

# THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 1, 2024

## Weekly Calendar

MAY 1 - MAY 8

### Wednesday, May 1

**6:00-8:00pm-**

High School Youth Group

**6:00-7:00pm-** Flower Patch Women's Group (chapel)

### Thursday, May 2

#### National Day Of Prayer

**7am-7pm-** Chapel is open for prayer

### Saturday, May 4

**7:00am-** Fresh Encounter

**10:00AM-** AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

### Sunday, May 5

**8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM-** Worship Services

**10:10am-** Sunday School

(LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL)

**5:30pm-** H.S. Worship Night

### Monday, May 6

**6:30pm-** Church Softball  
(Sherman Park- Diamond D)

**7:00pm-** Men's Bible Study

**7:00pm-** WD40 Women's Group

**7:25pm-** Church Softball  
(Sherman Park- Diamond D)

### Tuesday, May 7

**9:30-11am-** Play Group

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## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

In last week's newsletter, I mentioned that the rains had come. Well, indeed they did and they kept coming. It has been a rain event for sure. If we just get a little sunshine things are really going to start to grow. It is greening up! I think we are all ready for that. April was once again a chilly month as so many of them have been in these past few years. It's May now and we are all hoping for a little sunshine and warmer weather.

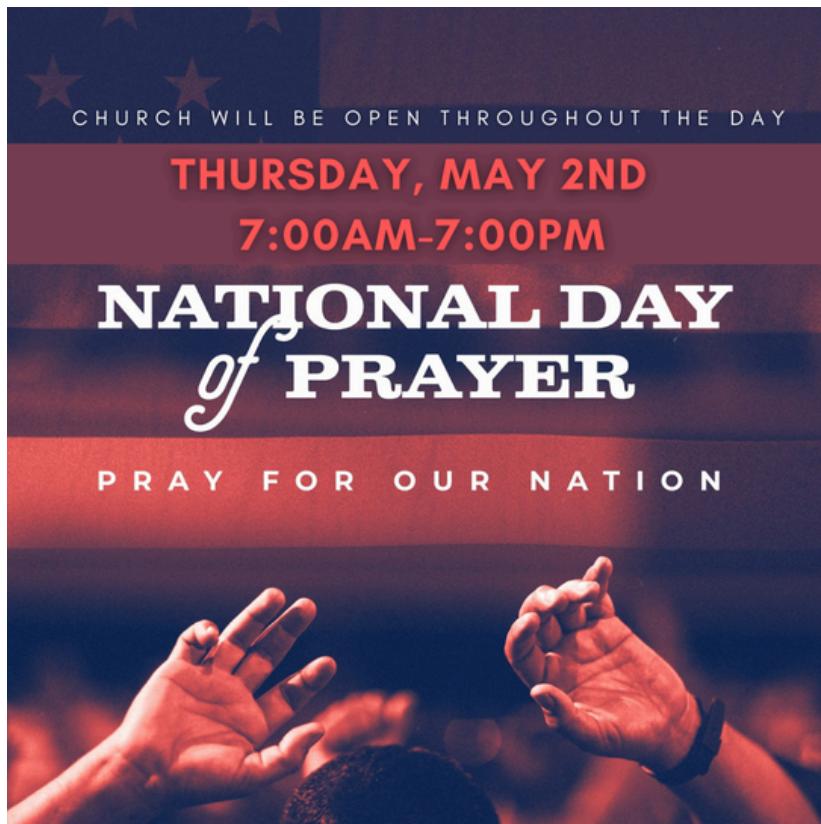
Graduations are just around the corner for many of our friends. I have plenty of parties to attend this year. I am still a little overwhelmed by the list of kids. I can't believe that some of them are already this far along in their days, but that time does get away. Graduations are both a happy time, as well as a little sadness. It's not easy letting them go off into the world. We congratulate all of them and wish them God's blessings as they set out on their new adventures.

Sunday afternoon we are doing another baptism celebration in the church. We are doing these for those who are old enough to answer all the questions themselves. We have a nice group of folks wishing to do this. It is a time to publicly declare your faith in Christ and then add the water to signify the laying down of an old life and being raised up into a new one. I want to encourage anyone who would like to do this. As our church family grows, we are going to see more and more who didn't grow up in the church or for so many reasons were not baptized earlier...we can fill that void for them. It will be a meaningful day. You are all welcome to join us.

As I mentioned on Sunday, Grant and I spent some time in Dyer Indiana for our annual Kingdom Network gathering. It was a full couple of days with speakers and workshops. We sang together, prayed together, listened together, and celebrated together all that God is doing. They are wonderful people to be around, and the focus is so right on. We did only a little "business" there, as there is not much needed to be done. We don't have dozens of committees or executive structures to maintain. It is an organization centered on being there to equip churches to do the work of the kingdom of God from a Reformed theological direction. I would encourage you to look at the website to look at our values and to look at our statement of beliefs. Those 9 tenants of our network are what we believe together. I like their direction and their heart for the church. ([kingdomnetworkusa.org](http://kingdomnetworkusa.org))

Randi's funeral is Friday afternoon at 1pm. We are going to be needing help around here for that. If you can be a part of this, give the office a call this week. It's going to be a large event and it will give you an opportunity to do some valuable ministry. Call us if you can help.

Sunday we are going to look at the story of Jesus walking on the water and we are going to look at it more from the perspective of Peter who also spent a little time on the waves. Doing the impossible! When our lives are focused on Christ, when we can full trust His ways, the impossible becomes far more than we can ever imagine. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



## WE WELCOME THE NEW ELDERS & DEACONS TO CONSISTORY

### NEW DEACONS:

JUSTIN HINKS  
JORDAN LIPP  
TOM WEERHEIM

### NEW ELDERS:

SUSAN BIERWAGEN  
MIKE BOYENGA  
CURT ZWART

## FINANCES

Sunday, April 28, 2024

General: \$14,990  
Vision: \$1,425  
Missions: \$195

General YTD: \$233,018  
Vision YTD: \$17,456  
Vision Account Balance: \$34,653

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Annette Korb (surgery)
- Barbara Kirpatrick (leg infection)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Roy Eeten
- Joan Schouten (pulmonary embolism)
- Tony & Spring (continued prayers for healthy pregnancy)
- Lois Hoff's mom, Marlene (hospice)
- Evita Attema (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Dave Van Dine (vascular)
- Russ Hoogendoorn's friend, Duane
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Evita Attema's sister, Lilli (cancer)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Jeris VanZee (Mantle Cell Lymphoma)
- Justin & Sandy Heimdal and family (house fire)
- Darla Moulton's son-in-law, Neil (cancer)
- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic cancer)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloot
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad

## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the family of Randi Van Der Sloot. Please keep Marty, Aaralyn, Olivia, Mitch and other family members in your prayers.

Randi's funeral will be at 1:00pm at Community on Friday, May 3rd. Visitation is Thursday, May 2nd from 4-7pm at Community.

The funeral will be live-streamed through our website <https://communityrc.org/watch-live>

DOYLE'S UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



May 5th is a full day this year. It is our final morning of Sunday School for the year, our senior recognition slide show is starting, there is a baptism celebration, and then a youth worship night. I am so excited for it all!

**Seniors/parents**, if you have not sent things to me yet for the slide show, please do so by Friday morning. Here is what I need – seniors name, a photo, where they are graduating from and their plans for next year. Congratulations Seniors!

We are a few days away from our worship night for the middle and high school group this Sunday. I am so excited for the night as we dive into the Freedom Of Christ while coming together with others to worship God. The plan for the night is below and know that friends are welcome to join in as well.

We will be meeting at Prairie Hills Covenant Church at 6000 E 33rd st. (just north of us on highway 11).

5:30 - "Doors Open". There will be gaga ball, 9 square in the air, basketball, board games and yard games set up. Come enjoy some fun ahead of time.

6:00-6:50 - Meal will be served. We are having homemade tacos and bringing in some chips and queso from Qdoba.

7:00 - Worship. The theme is Freedom in Christ. The song list is as follows: Praise, House of The Lord, Who you Say I am, Believe For It, Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone), Break Every Chain, The Blessing, It is Well. 8:15-9:00 - A fire and time for conversation, prayer and time together. Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions about the student ministry here, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle

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**CHURCH SOFTBALL**  
**COME CHEER ON THE CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM**  
**AT SHERMAN PARK.**  
**MONDAY, MAY 6**  
**6:30PM- DIAMOND D**  
**7:25PM- DIAMOND D**

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### ..... FRESH ENCOUNTER

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

Bishop Dudley House

### ..... AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA meeting are held in-person or via Zoom on Saturdays at 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdkOreVZUTHIwkgxZz09>

Please contact Tom Jacobs (tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

### ..... SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **May 13** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

### ..... BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, May 21, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip* by Brunsvold.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, May 15 at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Wednesday Wars* by Schmidt. Interested in joining a book club? We'd love to have you join us!

### ..... HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on May 21st at 1:30. Helen is hostess and Donna has the lesson.

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

This Sunday at 3:00pm, we will be having an immersion baptism service here at Community. Right now, we have 4 people who are going to participate in this service! If you are interested in being baptized, please contact me, or call the office, and we'll add you to the list. (You also could decide at the last minute. We're flexible here!) Immersion baptism is a powerful symbol of the grace of God in action. Everyone is welcome to attend and to celebrate with those being baptized. It is always a moving experience to see people coming up out of the water! For those of you who are being baptized, Holli will be contacting you this week with details for the day.

Attention women: our last night of WD40 will be on May 6 from 7-8pm. Women of all ages are welcome to attend, and we meet in the fellowship hall. Normally we meet the first Monday of every month, but we take June, July, and August off and resume in September. It's never too late to join us. We always have meaningful conversations around tables, and God has been working mightily in the lives of the women who are coming through new friendships and spiritual growth. Join us!

The last time I wrote an article, I mentioned that I had the honor of speaking for a CRU event at USD. Thanks to everyone who prayed for that event. I really enjoyed meeting with the students and leaders, and we had a significant time of conversation and learning together. I think it's important to take advantage of opportunities outside our regular day to day activities to see where God is moving. It can be easy to get tunnel-visioned when it comes to where we expect to see God at work. Stepping outside our normal days and finding where and how God is working can be incredibly encouraging! And my time at USD was definitely encouraging!

Have a blessed week, friends,

Liz

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**IMMERSION BAPTISM SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 5 @ 3:00PM**

Interested in being baptized?  
Email Liz ([liz.teel@communityrc.org](mailto:liz.teel@communityrc.org))

**NEW!**  
**THE GIVE**

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



**Operation Christmas Child**  
Empty Prescription Bottles (washed out)

**LSS Family Baskets**  
Scissors, can openers

**Harmony South Dakota**  
Art Supplies/School Supplies

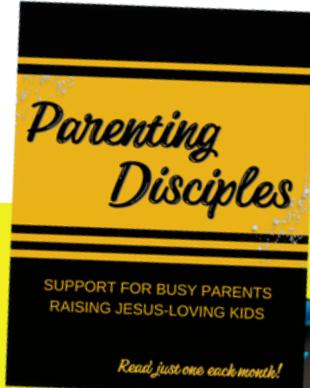
**Midwest Street Medicine**  
New Blankets

Also, still collecting greeting cards for daycares/nursing homes.  
Please leave the cards at The Link.



HEATHER'S UPDATE

# KID'S MINISTRY



CHECK IT OUT  
THIS WEEK



Hello Everyone!

This week, a new resource will be available for families. I hope you enjoy it! If you prefer a digital option rather than the paper copy, it is available on the church web page and the app as well. <https://communityrc.org/parenting-tools> You can sign up for reminders there too. The purpose of this resource is to help parents support faith development in their children. I hope your kids get to know Jesus better throughout their childhood and research shows that the best people to support that goal are parents. I know you're busy, so the parent notes are designed to be read just once per month. Let me know what you think of it. The feedback would be very helpful.

Remember: Registration for VBS is open. Please sign up and get more information at: <https://communityrc.org/vbs> We will need many volunteers. Let me know how you'd like to jump in this year.

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