



THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 4, 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

May is here. Spring so far is slow. The rain has come and now we need a little sun to get things going. Warm must be coming at some point, but for now we are grateful for the wonderful rain. That was so nice to get. Life in this area is a very different thing when the rain falls. I like seeing that. I am seeing the green peeking through and before you know it, the flowers will bloom. It will happen. We are all waiting. I am still so surprised at how quickly the year is going. May brings graduations and lots of end-of-the-year things around our schools. Mother's Day is this coming Sunday. Did you get your mom some flowers? I hope you all get to spend some good family time together with them. Moms are very special! Mine is!

Let me do some business for our RCA denomination things. Our team is setting up three different evenings for you to come and ask questions and share your ideas with us. Our committee wants to hear from you now. Because Mother's Day is this Sunday, we will start next week Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday evenings at 7pm. We invite you to come. **You only need to do one of those evenings.** We are making as much time for you to speak with the team as we can. Once that has been completed, we will then get to work on the voting process. We are nearing the end of all this. We are doing 30 days of prayer as we move along. We want folks to be in a good frame of spiritual heart as we complete all of this. When the RCA set this plan in motion, they determined that a church must have 75% of its members agree on their choice of direction. That means the balloting will be important. We are working on the details of that as well. That vote will be coming soon. Also, I have been working with Classis leaders as they are trying to get the pastors transferred into the ARC. It is taking them longer than expected and we would like to keep Dakota Classis in place until that is done. They are not sure how much longer, but they are hoping to be done sometime in June. Our being in Dakota Classis has been a good thing for the other Dakota Classis Churches. These things take time.

Last Sunday was our last Sunday of Sunday school for the kids. It was a most interesting year of COVID things and up and downs. We had teachers who jumped right in last fall and worked through the year, bringing their gifts and hearts to these kids. A lot of good church goes on back in the children's wing of the church on Sunday mornings. Thank you, teachers! You are a blessing to us!

Sunday's message will be on Mother's Day. Our text is only verse 8 from chapter 13. It begins with "Love never fails". There is something very right about that verse and Mother's Day. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!



National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 5.

Feel free to stop out to church sometime between 7am-7pm to pray.

Donut holes will be provided ☺

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 @ 7:00PM



**DISCIPLESHIP
TRAINING**
10 SESSIONS
**STARTS
MAY 18TH @ 6:30PM**
LED BY JON HARMSSEN
FROM CRU MINISTRIES

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

MAY 11- 6:30-8PM

EAST RIVER FOSTER CARE CLOSET
4515 E 26TH ST. SUITE B SIOUX FALLS
(BEHIND TOKYO 26TH)

SIGN UP AT [HTTPS://COMMUNITYRC.ORG/MISSION-ACTION-TEAM](https://communityrc.org/mission-action-team)
OR AT THE LINK

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

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

THURSDAY, MAY 5

7:00am-7:00pm- National Day of Prayer

SATURDAY, MAY 7

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

SUNDAY, MAY 8

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

MONDAY, MAY 9

10:00am- Joy Circle

TUESDAY, MAY 10

7:00pm- Book Club

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

9:00pm- Book Club

THURSDAY, MAY 12

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

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

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

JOY CIRCLE

Joy Circle meeting will meet May 9th at 10:00am at church to make plans for our group for 2022. Please join us!

BOOK CLUBS

NOTICE DATE CHANGE- The morning book club will meet on May 11 at 9:00am. They will be discussing *Between Shades of Gray* (not to be confused with similar titles)

NOTICE DATE CHANGE- The evening book club will meet on May 10th at 7:00pm. They will be discussing *Kitchen House*.

HOPE CIRCLE

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

NOTE DATE CHANGE:

SENIOR CITIZENS

MONDAY, MAY 16 AT NOON

Meet at the 10th St. Pizza Ranch

DOYLES' UPDATE MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors- Our year is coming to an end – and while you are welcome to continue to join the high school group throughout the summer, your days in high school are few! One way we will celebrate you as seniors is to recognize you on Sunday morning here soon. So, if you could send me a picture, where you are graduating from and a little about what you will be doing next year, we will put together a slide show for Sunday morning, May 22nd. If you can have picture and info to me by Wednesday May 18th, that would be great.

Summer Times- Starting June 1, our summer times are set for Wednesday nights this summer. Our middle school group (those who have finished 5th-8th grade) are invited to join the youth group on Wednesday from 6:30-7:30. The high school group (those who have finished 8th-12th grade) will meet from 7:30-8:30. We will meet at church on Wednesdays and it is a great opportunity for students (new and returning) to build relationships within the youth group here at Community.

Upcoming 6th graders- For those who have graduated elementary school, starting June 1st (our first night of youth group for the summer), you are invited into the middle school group. As you come, there will be some familiar faces and some new faces for you. But as stated before, summer is a great chance to become familiar and begin to experience how this group is your own now!

Upcoming 9th graders- 8th graders, you see that you are listed in both groups age range. For our summer activities, you are welcome to come to middle and/or high school group for the summer. It's a great way to welcome the incoming 6th graders into the middle school group while also giving you the opportunity to begin entering into the high school community. Whether it is Wednesday nights or other activities we do as a group this summer, you are invited to both. I am so looking forward to welcoming our incoming 6th graders and seeing how the two groups begin to form.

Camp- Camp dates and registration are here for all the camps students will be attending this year. I wanted to send out a reminder that we as a church do help cover the costs of our students camps. If you have questions about all of that, you can send me an email. If you do not have a camp you regularly attend, I will be bringing a group of high school and middle school students to Pickerel Lake Bible Camp this year. The high school camp is June 26th-July 1st and the middle school camp is July 10th-15th. If you are interested in more information or registering for Pickerel, you can email me and I will get that information out to you.

Again, I am looking forward to all the things that come with summer! We are not there just yet, I know! So I end with an invite to join me in praying for the remainder of the year!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

• Jill Hanson (surgery 5/3)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery & radiation)
- Kathy Klein
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Kaye
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)
- Gary VanDenHoek (toe surgery)
- Susan Bierwagen's brother, Lee (cancer)
- Hen Timmer (congestive heart failure)
- Melanie Oden's uncle, Bruce (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink (fractured arm)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Randy Grotenhuis' daughter, Robyn (brain surgery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Gary Holmgren (stints placed)
- Brian Frisbee (blood clot/ long-term stroke rehab)
- 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)
- 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)



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Happy May, everyone! I'm sure hoping for some warmer spring days as we move through the month!

A short update on the WD40 women's group is that we are going to break during the summer months and resume in September. And since the first Monday of September is Labor Day, we'll bump our first meeting to Wednesday that week over the noon hour. So, the next official meeting for WD40 will be Wednesday, September 7 from noon-1:00pm. We'll resume our first Monday meetings as of October, and I'll be sure to include that info in my article again.

As for the men's group, I think I've finally been able to set a time and a starting date taking into consideration all the good feedback I received. We won't try to get this ball rolling during the summer months, so our first meeting will take place in September. We'll 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. I'll be working on the format of the evenings during the summer months. 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!

Remember to register your kids for VBS and sign up yourselves to help if you are willing! VBS is such a great week here at Community. In my opinion, it's one of the best ways to see God tangibly at work. VBS is earlier than normal this year, and we are running a Monday-Thursday schedule. Mark those calendars for June 20-23 and join us!

And don't forget about the Discipleship Training sessions we'll be offering through the summer months. The 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. 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

Have a great week!

Liz

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FINANCES

Sunday, May 1, 2022

General: \$17,914
Vision: \$2,290
Missions: \$295

General YTD: \$302,813
Vision YTD: \$29,558
Vision Account Balance: \$41,993

30 days of PRAYER.

To follow this prayer journey until the end of the month, visit 605.church or the Community App.

MAY 1

We begin knowing God is watching. He has His eye upon us. Surrounds us with care. He will be our guide and our great advisor. Thank Him for being there and listening. Thank Him for His care. Trust in His word and walk in the confidence that God is with us as we seek to know His will.

Psalm 32:6-8

Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found;
Certainly in a flood of great waters, they will not reach him.
You are my hiding place; You keep me from trouble;
You surround me with songs of deliverance.
I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go;
I will advise you with My eye upon you.

MAY 2

When Joshua was called to lead the nation of Israel into the promised land there were great obstacles ahead. God spoke to him. Be Strong, Be courageous! Do not be afraid! Don't give up! God will be with them, and He is going ahead! Those are great words for us in this moment. Remember, God already knows what is next and what is best for us! Go then into this day know that that God is going on ahead of you. Pray today for a deeper trust in God's presence with us as a church. He is already in our tomorrow. Do not be afraid!

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

Then Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you will go with this people into the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you will give it to them as an inheritance. And the Lord is the one who is going ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not desert you or abandon you. Do not fear and do not be dismayed."



The grown-ups are enjoying
30 Days of Prayer,
so the kids are joining too!
Check it out:

<https://communityrc.org/kids-30-days-of-prayer>



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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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