



THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 28, 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

We are at the last week of September. Sunday is Worldwide Communion. That first Sunday in October, all the world's Christian churches will be sharing the table together. There will be places in the world where that will be done in homes or in places that need to be very secret because of the danger those Christians face each day. Jesus said that persecution would come, and he also said that persecution would not stop the church because He would see to the life of the church no matter what. In those places where it is not safe, Jesus moves and in many of those places, the church grows even faster. God is not stopped by any of the world's methods. He is driven to do more. The hearts of those people in those places is often more open to the "good news" and in that kind of atmosphere, the Spirit finds open hearts. It is how the Kingdom works. Sunday, we will celebrate with all of them. We will do it and Jesus will be present. Jesus, reveal your Glory!

MidWeek is drawing near friends. I know we still need more help with the meals. This is a big job, and we need lots of folks to make it work. It is coming right up so if you would like to help, we would love to have you be a part of that. It is a great way to do something very helpful for the friends who come each week to connect to our church and grow together as families. It is a ministry! Yes, it is work and yes it takes time, but it matters in so many ways. On that first night, we will meet in the Worship Center and pray in small groups through all the things that will be going on at MidWeek. We will be explaining all the class options and spend some time together preparing for the year that is ahead. I would highly encourage you to be a part of these nights. It is the very best way for us to get to know each other and certainly a great way to share an evening together. If you have questions, you can talk to Liz in the Corner on Sunday.

Choir: We start in two weeks--October 9th. I have already put out the word in the newsletter about what we are hoping for. I know, you have lots going on. Everyone has things that take time, and I am aware of that, still, I am asking for singers. It is a fun thing to do. We do have nursery care if you need that. It gets done early enough on Sunday evening so you can get home and spend some quality time with the family before your week gets going. We have some great music to sing. I'm asking...would you consider coming and singing with us? If you have questions, talk to Liz in the corner.

The message this week is the story of Jesus in the upper room with his disciples and the story of what many know as the Last Supper. The room had been prepared for them in advance. It was all set. Everything had been prepared. The only thing missing were the guests and the Rabbi. There is one other piece missing. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

YOU
BELONG
HERE

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We are almost fully into our fall ministries at Community, and my favorite one gets started next week: Mid-Week!

In my opinion, Mid-Week is one of the best ministries we do at Community. It's a fantastic way to get to know other people from church, and there are many ways to serve and volunteer on a Wednesday night. From food prep and clean up, to serving and cooking, to teaching and learning, I really feel there is something for everyone at Mid-Week. We have classes for kids aged 5 through high school, we have nursery care for the littles, and this year, we have 4 different classes available for adults. We always start with a meal at 5:30, (October 5, it will be pizza to kick things off), followed by classes from 6:30-7:30. Our first night of Mid-Week is October 5, and we will meet every Wednesday through the first week of December, at which point we'll take a Christmas break. Then we start up again after the first of the year. If you want to help or if you have questions, please contact me! I hope to see you at Mid-Week!

The beginning of church choir is also drawing closer. This year, we'll get our start on Sunday, October 9, and practices will run from 4:30-6:00pm with child care provided. I'd really love to have 80 people singing this year. That's right 80! We've never hit that mark, but I'm hopeful that one of these years, we'll get there. If you love to sing, and if you're willing to put in some rehearsal work every Sunday until December 4th, which is the date of the choir concerts, then please join us! We are truly blessed with an outstanding church choir, and we'd love to have you singing with us. If you have any questions, please let me know!

And lastly this week, I think it's going to be wise for me to always include a list in my article of upcoming ministries and activities at Community. It's an exciting time to see what God has in store for us!

Saturday, October 1, 9:00am-noon
Cleaning and prepping of the kitchen for Mid-week
If you're free and willing to help, just come!

Sunday, October 2, 10:05am
Sunday School

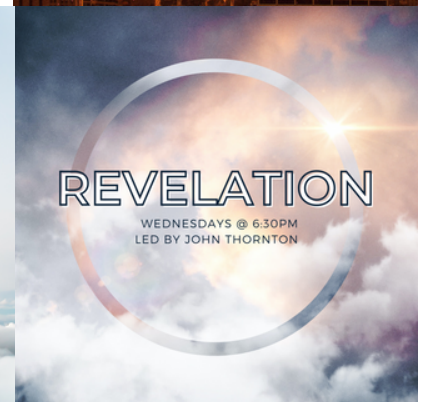
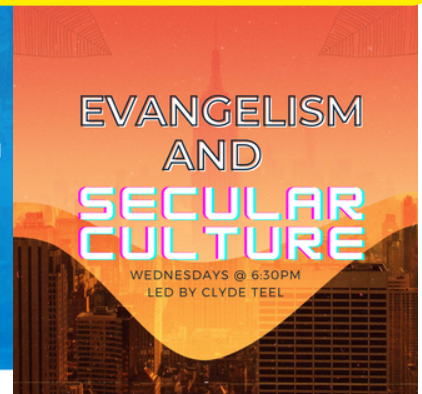
Monday, October 3, 7:00-8:00pm
WD <40> Group (Women of ALL ages!)

Wednesday, October 5, 5:30-7:30pm
Mid-Week starts!

Have a great week, everyone!

Liz
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MIDWEEK ADULT CLASSES



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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
STILL NEEDED**

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



ADULT CLASSES

Evangelism and Secular Culture

Pastor Clyde will be teaching about why the church has lost its effectiveness in our present culture. He will also be leading discussions about strategies to reverse that trend.

Heaven

Pastor Liz will be leading a series of classes, which will focus on common questions people have about Heaven and what happens when we die.

Revelation

Pastor John will be leading this study on the common interpretations and cultural ideologies of the book of Revelation.

Financial Peace University

Class starts October 5 @ 6:00pm.

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.

KITCHEN CLEANING HELP

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
9:00AM-NOON**

**CLEANING AND PREPPING OF THE KITCHEN
FOR MID-WEEK
IF YOU'RE FREE AND WILLING TO HELP, JUST COME!**

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, September 28

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

Saturday, October 1

7:00am- Prayer Ministry

10:00am- AA Meeting

Sunday, October 2

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

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

10:00am- Sunday School

10:10am- Parent Connections

Monday, October 3

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

Tuesday, October 4

9:30-10:30am- Play 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, October 10 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUBS

Morning book club will meet on Wednesday, 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 October 18th at 7:00pm. Wilma is hostess and Barb has the lesson (#12). Remember to bring \$12 for your new book.

LIBRARY UPDATE

ARE YOU A READER?
DO YOU LIKE TO SHARE
YOUR OPINION?

Your full-service church library invites you to be one of our Consultant Reviewers. Since new authors are always appearing in the Christian Book market plus new publishers, feedback on these books is much needed.

Volunteers to be a Consultant Reviewer for the church library read a book and answer a few questions about it. This helps us as librarians better find the best authors and books. There is no number-of-books requirement. You can pick up a book and a question sheet when you wish, according to your schedule.

If you are willing to help us with this, sign up in the library or let Trudi, Lois, Lorena, or Merry know. When you are available to try a book, come to the library and ask for a new book for review. Usually there will be several to choose from.

Read the book and answer five questions (yes/no). There is no minimum, no pressure. When you are able, just let us know. Several of our library users already have been doing this kind of feedback for us. It is of so much help to us and to the library we love.

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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

PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's sister, Joyce
- Kathy Klein (surgery recovery)
- Justin Hinks' friend, Adam (accident)
- 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)
- 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, Vonnie (cancer)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)

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Happy 90th Birthday

Alvin Hoogendoorn's 90th
birthday open house

Saturday, October 8 from 2-5 PM @

Community Reformed Church

If you can't make the event, you can send
cards to:

3500 S. Banyan Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57110.

-- the Hoogendoorn family

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FINANCES

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022

General: \$20,552

Vision: \$215

Missions: \$510

General YTD: \$724,543

Vision YTD: \$54,613

Vision Account Balance: \$30,081



Hi Everyone,

I so wish you could all have been in the Children's Wing for the start of Sunday School. The kids are such a joy and the volunteers are wonderful. It was so much fun to see the kids and volunteers getting to know one another. The excitement in the room was easy to feel and I saw many, many smiles.

Even if you missed the first week, kids are welcome to jump in any time!

Please continue to pray for the kids and volunteers at Sunday School and for the people who might join throughout the year.

We do still need more substitute teachers. 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://www.signupgenius.com/link/3P56f2T) or contact me.

Midweek starts on October 5, 2022

As a reminder, 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.

Another fun part of this fall has been getting back into the routine of our "School Action Team" and making connections with the schools in the church neighborhood. This team of volunteers has come up with some really cool ideas that are making a huge impact. We're able to help with some things that bring joy to students and teachers, including collecting new and gently used hats, mittens, coats, etc. that can be given to kids who are in need of warm items for fall and winter. We've also been able to help the schools with the meals provided to teachers during Parent/ Teacher conferences. One of my favorite projects is called "Bison Care." That is when 4 groups of middle schoolers come over on Monday or Tuesday during their school day (with a teacher) to meet with Doyle and I. We do service projects together, talk about life and life lessons, and just connect. It is a little like mentoring, but in a group, and with service projects. I look forward to them coming, even though it can be tiring to hang out with Middle Schoolers! I'm grateful to Consistory for giving us the "go" on this project, and to Doyle, for being so good with youth. The way God has gifted Doyle and how he connects with students who are middle and high school age is really inspiring to me and his seemingly boundless energy makes all of the difference for these students. The students really do look forward to coming week after week, just like many of our own youth look forward to coming on Wednesdays and Sundays. A new project we'd like to start with the School Action Team is small bags of goodies and treats that will be given to a teacher at either of our two neighbor schools when they are having a particularly rough or exhausting day. The treats will be tucked in a little bag, along with a note from someone on the School Action Team that reminds them that we're praying for them. If possible, we'd love to include a \$5 gift card for something special as well. We'll need help to make that project a reality.

Here is a wish list for items for service projects, including those teacher "rough day" bags, but if you have ideas of your own, just put them in my office with a note designating the purpose:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/14DA3JDQOIVVP?ref=wl_share

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SEPTEMBER 28, 2022



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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📘 FACEBOOK: COMMUNITYRCKIDS

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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