



# THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

AUGUST 25, 2021

## 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

Feeding South Dakota's  
Backpack Program



## CLYDE'S UPDATE

And now August is coming to a close...September is waiting in the wings...and what will that bring? Have we not spent a year wondering how the next thing will go? I can't know that...so I need to depend on God for that information. Summer was good as a lot of folks did get out and do some very fun things with families. It was so good to see that. I know there will still be weekend outings for while more, but schools are starting and that changes things. Enjoy these last weeks of summer everyone!

I will be at the Men's Roundup this coming weekend. I am looking forward to sharing a good word for them. It has been a few years since I have been at that camp, so I am curious about all the changes they have made. It will be a full couple of days, but I am ready. Doyle will be filling in this Sunday...give him your kind attention. He will be great!

About every 5 years we start getting questions about putting together another church-wide pictorial directory. If any of you individually or a group would like to do that, call the office and we will set that plan in motion. It is a major undertaking and now with folks not sure about COVID still in the picture scheduling could be a real challenge. We have thought about having you all just send in photos, but that has some challenges as well. Talk to me and let me know what you are thinking.

The annual Block Party is on for this Sunday starting at noon. I have to miss this one, but I know there are lots of things planned. We are having pulled pork and other goodies...sounds like a good meal! Games for the kids! It's a fun day. Make plans to be there!

I want to again put out a call for helpers in our Sunday School area everyone. I know we still need some help in those areas. I hope you will all consider that for us and get involved in the lives of our kids. I have spent some time with them, and they are worth our time. Pray it up everyone!

Nursery helpers too...we are putting lots of things in motion for the fall. There is a very easy to follow on-line signup for everyone to use. If you have questions, you can always check in with the office during the week and we can get you in touch with Sheri as well.

A shout out to the Community Softball team. They ended their season last week with what I think was a third-place finish in the league tourney. I know they wanted to go higher, but they lost a close thriller in that last game. Their photo is on the Facebook page. Check it out! Great job everyone!

The next sermon series is called "You Belong". It is a series of messages based on the Kingdom of God. We all know how it feels to not fit in. That is not the Kingdom of God. The first real battle in the early church was over Gentiles belonging to the new church. The Jewish Christians were very nervous about their new neighbors. The series is about making folks know that the Kingdom of God is where you belong. His love for you is amazing! Jesus gave his life so that you can be a part of his family. Everyone needs a home. Everyone seeks to belong. We'll talk more in a couple of weeks, have a great week!

# SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

**8.29.21**

**Noon-2:00pm**

FREE CATERED FOOD & INFLATABLES

It's our annual block party and your not going to want to miss this! We've got a catered meal for everyone (pulled pork sliders, beans & mac and cheese) and inflatables & water balloons for the kids!

**THIS Sunday, Aug. 29th  
Noon- 2:00pm  
FREE!**

**WE COULD USE YOUR HELP THIS FALL!  
CHECK OUT THESE LINKS BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR A  
SPOT THAT WORKS BEST INTO YOUR SCHEDULE.**

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN UPS**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4cacao2eabfb6-community>

## **NURSERY SIGN UPS**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a9aa29a3fac43-nursery>

**NEW**

## **PHOTO CHALLENGE**

We've got a challenge for you!

Share up to 3 photos that show a moment in your life where God was present. You may not have realized it then, but you see it now.

Please use this Dropbox link to upload your photos.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/874l0tGVvZG87f0wx7dB>

We are gathering photos for a possible video showing how God is moving in the lives at Community. If you send us one, we are going to assume it is ok to use it.

Also, please understand that we not be able to use every single photo we get.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 28:**

7:00AM-PRAYER MINISTRY (CHAPEL)

10:00AM- AA MEETING

### **SUNDAY, AUG 29:**

8:00AM, 9:00AM & 10:45AM-  
IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES

10:10AM- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

NOON-2:00PM- BLOCK PARTY

### **TUESDAY, AUG 31:**

7:00PM- AA MEETING

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT 1:**

7:30-8:30PM- H.S. YOUTH GROUP STARTS

## **UPCOMING MINISTRIES**

### **SENIOR CITIZENS**

Senior Citizens meet every 2nd Monday of the month at Noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Next date: Sept 13. If you have questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030.

### **BAPTISMS**

We'll be doing private baptisms after the 10:45am service. If you'd like to request baptism, please email the church office at [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org).

### **AA BIG BOOK MEETING**

Every Tues. at 7pm at Community- Open meeting. Use east door. 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.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

SUNDAYS @ 10:10am in the Chapel  
You can pick up a Sunday School Guide in the office. The Sunday School Guide is also available online (this might involve a subscription fee) at <https://www.guidemeonline.com/>

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Last week I was able to take some much-needed time away from the office. It's amazing what VBS can take out of a person! (And I'm not as young as I once was when I first started doing VBS here! ☺ ) So, early last week, I drove to Burke to spend a couple of days with my Grandma Lucy. This time of year affords some of the best days to visit Burke. I just love it out there. My grandma's garden is producing (even though it's been pretty dry out there), and that means there are lots of fresh tomatoes, and homemade dill and sweet pickles, and homemade jams and jellies, and a LOT of other produce! I love it all! Plus, I always enjoy taking time to sit with my grandma and simply visit. Isn't that such a gift? I think we could all do a better job of deeply appreciating those simple moments. Those times together are treasures!

I spent the rest of the week doing a few creative type projects as well as finishing up some books I had been reading as considerations for fall classes, which brings me to my next point.

As most of you know, our Mid-Week ministries will get their start the first Wednesday in October. We will be serving a meal and then offering classes for all age groups. Since it's been a good 18 months since I've seen any of you in a class setting, I'm wondering if you have ideas or topics for adult classes. I do have some ideas rolling around in my head, but I'm open to your suggestions! If there is something you'd like to learn more about, please let me know, either by emailing me at [Liz.Teel@communityrc.org](mailto:Liz.Teel@communityrc.org) or by stopping in The Corner on a Sunday for a quick chat. I want to teach about what you want to learn about. ☺

And lastly this week, here is a quick reminder about upcoming dates/events at church:

## **Sunday, September 12 This is Community Sunday**

Fill out a contact card to learn more about all the ministries and events at church!

## **Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:00-8:00pm Enneagram Workshop**

A FREE workshop for adults to discuss and learn the history of the enneagram, and the appropriate ways to use this tool. An RSVP to me is appreciated but not necessary.

## **Sunday, October 3, 4:00-5:30pm Choir Rehearsal**

We rehearse every Sunday from 4:00-5:30pm, and we do offer child care during this time.

## **Wednesday, October 6, 5:30-7:30pm Mid-Week begins**

This is the absolute best way to connect with and meet people from Community!

Have a great week!

Liz

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







# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

You may have heard that I am taking some time away from work following abdominal surgery. I am feeling pretty thankful because the surgery went better than anticipated and so far, recovery is going very, very well. I'm not experiencing much pain at all, and my energy level lasts a little longer every day.

I am looking forward to the start of Sunday School, but I really need your help! We need teachers and I'm hoping you can help me recruit. First, consider teaching or helping, even if you've never done it before. Then, if you know someone who would make a good teacher, please give them a call to ask them if they'd consider teaching a class this year. We do our best to make it as easy as possible for volunteers and impactful for kids.

- We try to recruit a couple of volunteers for each position to be sure that you can share the time commitment and responsibilities with another person. This means that you don't have to teach every week. You and your co-teacher (or co-helper) can work together to create a schedule that works well for you. Most do every other week, but some teams do every other month or two weeks on, two weeks off.
- Everything you need is already in the classroom! The supplies, curriculum, photocopies, and Bibles are all there. WE JUST NEED YOU!
- Sunday School is from 10am to 10:40am each week with some Sundays off around holidays to allow volunteers to be with their families. The schedule for the year is at: <https://605.church/children>

If you can help, please contact me (Heather) at 605-336-1475 or [Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org](mailto:Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org) or you can sign up on our link: <https://bit.ly/3xNSJrL>

As of the writing of this newsletter, here is what we still need:

- Two 3- and 4-year-old Preschool Teachers and Two Helpers
- 1 more PreK Helper
- Two Kindergarten Teachers
- 1 more Kindergarten Helper
- 1st Grade Teacher (1 more)
- 2nd Grade Teacher (1 more)
- 3rd Grade Teacher (1 more)
- 4th Grade Teacher (1 more)

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks!

See you soon!

Heather

2021-2022 CALENDAR	
9/12/21	This is Community Sunday
9/19/21	Sunday School begins
10/6/21	Midweek Begins
11/24/21	Thanksgiving Eve Service
11/28/21	No Sunday School
12/5/21	Kids Christmas Program
12/22/21	No Midweek
12/24/21	Christmas Eve
12/26/21	No Sunday School
12/29/21	No Midweek
1/2/22	No Sunday School
1/5/22	No Midweek
1/9/22	Sunday School starts again
1/12/22	Midweek starts again
4/6/22	Pizza and Praise-Midweek
4/17/22	Easter- no Sunday School
5/1/22	Last day of Sunday School
6/26-29/22	Vacation Bible School





I want to start with a thanks to everyone who sent out a note, email or card this last week. This weekend was a really good time with family and friends of Grandma's and it was so great to hear all the stories and memories shared. Praising God for the joy and hope of eternity and am so thankful for the love of friends and family on this journey of life.

This week, we are in our final full week of August which means it is the last week of no youth group for the senior high! The high school group will start Wednesday September 1st and will meet from 7:30-8:30. I am looking forward to being back together for the fall! Along with the high school group on Wednesday nights, Sunday School also starts in September. Our first week is Sunday, September 19th. After a year of zoom calls on Sundays, it will be so great to be back together at church! Then, in October, our middle school group will start back up with all of midweek October 6th. The middle school group will meet from 6:30-7:30 Wednesday nights.

The start of the year will be very similar to years past as we dive into the story of creation, fall and redemption. This first month ties into so much of what we do the rest of the year on Wednesdays as we are reminded and rest in the good news of Jesus and the life we have been given through his life, death and resurrection. I am so excited for the year and look forward to continuing to partner with Community in the youth ministry.

As the school year starts this week (or has started for some of you) please feel free to reach out anytime if you have questions about the youth ministry. That's it for this week!

Doyle Burnside  
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org



Please donate cash and gift cards that will be given to our neighbors at Inspiration Elementary and Ben Reifel Middle School to provide school supplies.

Drop the cash/gift cards in the buckets in the lobby.

If you'd rather go shopping online for school supplies, here's their Amazon Wishlist.

<https://amzn.to/2WRhh5I>

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Heather DeWit (surgery recovery)

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Bert Roetman (hip surgery 8/23)
- Robyn Jacobs' dad, Rick (Leukemia)
- Bert Roetman's son, Loren (stroke)
- Harriett Valentine's grandson's wife, Amy
- Jim Fisher's brother, Dan
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Randi Van Der Slood (cancer treatments)
- Brian Frisbee (stroke recovery/ long-term rehab)
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

## FINANCES

Sunday, August 22, 2021

General: \$10,333  
Vision: \$865  
Missions: \$390

General YTD: \$522,210  
Vision YTD: \$63,515  
Vision Account Balance: \$181,638

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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'll be doing private baptism  
after the 10:45am service through  
the summer.**

**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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