



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

FEBRUARY 23, 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

Call To Freedom

Call to Freedom provides supportive services for victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. By creating a strong network of frontline providers who offer safe housing, mental health counseling, medical assistance, chemical dependency, transportation and other supportive services.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

This last week of February is letting us know that winter is not over. A little snow, a little wind, and the cold once again. It has been a chilly month and so much wind. We will get through it. Sunday was a nice day, at least most of it. I like that 50-degree thing a lot. We finished church on Sunday morning and drove over to Mitchell for my mom's birthday party. It was also my party. We shared in the fun. It was good to see the family again and spend some good time together. It was a good day!

We noted a lot of families took advantage of the long weekend and did some family trips. I saw a lot of beaches, as if you all were looking for a warm place. It all looked very relaxing and very special. I hope all our families had some time to rest a bit. It has been a long season of things for you. Resting is always a good thing. Calm is always a good thing. Peace is a good thing. A blessing...I like that.

A quick reminder that we are putting together another informational meeting for the 6th of March at 4pm. I know it seems to go on and on, but I want to be thorough, folks. I feel like we need to hear from our RCA folks about things going on. We have been a part of this denomination for a long time so it would seem most important that we hear from them concerning all the things we have been hearing, and also some things that we may not know. I know things there have been bumpy and certainly not everything goes the best, but there are some good things happening there as well, and we need to hear that too. I assure you, it will be some good information for you to have. It will be online as well. If you are wondering how many more of those there will be before we vote, I am thinking one more, maybe two, but that should do it. We should be able to vote sometime in April. That is plenty of time for us to do this well. Don't panic, pray hard, stay focused, let's do good church, and then when the time is right, we will pray that God will give us direction. Remember, He always does the right thing. If we listen, we may hear that still small voice speaking to us. We can do this!

Sunday's message is the last in the series. I know on Sunday I said two, but when I sat down this week to get started, I realized that one of those messages became two. Remember that? Well, that threw off my timing. This Sunday will be the last one, which means I have one that I will not use...maybe I'll do that one the Sunday after Easter. This Sunday, our story comes from the book of Acts. The disciples see a man who can't walk. He is brought to one of the gates of the city and left there to beg for help. When the disciples see him they are moved to do more. In that place, something amazing happens. In that place! That will preach, folks. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



IN THE NAME OF
JESUS
WINTER SERIES

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

PART 2

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

4:00PM

LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE ON 605.CHURCH

Join us to learn how to save a life.

CPR



training at Community

Thursday, March 3 | 6:30pm

Registration is required as space is limited.
There is no registration fee.

Child, Infant, Adult CPR/AED/1st Aid
(We expect training to be complete before 9pm.)

Sign up at:

Questions?

Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org or 605-336-1475

CHURCH SOFTBALL

Are you interested in playing church softball this summer on Thursday nights?
Contact Rick Hanson if you're interested.

If there is enough interest, it's possible to also offer a Monday co-ed team. Must be 16 years old.

Rick Hanson- 605-201-5135
There is also a sign up at The Link in the lobby.

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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, FEBRUARY 26

7:00am- Prayer Ministry
10:00am- AA Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
10:00am- Sunday School

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

5:30-6:30pm- meal-Italian 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens meet every 2nd Monday of the month at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. **Next date: March 14.** Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, March 16, at 9 a.m. at the church. They will be discussing *Maltese Falcon* by Hammett.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at the church. They will be discussing *Neither Dog Nor Wolf* by Nerburn. Everyone is welcomed!

A large banner image at the top of the page shows three children (two boys and one girl) smiling and playing with many large, colorful bubbles. The background is a bright, sunny outdoor setting with green foliage.

KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

We had a little bit quieter Sunday morning in the Kids wing. Many of the kids had a long weekend break from school, so I think some enjoyed a little time out of town. The kids who were here had a great Sunday! Some of the younger classes had a lesson about getting distracted. They played a fun game where their teachers distracted them on purpose! In at least one of the classes, the surprising discovery was that kids are better at remembering things while distracted than grownups are! 😊 I think that particular lesson would have been a good one for me to soak up as well! It feels like the world can be full of little and big things that distract us from what matters.

Wednesday in the Kids Wing was a conversation about Jesus. He died because He loves us. He rose again. It is a happy ending! The conversation was wonderful, wandering between very deep and heartfelt and filled with laughter. We made Lent sticker calendars and had a hilarious conversation about how LENT is very different from belly button LINT. We also retold our Bible story with playdoh. Next Wednesday, we will learn about the Holy Spirit.

In the Nursery on Wednesday, the kids got to make homemade playdough! They had so much fun! See you soon!

Heather DeWit
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MAZIE BOYLE FAMILY MEAL TRAIN/ FUNDRAISER



A group of friends started a meal train to support Mazie, a 6 year old, and her family through her cancer journey.

If you would like to help the Boyle family by providing them with a meal, please take the time to sign up for the meal train. <https://mealtrain.com/3doe5l>

Also, mark your calendars for **Monday, March 21st and come enjoy a meal at the Barrel House**. 10% of the proceeds from the WHOLE day will go to help pay Mazie's medical bills. Questions please reach out to Sheri Brouwer at 605-261-2153.





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NOMINATING NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS

NOMINATIONS DUE BY MARCH 6

Ballots & the list of eligible people are at
The Link in the lobby.

Email the church office (connect@communityrc.org)
if you'd like a link to vote online.

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FINANCES

Sunday, February 20, 2022

General: \$12,053
Vision: \$930
Missions: \$2,040
Wednesday Night: \$174

General YTD: \$114,386
Vision YTD: \$11,617
Vision Account Balance: \$38,837

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- John Thornton (heart testing & cardiac ablation on Feb. 25)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Melanie Sittig's mom, Marcia (fall)
- Merlin Klein (congestive heart failure)
- Connie Parmley's nephew, Mike
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Tony, Jan McDowell's neighbor (burns)
- Denny Spitler (blood clot in leg)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Mazie Boyle (chemo)
- Cleon Groen
- Vi Slecta
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery recovery)
- Jim Halling (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)
- 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 (cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Sharon Haram Brown Schuster's nephew has died, and our condolences go out to the family and friends. Please keep them in your prayers.

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

As I have mentioned in previous articles, this Saturday, February 26th is the day of our Enneagram workshop. The workshop will be from 9:00-11:00am at the church. This workshop is open to any interested adults, and it is FREE!

The Enneagram is an ancient tool that was used by the desert fathers to help people understand who they are, why they do what they do, and how God might be trying to work in them to transform them into the people He intends for them to be. For centuries the Enneagram was used only by spiritual guides in monasteries. They had kept the ideas and concepts of this teaching tool close to their own hearts because they didn't want people to misuse it. But by the middle of the 20th century, the monks in the same monasteries felt it was important enough to take that risk and allow the masses access to this exceptional tool. Soon many books and studies were written and researched, and now it has become quite popular in everyday culture. Of course, much to the chagrin of the spiritual leaders, it has also been misused and misconstrued as well. And this is one of the reasons I have been offering these workshops. I want people to know the truth about how it works.

At the workshop, we'll look at how to apply it in the way it was meant to be applied and how to use it as a tool for your Christian growth. You'll also take an assessment to see where you fall on the chart. We will discuss myths and misconceptions around the Enneagram, and hopefully give you a better idea about the truth surrounding the Enneagram. An RSVP isn't necessary, but it is appreciated so I can be sure to have enough copies for everyone. Let me know if you'd like to attend!

Believe it or not, Ash Wednesday is next week! I'd like to invite you to give some prayerful thought to how you might observe Lent this year. Usually Lent is considered a season of abstinence and contemplation. We don't refrain from things for the sake of refraining from them. Lent is not something to accomplish. What we want to do is create space to redirect our attention toward Jesus.

There are many different ways to observe Lent. You might like to take the traditional route of giving up something you like to eat or drink. If you do that, remember that every time you crave it, you can take a moment to think about Jesus. For a different route, you might like to give up something you do and spend that time in prayer or simply sitting in Jesus' presence. Maybe, you would like to add a new practice to your daily schedule during Lent. Perhaps you'd like to get up 15 minutes earlier than normal and have coffee with Jesus in the quiet of your home. Maybe you'd like to turn the radio off in your car and talk to God while you drive instead of listen to music. Or maybe you'd like to pray anytime you are standing in a line. You have so many options for observing Lent! Take some time to think about what God might be inviting you to do this season. You'll start next Wednesday. ☺ Have a great week!

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LIKE A LINK TO VOTE ONLINE.

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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