

**Sunday, Dec. 26**  
**ONLY 1 SERVICE**  
**@ 10:00am**

# THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

DECEMBER 22, 2021



**NO**  
**PRAYER MINISTRY**  
**THIS SATURDAY,**  
**DEC. 25TH**

**NO**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**DEC. 29**

## 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

Christmas Week is here. I hope you are all getting to do fun things with family. I hope everyone can have a wonderful Christmas. I hope all the season's joy can be found in all that you do. I know there will be some sad things. That always comes with times like these. I know that all too well, but God is not an empty friend. He has ways...his ways are not ours. May you all be filled with blessings of Christmas. He is here. Among us! A savior has been born!

We are doing 4 Christmas Eve services. That's right, four. We are doing that so that we can spread out the crowd a bit more and get folks in and out with some degree of grace. It makes for a long day, but it is so worth it. It will be a simple service. Nothing fancy. Some carols sung...a pretty church and night to sit and be blessed by meaning and fullness of the season. Invite a friend. Join us, starting at 3pm, then we go right on the hour three more times.

Reminder, Reminder, Reminder!!!! We are only doing one service this next Sunday and that service is at 10am. Read that again! Pass that word, folks. It is the day after Christmas! That is the theme as well. The day after Christmas! There is indeed a sermon there. We are changing the time because we are trying to do something different on the day after Christmas. The world was changed the day after the first Christmas! It wasn't just another day. The Messiah had come! That's kind of a big deal! The day after Christmas. I hope many of you will join us.

Our year is nearly done. Is that not amazing. We won't be doing a newsletter next week, so this is my last one for the year. Where does that time go? The years move right along, and I do so wonder what the next year is going to bring. It has been a couple of years of adjusting and change. I could use a little more normal sometimes, but we are still not quite there. The world is broken for sure. We are reminded of that each day. God is still on the throne, and I am trusting in that truth.

Our year at the Cathedral Concerts is now behind us again. That is a very enjoyable event we get to do. This year was a good one. The orchestra was exceptional...wow! They were so good. It is a wonderful place to sing and share music. That space is amazing for sound. If you have been there, I don't need to tell you how special it is. The concert will be played on Christmas Day on KELO, but it's not the same as being there. I do really enjoy that time with my girls. Thanks for letting me have the time to do that.

A big thanks to Pastor John and my friend Dennis Thum for filling in on Sunday. I watched from home. I will say that was nice, but that too is not the same as being in the room. Sunday is coming! The day after Christmas. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week! Merry Christmas Everyone!

**MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**

# REMEMBER

## MIDWEEK BREAK

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 29

## CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICES

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

JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AS WE CELEBRATE AND REFLECT ON THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS. THIS 45-MINUTE SERVICE WILL INCLUDE MUSIC, A SHORT MESSAGE, AND A TIME OF COMMUNION. WE'LL HAVE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED COMMUNION CUPS AND A GLUTEN FREE OPTION. WE'LL LIVESTREAM THE 3:00 & 4:00PM SERVICES.

## THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, Dec. 26  
10:00am service only

## NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2

## OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 24th  
Monday, Dec. 27th  
Friday, Dec. 31st

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 9 @ 10:00am

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22:

No Midweek

### FRIDAY, DEC 24:

Office Closed  
3:00, 4:00, 5:00 & 6:00pm- Christmas Eve services

### SUNDAY, DEC. 26: (ONLY 1 SERVICE)

10:00am Service  
No Sunday School

### MONDAY, DEC. 27:

OFFICE CLOSED

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29:

No Midweek

## 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.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

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

### BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 9 a.m. at the church. They will be discussing *Educated* by Westover.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at the church. They will be discussing *The More of Less* by Becker.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2022 offering envelopes are now available on the table in the lobby. If you would like to request envelopes, either email [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org) or put your name on the list at the table in the lobby.

## PRINTED DIRECTORIES

Just a reminder that you can pick up the most current printed directory at The Link in the lobby!



We will livestream the 3:00pm & 4:00pm services on YouTube, our church app, & on [www.communityrc.org](http://www.communityrc.org))  
No childcare provided but the service is kid-friendly!

## FINANCES

Sunday, December 19, 2021

General: \$24,427

Vision: \$1,680

Missions: \$160

Faith Ave: \$1,500

General YTD: \$908,342

Vision YTD: \$100,025

Vision Account Balance: \$195,978

## LIZ'S UPDATE

Here we are at Christmas week. At one level, it's hard to believe Christmas is only a few days away. And at another level, I feel like there have been 75 days in this month! ☺ This past week, I spent my time rehearsing and performing with Christmas at the Cathedral. There are many reasons I love participating in this event. The musicians are exceptional, the people are kind and generous of spirit, and I believe the work done there is honoring and glorifying to God. That time is incredibly life-giving for me. It is a true gift to get to play with others who have made music their livelihood. And getting to share in their talents is...well...a gift! I don't take it lightly. I think what I love most about it is getting to be together with people from all Christian faith backgrounds to celebrate the birth of Christ. We may practice our faith differently, but we serve and worship the same Jesus. To me, that's a marvelous glimpse of heaven!

This week, our services will be a bit different because of Christmas Eve and the Sunday after Christmas. Service times are below.

### 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."

### December 26, 10:00am

After some prayerful discussion, Pastor Clyde has decided that the best way to do a "day after Christmas" church service is to simply downsize to one service. It will be streamed too, so if you don't want to come in person, you'll still be able to see it online. We'll do the music just a bit differently that morning as well. I think it will be a meaningful Sunday service for the day after Christmas. ☺

Merry Christmas!

Liz

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rich Odens (knee replacement recovery)
- Cleon Groen
- Vi Slecta
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery recovery)
- Jim Halling (cancer)
- Jenny Getting
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- 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 Harvey Odens and his family on the unexpected death of his sister-in-law, Dawn Janette Odens.

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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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