



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

JANUARY 19, 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

This week will give us a couple of very nice days and followed by a very cold snap. That is January. I don't mind so much, as long as the wind doesn't get out of hand. I have a feeling that most of you would say the same thing. We are getting through the winter weeks one at a time. Lots of colds and flu and all of that as well. It is part of the winter thing that we all know so well. Stay well everyone!

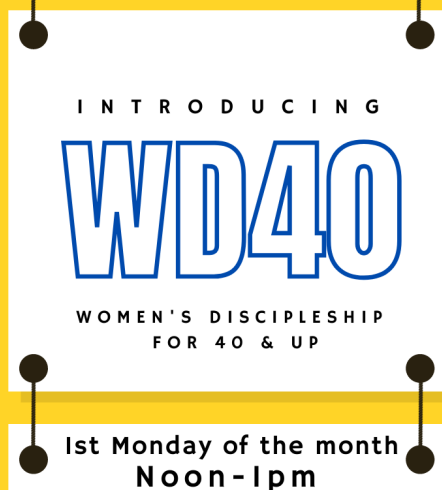
There is not much new news this week around the church. We are working to get our business things done for RCA/ARC things. I have scheduled a meeting for February 6th and hope that folks can make that one. It will be for information and discussion. No vote will be taken that day, but we want to give everyone all the right information. I have been listening and talking to folks. Most everyone has all the right info, but there is still some confusion out there about the whys and whats. That is to be expected as there is a lot to put together. That's what we want to get fixed before we move forward. I have been thinking about writing a one page "here is what is going on" for folks to pick up and read. I can write it in the newsletter, which I do, but not everyone reads this document. It is hard to get information out to everyone. Anyway, we are moving ahead folks. Ask questions.

The new year is getting along. I know it is so hard to believe that we already into a new year. We have been planning things for this year and so hoping that we will see a change in all the "stuff". It really does make it difficult to plan on numbers and that sort of thing as you all can understand. We are doing our best and so looking forward to many of the things we are looking to do. I am excited to see what this place looks like once we can get to a place where people are "comfortable" again. I know... everyone has an opinion, but I can't fix all that. I just want it to be done! Maybe I am a dreamer, but God knows. Jesus knows what to do! I hope we can all trust and depend on that! It has been a most interesting journey. We have all learned a great deal about people and life. Some of that has been good, some not so much. I guess a deep look can do that. I'm still smiling. I hope you are too.

Sunday, we do the next part in our series on "In the Name of Jesus". We started that close look at faith and our part. Little faith? Great faith? What is that? This week a look into another story to help us understand these deep ideas in our Christian walks. Jesus is a great teacher, but his teaching words reach far down in us. I am anxious to do this next one. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great day!



NEW



Starts Feb. 7th
See Liz's article for details

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!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 6
4:00pm
See Clyde's article for details.

Bethesda Christian Counseling FT Office Staff Position Open



Send resume to
info@bethesdachristiancounseling.org
Call our office with any questions at 605-334-3739 to
speak with Stacey.

FINANCES

Sunday, January 16, 2022

General: \$9,992
Vision: \$820
Missions: \$155
Wednesday Night: \$184

General YTD: \$37,347
Vision YTD: \$1,635
Vision Account Balance: \$193,638

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

5:30-6:30pm- meal- Italian Night
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children
& Adults (Nursery also provided)
NO Middle School Youth Group
NO High School Youth Group

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00AM- PRAYER MINISTRY
10:00AM- AA MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

5:30-6:30pm- meal- BBQ
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: 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

As I mentioned on Sunday, there are a few new opportunities coming up at Community. Let me share a few details with you!

You probably remember reading about The Journey study that we initially hoped to offer late last fall, but due to some unforeseen circumstances, we had to bump the start to early this year. Jeannette Jennings will be facilitating this study, and she will be at the coffee bar this Sunday (January 23) between services to answer any questions you might have. The Journey 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. The Journey is a truly powerful experience, and I strongly encourage you to check into it if you have any questions or interest in participating.

I will be holding another Enneagram Workshop coming up at the end of February. Our tentative date for this workshop will be February 26 from 9-11am. This will be the same workshop I taught in the fall of 2021. So, if you were unable to join us that time, or if you want to invite other people to join us this time, please put this new date on your calendar. The workshop is FREE to any adults, and we'll be discussing the history of the Enneagram, myths and incorrect ideas about it, and how to properly apply it in a Christian setting. An RSVP is not required but it is appreciated. I'll be updating any information about this workshop in my article.

And lastly this week, I'd like to share a new study I'll be leading for women. I've decided to call it WD40. ☺ Women's Discipleship for ages 40 and up! I'm pretty proud of that name. Haha! I have been feeling a strong pull to hold a study for women who are in the middle to later years of their lives. I know that women who have "been there" hold a wealth of information for each other, and I think it's incredibly valuable for us to meet with one another to walk alongside each other in support and love. This study is open to women who are aged 40 and older. I really hope to get women in every decade of life from the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and up! ☺

Here's how it will work:

- o We will meet the first Monday of every month from 12:00-1:00pm unless it's a holiday.
- o We will meet in the fellowship hall at church.
- o Bring your own lunch!
- o The first date will be Monday, February 7.

Our time together will begin with eating the lunches we bring, so if you are late, you won't miss anything. Then we'll spend time talking about specific middle and later life issues with one another, and we'll close with a devotional. I don't know if this will be well attended or not, but I'm going to give it a try for several months! If you have any questions, please ask. I hope to see many women on February 7!

Now, men, you might have read about WD40 and thought, "Why isn't there something for men??" Well, let's talk about that! I would be thrilled to set up a similar type of group for men, but I need to know what kind of group would be valuable for you. If you have thoughts about this, let's talk.

I think that's it for me this week. Stay warm out there!

Liz

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CONNECT WITH US



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



Hello!

It is the time of year where I'm usually starting to switch gears from prepping and planning for our current school year to getting ready for summer and next school year. I'm enjoying thinking of the warmer days that bring VBS, even as I bundle up to do these winter days. I think that's part of the joy of South Dakota life.

Our Sunday School kids were few but mighty this week. We may have been small in number, but we were big in heart and smiles.

For Midweek, our new format for lessons worked pretty well, despite having fewer kids than usual last week. The lesson was about when Jesus called disciples and most kids picked either Legos or clay for their method of exploring the story. I posted a video on the Community Kids Facebook page so you could hear some of the kids describe their scene from the story. In addition to video, I grabbed a few photos for this newsletter. Those Lego and modeling clay boats are pretty full of fish! Some kids had Jesus saying, "follow me." Some included a disciple kneeling. One took a little creative license and added a "cannon for shooting the fishing nets." There were some sweet heartfelt moments on Wednesday night, but to be honest, this particular week was one of hearty belly laughs and unstoppable giggling. It was perfect. This Wednesday, we are doing the first of two parable lessons. Jesus taught about two builders in Matthew 7:24-29. I don't think either of those Biblical builders were using graham crackers for walls, but we will be. We'll have some other options for the kids as well, but I'm predicting quite a few house builders since frosting is involved. I need to thank the three ultra-flexible and fun volunteers we have for Midweek with the kids this year. They are the best.

Now that a few weeks have passed since Christmas time, I'm hoping for some feedback from parents/ kids to help me plan future Christmas Programs. Please complete our survey or just email me with your feedback.

Survey about Christmas Program: <https://forms.gle/KDsHGTW4fgWPCz92A>

Thanks!

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NO MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, January 19

WINTER RETREAT

What: Middle and High school combined Winter Retreat

Where: Inspiration Hills

When: February 11th - 13th. Leave Friday @7:00 p.m. Home Sunday by 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$50 per student. The rest of cost will be covered.

Why: To allow students another venue to grow in their faith, build community within the youth group and enjoy a break from the normal schedules of the winter.

Registration is due January 23rd! For more information Email Doyle at doyle.burnside@communityrc.org For registration form scan QR code.



SIGN UPS FOR NURSERY OPEN THROUGH MAY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 9AM OR 10:45AM SERVICES

605.church/nurseryvolunteers

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Denny Spitler (blood clot in leg)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mazie Boyle (surgery recovery/chemo)
- Gary Holmgren (open heart 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 Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnice (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)

THANK YOU

We want to express our thanks to our Community Church family. Your expressions of sympathy with cards and kind words during the loss of our sister-in-law is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Harvey and Karen 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.
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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