

THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

JANUARY 5, 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 brings a new year and a little cold as well. I do hope you all had a wonderful Christmas week with your families. It was a busy time. We are going to get back to regular business at church this week, if there is something like "regular" these days. We had a full Christmas weekend with Christmas Eve and the day after Christmas service on Sunday the 26th. All of that seemed to go very well. Thanks to everyone who helped with all the set-up things and the little extras to help everything go smoothly. It was a nice weekend. Our family had hoped that after all the "busy" we would get to have a nice break this past week, but that plan fell a little short. Covid changed our plans. Liz is doing fine now, but somewhere in all the stuff she got it, and then of course we had to all be a little extra careful until we all knew we were ok. What a deal that all was! I managed to catch a little head cold which affected my voice...but I'm a preacher and my voice matters. So...no Sunday morning for me. Although, by the time Sunday arrived my voice was back...too late. I had already asked Pastor John and Doyle to fill in. My thanks to both for stepping in on rather late notice. I also want to say thanks to Doyle and Abby Burnside for doing the music as well. That was a nice gift for them to bring to us. All in all, that week is behind us. Whew! Welcome 2022!

This coming Sunday we are having our annual budget approval meeting for 2022. The deacons will go through the items for next year's budget and then ask the congregation to approve. That is the only official business we will do for that meeting. I am sure there will be some questions about other RCA matters, and we can to a little discussion on some of that, but we will not do any voting on that. We are going to start working on those matters this month. We will be getting you all together again and dig into all this business. It is important work we will be doing, and we want you to have all the information you need to make good directional decisions. That's our goal. You will decide. Not the Consistory, certainly not me...but you. This is your church. This is your decision. We can do this!

MidWeek gets off to a start this week as well on a cold and windy night. That should get us started on the right track. There's nothing like hitting that cold wind on an evening before supper. The second half of the year of classes is starting up. We hope you all can join us. It will be spring before you know it. Listen to me and all my optimism!

We start the new series "In the Name of Jesus" this coming Sunday. There are so many Bible verses and so much information on this subject. I could not possibly cover it all, but what I am hoping to do is teach of this amazing connection we have to Jesus and what that relationship can bring to our daily lives. What are the ways of unlocking the power of Jesus name. We will do Bible stories to reveal truths about that. We will do numbers of verses that show the meaning of this phrase and how we best understand it. The main point will be that we should always be seeking Jesus. That relationship and the depth of our connection to our Savior is the key to living our lives in the power of Jesus' name. I am truly looking forward to sharing these messages with you. We will talk more on Sunday, have a great week!



MIDWEEK RESUMES

Wednesday, Jan. 5

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 9 @ 10:00am

H.S. RED CARPET NIGHT

Friday, January 14

FINANCES

Sunday, January 2, 2022

General: \$3,835
Vision: \$365
Missions: \$150

General YTD: \$3,835
Vision YTD: \$365
Vision Account Balance: \$192,473

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 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!

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5:

5:30-6:30pm- meal- Baked Potato Bar
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 8

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

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

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. 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

Happy New Year!

As many of you know by now, my 2022 started off in an unusual way. The day after Christmas, I wasn't feeling the best, and I also realized that I couldn't smell. I tested positive for Covid on December 27. So, from December 27 until today (January 4) I have pretty much been quarantined at my house with my cat (who stayed healthy! 😊). Fortunately, the vaccines did their job in preventing serious illness in my body, and in preventing my family from catching it from me. And I'm thankful for the therapies that were available to give me an extra boost to fight Covid. Our health care system, though not perfect, is absolutely outstanding! Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and sent encouraging notes. Going through sickness while being quarantined is a significant challenge, but knowing and feeling those prayers sure makes a difference. God is wonderfully faithful in our suffering! I know many others have been sick with Covid, as well as other illnesses, and many are dealing with even more serious diseases. Please continue to pray for our church family as the Holy Spirit leads you.

I'm definitely feeling better, but I'm going to postpone the start of my Mid-Week class one week. I wasn't able to work at all while I was sick, so I'm behind in my prep for class. Plus taking just a few more days before I'm with groups of people seems like a good idea.

For my Mid-Week class, 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." I'm really looking forward to this study. We'll begin the study on Wednesday, January 12. This week, Pastor Clyde will lead a large group study in the sanctuary for any adults who want to attend, and we'll get back to our regularly scheduled classes next week.

I still have a few things in my mind for this winter. I'd like to host another Enneagram Class toward the end of January for those of you who were unable to join us this past fall. There is a new women's group I'm working on. And I'm also considering the possibility of rehearsing a small choral group for something special for Easter. Keep your eyes on my article each week for more details.

Since there is a Congregational Meeting this Sunday, The Corner won't be open. But that will open back up the following week, January 16th.

Thanks again, everyone, for your gracious understanding and flexibility as I get back into the swing of work! I'll see you Sunday!

Liz

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ORDER TO COMPLETE A CONTACT CARD**



Hi Everyone!

Happy New Year!

I'm excited to be back with the kids this month. Those weeks we are apart at Christmas time are always good for me to refresh, reflect, get caught up on some things in my office and do a little organizing, but I am always more than ready to see the smiling faces again. This year is no exception.

We're going to try out something new for Midweek in the new year. We'll all do one Bible story together, then break into smaller groups to explore the story in fun hands-on projects. It might be a craft, science project, cooking project, Legos, clay, a play, puppets, writing a story, art, a game, a conversation, etc. We'll see how it goes, and if we like this format, it might be our plan for the rest of the school year. I'll keep you posted. If you'd be willing to join us at midweek for a week here or there to be an extra pair of hands and kind heart to enjoy some fun with the kids, we'd love that. Also, if you have a special skill that you'd like to teach the kids (like crochet, sign language, building, etc.) we'd love to include you in one of our Wednesday lessons. Just let me know and we'll make a plan together. I can gather the supplies.

We're also back for Sunday School and I want to be sure you all know that everyone is always welcome to join the fun in Sunday School or Midweek. Kids can start any time and they don't have to attend every week to follow along with the lessons.

See you soon!

-Heather

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DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Our new year has begun and I am so excited to get going this week! Before I talk about a few things coming up though I want to say thank you one more time to so many. Thank you for the words of encouragement, Christmas goodies and Christmas gifts these past few weeks. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this congregation as you continue to encourage, support and provide for me, my family and the youth ministry here.

As we start this new year, there are several things coming up that you can direct your attention to. First, our high school group has their Red Carpet night on Friday, January 14th. We are changing things up this year and heading to Chef Lances per requests from our seniors. It will be a great night together as we dress up and spend an evening back together for the new year. As we build up to the night, we will also be having our first ever "Homecoming week" for the youth group. We will have different dress up days starting Monday and will have some fun with that leading up to Friday night. I will get the everything out to students this Wednesday during youth group.

Second, our winter retreat for both the middle school and high school group is now 6 weeks away and registration has opened! On February 11th – 13th we will be heading to Inspiration Hills with another church for a weekend in God's word, fellowship and some fun. I am so excited to be heading to Inspiration Hills for my first time as I have heard so many great things from students. Parents, there will be an email sent out Thursday this week with information and details on registering for the weekend so keep your eyes out for that!

The new year is up and running and January will be a busy month as we get back into midweek, Sunday School, registering for the retreat and begin hearing about some summer opportunities!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Maize Doyle (major surgery on Thursday)
- Carolyn Odens (sinus surgery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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 Slood (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 Jason Stubbe and Megan Timmer-Stubbe and their family in the loss of "Great Grandpa Edward."

Our condolences go out to Scott & Jayne Knochenmus & family for the loss of Jennie Getting.

Our condolences go out to Marv Sturing and his family for the passing of his sister.

Please keep all of these families in your prayers.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Community friends and family for the outpouring of texts, cards, prayers and messages during our sorrowful time of losing our Dad/Father-in-law/Grandpa. Our family will always cherish and remember your love and support you poured out on us.
Tom & Robin Jacobs

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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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