

THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

NOVEMBER 3, 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

November! I have heard so many people say how amazed they are that we are already into November. Time goes by so quickly. It certainly does feel a little like November this week with the lows in the 20's. It is that time of year, everyone. The trees are starting to let go of those beautiful leaves and we can see the change coming. I do enjoy so much of what is ahead. I love the holidays and all that means for church and for families. We are trying to get in as much of that for you as we can. Concerts, programs, and fun things- it is November everyone! Let's do our best to enjoy every single bit of what is coming.

I want to celebrate some things in this week's newsletter. I want to take a moment to do some thanking of folks around here. Celebrate our church!

My first word, is a word to everyone who sent notes or cards to me for Pastor Appreciation month. I read all of them. I do enjoy hearing from you. You are kind and generous. I am blessed. Thank you.

I want to give a good of gratitude for the people who came to our missions fair and to Holli for organizing that morning for us. I believe the event is a wonderful way to show to our church all that you are doing in so many areas. There were local missions and world ones as well. Each has a place in the Kingdom and you are to be thanked for all who give to those organizations. That is truly a morning to celebrate your generosity and certainly a morning to celebrate the calling of all those guests who came to share their morning with us. Wonderful!

A word of gratitude for the Bible given to our third graders, Heather's work and all the many volunteers who give their time and hearts to our children. That ministry was a bit challenging this year with all things. We had to cancel so many of their things last year. It is a blessing to now see it going again. The Bibles given are a wonderful expression of what we believe God is doing in our children's lives here. We celebrate that!

A word of thanks for the many volunteers who are helping us do MidWeek. The numbers there are growing nearly each week and what we see happening there is always one of the best things we do. Seeing people visiting together once again is such a blessing. For all of you who give so much to make that happen...we celebrate that!

To the Christmas Choir! Thank you! We waited a little longer this year to get started just to give us a little more room to be cautious. We have a great group of singers there and we have a lot of work to get done before we sing in December, but it has been so good to hear them working. We will also be singing a few more Christmas carols with all the church on that Sunday as well. I am looking forward to that concert for lots of reasons. Celebrate singers!

Finally...Sunday's message. God knows us. He watches over us. He listens to us and He knows us like no other. The world doesn't really care to know us. We will look at all of that this week. 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 3:

5:30-6:30pm- Meal- Pizza 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 6 :

7:00AM-Prayer Ministry (chapel)
10:00AM- AA meeting

SUNDAY, NOV 7:

8:00am, 9:00am & 10:45am-
In-person Sunday Services
10:00am- Sunday School
4:00-5:30-Choir

MONDAY, NOV 8:

9:30am- Joy Circle
Noon- Senior Citizens (E. 10th Pizza Ranch)

WEDNESDAY, NOV 10:

5:30-6:30pm- 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

OTHER MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens meet every 2nd Monday of the month at Noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Next date: Nov. 8. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030.

JOY CIRCLE

Monday, Nov. 8 at 9:30am

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.

A banner for the Community Kids Christmas Program. It features a blue circular logo on the left with a star and the text 'COMMUNITY KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM'. To the right, a group of children are playing with bubbles. 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. The date and time 'DECEMBER 5, 2021 5:00PM' are at the bottom left.

COMMUNITY KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 5, 2021
5:00PM

KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

I really love seeing the 3rd Graders when they get their Bibles each year! I've included some photos of some of the kiddos, but there are even more! Some aren't pictured and some weren't able to join us this Sunday so they are getting their Bibles later. Remember, if you are in grade 3 or older (even adults) and would like a Bible, please pick one up at your convenience. They are still up at the front of church so they are easy for you to grab. There is a certificate inside so you can take it to get it personalized at Crossroads.

There was some big fun happening in the Sunday School rooms this week as well. The preschool age kids got to learn about Joseph and they made their own colorful coats.

I've sent out information on our Christmas Program. If you missed it, you can still find it at 605.church/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. We'll have a song to learn, and I'll send that out in next week's newsletter and on the Community web page so kids can practice that as well. I think we'll have fun.

See you soon!
-Heather





LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

The month of November is upon us, and I definitely feel the speed and fullness of the holiday calendar! It's exciting to be back into a more regular schedule this year. Here are few highlights.

Mid-Week is running beautifully. Remember that we changed our start times slightly, which has worked wonders for everyone. The meal is served from 5:30-6:30pm. The adult classes, middle school youth group, and children's classes run from 6:30-7:30pm, and high school youth group meets from 7:30-8:30pm. It's not too late to join any of these classes or groups on Wednesday nights. Pastor John's study meets in the chapel. Pastor Clyde's book study meets in the fellowship hall. And my study meets in the big room/sanctuary. If you'd like to meet some new people and be challenged to grow in your own faith walk, please join us! It's a wonderful night of food and learning!

Our church choir had its second rehearsal this past Sunday afternoon. This week is probably the last week you would want to newly join. ☺ We are only singing 5 pieces, and we have 4 rehearsals left. If you'd like to join us, please come to the sanctuary at 4:00pm. We rehearse until 5:30pm. The concerts are December 5 at both the 9:00 and 10:45am services.

Operation Christmas Child is open for boxes now too. You can pick up boxes to pack in the church lobby. Filled boxes must be turned in by November 14. If you can't physically bring a box to church but you'd still like to contribute, you can fill a box virtually online at the Samaritan's Purse website.

Mission Haiti is open for new child sponsorships as well. You can check out the display in the church lobby for kids who need sponsors for the year. This is such an amazing opportunity because it's a tremendous value for the money. For elementary aged children, the cost \$125 for the entire year. And that money gets the kids one good meal a day, health care, and clothes. For high school aged children, the cost is \$250 per year with all the same benefits. If you feel a little nudge in your heart, check out that display at church.

As you can see, fall is in full swing! I'm thankful to be at the start of this holiday season.

Have a great week!

Liz

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YOUR PHONE IN ORDER
TO COMPLETE A
CONTACT CARD**



DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

It's really November! If we had not finished our series for the month of October there is no way I could believe that. But, here I am getting ready for our new series in both middle school and high school. Our middle school group continues to follow the high school groups series this fall and move to "You are Loved". It has been a great transition from our Known series and I look forward to moving into this series with the middle school. Our high school group is starting a new series "You are Enough". This will take on two parts as we are reminded of our identity and life in Christ, while also being reminded that Jesus is enough!

Our event for November is bowling! We will head to the alley on Sunday November 21st. I'm working on the details and lane and will have that all up and running by next weeks newsletter. We are also looking ahead to December with the high school group as we begin registration this month for the retreat December 3rd and 4th. Our retreat is at Swan Lake this year and I am looking forward to a 26 hour (Fri at 7p.m. - Sat at 9p.m.) get away the first weekend of December. Again, this retreat is for our high school students and their friends.

It's a great month with another break from school at the end of it with Thanksgiving. As we move in to our new series and continue on November, please feel free to reach out with any questions regarding the student ministries here at Community. That's it for this week.

Doyle
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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Larry Halverson
- Junella Wesselink's sister, Betty and her husband Ed
- Jim Halling (cancer)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery recovery)
- Carol Baker (surgery recovery)
- Alida VerBerg's son-in-law, Jim (ICU)
- Darla Anderson's daughter, Emma
- 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)

THANK YOU

Dear Community Reformed Church,
Thank you very much for the cards, letters, gifts, and nice thoughts that I received during pastor appreciation month. Every one of those was special and meant a lot to me. Thank you again.
John Thornton

FINANCES

Sunday, October 31, 2021

General: \$110,281
Vision: \$1,730
Missions: \$175
Wednesday Night: \$310

General YTD: \$773,711
Vision YTD: \$79,378
Vision Account Balance: \$182,721