



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

JUNE 23, 2021

PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom video. 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

Samaritan's Feet

Samaritan's Feet is a 501 (c)(3) organization that serves & inspires hope in children by providing shoes as the foundation to a spiritual and healthy life.



CLYDE'S UPDATE

June is moving along very quickly. We also just started that time when the days now will start to get shorter. Isn't it amazing how that seems to get here so quickly? Summer is here, and the heat has been here too. It was nice to see a shower and some cooler weather. I hope that maybe that might start a new trend. You just never know how that will go. I don't like to get too far ahead of myself on that. Summer means vacations and I see that many of you have already been on the go with that. I applaud all those things. I know it has been a long year for many of our families and if getting away is something you missed, then it is truly a blessing to see you on the move. Enjoy, my friends!

Pray for summer kid campers. Those things are happening. Check out some of the other stories in the newsletter and see what is going on around here. Things are happening. The schools are looking very completed. I am already wondering how all of that is going to look once the traffic begins. I have a feeling it is going to be a bit overwhelming at times.

We also noticed this past week that Faith Avenue now goes over the hill to the north and ties into that housing development there. So, we are connected, as they say. That street will bring even more traffic past our west side now. That means that many people are going to see that cross on the back of the church that for a long time wasn't even noticed. When you come over that hill from the north and down Faith, it is a new experience for sure. Things are sure changing out here. It is hard to remember what the corn fields looked like. A new day has come.

Remember, we do have several things we will be needing help with as the summer moves along. VBS is getting closer. You won't want to miss that. Nursery is always looking for help. I know there are other fall things that will need some attention as well. I love that we can plan on things happening! Even choir for the fall! I am wondering how that is going to go this year. It's been a long time since we got to do "things". I am ready!

We are trying some new things for the closing of the worship time. We did a great old hymn on Sunday morning and I took a little time to work with you through the words and sing through the song. I like how all of that went. It won't be the same every week, but we are trying to make that more meaningful. We are also trying to give you all time to think on what the message was and have a moment to rest in those thoughts. That's a good thing for all of us. We have gotten into the habit of just ending and going home. I think we can do better. That's on me. So, we are trying to make that part of our morning together stronger. I promise we won't get carried away, but I do hope the changes will be good for all of us.

The summer series is going well. I want to spend one more week on Exodus 32. This week I want to talk about the big picture purpose of that whole story being there. What were those people seeking? What were they missing? What moved them to build a golden calf? What was God going to ultimately do in that story? We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PICNIC IN THE PARK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21ST
6:30PM

UPPER TUTHILL PARK
3500 S Cliff Ave

THIS IS NOT A POTLUCK THIS YEAR.
COMMUNITY WILL PROVIDE THE FOOD & DRINK.



ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP

Sept. 22 | 6:00-8:00pm

Find Your Type
Do's & Don't's
Appropriate Application
All Adults Welcome

RSVP if possible
liz.teelecommunityrc.org



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Sheri if you can help!
sheribrouwer@communityrc.org

<https://tinyurl.com/6mt44xmw>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23:

6:30-7:30PM- M.S. YOUTH GROUP
7:30-8:30PM- H.S. YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, JUNE 24:

6:30 & 7:30PM- CHURCH SOFTBALL
(SHERMAN PARK)

SATURDAY, JUNE 26:

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 27:

8:00AM, 9:00AM & 10:45AM-
IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES
10:10AM- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

M.S. YOUTH CAMP- JUNE 27-JULY 2

TUESDAY, JUNE 29:

7:00PM- AA MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 1:

8:30 & 9:30PM- CHURCH SOFTBALL
(SHERMAN PARK)

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISMS

We'll be doing private baptisms after the 10:45am service throughout the summer. If you'd like to request baptism, please email the church office at connect@communityrc.org.

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

Every Tues. at 7pm at Community- Open meeting. Use east door. 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS @ 10:10am in the Chapel
You can pick up a Sunday School Guide in the office. The Sunday School Guide is also available online (this might involve a subscription fee) at <https://www.guidemeonline.com/>

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, July 20, at 7 pm at the church. They will be discussing *As Bright As Heaven* by Meissener.

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, July 21, at 9 am at the church. They will be discussing *Jaded* by Denman.



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

This week, I wanted to be sure to remind all of the worship team people to check their email. Last week I sent out an email with the date and information for our yearly meeting coming up in September, and I want to make sure you received it. If you did not receive it, please let me know so I can check my email address for you!

Remember to sign up for VBS! VBS will be held August 1-4, and that week will be here before we know it. We still need many adult volunteers to help out in various places, and of course, it's always a good idea to get your kids registered so Heather can be sure to order enough of everything for everyone!

And lastly this week, I wanted to share with you something I was surprised to consider about my own spiritual growth.

It's very common to talk about the time it takes to learn a new skill. We often encourage children to, "Stick with it," when they are working on a new skill or sport or activity. Right now, I'm thinking about how slowly kindergarteners read and write. It is time consuming work! And frankly, even 3rd and 4th graders often read and write very deliberately. It takes years to become proficient readers and writers, and that doesn't happen without hours of practice. And the kicker is that kids usually can't see their own progress because they are right in the middle of it! From the outside, we can see how far they've come and how much they've grown, but for them, it feels like they are making very little progress. When they have mastered the skill, they *might* take time one day to think about how far they've come and see their own growth. But I'm afraid that even *that* noticing is pretty rare. How many of us have really taken time to think about how far we've come as readers or writers?

What I was reminded of recently is that our spiritual growth is often the same. Many of us engage in spiritual practices daily to help build our relationships with God. We might read a devotional or a few verses from the Bible every day, we might pray every night before we go to bed, we may meet with friends for God discussions, we may be involved in a weekly Bible study, etc. I'm guessing there are some of you reading this who are thinking, "I used to do that, but I just didn't feel like it helped me feel closer to God, so I quit doing it." And this is exactly where I'm heading.

Friends, when we participate in those spiritual practices, it is crucial to remember that true and lasting growth takes TIME. And just like those elementary kids who are learning to read and write, we probably won't see our own growth until it surprises us one day, and we realize that we aren't the same as we used to be. God really has been changing us! It just took time for us to see it.

This week, I want to encourage you to "Stick with it!" Keep trying to get to know God. Try new practices. Go to coffee with someone new and see where the God conversation takes you. Read your Bible, just a little bit at a time, but do it every day, trusting in faith that even though you may not see your own growth, God is indeed growing you. And one day you'll find that you aren't the same as you used to be.

That's what got my attention last week. I realized that I am not the same as I used to be. I am growing and changing in ways that surprise me. But let me tell you that the progress was slow and hard to see. Yet, last week, I finally had eyes to see it. I am deeply thankful to God for that!

Stick with it, friends, and have a great week!

Liz



KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone,

VBS is coming soon, and the church office is buzzing with excitement and giggles about what is in store for the kids at VBS (as well as all of the other great stuff coming up at Community for youth, kids, and adults in the next few months!)

We shared a graphic that included 4 characters that the kids will meet at worship time at VBS. You might notice that they look a bit familiar. You won't want to miss meeting these 4 hilarious characters at worship time. We'll also have great lessons, fantastic new songs, games, crafts and other surprises.

Sign up your kids, bring friends and pick a spot to volunteer. <https://vbspro.events/p/events/2021> Here's what we still need:

VBS VOLUNTEERS WANTED

No matter the role you choose, we provide easy to follow instructions and all the supplies you need.

- Bible Station Leader- Grades 1-6- tell the kids all about God's love and the big idea we are learning from the Bible each evening. We provide the props, supplies and activities. You provide the heart!
- Elementary Crew Leader- lead a group of elementary age kids to the stations.
 - 3rd grade
 - 4th grade
 - 5/6 grade
- 3yo, Preschool & Kindergarten Crew Leader- We two more to fill our total need of six of them! ☺ It is for all of the kids age 3 through those going into Kindergarten! You will lead a small group of preschool and kindergarten age kids from station to station with your helper.
- 3yo, Preschool & Kindergarten Director- Heather will take care of supplies and organization, but this person will be sure things run smoothly throughout the week at VBS. It can be one person or a team of 2.
- 3yo, Preschool & Kindergarten Craft Leader- guide groups of preschoolers and kindergarteners through creating a variety of Bible point reinforcing crafts. The lesson is all written out and provided to you with all the supplies needed.
- Games Leader - 1-6th Grade- lead groups of elementary age kids in fun physical activities and discussions.
- Craft Assistants Grades 1-6-help crafts leader in managing and preparing materials, clean up and guiding kids through the process of making a variety of crafts.

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/2021>

Talk to you soon!
Heather DeWit

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DOYLES' UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays
6:30-7:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

July 12-15th
For students who have finished 5th-8th grade

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays
7:30-8:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP

June 27-July2
Pickerel Lake



THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby.
It's a place to donate to local ministries.

East River Foster Care Clothing Closet-
gently used clothes for kids & teens (size 2T
through teen plus)

Community Youth- single bag chips, fruit
snacks, cereal or granola bars (all to be used
for Middle School Camp this summer)

Community Kids- New Crayons, Markers,
Packs of stickers, sketch books

Mission Haiti- shoes (used or new)

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Glenda VanDenHoek (elbow)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Connie Parmley (broken leg)
- Harriett Valentine's grandson's wife, Amy
- Jim Fisher's brother, Dan
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Jan Kruen
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Brian Frisbee (stroke recovery/ long-term rehab)
- Mitch Jensen
- Jodie Jensen (new cancer treatments)
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Connie Tiggelaar (hospice)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls. I am overwhelmed with your love and thoughtfulness. We are so blessed to be a part of the Community family.

Connie and Gary

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Thanks to all who took the time to write & send me a card or brought food while I've been in recovery from surgery. Also thanks to Pastor John for his visits while I was hospitalized. God is good!

Marlene Van Meeteren

CONSISTORY NOTES

JUNE 10, 2021

Attendance: Clyde, Robyn, Joel, Tom J., Shawn, Tom V., Russ, Mike H., Matt M., Grant., Corey, Matt W., Steve, Rick, and Kenny.

Opening Devotional and prayer – Robyn Niewenhuis

MSA the minutes from May

MSA of the financial reports for May given by Matt M.

Old Business

RCA & ARC Updates

- Pastor Clyde updated everyone on the Cluster Meeting he attended
- Pastor Clyde will update the Church in the next newsletter
- General Synod will have a meeting in October
- Passing Plates
- For now, we have decided not to pass the plates
- Joel Blankers has volunteered to mockup a giving box for next meeting

New Business

Reports - From Liz and Heather were reviewed.

- Liz enneagram Workshop on Sept. 22nd from 8-6pm
- The Corner is open!
- VBS volunteer signed up and ready for sign up
- VBS will be advertised for a month on a billboard at 41st and Sycamore
- Cost \$300 for a month.
- Collecting cereal for Feeding SD
- Giving this year will be for Hope Haven
- Sunday School lessons are written, supplies are purchased, and rooms are being prepped for this fall
- Opportunity to donate to the PTO for Ben Reifel School for startup money.
- MSA Church donate \$500.00 to the school
- 8 am Service – Is going well Joyce Tarrell has decided not to retire
- Rocky Mountain High will be happening this year
- Nursery needs volunteers

Care Teams – Names will be drawn on Monday June 14th

Rick on Maintenance

- Consistory discussed hiring a full-time maintenance person. No decisions were made this will be an ongoing conversation and more investigation is needed.
- Rick is getting bids on cleaning up some of the construction mess around the building.

Other

- Copier service still in negotiations

Clyde closed in time of prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Jacobs, clerk

Next Meeting July 15th

Serving Logan Veurink

FROM THE LIBRARY

It's a great time to look for church library items you didn't remember having. There is something about the last year that makes everything look different. We recently received an item that had been considered lost for seven years. :)

Here's how to check if the items are church items: (1) in dvds and cd sets, look for a sticker inside the case and a clear pocket on the back; (2) in books, look for a pocket inside the front cover and a stamp on the title page and inside the back cover; and (3) on board books and some picture books, look for a clear pocket inside the front cover or on the back and a stamp or sticker within the book.

We are doing some inventory work so it really helps to know what is found and what is lost. If you find an item that has been checked out for a long while but you are not quite finished, let us know. That will keep us from replacing an item that isn't lost.

We appreciate you all. Come to the library and check out some books, cds, or videos. Ask us for ideas because we LOVE to help.

Your librarians,
Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry

UPCOMING DATES

BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, Aug 29
11:45am-2:00pm

START OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 19th @ 10:00am

ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Sept. 22
6:00-8:00pm

FINANCES

Sunday, June 20, 2021

General: \$18,417

Vision: \$1,185

Missions: \$505

General YTD: \$380,185

Vision YTD: \$47,219

Vision Account Balance: \$180,126



First Meeting:
July 13, 7pm
at Community

Join the School Action Team to help welcome our new neighbors from the two nearby schools.

For details:

www.communityrc.org/schoolteam