



# THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 11, 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

**ARISE Ukraine**  
Its purpose is to see Ukraine **saturated with living communities of believers where the transforming power of the gospel is reaching every area of society**—giving every man, woman and child in the country the opportunity to be reconciled to the Father and to each other.

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We have loved the rain and all the green we are now seeing. However, the wind! The wind. This has been an amazing spring for the wind. If that is the Spirit of God moving...we are sure getting a lot of attention from God! Now, I have read that there is a lot of sunspot activity this spring and that is producing these large weather systems. I don't know if that's it, but it is something. Keep your hats pulled down tight folks.

Mother's Day was Sunday. I didn't get home yet, but that is in the plans. I did get flowers sent and I did make a phone call and even sang to her. She said I was a little off key! She actually did. 😊 I will admit I was being a little silly, but laughter is a part of our family and if I can make Lucy smile, my day is complete. I hope you all had a great Mother's Day.

Remember, this coming Sunday evening is a time for you to come and share with the Discernment team for our denominational direction. They want to hear from you. Now, if you have already shared your thoughts and just want to come and listen that's fine. If you want to offer a question or if you have a thought...this is your time. If you just want to listen...that's all good. It's your time now. We are hearing from you and that's good. I hope all our folks can see that our teams have been working very hard to get a direction on this. That will be important as we get to the voting. Pray, friends.

It is graduation time around the area. I know this is a special time for many of you in the church family. I have a few of those to do this year as well. I am hoping to hit as many as I can. Congratulations to all our seniors in High School and College. These are important markers in your lives and wonderful times for you families to get together. It can also be a little sad for moms and dads, but it is a "good sad" if there is such a thing. It's great to see those young people grow up and move along with their lives, but we miss them when they are not around. Good times! Enjoy those moments. Soak it up!

Our friend John Harmsen is doing his summer class starting on Wednesday, the 18th of May. He will be teaching a class on sharing your personal story and how to share your faith with others. I know there is much more to the class than that, but that gives you an idea of what kinds of things he will be doing. I have heard several folks talking about getting involved in that class. It is a great opportunity for you all through the summer. You'll hear more on Sunday when we have him share from the front.

Sunday is the 4th in the series of messages around 1 Corinthians 13. It has been a challenging word in so many ways. When we are learning that love (agape) never fails, it opens our eyes to the truth that when we do things in churches the way in which God can do what it is he does, that works. Agape...never fails. This week we go on through verse 12 of this letter. Paul is still wanting his friends in Corinth to understand there is a most excellent way, a relational connection to God that changes hearts. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



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## FEEDBACK MEETINGS

COME WITH QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR  
THOUGHTS ABOUT DENOMINATION  
DISCUSSIONS WE'VE BE HAVING

SUNDAY, MAY 15 @ 7:00PM  
MONDAY, MAY 16 @ 7:00PM  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 @ 7:30PM

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*early childhood weekday*  
**PLAY GROUP**  
*free, all are welcome*  
**TUESDAYS**  
**9:30-10:30AM**

Parents/ Grandparents/ Caregivers and Kids  
younger than Kindergarten age will join together for open play  
time in the Community Nursery as they enjoy time together.  
(older siblings welcome as well)  
Questions? [Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org](mailto:Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org) or 605-336-1475

**BEGINNING**  
5/31/2022

**NOTE DATE CHANGE:**

## SENIOR CITIZENS

**MONDAY, MAY 16 AT NOON**

Meet at the 10th St. Pizza Ranch

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

7:00-8:00pm- High School Youth Group

### THURSDAY, MAY 12

7:00pm- Elders/ 8:00pm Full Consistory

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

7:00am- Prayer Ministry

10:00am- AA Meeting

### SUNDAY, MAY 15

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

7:00pm- Feedback meeting

### MONDAY, MAY 16

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

7:00pm- Feedback meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

6:30pm- Discipleship Training

7:30pm- Feedback meeting

7:00pm- 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](mailto:tjstonegate@gmail.com)) for meeting access.

### SENIOR CITIZENS

**NOTE DATE CHANGE-** Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, May 16th at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Everyone welcome!

### HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on May 17th at Wilma's home. Jerralynne will have the lesson.

### BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet on June 15 at 9:00am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. (Note the change of location) They will be discussing *Kitchen House* by Grissom.

The evening book club will meet on June 14\* at 7:00pm (2nd Tuesday because of VBS). They will be discussing *Edge of Belonging* by Cox.



LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

As I've mentioned the past couple of weeks on Sunday mornings, registration is open for VBS! You can register in person at church or online. You can also sign up to volunteer during the week. We have decided to try some different dates for VBS this year. So please make note that **the dates for VBS are June 20-23. That's a Monday-Thursday.** As always, we'll be needing a lot of volunteers to make VBS a success. Please check out the table in the lobby for ways you can help us out. I say this every year, but I really mean it when I say VBS is one of the best ministries we do here at Community. It's a fantastic way for adults to meet other adults, for kids to meet other kids, to see the Spirit of God leading even the littlest kids during the week, and to watch how God's love, His *agape* love, is being shared all through the church. It is a powerful week! If you're free and able, I highly suggest you come along for the ride!

Plans for the DMV (Discipleship: Men's Version) are coming together nicely! Next week, I hope to have even more information available about a potential leader for this group! As of now, we plan to meet the second Monday of each month, in the fellowship hall, from 7:00-8:00pm. Those will be *evening* meetings, and they are open to men of all ages. As we get closer to that first meeting, I'll be sure to include more details in this newsletter article. Until then, you can put that first date on your calendars!

And just a little reminder about the DW40 women's discipleship group: although we are taking a break through the summer months, I do plan to hold a gathering for us in the middle of the summer at some point just to connect once during those months. I'll be sure to share about that here.

The first night of Discipleship Training sessions is almost here! These sessions will be led by CRU worker, Jon Harmsen, and they are open to anyone who is interested in learning more about how to share and grow in their faith. We'll be sharing more details about this opportunity this coming Sunday during the 9:00 and 10:45 services. The dates of the first 5 sessions are below:

May 18 - Discipleship Training Session #1 6:30-7:30pm  
May 25 - Discipleship Training Session #2 6:30-7:30pm  
June 1 - Discipleship Training Session #3 6:30-7:30pm  
June 8 - Discipleship Training Session #4 6:30-7:30pm  
June 15 - Discipleship Training Session #5 6:30-7:30pm

Enjoy the warmer temps this week!

Liz

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## FINANCES

Sunday, May 8, 2022

General: \$26,246  
Vision: \$245  
Missions: \$100

General YTD: \$329,059  
Vision YTD: \$29,803  
Vision Account Balance: \$42,238





# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jim Halling (surgery recovery/cancer)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (prep for liver transplant 6/21)
- John Thornton (bone marrow biopsy)

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jill Hanson (surgery recovery)
- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery & radiation)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Kaye
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's brother, Lee (cancer)
- Melanie Oden's uncle, Bruce (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink (fractured arm)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Brian Frisbee (blood clot/ long-term stroke rehab)
- Merlin Klein (congestive heart failure)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Mazie Boyle (chemo)
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery recovery)
- 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)

A photograph of three children playing outdoors with many bubbles floating around them. The title 'KID'S MINISTRY' is overlaid in large white letters.

# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi! I've been enjoying 30 Days of Prayer at Community and want to invite you to participate. We also have 30 days for Kids at <https://communityrc.org/kids-30-days-of-prayer>. The verse for this Friday, May 13, has really been soaking into my heart today. I read a little before and after that verse and read a few different translations and I just keep thinking about how much I want Jesus to continue His work in my life to transform my thoughts and heart to look more like this verse. I'm getting a little vulnerable with you, but I think I can trust you with that.

*Philippians 4:4-5: Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!*

*6-7 Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.*

*8-9 Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.*

I'm starting to notice that sometimes people find errors and fault and feel compelled to ensure that those around them are informed of each flaw. I wonder how often I could be described in that way. Whether those mistakes are pointed out to the person making the mistake or to others, I think sometimes it becomes easier for some to see the bad than the good. There is harm in that. How often do I read a thoughtful, well written article and spend more time thinking about a typo than the good content? I'm asking Jesus to continue to work in my mind and heart, rather than just my actions. I can't do that on my own. Even when the intention of pointing out flaws is to "improve things" or "make aware," there is a cost. For adults, the constant reminders of every mistake can make it challenging to find joy and creativity. Some level of constructive feedback has a place when delivered by someone with the interpersonal skills and relationship to do it well. It is rare for most of us to be in a setting where we have the relationship in place to deliver loving advice or point out an area for improvement. It requires a great deal of thought and empathy to do well.

In some situations, criticism is delivered with good intentions but bad results. Sometimes a critic may feel more intelligent or observant as a result of their ability to notice things others miss. Perhaps others didn't miss it at all but instead opted not to make a comment. I might say, from experience and research, that developing a habit of having a critical eye can cause harm to the critic. When we walk through life watching for others to do something wrong, we see just that. Finding the good is more challenging but is a gift to the observer and to those around us.

As you know, my brain often jumps to the impact on children. When we notice each mistake a child makes and point it out, even if the motive is to improve the child, it can have lasting consequences for the child. Don't get me wrong. This doesn't mean allowing children to do whatever they want without feedback or consequence. Parents need to parent. However, God created each child. They are loved and created uniquely. They are learning and growing. Over time, I've been asking God to make my eyes more like His so that what I notice is not the little flaw, but the overwhelming beauty, especially with kids. Our words are powerful, but our thoughts are also powerful. God's words are more powerful. He is powerful. He can do this. I am praying that Jesus continues to work in my life not just what I say, but what I think about, celebrate, and give time too.

See you soon!

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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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