



THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 24, 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

August- Feeding South Dakota's Backpack Program

This program provides at-risk children with nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods during weekends and holidays when school is not in session.

YOU
BELONG
HERE

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

Romans 8 was a good study for the summer months. I am always a little sad when those series come to an end. My mind is focused on those and so each day I am looking for new insights to share about what is coming to my mind. Now, I must set my mind on what is coming new. I am still working on things for the fall, but right now, I am still not fully set on what that is going to be. I have themes running around in my mind, but so far, I am still waiting for that "word" to fall into place. That process for me is one that I have learned I cannot force. I study and I read. I listen to the voices around me. I access our church's life and what is going on around us. I consider what God may be trying to say to us. I pray continually for an insight that is not mine. Then, I wait. The waiting, which most of us have experienced, is not always the easiest, but it may well be the most important. God will move and God will speak because He does! It may, of course, not be a loud voice. We have plenty of those around us, don't we? I have learned to be confident and be still. Faith works that way, and I am convinced of that! (I just had to put a little Romans 8 in there!)

Liz and I were listening to music for our Christmas Choir this past week. Yes, we must start planning that right now. How many of you are planning on being a part of that this year? Join us Sundays late afternoon starting in October! We never know how many of our friends will join us, but we are hoping it is a good season this year. I will say it again, this is a great way to meet and connect with new people in church. If you are a singer and need a place to express that gift, join us! I have been hoping that some year, we will have an 80-voice choir. I know we have that many singers, but getting all those voices to commit is not always an easy request. People have full plates. I talk about that often. It is difficult to add one more thing to mix. We have childcare. We do it at a time of day on Sunday which allows you to get back home for the evening. Pray about it! We would love to see you there. You have some time, but I wanted to put out the word early this year.

Heather said we are gathering our teachers for Sunday school. That will be here before you know it. My thoughts there are always the same. You bring yourself and Jesus into that room and share both with children. The content and the tools will be provided in a very user-friendly way. What we can't provide, is your heart. Children need adults who bring the living presence of Jesus to their worlds. Pray about that everyone! God will work through us and the kids will get blessed. Something about that seems so right!

Sunday is one of two messages I get to just choose the week of the message. These two weeks are "free" ones for me. I will choose one story from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. This week, I am going to share from the book of Genesis and offer the final story in that book. Our focus is Joseph. I have done lots of messages over the years around that story. It is a wonderful example of God's grace revealed in people who are surrendered to His kingdom. This story is about a long journey of ups and downs. A story of God's design and a moment when redemption will rule the day. It is an example of the heart of God and how He weaves our lives in such a way to make a difference for others. That will preach! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I'll continue my weekly highlight of upcoming Mid-Week classes by giving you more information about Pastor Clyde's class. Clyde will be teaching Evangelism and Secular Culture. This study will focus on why the church has lost its effectiveness in our present culture, and he'll be leading discussions about strategies to reverse that trend. This class will be offered during Mid-Week which starts Wednesday, October 5th, and will meet every Wednesday following from 6:30-7:30pm. If you have questions about this class, feel free to contact Pastor Clyde or me.

And once again, here is the list of available adult learning opportunities at Community.

Adult Sunday School (Pastor John) - Sunday School Guide
Sunday mornings, 10:10 – 11:00am in the chapel overflow
Meeting currently

WD <40> Women's Discipleship for women of all ages (Liz Teel)
1st Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00pm
First meeting will be September 7 (note it is a Wednesday)

DMV – Discipleship: Men's Version (John Blok)
2nd Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00pm
First meeting will be September 12

The Parent Connection (Shawn and Lori Blom)
Sunday mornings, 10:10 – 10:40am in the chapel
Starts September 25

The Wired Word (Pastor John)
Monday evenings, 7:00-8:00pm
Starts on September 19

Revelation (Pastor John)
Mid-Week 6:30-7:30pm
Starts October 5

Heaven (Liz)
Mid-Week 6:30-7:30pm
Starts October 5

Financial Peace University (Reid and Dana Goeman)
Mid-Week 6:30-7:30pm
Starts October 5

Evangelism and Secular Culture (Pastor Clyde)
Mid-Week 6:30-7:30
Starts October 5
More information can be found in the first paragraph of this newsletter. 😊

And next week, I'll be sharing more about my class for Mid-Week!
Have a great week, everyone!

Liz
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KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

I hope you are all having a wonderful week and finding a moment or two to take a deep breath, pray, and rest. I'm trying to do that too.

I need to say a big "thank you" to Evita Attema for coming in to help prepare Sunday School rooms and the supply room for another school year! Her organizational skills and willingness to share her time and energy are a gift!

I have a new volunteer opportunity to share with you for this fall. We're looking for someone to lead the singing time with the preschool age kids from 10-10:15am on Sunday mornings. Cheryl W plays piano each week and knows the songs and I'm happy to help you learn the songs as well. It is a quick and fun way to bring joy to some sweet little hearts and we have some singing substitutes willing to fill in if there are some weeks that you'll be gone.

Here is the full list of what we still need for this fall when we start Sunday School.

One more Teacher for each of the following grades:

- PreK
- Kindergarten
- 2nd Grade
- 4th Grade

Helpers:

- One more Helper for 3 and 4 year old preschool.
- 2 more Helpers for pre-K

Leader:

- Song leader for preschool (you could probably be the song leader AND a teacher or helper in one of the preschool classes if you wanted to, since the little kids go from singing to the classroom.)

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/go/3P56f2T) or contact me.

First day of Sunday School this fall, September 25, 2022

Thanks!

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FALL

KICKOFF KICKOFF KICKOFF KICKOFF

IT'S THE PERFECT
TIME TO JUMP IN!

Mark your calendar for these fall groups/events!

WD<40>

(Women Discipleship Group
under 40 or over 40☺)
Wednesday, Sept. 7 @ 7:00pm

High School Youth Group

Starts Wednesday, Sept. 7

Kickoff Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 11th from 11:45am-2pm
Join us for a catered meal & inflatables!

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.

DMV- Men's Discipleship Group

Starting Date: Monday, Sept. 12
7:00-8:00pm
Led by John Blok

The Wired Word

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

Serving at The Banquet

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

Sunday School Starts

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

THIS WEEK

Saturday, August 27
7:00am- Prayer Ministry
10:00am- AA Meeting

Sunday, August 28
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM-
Sunday Services

Tuesday, August 30
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,
Sept. 12 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.



VOLUNTEERS *Needed*

NURSERY SIGN UPS

605.church/nurseryvolunteers

SCHOOL LAMINATOR (ONCE A WEEK)

Inspiration Elementary (across the street from church) is looking for a volunteer to laminate projects for teachers in their classrooms. They are looking for someone to come in once a week for 30-90 minutes to complete their projects. If you're interested in learning more, contact Heather (heather.dewit@communityrc.org) or Lori Blom (lablom40@gmail.com)

SERVING AT THE BANQUET WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21

5:00-8:00pm

Sign up at The Link or
by emailing connect@communityrc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWN UPS

[Bit.ly/3P56f2T](https://bit.ly/3P56f2T)

MIDWEEK MEAL VOLUNTEERS

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer)
- Jean Nollman (surgery recovery)
- Joe Johnson

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Seth Halling (surgery recovery)
- John & Marcia's granddaughter (auto immune disease)
- Marcia Thornton (sinus surgery)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Carolyn Odens (back surgery)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (cancer)
- Tami Boyle's dad (pancreatic/liver cancer)
- Joan Schouten (surgery recovery)
- 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, Vonnie (cancer)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)



FINANCES

Sunday, August 21, 2022

General: \$18,877
Vision: \$1,230
Missions: \$715

General YTD: \$548,980
Vision YTD: \$47,291
Vision Account Balance: \$30,152

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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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