

# THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

OCTOBER 27, 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

The Gideons International

The Gideons International is dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments across the globe.

## CLYDE'S UPDATE

The last week of October is here and Halloween on Sunday. Another month is gone, and November is right upon us now. I like November. It is my hunting month. I sure do hope all of that works. There is a significant amount of business to get done in this month. I will have to get creative with things to get this done. It is also a time for me to spend a little more time with my mom back home. A few days there is always a good thing for both of us. I hope I can speak for her. I think she enjoys having me home. ☺ It has been getting a little cooler each passing week. The season is certainly changing. We have seen some of the most beautiful colors this year. I have heard so many people talking about that. It is just amazing how much color there is this year. We need a little of that with all the things. It helps our souls.

Let's get to some business! I will be involved in several meetings this week concerning what our next steps are going to be with all of this denominational business. With General Synod now behind us, it is time for us to proceed. After visiting with a number of RCA leaders, it does not appear as though anything was done at Synod to significantly make a difference with all the strife the RCA has been facing. I have stated before that I don't believe staying in the RCA is something I hear many of you are in favor of, but we need to work through all of that prayerfully. One thing the Synod did do was to make departing for those who chose that option much easier, and they also affirmed there is no deadline to get that done. So, my first word is...calm. We can do this. Most of the churches in our Classis are leaving and they are leaving soon. Change is coming. Leaving is one thing, but that next step for us is little less certain. There are different ideas I hear from you on that...I am listening. I am going to be meeting with the leaders of the new ARC this week, getting to know them as well as meeting with our Classis friends working through all of this at that level. I don't know how it all will go as far as timing and that sort of thing, but we will be working to do all of this well, making sure you get all the right information. There will be a congregational meeting coming as well. We will send out a letter to everyone as soon as the Consistory has set a time schedule in place for how to do all the things we need to cover. I want you all to know that it is important work that we will be doing, but at the same time say to you that we will still do church the same as we have. We are who we are because of who you are. That won't change. Community is a gathering of people who have a particular focus and heart. There is no need to change that! Pray it up folks. Wisdom and direction! The Enemy can have a field day with this sort of thing. We can't let that happen.

The Sunday message is again focusing on the relational God who is always for us. We talked about being seen last Sunday. This Sunday we will talk about being heard. There's so much noise in the world. Is anyone listening? God? We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

*Thanks Pastor!*  
PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MISSIONS FAIR

Sunday, Oct. 31st  
8:45am-10:45am

Visit with missions representatives at booths  
in the lobby.

### BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS

Sunday, Oct. 31st  
Come to the 9am or 10:45am service so we  
can pray with your 3rd grader and give them  
a Bible.

### KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 5  
5:00pm  
605.church/children

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

### SERVING AT THE BANQUET

Community will be serving at  
The Banquet downtown on  
**Tuesday, Nov. 16th.**

We'll need:  
8 volunteers to prepare the meal  
at 2 PM - 5PM &  
25 total volunteers to serve the meal  
at 5:15 PM-7:30 PM

**Sign up on the table in the lobby or by  
emailing [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org).**

### TAKE NOTE

Adult class sizes were a bit larger than expected this past  
week so we've switched up where each class is meeting.

Clyde's Class- Fellowship Hall  
John's class- Chapel  
Liz's Class- Sanctuary

## THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 27:

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

### SATURDAY, OCT 30 :

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

### SUNDAY, OCT 31:

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOV 3:

5:30-6:30pm- Pizza Night  
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,  
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## 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

### BAPTISMS

We'll be doing individual family baptisms  
after the 10:45am service. If you'd like to  
request baptism, please email the church  
office at [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org).

### 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.

### 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.





# KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

This Sunday, the 3rd graders will get their Bibles! Kids can come to the 9am or 10:45am service to get their Bibles. Also, if you or your child (older than 3rd grade) need a Bible, feel free to let me know. Even if you are new to Community, we'd love to give you a Bible too!

This Sunday is also the Missions Fair. I'd like to encourage you to plan to visit the various Missions organizations and learn a little more. Even if you don't feel prompted to help or give, it is always an interesting opportunity to find out about the fun things that Community is able to support as a church. Holli is providing a list of all of the organizations who are visiting Community this week, so you might find one or two you've never heard of. She has done a lot of work in preparation for this event and it is always a fun day. One fun new thing this year is that if you already sponsor a child in Haiti, there will be a spot for you to make a postcard to send to your sponsored child. There will also be photos of new kids who need sponsors. Be sure to pick up your Operation Christmas Child shoebox as well. These boxes are easy to pack and a fun way to give some Christmas joy to a child in need. To fill a shoebox, start with one "wow" toy that will make the child smile the moment the box is opened. It might be a soccer ball with pump, a doll, a toy car or other fun item. Then, fill the rest of the box with smaller toys, hygiene items, school supplies, clothing items, plastic cups or bowls, etc. Drop the filled box back at church and we'll get it to the right place.

See you soon!  
-Heather

## Bibles for 3rd Graders

10-31-21 9am or 10:45am



Come to the 9am or 10:45 services on October 31 so we can pray with your 3rd grader when we give kids Bibles.

## SCHOOL ACTION TEAM UPDATE

From the School Action Team at Community:

We had a guest at Community last Sunday from the LSS Mentoring program to tell us about one way we can really reach out to children in the schools in our neighborhood and in schools all around our region. If you can spare 30-60 minutes per week to positively impact the life of a child, please sign up or learn more at: <https://lsssd.org/what-we-do/mentoring/become-a-mentor.html> We also have the video of the talk at Community available if you missed it. Just email [Heather.DeWit@CommunityRc.org](mailto:Heather.DeWit@CommunityRc.org) and she'll send you the link.

Also, one way we'd like to show kindness to the staff at our neighborhood school is by providing treats/ cookies/ bars on certain days and/or providing a meal for the 100 teachers and staff this spring for an evening of parent teacher conferences. If you are someone who loves cooking/ baking/ food prep and feel called to help with that, please let us know and we'll add you to our list of folks to ask when those type of needs come up in relation to showing some kindness to our neighbors around Community.

As the weather gets colder, we are collecting hats, gloves, socks, sweatpants and warm items to give kids at our neighboring schools who don't have what they need this fall.



LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Last week, I was hoping to get back to Burke for a quick visit to see my grandma, but a few things came up, and I had to postpone to this week. And you know, that got me to thinking...

My initial plans were to head to Burke after church on Sunday and stay in Burke for a couple of days. But there were small things that kept cropping up that made it harder and harder for me to leave town and make that trip work. Finally, at about 2:00 Sunday afternoon, I thought to myself, "Maybe God is trying to get me to see that this is not the best time to make a visit." So, I called my grandma and postponed the visit for the following week. After I did that, I noticed that there were even more small things that cropped up, which at that point weren't a big deal since I had already planned to postpone my trip.

Here's what I noticed though: because the circumstances that were cropping up were small, I easily could have plowed through them and kept my original plans. No one was dying. Nothing was urgent. These were not critical circumstances. But something in my soul was resisting the urge to "just keep going anyway." I think that inner resistance was actually the Holy Spirit urging me to postpone my trip.

Now here's the deal: I'm not entirely sure why it was necessary to postpone. And it's possible that I'll never know the full reason. But I strongly believe that there was a larger reason that God was urging me to postpone. Don't get me wrong. The temptation to "go anyway" was strong. But it just didn't feel right. How many times in our lives do we have moments like that where things just don't feel right, but we move ahead anyway? I'm guessing it happens more often than we'd like to admit. If you find yourself in a position like that, I encourage you to stop and maybe reschedule or postpone. Don't just push through even though you could. Maybe there is a blessing waiting for you because you are willing to listen to the Spirit in you. Right now, I'm keeping my eyes open to blessings that might not have been there had I made the trip in my time. If something pops up, I'll let you know. 😊

Just a little reminder about our Mid-Week adult classes - because the class sizes were a bit larger than we anticipated (a wonderful thing!!) we have moved the locations of the classes. These classes run from 6:30-7:30pm.

Pastor Clyde's book study, "The Deeper Journey," will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor John's Wired Word study will be in the chapel.

And my class (Liz's) on "A Word or The Word" will be in the sanctuary.

And lastly this week, choir got its start this past Sunday afternoon! It's not too late to join. We meet in the sanctuary from 4:00-5:30pm. Childcare is provided, and everyone is welcome!

Have a great week!

Liz

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# MISSION

*Sunday*

**October 31**  
**8:45-10:45AM**

VISIT WITH MISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES AT BOOTHS IN THE LOBBY.

## THE GIVE

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

### 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,  
gently used coats

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 9AM OR 10:45AM SERVICES

[605.church/nurseryvolunteers](https://605.church/nurseryvolunteers)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery recovery)
- Carol Baker (surgery recovery)
- families dealing with COVID

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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 (stroke recovery/ long-term 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, October 24, 2021

General: \$8,532  
Vision: \$740  
Missions: \$275  
Wednesday Night: \$298

General YTD: \$648,751  
Vision YTD: \$75,611  
Vision Account Balance: \$178,953

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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 private 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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