



**No
Newsletter
July 7**

THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

JUNE 30, 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

We had some welcome rain again this past weekend and I know we are all hoping this brings about a change in the pattern. Rain is such a wonderful gift. The simple things are the best. This weekend will be the 4th of July. There will be flags and parades. I have a feeling a number of you will be out and about this weekend. Be safe out there with fireworks and all. It's a little dry so use your smart brains. The 4th will actually fall on Sunday. That doesn't happen too often. I don't know for sure if that is a good thing or an inconvenient thing, but I will be here! Enjoy the summer, friends. So far, it's been a little dry, but isn't it nice to get out and do things?

Pray for campers, folks. We have kids out and about doing camp. Those are great experiences for our young people. Statistics tell us that many Christian people will list a church camp as one of the places they most discovered the reality of God. Camps are not just fun things to do, they are often the very building blocks of faith. There is something about getting away for a few days and focus on God. There is probably a sermon in there some place, but for now, just let me say, pray for those young people. Give thanks for all the sponsors that give their time to get these things done!

I have had some nice comments on our worship closing times these past couple of weeks. I don't want to do it the same every week if I can help it. I don't want to get carried away either, but I am really thinking this all through. The closing needs to send you out with blessing. Empower you with hope. A gentle push from the Spirit to go out there and be the church in the world. Inspiring is a good word. The challenge is that you are all inspired very differently. I am learning that.

VBS is only a month away...we are looking for helpers! Come on Community! We have noticed that many of our families are still doing church from home. People have been sharing with us that it is so easy to just get up in the morning and not have to be rushed. Turn on the TV and there we are on the screen. We know that when activities start, these families will be coming. We are all very curious as to how many that is going to be. VBS is going to be a good test for that. We shall see. In the meantime, we are planning and working on this thing. It is going to be exciting... don't miss a chance to experience God with the kids. I can tell you with great confidence...He will be here!

This week our series will move into a new text. We are still going to be referring back to the story from the book of Exodus, but now we are going to focus on a set of verses in the book of Isaiah. We have done a lot from the book of Isaiah this year, but there are some key thoughts in that text about God and idols. Isaiah's perspective will give us a new focus on just how we can get into worship ruts, and how easy it is to begin focusing on wrong things in places of worship. It can happen to the best of churches. Isaiah 44 will be our text for several weeks now. Read through it before Sunday if you get a chance. 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.



NO NEWSLETTER JULY 7

Enjoy the 4th of July!
Our next newsletter will be July 14th.



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30:

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

THURSDAY, JULY 1:

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

SATURDAY, JULY 3:

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

SUNDAY, JULY 4:

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

MONDAY, JULY 5:

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JULY 6:

7:00PM- AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7:

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

THURSDAY, JULY 8:

6:30 & 7:30PM- 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

As we head into our Independence Day weekend (how can it be the 4th of July already?!) this thought has come to mind: "Freedom" and "independence" aren't the same thing.

Freedom has many different definitions. It can be defined as the state of not being imprisoned or enslaved. It can also be defined as the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint.

Independence, regarding a country, is the condition of a country in which its residents exercise self-government. As the United States of America, we certainly want to be independent! America is a great nation because we have the freedom to govern ourselves. This is not the case in many countries around the world.

Clearly, America's freedoms and independence are unique and powerful. People from all over the world want to come to America because you can't find this freedom and independence anywhere else. But this is *government* we are talking about. Not God. And that's what got me to thinking...

Paul said in Galatians 5:1, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Paul isn't talking about being imprisoned or enslaved by a government. He is talking about being a slave to sin. He wants to help people escape the imprisonment of sin and death. He says Jesus gave His life for us so that we could be free from sin. And freedom from sin is true freedom. But the kicker is that this freedom does **not** come with independence. To get this freedom, we must be **dependent** on God; on the work of Jesus' death and resurrection, and on the work of the Holy Spirit to empower us to be free. We don't become Christians so we get to live our lives in self-governing independence, we become Christians so we can become dependent on Christ in order to gain true freedom! Talk about an upside-down Kingdom!

America gained independence by becoming free. But Christians gain freedom by becoming *dependent* on God! I don't know about you, but I find that a huge relief! I've tried to govern myself, and I'm not very good at it. I tend to fall to one extreme or the other: either too easy on myself or way too hard on myself. But in Christ, my freedom comes because He is the Sovereign Ruler of my life. The government is on **His** shoulders. (Isaiah 9:6) And as thankful as I am for America and its freedoms and independence, I'm even more thankful for Jesus and His freedoms, and my *dependence* on Him.

As you celebrate our country's freedom and independence this weekend, I invite you to remember what it means to be free in Christ and dependent on God. You can celebrate that too!

Happy 4th of July, everyone!

Liz
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KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone,

This week, I want to highlight some fun ways that you can get involved at Community.

The first thing we have coming up is a brand-new team that is all about welcoming our new neighbors, the schools! We'll get together to talk about what we can do as a church to be great neighbors and make connections with the new schools in the neighborhood. Many of you have indicated a good deal of excitement around that so this team was created just for you. If God is asking you to get involved with that, this is your chance! July 13 at 7pm at Community.

Of course, Vacation Bible School is a great way to meet new people and see God work in amazing and fun ways. I want to encourage you to just stop by and spend some time on any of the evenings, even if you aren't interested in volunteering. However, if you are willing to jump in a little more, we sure could use some grown up help! No matter the role you choose, we provide easy to follow instructions and all the supplies you need. Sign up your kids, bring friends and pick a spot to volunteer. <https://vbspro.events/p/events/2021> Here's what we still 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 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.
- 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.

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

Stay tuned, because we have more fun coming.

Talk to you soon!

Heather DeWit

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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



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

THANK YOU

The Men's Fishing Trip was a great success.
A big thank you to all who attended. We even
caught some fish!

Join us in 2022:
SAVE THIS DATE
June 9,10, and 11
@ Platte Creek Lodge

FINANCES

Sunday, June 27, 2021

General: \$7,330
Vision: \$290
Missions: \$525

General YTD: \$402,894
Vision YTD: \$49,323
Vision Account Balance: \$182,230

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Joyce Tarrell (surgery recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Glenda VanDenHoek (elbow)
- 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)



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)

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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'll be doing private baptism
after the 10:45am service through
the summer.**

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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