



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

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

Angel Tree reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families, helping to meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs through Christ.

CLYDE'S UPDATE

We have had some wonderful weather over the last few days for November. I have certainly been enjoying those. I'm sure most of us have. I did get back to do a little hunting back home but only for a day. I'll get out there again next week for a little longer stay. I didn't get enough time with my mom or those hills I so enjoy. I do really miss those moments. It does my soul good to be out there. I hope the weather can hold, but who knows how that will go. November is moving right along and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Can you believe that?

Keep my theme going to from last week. I want to thank our choir members for all their hard work this year. We had another good rehearsal this past Sunday evening. We are getting things learned. I am really hoping when we do this in December that we get a good day to do some Christmas celebration things together.

Also, a thank you to our online streaming folks and all that we continue to do there. That has been a wonderful gift to a lot of people through all this mess of COVID, but you all need to be aware that our signal goes out far beyond our city. We have lots of viewers out there folks. People who will never probably come to church here because of where they live, but they tune or download our feed throughout the week. This is something we never saw coming at the level it is happening. I know most of our folks are slowing coming back to a live setting and they all say as good church online is, it is just not the same as being here. That's a good word to hear. At the same time, I am so glad people can watch from wherever they might be. This ministry is growing. Thanks to that team and all they are doing and learning together.

I will be writing a bit more next week in regard to our Classis meeting coming up this weekend. There will be a lot of things happening there. Our Consistory is working through all the things we are planning to get things moving for us. We need to get at this now and keep things moving along. More is coming folks. I have been talking to lots of you out there and I am finding that there is good thinking and processing going on. Good questions and thoughts. That has been helpful for us to hear. More to come next week!

MidWeek is growing! We saw that this past week. Just so you all are aware, this is the most adults we have had in classes ever. Can you believe that? And we know we still have many of our families that are being COVID careful with large groups. Again, we are not criticizing any of that. Do this how you believe you need to, but we know more will be coming. Exciting to see and be a part of. Go God Go!

Sunday we are going to finish the series on "You Belong". This two-kingdom series has been an eye opening and challenging journey for all of us. I have been hearing good things from so many of you throughout the week. This week we will focus on God's love to us. I am most confident that you already know that God's love and the kingdom of the world's love are going to be different. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes available in our lobby. Boxes due

Sunday, November 14

OR

Pack a shoebox online at

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

THE GIVE

CHECK OUT THE GIVE WALL IN THE LOBBY.
IT'S A PLACE TO DONATE TO LOCAL MINISTRIES.

Lexi's Christmas Closet

Lego sets (all ages), Pop Its, books, board games, water bottles, toys, etc.

Complete list can be found on The Give wall

Inspiration Elementary School (our neighbor)

New Sweatpants & underwear
(sizes 4, 5,6)

Union Gospel Mission

Men's and Women's undergarment items
(NEW ONLY - underwear, bras, socks)

Ben Reifel Middle School (our neighbor)

Teen Size gloves, hats, scarves, socks,
gently used coats

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 9AM OR 10:45AM SERVICES

605.church/nurseryvolunteers

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, NOV 10:

5:30-6:30pm- Meal- Italian 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

SATURDAY, NOV 13 :

7:00AM-Prayer Ministry (chapel)

10:00AM- AA meeting

SUNDAY, NOV 14:

8:00am, 9:00am & 10:45am-

In-person Sunday Services

10:00am- Sunday School

4:00-5:30-Choir

TUESDAY, NOV 16:

5:00pm- Serving at The Banquet downtown

7:00pm- Book Club

WEDNESDAY, NOV 17:

9:00am- Book Club

5:30-6:30pm- BBQ

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

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on November 16
at 7:00pm. Donna is hostess and Carol has
the lesson.

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.

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday,
Nov. 16, at 7:00pm at church. They will be
discussing *Educated*.

The morning book club will meet
Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 9:00am at church.
They will be discussing *Glass Castle*.

NOTE: The evening book club will meet on
the 2nd Tuesday (Dec. 14) in December to
move away from Christmas week.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens meet every 2nd Monday of
the month at Noon at the East 10th Pizza
Ranch. **Next date: Dec. 14.** Questions, please
call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030.

A banner for the Community Kids Christmas Program. It features a circular blue logo on the left with a yellow star and the text 'COMMUNITY KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM' and 'DECEMBER 5, 2021 5:00PM'. The background is a photograph of three children (two girls and one boy) playing with bubbles outdoors. The text 'KID'S MINISTRY' is written in large white letters across the middle, and 'HEATHER'S UPDATE' is in smaller white letters below it.

COMMUNITY KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 5, 2021
5:00PM

KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

The Midweek kids were busy on Wednesday night packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child. It was a fun and energy filled night. If you have a box that you've packed at home, please remember to bring it this week. They are heading to the collection site early next week.

Christmas Program Information:

Details for kids at <https://communityrc.org/children> The program is for kids age 3 up through 5th grade and is in two little parts. First, the preschool age kids do a program with songs and jingle bells. Then, the little kids go sit with their families and the K-5 kids do their part of the program. This year is a little different because the K-5 kids have been given their part to memorize already and they won't come together to practice until the day of the program. Here is the link to our web page with the songs for the kids to learn: <https://communityrc.org/children> The words are in the videos and it shows which parts are "all kids" and which parts are solos and small groups. K-5 kids will have just one big practice! We'll get together from 2-5pm on 12/5/21 (the day of the program) to get ready for the main event! We're hoping everyone can learn their line in advance, so we'll try to practice the lines a little in Sunday School.

Parts & Lines for each Grade:

Everyone: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Kindergarten: Sheep- It is good news of great joy for all the people.

1st Grade: Angels- "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

2nd Grade: Magi- "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed."

3rd Grade: Animals- camel, cow, bird, etc.-"she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

4th Grade: Shepherds: "Let us go to Bethlehem, now, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

5th Grade: Mary, Joseph, Innkeeper, Herod, Star, Townspeople, Group Leaders, sign holders, etc.-In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

See you soon!

-Heather

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

This week, I want to make sure to highlight a small change we've made to our Mid-Week schedule for December. In light of the increased fullness of the holiday season, the staff decided it would be best if we took our Mid-Week break during mid and late December weeks, rather than extend it into the first week of January. So, the December dates for Mid-Week are as follows:

December 1	Regular Mid-Week
December 8	Regular Mid-week
December 15	NO Mid-Week
December 22	NO Mid-Week (Christmas Week)
December 29	NO Mid-Week (New Year's Week)
January 5	Regular Mid-Week Resumes

Speaking of holiday business, I wanted to write a bit about a practice I've been doing to help me grow spiritually. Dallas Willard has written and spoke about the necessary practice of eliminating hurry from our lives. He says, "Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our day. You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life." When I first read that several months ago, it really stuck with me. I was convicted by the truth that I tend to go about any task with a fairly high level of intensity, which usually leads me to hurry. I tend to hurry tasks, to hurry commitments, to hurry meetings, etc. There is this constant feeling of, "Come on! Get going!" And my family confirmed this truth as we were visiting about it one day! I don't mean to live life this way. But apparently once I started this habit of hurry, it became deeply ingrained in almost everything I do. (Sometimes I wonder if it all started with the Mad Minute Multiplication Tests we did in grade school! But that's a topic for another time! 😊)

I could feel God inviting me to ruthlessly cut out hurry from my life. Am I annoyed because the driver in front of me is slow? Why am I in such a hurry? Am I frustrated because I've chosen the long line at the store again? Why am I in such a hurry over *groceries*? Am I tense because my to-do list is long, and I feel like I need to get it all done in one day? Why? No one will die if I don't finish my errands in one day! If my schedule is so busy that I have to rush, rush, rush between each commitment, then that's on me. *God* didn't give me that schedule. I gave it to myself. The plain truth is that the occasions which truly justify hurry are few and far between. And when we make hurry a constant part of our everyday lives, we are sabotaging our ability to be still enough, slow enough, and calm enough to see God moving gently through His world.

Perhaps the best reason to ruthlessly eliminate hurry from our lives is because Jesus was never, NEVER, in a hurry. He *walked* from place to place. He didn't run. The one time He probably *should* have hurried (to see Lazarus), he stopped midway because He wanted to figure out who touched Him and received healing in a crowd of people (the woman with the bleeding issue). THEN He went to see Lazarus, and Lazarus had DIED! Did Jesus hurry there? Nope. And someone actually *died* because of His lack of hurry. But clearly that wasn't an issue for Jesus. ☺ God on earth moved at walking speed all of the time. I'd say that's the best reason of all for me to stop the hurry.

I'm *practicing* this new habit. I'm still learning. Some days are better than others. When I feel myself tensing up because things aren't moving as quickly as I want, or if I find I'm holding my breath and working at breakneck speed, I simply stop and say to myself, "Ruthlessly eliminate hurry." Then I slow down and refocus on Christ. This is taking some time, but I can feel the effects of this practice. I'm calmer in general. I'm certainly less intense about every little thing. And I find that the lack of hurry creates space for God to be closer to me because I'm moving at His pace, not mine.

I'm not sure how hurried your lives are, but I encourage you to take a little self-assessment and see just how hurried you've become. And if there's any hurry at all, ruthlessly eliminate it. Blessings as you practice this!

Have a great week!

Liz

CONNECT WITH US



**SCAN THIS CODE ON YOUR PHONE IN
ORDER TO COMPLETE A CONTACT CARD**



DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Our November series is underway and I have loved working on getting those ready each week. I am continually amazed at how God's word reveals and speaks into our life and culture without changing from His word to the recipients of each of the letters. Along with that, this series has brought me back to sections of the bible that I have read so many times and still there is something new to learn and a refreshment through His word. As our middle school group continues in our "You are Loved" series and our high school moves forward in our "You are Enough" series I look forward to the conversations and time together.

We were going through the schedule for the rest of the year with students and then again with staff this last week. There are only four more Wednesday nights for youth group at church before Christmas break!! That can't be! Even though our Wednesdays for 2021 are coming to an end, we do still have a lot of things going on before we get there. First up, is an afternoon of bowling with the middle and high school students. On Sunday November 21st we will be meeting together for a fun time on the lanes. While I don't bowl as much as I use to, I think I can still take the high score. Guess we will see!

Then, our high school retreat is coming up rather quickly! On Friday December 3rd at 7:00 we are heading to Swan Lake for a 26 hour retreat. We will be back Saturday night at 9:00. I do know there are some other things going on that weekend, but students are still welcome to come even if it means they would need to come later or leave earlier. Swan Lake is less than an hour so is easy to get to if students would like to come but can't stay the entire time. Our deadline for registration is November 29th so the staff at Swan Lake can prepare for the food they will need for the weekend (we are not the only one's there). If you have any questions please let me know! That's it for this week!

Doyle
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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jane Newman (gallbladder surgery recovery)
- Elaine Deelstra

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery recovery)
- Jim Halling (cancer)
- Alida VerBerg's son-in-law, Jim (intensive rehab- recovering from COVID)
- Bert Roetman's son, Loren (car accident)
- Lux (3-month old had open heart surgery)
- Jenny Getting
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Robyn Jacobs' dad, Rick (Leukemia)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Brian Frisbee (long-term stroke rehab)
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

FINANCES

Sunday, November 7, 2021

General: \$13,722
Vision: \$1,410
Missions: \$275
Wednesday Night: \$263

General YTD: \$787,433
Vision YTD: \$80,788
Vision Account Balance: \$184,132

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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.

THE GIVE

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Church on the Street

Men- Boxers of all sizes
Women- Panties of all sizes,
stretch bras of all sizes

Inspiration Elementary School (our neighbor)

New Sweatpants & underwear
(sizes 4, 5,6)

Family Visitation Center

Juice boxes and baby wipes

Ben Reifel Middle School (our neighbor)

Teen Size gloves, hats, scarves, socks,
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