



# THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

MARCH 23, 2022

## 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

MISSION HAITI  
Love Jesus.  
Love Others.  
Make Disciples.

Mission-Haiti's purpose is to show the love of God by developing and equipping strong Christian leaders in Haiti for the cause of Christ.

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We are getting a little rain and snow this week. That is just fine for me. It is getting a bit dry around the area and with the farmers looking ahead to spring planting, the rain is very welcomed. It has been a very open winter. That is a good thing, but then again that brings some dry conditions for the spring. It is interesting how things affect each other. Life is like that as well. One thing that seems so distant from another and yet in the big picture, it can have a very significant influence. We see this played out on so many stages in life. Only God can see with those kinds of eyes. It is good for us to keep our eyes then on Him. He knows tomorrow. We don't. Keep our lives focused on Jesus. It works.

Ukraine Sunday went very well. We see gifts still coming in this week. People are very giving. We continue to pray for all of those there. It is very unsettling to see this sort of thing happening. I know God is working. I trust that. I pray for an end. I pray that peace will come. I pray protection over the innocent. I pray that Jesus will be near them all. Thanks to everyone who is helping. You are wonderful people Community!

I mentioned in last week's newsletter that I would outline one of the new opportunities we are looking at for the RCA things. There are churches looking into a group called the Kingdom Network. First Reformed in Orange City is joining this group. We are going to bring a presenter in to explain this option to us in the near future. This group is very similar to the ARC in their theological positions. If you go to their web page, you will see that it is very Reformed in doctrine and standards. The big difference from the ARC would be in the way it is structured. If you become a member of this Kingdom Network, you join a group of other churches who are in your area and be accountable to each other in ministry and church needs. Each network consists of approximately 6 churches. It would be like a small Classis, if you will. This network meets together and works on ministry ideas as well as care for each other. It is like a small accountability group. There is no upper administrative level. It is local driven; local church focused. It is a very simple structure in that way. There is very little cost to being a part of it. It is a new "something" that several churches are looking into. It is not complicated and easy to understand. Reformed and local control. I think you will find it is interesting. I am lining up someone to come and share more. Ask me about it if you want more information.

I am continuing to see many faces returning to Sunday morning with us in the "room". I have missed that. I have been saying that you can all do that on your own time. I know you at home can see me, but I can't see you. That's different. I hope things continue to get back to more normal. I am looking forward to that. Maybe Easter will be a packed house again. That would make me smile.

Sunday, we continue with our series "Amen!" This week we will go to calvary with Jesus and the two thieves. These three men are all condemned by their peers. There are two guilty ones and one who is innocent. All will die; one who is defiant, one who is reaching out, and one who is saving the world. That is where we will go. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



NEW

# PIZZA & praise/worship

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

5:30-6:30pm  
Pizza from Papa Johns

6:30-7:30pm  
Praise & Worship

## MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, MARCH 25 6:30PM

Voice of the Martyrs presents:  
Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the  
Nazi Years is the story of how God's  
love transformed an ambitious,  
atheistic hedonist into one of the  
greatest Christian women of the  
20th century.

Movie is rated PG-13.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, April 3  
10:10am

This congregational meeting will be to draw for consistory members. Elder nominees are: Susan Bierwagen, Mary Burggraaf, Stan Deelstra, Kristen Dunlap, Doug Harms, Ross Larson. Deacon nominations are: Tanner Corbin, Joel Kraayenbrink, Lyle Pudwill, Ryan VanDeraa, Mark Theisen, Tyler Wolf.

## FINANCES

Sunday, March 20, 2022

General: \$11,379  
Vision: \$730  
Missions: \$155  
Wed. Night: \$143  
Arise Ukraine: \$19,634

General YTD: \$183,382  
Vision YTD: \$17,184  
Vision Account Balance: \$37,012



## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

5:30-6:30pm- meal- Taco 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

### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

6:30PM- MOVIE NIGHT

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

7:00am- Prayer Ministry  
10:00am- AA Meeting

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

5:30-6:30pm- Meatloaf meal  
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: April 11.** Questions, please  
call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone  
welcome!

### BOOK CLUB

**The morning book club** will meet  
Wednesday, April 20, at 9 a.m. at the church.  
They will be discussing *The Edge of  
Belonging* by Cox.

**The evening book club** will meet Tuesday,  
April 19, at 7 p.m. at the church. They will be  
discussing *Between Shades of Gray* by  
Sepetys (1941 Europe not to be confused with  
similar titles). Everyone is welcomed!

**ATTENTION FISHERMAN: JUNE 10-11**

**PLATTE CREEK LODGE**

More details to come but if you have questions, feel free  
to contact: Al-351-3917: Stan- 376-4148





Hi Everyone!

It was another great week in Community Children’s Ministry. There were smiles all around on both Wednesday and Sunday. Instead of a long article from me, this week you get a new Spring BINGO to put on your fridge and use. Enjoy checking off as many of the squares as you can.

See you soon!

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Spring

BINGO

CALL OR TEXT SOMEONE THAT GOD LOVES THEM	PRAY TO THANK GOD	LISTEN TO A SONG	DRAW OR PAINT A BIBLE STORY	SING A SONG
GO OUTSIDE AND ENJOY GOD'S CREATION	BE STILL	WRITE A WORD LIKE GRACE & TRACE/ DECORATE AROUND IT	CHURCH SERVICE OR SUNDAY SCHOOL	JOURNAL OR DRAW
WRITE SOMEONE A NOTE	PRAY FOR OR WITH SOMEONE ELSE	READ YOUR BIBLE	WATCH THE SUN RISE OR SET	TELL SOMEONE A BIBLE STORY
WATCH A BIBLE STORY VIDEO	LEARN A VERSE	MAKE SOMEONE SMILE	TALK TO GOD ABOUT A WORRY	THINK ABOUT SOMETHING YOU LOOK FORWARD TO
SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER OR SING JESUS LOVES ME	BREATHE DEEP AND THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS	EXERCISE OR STRETCH, THANK GOD FOR HEALTH	PLANT SOMETHING	READ IN PSALMS



Community Kids

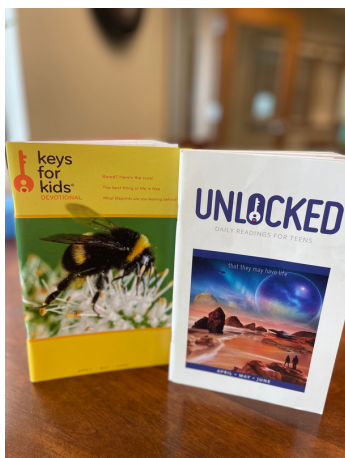


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## FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

To build upon this week's movie, check out the library window display of books and videos from Voices of the Martyrs and of others who lived and gave their lives in faith. This is not a comfortable topic for some but a compelling one.

Check it out....  
Your church librarians,  
Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry



**Also new in the library,  
devotionals for kids & teens!  
Pick up your free copy in the  
church library!**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Randy Grotenhuis' daughter, Robyn (brain surgery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gary Holmgren (stints placed)
- Brian Frisbee (blood clot/ long-term stroke rehab)
- Connie Tiggelaar (hospice)
- John Thornton
- Melanie Sittig's mom, Marcia (broken leg)
- Merlin Klein (congestive heart failure)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Mazie Boyle (chemo)
- 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)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chris & Bekah Mehrens  
on the birth of their son, Reid Michael.  
Grandparents are Mark & Pat Koll.



LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

On Sunday, I was able to give a more detailed announcement about the men's group I have been working on, and I thought it would be a good idea to share that information here as well.

First, this group is open to men of all ages, and I sincerely hope we have every decade represented when we meet! I strongly believe that every generation has something unique to offer to every other generation, and I want to cultivate space where men can learn and grow from each other as well as from the Word of God.

Second, this group will only meet once a month for one hour. I am still gathering input from men on what the best days and times would be to have this group meet. If you haven't contacted me with your input regarding times, please feel free to do so. It's not too late!

Third, at this point, I will be the one leading this group of men until God says differently. 😊 I know it might seem strange for me to lead a group of men, but I cannot deny that I feel God asking me to do this, at least for now. So, I'll give it my best effort through the power of the Holy Spirit, and we'll see what God has in store! I have also named this group the DMV, which stands for Discipleship: Men's Version. 😊 I don't have a starting date in mind yet, but when I have a bit more input from men, I'll try to get something on the calendar.

And finally, meeting times would start with a little food, followed by a devotional, and ending with a short time of prayer. Once again, if you weren't able to give me your input on Sunday, please feel free to email me or catch me next week.

Just a little reminder that we are down to 3 nights of Mid-Week! Our last night for Mid-Week is April 6. And the following week is Holy Week already! I think I need to take a bit of my own advice and schedule a little time to slow down. 😊 Have a great week!

Liz

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## THE GIVE

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

**East River Foster Care:**  
New kids underwear

**Mission Haiti:**  
Boy/Men Shoes

**Reach Literacy:**  
Gently used books

**Bishop Dudley Hospitality House:**  
Toilet paper

NEW

**COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH**  
**6800 E. 41 STREET**  
**SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110**

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Permit No. 7119

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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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**Josiah Dunlap**

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