



# THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

JANUARY 12, 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

### Church on the Street

A ministry that shares the gospel on the street of Sioux Falls. Laundry with Love is just one of their ministries where they provide free laundry to people in need.



## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

January! Cold ol' January, and yet, this week we are going to get a little warm up of sorts. I know just how much we are all waiting for that. It will be nice to not lift my shoulders when I walk out in the cold. Relax those shoulders. You have to love all these little things we do without thinking in the cold. It is a part of our survival methodology. That makes us a hardy sort. I am trying to put a positive spin on January cold. There is no reason to be all negative about it because it is going to be cold, whether we like it or not. I say, try one's best to find something encouraging about the whole thing. Spring is coming, folks!

Sunday, we finished our last order of business for the year with passing the new budget. I would like to first thank everyone who put a lot of work into this before we voted. We have a very fine system in place to do this well. Good job everyone. Logan Veurink was a great presenter. He was on point and clear! Well done! I made mention during the meeting that we need to be in celebration of the year we did have with budget/finance things at Community. I am truly humbled by the amazing generosity of you all. We have the street now paid in full as well as getting through a challenging year with all the COVID complications too. It was amazing to see and be a part of. Congratulations, Community, on your focus and flexibility through it all. God was working!

I have been talking with several pastors in the area and working with Consistory on all of our next steps with RCA/ARC denominational things. I want to do a very good job of giving you all the information you will need as we move forward. We want to be thorough in our work here. I wanted to post, this week, our first meeting date, but I am waiting on a confirmation of one of our presenters before I can say. However, we will announce that as soon as we know. This will be a good time to really focus on who we are and just how we would like to move ourselves as a church forward. There are many challenges out there that churches are going to face in the coming years. If we don't consider that, we may find the waters a little bumpy. We may find that our effectiveness is compromised. Let's find a way to come out on the other side stronger more focused on our mission. We can do this! That is my theme.

I know we were all hoping the COVID things would winding down by this time, but of course that isn't really the case. It affects us all in different ways. I have learned I can't control any of that. I must go with what is in front of me. By now, most of you have made your way through this however you feel is best and that's what we are doing in church too. We will be here doing it all as best as we can. Pray that this brings us to a good place spiritually. Sometimes, frustration or weariness can bring us to place of "surrender" that is can be beneficial in our faith walks. Our getting to a place where we simply trust God for the outcome is not a bad place to be, spiritually speaking. We are also working on this idea of trusting in the power in the name of Jesus. This can all be a great spiritual awakening! God does things like that! In the name of Jesus! Pray it up. Give it up! See what God can do!

Sunday, we are moving on through the series. This week: the story of Jesus on the water. You might be asking how that fits. Peter will be summoned to do what he is not capable of doing. Get out of the safe place and trust! That will preach. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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## CHURCH ON THE STREET



<https://churchonthestreetsf.org/>

## 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.

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## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

John Thornton is looking at restarting the Men's Bible Study and Support Group either in person or via zoom. He is gauging interest in this, so if you would like to be part of that (times and dates to be determined) please call John or email him. Thanks!

## FINANCES

Sunday, January 9, 2022

General: \$23,520

Vision: \$345

Missions: \$450

Wednesday Night: \$176

General YTD: \$27,355

Vision YTD: \$815

Vision Account Balance: \$192,818

**New!**

**SIGN UPS OPEN THROUGH MAY**

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

[605.church/nurseryvolunteers](https://605.church/nurseryvolunteers)

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12:

5:30-6:30pm- meal- Tacos

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, JANUARY 15

7:00AM- PRAYER MINISTRY

10:00AM- AA MEETING

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

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

10:00am- Sunday School

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 :

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](mailto: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: Feb. 14.** 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. Everyone is welcomed!

### HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on January 18th at 7:00pm at Carol's house. Wilma will have the lesson. (Group full)

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We are back into our regular ministry schedule at church. We know things might continue to be a bit bumpy for a few weeks during this cold/flu/covid season, so I simply encourage you to attend church activities when you are well and feel comfortable enough to attend and stay home if you are sick. We'll get through this!

My Mid-Week class will get started again this week. We'll be taking a look at the life Jesus lived. What were His life rhythms? How can I duplicate some of His walk with God? What did His schedule look like? Jesus' life practices certainly played in a role in how He was able to connect with the Father in Heaven, and I think we all would like to be able to grow in our own spiritual walks in the same manner that Jesus did. We always say we want to be more Christlike. And to do that, we need to look at how Christ lived. I've decided to call my class "Living Like Jesus." We'll be meeting in the Sanctuary/big room, and everyone is welcome!

Continuing for Mid-Week, Clyde's book study will carry on, and they'll be meeting in the fellowship hall. And Pastor John's Bible study will continue to meet in the office area as well. All are welcome to attend Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm. And don't forget that the meal is served from 5:30-6:30pm.

Jeannette Jennings is once again looking to facilitate a Journey group, potentially starting in February. This group is open to any adults who are looking for a weekly study to discuss who God is, who we are, and what God might be up to in our lives. Jeannette will be at the coffee bar on January 23 to answer any questions you might have. The Journey is a truly remarkable study, and I strongly encourage you to check into it if you have any questions or interest in participating. It will be worth your time!

Have a great week, everyone, and enjoy these mild temps!

Liz

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Hi Everyone!

Just as I expected, it was nice to be back together this past week. The kids of Community are pretty wonderful, so time with them is always special.

In Sunday School, the classes are going strong. Most of the kids have started to really get to know one another and their teachers. This time of year, our classes are usually a bit smaller and this year that is certainly the case. Even when some of our friends can't be with us because they are busy with other activities or feeling under the weather or trying to stay healthy, we are praying for and thinking of each student. Did you know that we even have a volunteer who prays for the students and volunteers each week? We put prayer requests in a folder, and she spends time talking with God. If you aren't here, but have a prayer request, you can always send it to me, and I'll add it to the folder for Mary.

I said I would update you on how our new Midweek lesson format went. It went better than I expected! It might not be a fair trial, because we had fewer students than usual (right after break and some out sick) and the ones we did have were super engaged in this week's Bible story and projects, so it seemed like this format worked really well. We will see how it goes as we have the rest of the group join us, but based on this past Wednesday, I think it will be a good change. We'll give it some time. We started out with some prayer time together. Some of the kids had really big things on their hearts to share with friends, including an upcoming surgery. Some kids shared some grief that they are experiencing as well. We talked together and then we chatted with God for a bit. Then we learned about when Jesus was a child and growing up. The kids think that maybe you grown-ups forget that Jesus was a kid too, and they think it is fun to think about Jesus playing, learning, and growing. I had fun with it too! There is a video series called "Stories of the Bible" and the kids really like it, so we started with that and had some conversation. Then, the kids got to pick between building the story from Legos, making their own board game with the story as a theme, or putting on a skit or puppet show. We had 2 kids do an adorable puppet show and all of the rest made their own board games. The level of detail and craftsmanship in their games was so fun to see! Some of the kids made games that have a Candy Land style, some had trivia, some had "chance" cards like Monopoly, some were colorful, some were mostly one color. It was so much fun to see their ideas! A few kids saved their games in our "not done yet" shelf to finish this coming Wednesday and some took them home and have already played them with family. This week, we are learning about the disciples. We'll have the option of Legos again, since no one picked that last week, and we have some kids who really love Legos. We'll add clay as an option for this week to let kids retell the story by making clay pieces. I have some finger puppet templates that we will offer as an option as well. I'm still deciding on if we'll add one more possibility for this week or see how it goes with just those options.

See you soon!

-Heather

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DOYLES'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

## H.S. RED CARPET NIGHT

Friday, January 14

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gary Holmgren (open heart surgery)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mazie Boyle (surgery recovery)
- Carolyn Odens (sinus surgery)
- Rich Odens (knee replacement recovery)
- 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 (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)

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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7:30-8:30pm  
High School Youth Group

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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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