#### MIDWEEK STARTS OCTOBER 6

5:30-6:30pm-- Meal 6:30- 7:30pm--Classes for all ages 7:30-8:30pm--H.S. Youth Group

# THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Banquet

The Banquet is a volunteerbased ministry, which means our meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from the Sioux Falls area. They now serve 16 meals per week at two locations



## **CLYDE'S UPDATE**

It is the middle of September and the leaves on trees are starting to turn just a bit around the area. Cooler weather and a little more rain has made things look so much better. It is fall and you can feel it in the air. I don't mind. School is going and all those great fall school activities are going. I still can't believe summer is gone, but here we are. Enjoy the days, folks. Fall is a great time to live in South Dakota!

Sunday morning, Holli had tables set up for lots of ways to get involved around here. There are always plenty of places to plug in. Don't be shy! I know that this coming Sunday will be the first Sunday of Sunday school...Heather said we are ready...so here we go. We all believe it all may start a little slower, but we hope as the fall progresses, things will pick up. We are still moving forward with all of it. I know...Covid...I know. We are aware and we are all paying attention. We will keep you informed.

We have a lot of things that we didn't get to do last year. This year we are hopeful that our fall can be filled with getting those lost things back. I know we all feel that way. Choirs, programs, MidWeek...you all know the list. We are moving forward. Pray it up everyone! Go, God, Go! I talked Sunday morning about the blessing prayer I got in last week's Consistory meeting. Just so you all know, the Consistory has prayed over me before...even laid hands on me and prayed...all those have been so special. Wow! This particular one was unique in that it was a directed blessing...I was moved. Inspired! Lifted! Encouraged! I hope I can bring to all of you that word of blessing. We are in this together! The Kingdom is here!

I forgot to mention again on Sunday that we are still looking for more photos that you can send to us. We have received some very good ones. Remember...a photo or two of a time in your life when you knew God was moving. A moment when God was there. I'll give you all a couple more weeks on this. We need them in a file form or bring them by the office and we can scan them for you. God is always working. We have seen it. We want to share it!

RCA things. Again, let me remind you all what our plans are. General Synod is in October. We are waiting for those meetings. Lots of eyes are on that, folks. I don't know how all of that will go. We can make predictions, but I don't think that would be appropriate. Many folks know a big change is coming. Our Consistory is united on waiting to see the outcome of General Synod and then making future plans. As I said last week in my newsletter, leaving may be coming for us as well, but we are far more interested in where we go after. I am going to be in the fellowship hall area each week to answer any questions you have.

Our new series is off and running. I am enjoying the study so much already. I have loved looking at the stories in the bible through the lens of the "Kingdom of Heaven". Often Jesus would say, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like...". He would tell a story to illustrate what it was like. Remember, Jesus came to open our eyes to His kingdom and then he made a way for us to be in it...right now! I love that theme. Sunday, we are doing the story of the two sons. A Jesus parable. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

## SHARE

YOUR PHOTOS



Share a photo that shows a moment in your life where God was present.

You may not have realized it then, but you see it now.

We've got a challenge for you! Share up to 3 photos that show a moment in your life where God was present. You may not have realized it then, but you see it now.

Please use this Dropbox link to upload your photos. https://www.dropbox.com/request/874I0tGVvZG87f0wx7dB

We are gathering photos for a possible video showing how God is moving in the lives at Community. If you send us one, we are going to assume it is ok to use it.

Also, please understand that we not be able to use every single photo we get.

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Sheri if you can help! sheri.brouwer@communiturc.org

#### **NURSERY SIGN UPS**

605.church/nurseryvolunteers

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT 15:**

9:00AM- BOOK CLUB 7:30-8:30PM- H.S. YOUTH GROUP

#### **SATURDAY, SEPT. 18:**

7:00AM-PRAYER MINISTRY (CHAPEL) 10:00AM- AA MEETING

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 19:

8:00AM, 9:00AM & 10:45AM-IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES 10:10AM- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### **TUESDAY. SEPT. 21:**

7:00PM- AA MEETING 7:00PM- BOOK CLUB 7:00PM- HOPE CIRCLE (JEANIE'S HOME)

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT 22:**

6:00PM- ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP 7:30-8:30PM- H.S. YOUTH GROUP

#### **UPCOMING MINISTRIES**

#### HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will start their 2021-2022 season on Sept. 21st at 7:00pm. We will meet at Jeanie's home (4510 E. 53rd St., Apt. 107). She will serve as hostess and Barb will lead lesson 2 in Parables, our study book. Be ready to sign up for the hostess and leader jobs for the remainder of our season.

#### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens meet every 2nd Monday of the month at Noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Next date: October 11. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030.

#### **BAPTISMS**

We'll be doing private baptisms after the 10:45am service. If you'd like to request baptism, please email the church office at connect@communityrc.org.

#### **BOOK CLUBS**

The **evening book club** will meet Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 7 pm at church. We will be discussing *Long Shining Waters*.

#### **AA BIG BOOK MEETING**

Every Tues. at 7pm at Community- Open meeting. Use east door. 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



Last week I mentioned one of the adult studies we'll be offering this year. The Journey is a long-term group study that will be facilitated by Jeannette Jennings. In order to give people information to decide whether or not to participate in this study, Jeannette will be in The Corner in between services on September 19 and September 26 to answer any questions you might have. And she'll be hosting an informational meeting on Sunday, September 26 from 4-5pm in the chapel at church as well. If you have any interest at all in this study, I strongly encourage you to stop in The Corner to chat with Jeannette or make plans to go to her informational meeting. This is a wonderful study for adults.

As we get closer to Mid-Week, I want to put the word out to any adults who may be feeling a little God-nudge to teach an adult class. Over the years we have had many different classes offered. Some are offered for 4-6 weeks. Others run all year long. This year, since we are starting up Mid-Week after our Covid hiatus, I'm honestly not sure what to expect as far as attendance. However, if you're feeling like teaching adults is something you might want to do, please contact me and we can discuss the details.

I already have almost 25 adults pre-registered for the Enneagram workshop I'll be teaching on Wednesday, September 22 from 6-8pm! Thanks to everyone who has registered already! It's not too late to register, and frankly, a registration is not required. However, a registration is appreciated so I can be sure to have enough copies for everyone. 

At this workshop, I'll be teaching the history of the enneagram, the proper ways to apply it as a Christian, as well as myths and misapplications of the tool. I'm looking forward to our time together. This workshop is FREE and open to any interested adult. You can register by emailing me at the address below!

Please keep in mind our important upcoming dates:

#### Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:00-8:00pm Enneagram Workshop

A FREE workshop for adults to discuss and learn the history of the enneagram, and the appropriate ways to use this tool. An RSVP to me is appreciated but not necessary.

#### Sunday, September 24, 4:00-5:00pm The Journey informational meeting

This meeting will answer questions and share information about a long-term small group study for adults.

Sunday, October 3, 4:00-5:30pm Choir Rehearsal We rehearse every Sunday from 4:00-5:30pm, and we do offer child care during this time.

Wednesday, October 6, 5:30-7:30pm Mid-Week begins This is the absolute best way to connect with and meet people from Community!

Have a great week!

Liz

Liz.Teel@communityrc.org





#### Hi Everyone!

The first week of Sunday School is here at last! I'm so excited! We are still seeking a few people who would be willing to be part of our Substitute Teacher list. I like to give the teachers a few people they can call if neither of the two teachers is available on a given week. If you are willing to be on that list, please let me know or sign up here: <a href="https://bit.ly/3xNSJrL">https://bit.ly/3xNSJrL</a>

Here is the information regarding Sunday School:

- Starting date: Sept. 19.
- Sunday School is from 10am to 10:40am.
- The K-5 kids will go right to their classrooms in the Children's Wing.
- The preschool age kids start in the center area of the kids' wing to do singing time, then they go to their classrooms after they sing with Doug, Randi and Marty while Cheryl plays piano.

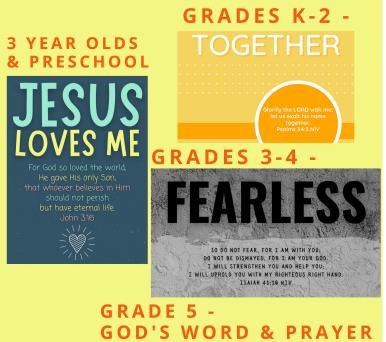
If you aren't feeling comfortable having your child come to Sunday School quite yet due to covid but would like to have a copy of the lessons that your child's class will be doing each week so that you can do them at home, please send me an email and I can send you a copy of the lessons for your child's age group (for 3 year olds through grade 4.)

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know. That's what I'm here for!

See you soon!

Heather DeWit Director of Children's Ministries 605-336-1475 Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org







We are midway through September and I continue to get more excited for the year as things start up again this fall. Our high school group continues to meet Wednesday nights during September and it has been a lot of fun having a full group each week. Each year the groups dynamic is always a little different and with a large freshman class that's once again true. It's been great as we have started in a series "You are Known". We meet from 7:30-8:30 officially. Students are also welcome to come early, bring some food and hang out before we start - or stick around for awhile after as well.

Sunday school starts this Sunday and I'm looking forward to seeing what that will look like this year. Our first week together will be an overview of the year and allow us to know what to expect as we meet Sunday mornings. Then, our middle school Wednesday nights will start with the rest of midweek in October!

Finally, we do have our first event of the fall on the calendar. Sunday, September 26th, we will meet at church for a night of large group games. I will be coming up with a new game to try out before we go to some of the favorites over the last few years. Middle school will meet from 6-7 and high school from 7-8 Sunday evening.

That's it for this week!

Doyle



**CONTACT CARD** 

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

#### **NEW PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Susan Bierwagen's brother in law, Larry (tests)

#### **ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Spring & Tony
- · Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- · Robyn Jacobs' dad, Rick (Leukemia)
- · Harriett Valentine's grandson's wife, Amy
- · Jim Fisher's brother, Dan
- 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)
- · Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- · Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- · Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- · Gary Jensen (cancer)
- · Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you, Community, for all the prayers and cards after my hip surgery. I'm also grateful for all the prayers for my son, Loren, after his stroke.

Bert Roetman

### **FINANCES**

Sunday, September 12, 2021

General: \$10,495 Vision: \$315 Missions: \$225

General YTD: \$563,497 Vision YTD: \$67,554

Vision Account Balance: \$185,680

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**SEPTEMBER 15, 2021** 

REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

If you would like to request membership or baptism, please e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org.
We'll be doing private baptism after the 10:45am service through the summer.

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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