

# THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 30, 2025

## Clyde's Update

We are now into May. Graduation time, Mother's Day, and yes, even the end of the school year will come. It has been good to see some of the rain in the area, and things have sure turned green. It just makes a difference. I know this week is supposed to be all kinds of weather, but I know we are all hoping for a little sunshine now and some warmer days. Although, as I write this newsletter on Monday morning the wind is blowing, and the air is heavy. I think storms might be coming. We are into that season now as well. Spring is here. I say let's enjoy the season.

We had good meeting on Sunday morning with all the candidates for elder and deacon in front of us. Our new elders are Karen Van Holland, Jon Harmsen, and Dustin Schouten. Our new deacons are Alex Hoogendoorn, Lonny Ackerman, and Jim Fisher. My thanks again for everyone who voted, and also thanks to all those who said yes. I am looking forward to each of them getting into the business end of church and seeing what gifts each of them brings to the table. I know God will do great things through them. I have seen this before so many times. Thanks again to all of them.

This Thursday, from 7am to 7pm, the church will be open for those who would like to come and spend time in the chapel for the National Day of Prayer. You can just come out to the church go into the chapel and spend some time with God. There will be a table set up there with some prayer helps if you need them. All are welcome! We would love to see you! Something very right about the country setting aside a day for praying. Join us!

Pastor John is starting a new class that will go through the summer on the book of James. He is going to take one verse per week for the entire summer for those who would like to join him during the Sunday school hour on Sunday mornings. I'm sure it will be a good read and some great discussion times together. Everyone is welcome!

Liz also announced on Sunday that we are going to do another one of the kid's fishing day on May 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a signup sheet at The Link if you would like to attend that. I have been to those in the past and they are really a lot of fun. I do hope that you fisherman out there get going on that. It will be a good morning together. If you have questions about that, give the office a call.

I mentioned on Sunday that we are proceeding with all the concrete and parking lot work this summer. I don't have dates as of yet, but it will be happening as soon as we get all the scheduling finalized. It will be a little inconvenient around here when that all happens, but the folks doing the work are well aware of what needs to happen around here especially on Sunday mornings and they will make sure things are ready for that. I will keep you all informed as to dates just as soon as I know more.

Sunday, we start a mini-series that will go through the month of May. I want to talk about what it means that we are redeemed. It is one of those well-known church words that we often say but might need to have a refresher course on what it exactly means. The cross and the resurrection are a part of that picture for they made redemption possible. I am looking forward to speaking a word on that. Redeemed how I love to proclaim it! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

## THIS WEEK

APRIL 30- MAY 7

**Wednesday, April 30**

6:00-8:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

**Thursday, May 1**

7:00am-7:00pm- National Day of Prayer  
(chapel will be open if you'd like to stop by and prayer)

**Saturday, May 3**

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

**Sunday, May 4**

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

10:05am-Last Day of Sunday School

10:05am- Foundations of Faith Class  
(fellowship hall)

**Monday, May 5**

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

7:00pm- WD40 Women's Group

**Tuesday, May 6**

9:30am- Play Group

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST

*National*  
**DAY OF PRAYER**

7:00AM-7:00PM

THE CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

John Thornton will be leading an adult Sunday school class during the 10:15 time with all new materials starting on May 4th. This will be a verse by verse, in depth study of the book of James. The class will last for many weeks and use discussion questions, written by John Thornton.

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## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Lori Blom and her family on the passing of her father, Kevin Stulken.

Our sympathies go out to Brian and Loretta (LeLoux) Wollman on the death of Brian's dad, Ruben "Pal" Wollman.

Our condolences and prayers go out to Chuck Hanssen and his family on the passing of his wife, JoAnn. Funeral details are pending.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

## THE GIVE

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



### VBS at Community (for our zoo theme)

Clean, gently-used plush or plastic animal toys

### East River Roster Parent Network

New & gently used toddler clothes

### Community Youth

Empty Ink Cartridges & old cellphones

### The Banquet

Hygiene items (Band-aids, Feminine Products Nail Clippers)

Also, we are once again collecting cards for nursing homes. Please put at The Link.

**In need of prayer or want to  
share your prayer request?**

Email Pastor John at [prayerline@communityrc.org](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Doug DeWit (pacemaker)

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Daniel Burlingame (infection)
- Ron Hup (total knee replacement surgery 4/16)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn's grandma
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Caleb Ellwein (knee surgery recovery)
- Gary Van Den Hoek
- JoAnn Hanssen (nursing home)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Joselyn Cleveringa (seizures/testing)
- Daisy Johnston (seizures)
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Steve Zimmerman
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloom
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

**"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions  
with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always  
keep on praying for all the Lord's people."  
Ephesians 6:18**

## FRESH ENCOUNTER

**SATURDAY MORNINGS  
@ 7:00AM**

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.



## LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Here we are in the last days of April and the first days of May! Let's talk about a few things happening at church.

Our WD40 group will meet on Monday, May 5 for our last gathering until September. We meet at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall, and women of all ages are welcome to attend. It doesn't matter if you've never come. If you'd like to be a part of that group, please join us. It's a lovely group of women with so much to offer!

Remember that Pastor John Thornton's Sunday School class will start fresh this Sunday, May 4, with a new in-depth study he has written on the book of James. His class meets in the overflow of the chapel area and is open to adults of all ages. They meet every Sunday at 10:15 am. So, if you've been looking for a Sunday morning adult education opportunity, please join John for his class.

During the summer months, I do a lot of reading and research for topics and studies that adults might find helpful, inspirational, educational, and encouraging. I use what I find to construct my Mid-Week classes, and I often ask others if they would be willing to teach on particular topics. I say this to you because if there is a class you wish we offered at Community, please send me an email or catch me on Sunday and let me know. I can't guarantee that we can offer every class, but it is always a great help to me to hear what church people would like to be learning about! So, Community, give that some thought and let me know what's on your mind. You might find that very class offered next year at Mid-Week!

Have a wonderful week!

Liz  
[Liz.Teel@communityrc.org](mailto:Liz.Teel@communityrc.org)

Would anyone like to make a pan of bars for the CRU Retreat on May 3? Just email Holli if you're able to help! [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org)



## DOYLE'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

## SENIOR PHOTOS DUE FRIDAY, MAY 9

For all seniors, if you would like to be recognized Sunday mornings, please send me how you want your name presented, a photo to use, where you are graduating from, and your plans for next year. I will be putting together a slide show that we will have running Sunday mornings.

Doyle  
[Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org](mailto:Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org)

## CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Come cheer on the Community co-ed softball team Monday nights at Sherman Park by the Zoo

### Monday, May 5

6:30pm- Diamond B  
7:25pm- Diamond D

## FINANCES

Sunday, April 20, 2025

General: \$18,127  
Vision: \$675  
Missions: \$140

General YTD: \$190,018  
Vision YTD: \$9,067  
Vision Account Balance: \$7,615





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## MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

### ARISE UKRAINE

Arise! Ukraine is a 501(c)3 non-profit ministry established in 1997 by missionary, Paul Logan. Its purpose is to see Ukraine saturated with living communities of believers where the transforming power of the gospel is reaching every area of society—giving every man, woman and child in the country the opportunity to be reconciled to the Father and to each other.

## LOOKING FOR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS!

Come play with the kids at Community!  
You'll serve only 4 times throughout the year!  
Email Teresa at [nursery@communityrc.org](mailto:nursery@communityrc.org) or go to 605.church and fill out a form to volunteer.

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## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **May 12** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

### BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, May 20, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by Lewis.

The morning book club will meet Wed., May 21, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave & 33rd St. We will be discussing *Vanished in Vermillion* by Reguse

### FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH CLASS

The Foundations of Faith led by Jon Harmsen will meet on May 4 & May 11 at 10:05am in the fellowship hall.

early childhood weekday  
**Play Free**  
**Group**  
**TUESDAYS**  
**9:30-11:00AM**  
All are welcome

Parents/ Grandparents/ Caregivers and Kids  
younger than Kindergarten age will join together for  
open play time in the Community Nursery as they enjoy time together.  
Questions? [Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org](mailto:Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org) or 605-336-1475



# HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

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Hi Everyone!

This week, I'd love it if you would join me in praying for kids and families. For so many reasons, this time of year can be exhausting. Year-end activities, wrapping up curriculum, planning for summer, extra things to remember, and transitions are just a small part of a long list of the kinds of things families are working through in April and May. I'll be asking God to help them fix their eyes on God, remember what matters most, and find moments of peace and joy.

I'll also be praying for teachers. April and May in the teaching profession are a test of patience and endurance that I think could be stressful for many. Great teachers are a gift, and I've seen God use them in many ways.

Please pray for our last week of Sunday School before summer break. I can't believe it is already here, but I can also tell our volunteers are ready for a little breather.

Finally, while you are chatting with God, maybe you could talk about Vacation Bible School a bit. I'm praying for the children and families who might join us and that they'll find a way to fit VBS into a busy summer, even if it is only for a two or three of the days. I'm excited to watch God move!

See you soon!

Heather DeWit  
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AS YOU PLAN YOUR SUMMER...

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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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