-2022 school year! I also need to thank everyone who is mentoring a student at the schools. That program really does allow a 1 on 1 impact on the lives of kids and youth and many of you have signed on as volunteers. That is a weekly commitment to a little less than 1 hour each week, and we are hearing amazing things about Community in the schools. There is more to share about what is happening between Community and the two schools in our neighborhood in the weeks ahead.

Thanks!

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*2022-2023 Calendar*  
**COMMUNITY KIDS**

9/25/22 Sunday School begins at 10am  
10/5/22 Midweek Begins  
11/23-27/22 No Midweek or Sunday School  
12/4/22 Kids Christmas Program 4pm  
12/14/22- 1/1/23 No Midweek or Sunday School  
3/29/23 Pizza and Praise-Midweek  
5/7/23 Last day of Sunday School  
7/24-27/23 Vacation Bible School

**Learn more at: 605.church/children**

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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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