

THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

DECEMBER 1, 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

Lunch is Served

Their mission is to deliver sack lunches for working men and women who are attempting to break the chains of poverty and hunger.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

And just like that, November comes to an end. It is sure going out with some nice days! I even heard Wednesday we might set a new record for December 1st for a high temp. It is hard to complain about all that. December is here and we are doing Christmas. These holiday times get very full and before you all know it, we will be done and moving on to a new year. I hope you all did have a nice Thanksgiving with friends and family. We made our annual drive to O'Neill, NE and had a great time with our family there. We played some Bingo and had some awesome food. It is a long day though, I will admit. All that driving is not fun. I am sure many of you do that same thing. Drive a long way to have time with people you care about. It is what we do...because it really should be what we do. I am not going to complain about that, because you never know how many more times we will do that. Life keeps changing as you all well know. These are the gifts we share together right now, and we need not take that for granted. I am not! Now, let's do Christmas!

Sunday morning, the choir sings. We have been doing this for several years now. I am not sure how long, but a lot! We have a smaller group this year, but not by much. We started a little later this year with COVID and all, but I think people are still just being cautious. I can't fault anyone for that. It is still one of the best groups we have put together. We are looking forward to singing for all of you this coming Sunday at the 9 and 10:45 services. I did announce that we will not be doing our regular 8am service this coming Sunday. We are inviting that group to join us for a wonderful morning of Christmas music. This year we are including the audience in a couple of carols during the concert. It is a morning of song. We often hear that we don't get to sing enough Christmas songs during this season and so we are making it a point to do as many as we can this coming Sunday morning. It would be a good Sunday to invite a friend. The choir is very good and the music chosen is very challenging. We have pushed and they have responded well. You are in for a treat.

Have you noticed the sunrises and sunsets lately? Have they not been amazing? The colors are amazing. A true work of a master artist. When I was back hunting, I would just marvel at how that all unfolds...little by little the colors began to show. Then, for a few moments it is just specular. I love that! God is good! Give Him the Glory!

Heather's Kid's Christmas program is Sunday afternoon 5pm. It will be a full day. She has worked hard to make this work this year. There is so much going on with the kids and so difficult to get them together. I hope you will come out and join us, as the kids do what only they can do so well at Christmas. It will be a celebration for sure!

Sunday's message is right in the concert itself. The scene this week is the angels who sang for the shepherds. No one even paid any attention to what was happening in the village of Bethlehem. A couple of travelers who found a stable to rest for the night and the baby came. Who noticed? Heaven came down...angels couldn't hold their excitement...shepherds were told...now they are excited! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!



UPCOMING DATES

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Sunday, Dec. 5
9:00 & 10:45am service

KID'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, Dec. 5
5:00pm
(K-5 kids practice from 2-5pm
Preschool arrive @ 4:30pm)

MIDWEEK BREAK

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 22, 29

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICES

Friday, Dec. 24
3, 4, 5, & 6:00pm

WE'LL HAVE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED
COMMUNION CUPS AND A GLUTEN FREE OPTION.

From your church library:

Remember that we collect receipts from Crossroads if you are shopping there. There is a collection "box" on top of the counter in the library. These receipts count up for dollars for free items for the library.

A book titled Knit, Pray, Share was placed in the library return slot. We don't know if it is a misplaced item or a donated item. If you left it there, please let a librarian know so we can either return it or add it.

The library has a shelving dedicated to Christmas items. This is near the kids section and is one side of one of the movable shelves. This includes videos, fiction and nonfiction books, and plenty of kids books. This is a great way to enjoy the season and keep the focus on the true heart of Christmas.

With breaks from school approaching (and someday colder weather), it is a good time to look at the variety of games available for check out.

Let us know how we can help you.

Your librarians,
Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry

New! SIGN UPS OPEN THROUGH MAY

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
9AM OR 10:45AM SERVICES**

605.church/nurseryvolunteers

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1:

5:30-6:30pm- meal- Chicken/Taco Salad
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,
Middle School Youth Group & Adults
(Nursery also provided)
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

SATURDAY, DEC. 4 :

7:00AM-Prayer Ministry (chapel)
10:00AM- AA meeting

SUNDAY, DEC. 5:

NO 8AM SERVICE
9:00am & 10:45am- Choir Concert
10:00- Sunday School

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8:

5:30-6:30pm- meal- Soup Night
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,
Middle School Youth Group & Adults
(Nursery also provided)
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

OTHER MINISTRIES

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.

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00pm at church. We will be discussing *Beartown*.

The morning book club will meet Wed. December 15 at 9:00am at church. We will be discussing *Educated*.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens meet every 2nd Monday of the month at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. **Next date: Dec. 13.** Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

JOY CIRCLE

Our Christmas luncheon (for members of Joy Circle) will be held on Tuesday, **Dec. 7** at noon in the church lobby. Liz Teel will be presenting our program. There will be a catered meal. The cost will be \$15. Sign up at The Link if able to attend. Payment will be appreciated at the time of sign up.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on December 21 at 6:00pm at Helen's home.



COMMUNITY KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 5, 2021
5:00PM

KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

The big news for the week is that the Christmas Program for the kids will happen this Sunday, December 5 at 5pm!

Here's what you need to know:

- Everyone is welcome to join us on 12/5/21 to see the kids. The program will start at 5pm. It may not be the most professional of theatrical productions, but it should be pretty fun!
- For preschool age kids, we've been practicing during the Sunday School hour each week. They are singing some adorable songs and will even bring out the jingle bells. They should arrive on the night of the program at 4:30pm and they'll meet in the Children's Wing for one last little practice before the big night.
- For K-5 grade kids, the one big practice is right before the program! We'll get together from 2-5pm on 12/5/21 (the day of the program) to get ready for the main event! We're hoping everyone can learn their line in advance, but if not, that's ok too! You can see all of the songs and parts at: <https://communityrc.org/children> If your child is going to be in this program, please send me a quick email at: Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org , just so I know approximately how many kids to expect. But, if you forget to email, no worries. Just join us on 12/5/21 at 2pm! We have all of the costumes and props. We just need the kids to make it fun. We will have a little afternoon snack for the K-5 kids on the day of the practice/ program.

Parts & Lines for each Grade for K-5 Program (Preschool kids have a different part):

- **Everyone:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- **Kindergarten:** Sheep- It is good news of great joy for all the people.
- **1st Grade:** Angels- "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."
- **2nd Grade:** Magi- "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed."
- **3rd Grade:** Animals- camel, cow, bird, etc.- "she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."
- **4th Grade:** Shepherds: "Let us go to Bethlehem, now, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."
- **5th Grade:** Mary, Joseph, Innkeeper, Herod, Star, Townspeople, Group Leaders, sign holders, etc.- "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

See you soon!

-Heather

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THE GIVE

CHECK OUT THE GIVE WALL IN THE LOBBY.
IT'S A PLACE TO DONATE TO LOCAL MINISTRIES.

Lexi's Christmas Closet

Lego sets (all ages), Pop Its, books, board games, water bottles, toys, etc.
Complete list can be found on The Give wall or find an Amazon Wish list at [605.church/christmas-closet](https://www.amazon.com/wish-list/dp/B08K1K1K1K)

Inspiration Elementary School (our neighbor)

New Sweatpants & underwear
(sizes 4, 5,6)

Union Gospel Mission

Men's and Women's undergarment items (NEW ONLY - underwear, bras, socks)

Ben Reifel Middle School (our neighbor)

Teen Size gloves, hats, scarves, socks, gently used coats

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

As we enter into December, (DECEMBER!) I thought it would be a good idea to write just a bit about the upcoming events and schedule changes that happen during the month. That way, you can find this information in one place.

Sunday, December 5, 9:00 and 10:45am

The choir will be sharing their Christmas concert songs during both of these services. This group has worked incredibly hard this year to put together an offering of music that we hope will be a blessing to all who listen. I'm deeply thankful for their commitment to sing. You won't want to miss this! Please note that The Corner will not be open this day.

Sunday, December 5, 5:00pm

Heather will be heading up the Children's Christmas Program Sunday afternoon. For more information, please check Heather's article, but something I do know is that she is only having one rehearsal, which will be held that same Sunday starting at 2:00pm! Kids Kindergarten-5th Grade can participate in that program. (The preschoolers will also be performing, but they've been practicing during Sunday School. ☺)

Wednesday, December 8, 5:30-7:30pm

This is our last night of Mid-Week until we start up again on January 4.

Sunday, December 19 8:00, 9:00, 10:45am

Pastor Clyde and I will be gone this Sunday because we will be participating in Christmas at the Cathedral. But we've made some plans to make this day extra special at Community too! Pastor John will cover the 8:00 service, and Pastor Dennis Thum, who is the Campus Pastor at the University of Sioux Falls, will cover the 9:00 and 10:45 services. You'll also be singing Christmas Carols that morning in celebration of the culmination of Advent. So, even though your pastors will be a bit different that day, it will still be a great day of worship!

December 24, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00pm

Christmas Eve Communion services will be held every hour starting at 3:00pm. These are lovely little 45-minute communion services with music and a short sermon from Pastor Clyde. Please note that nursery care will not be provided, but usually these services are very "kid friendly."

Let December begin!

Have a great week!

Liz

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CONNECT WITH US



**SCAN THIS CODE ON YOUR PHONE IN
ORDER TO COMPLETE A CONTACT CARD**



We are approaching Christmas and it shows on our calendar for church. Our final Wednesday night is December 8th, which means we only have two more weeks before break for the fall. We will be doing a one off message in the middle school and high school group this week and then our final week together will be our Christmas party on the 8th. I will have hot chocolate and apple cider ready to roll on the 8th. Students are welcome to bring along one of their favorite Christmas Goodies for the night. We will be playing some Christmas games as we enjoy our final Wednesday night together in 2021.

Before we get fully lost in the holidays, I do want to highlight an event coming up in February. Our middle school and high school students will have a winter retreat to Inspiration Hills. February 18th – 20th is our planned dates and we will be staying in the basement of the main lodge out at Inspiration Hills. I am working with another youth pastor in town as we plan our retreat! Again, this will be both middle school and high school and I am so excited for the winter retreat. Once we get into January I will officially open up registration. Until then, if you want to mark your calendars it will be a great weekend in God's word, community and winter fun.

That's it for this week. I'm looking forward to all the Christmas things going on around here over these next several weeks!

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Share a photo that shows a moment in your life when God was present. You may not have realized it then, but you see it now.

Print that photo and hang it on the "God in the Moments" wall in the lobby or email your photo to connect@communityrc.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

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ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Cleon Groen
- Glenda Van Den Hoek (arm surgery)
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery recovery)
- Jim Halling (cancer)
- Alida VerBerg's son-in-law, Jim (recovering at home with Home Health Care therapy)
- Jenny Getting
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Robyn Jacobs' dad, Rick (Leukemia)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Brian Frisbee (long-term stroke rehab)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Tom and Amy Bosch and the rest of their family on the passing away of Laura May Bosch.

Also, our condolences go out to Ron and Cheryl Hup and their family on the passing of Cornie Bosch. Please keep both of these families in your prayers.

FINANCES

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021

General: \$31,037
Vision: \$690
Missions: \$200

General YTD: \$852,228
Vision YTD: \$91,965
Vision Account Balance: \$187,916

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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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