

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 22, 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 volunteer-based 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

The weeks are flying by, everyone! September has given us some cooler weather and some nice rain. My mom said that even back home the grass has once again turned green. That is a welcome change back there. You can see the fall colors now, and fall is arriving officially this week. I am ready for my favorite time of the year. Hunting is coming and I am very ready to do some of that. I know that many of you have been most busy with activities and getting back into the routine of school and all the things that take up our time during this season. Enjoy the lovely weather and the fall season coming up.

My week is a bit different. My sister, Crystal, passed away this past Sunday from a cancer that would not give in. It was a rough few weeks for that family in O'Neill, NE. I will be going there this week to do her funeral/life celebration. She was a unique person to be sure. She was always driving. She was always up for whatever was coming her way.

Funny, chatty, and looking for some new adventure. Her family is taking it pretty hard, as would be expected. I will do my best for her and for them. I will be speaking in the very church I worked in as a youth pastor back in the eighties. It will be a trip down memory lane. I am sure to run into some familiar faces while I am there. This old world seems to bring sorrow to us, doesn't it? I have a mom who is going to now lose a child. That's out of order. This kingdom can do such things to us. We have been talking about that these past couple of weeks in church. Many of you reading through these words have experienced such sad things. This is not our home...Crystal is finally in her new one. Sad for us here. No tears there. The journey of life.

Heather reported that Sunday school things went well on Sunday. There were not as many kiddos as past years, but we believe as all this COVID stuff calms folks, will slowly feel more confident. We are all good with that. You all need to make those decisions for yourself. We know all the kids are still around because Bible school was huge...folks are being careful. I think Heather even sent home some things for some of our families. We can do this together.

MidWeek is getting closer. We are still planning things for the first night. I don't really know what to expect at this point. I know there are several adult class options. I haven't settled on mine yet. I know...I usually have this done weeks before, but I am still not sure. I have several ideas floating around in my brain. I need to settle on one pretty soon. I'll keep you informed.

Sunday's message is part 2 of the prodigal son story. This week, I believe we may discover another reason Jesus told that story. For many of us, it is a story about a lost son who returned home, but maybe there is more. Was Jesus trying to communicate a much deeper lesson? We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!



FROM THE LIBRARY

From the library:

What's new: There's a new mobile shelf/cart added to the library. On this cart are four of our most-published authors. Here's how it works. If you are looking for a particular author such as Karen Kingsbury, you would go to "K" in the fiction section. There you will see a marker shaped rather like a book which reads "Kingsbury on cart." Then you turn around and there it is--all the Kingsbury together on the cart. The other authors on the cart are Tracie Peterson, Davis Bunn, and Ted Dekker. Each has a marker directing you to the new cart.

What's not new: The librarians always love to help you find your next good read or new favorite video. Just ask.

Your full-service church library :)

Check it out.

Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry

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/874l0tGVvZG87f0wx7dB>

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 22:

7:30-8:30PM- H.S. YOUTH GROUP

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25:

7:00AM-PRAYER MINISTRY (CHAPEL)

10:00AM- AA MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26:

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

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES

10:10AM- ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

4:00-5:00PM- THE JOURNEY INFO MEETING

MONDAY, SEPT. 27:

6:00PM- ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28:

7:00PM- AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 29:

7:30-8:30PM- H.S. YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

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 morning book club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 9am at the church. They will be discussing *My Sunshine Away*.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, October 19, at 7 pm at the church. They will be discussing *Glass Castles*.

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.

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

My article this week will have some important new information about certain upcoming events, so please read carefully.

Early Sunday morning, my dad's sister, Crystal, passed away after a brief fight with lung cancer. My dad is the oldest in his family, but Crystal was the oldest girl. My cousins and I spent so many fun days with Crystal when we were little. She was a marvelous aunt. This week, my family will head to O'Neill, NE, which is where Crystal farmed with her husband and raised two children to adulthood. This week, we'll spend time with my grandma, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends to celebrate Crystal's life.

Of course, this means that my enneagram workshop will need to be postponed. If you RSVP'd I have sent you a message to let you know the new dates. **The new date for the enneagram workshop will be Monday, September 27 from 6-8pm.** If you are able to attend, please let me know. And if you're not able to attend, don't worry. I've had several people express interest who are not able to attend this workshop, so there is a very good chance I'll offer another workshop soon. 😊

Don't forget about The Journey adult study. Jeannette will be in The Corner again this week to answer any questions you might have, and she'll still be hosting her informational meeting on Sunday, September 26 from 4-5pm. If you want to learn more about this great study, please come to that meeting!

And lastly this week, I want to give a heads up about choir. Our first meeting for choir will be on October 3 at 4:00pm. At this meeting, we'll see if we even have enough interest in having choir this year. Based on numbers for other opportunities at Community, we still aren't sure if choir will be viable this year. So, if you are willing to sing, please make every effort to be at that meeting on October 3. If you can't be there but you do want to sing, please let me know so we can add your number to our group. Thanks for your patience as we work out all of these details!

Please keep in mind our important upcoming dates:

Sunday, September 24, 4:00-5:00pm The Journey informational meeting in the chapel

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

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE

MONDAY, September 27, 2021, 6:00-8:00pm Enneagram Workshop in the chapel

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, October 3, 4:00-5:30pm Choir Meeting in the Chapel

We will meet for the first time to ascertain whether or not we have enough people to form a choir this year. If you aren't able to be there, please let me know so I can add you to our group number.

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

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KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

The first week of Sunday School went very well. If you have any Sunday School questions or need anything, please let me know.

The next thing on our calendar is Midweek! We are starting on October 6. Plan to join us if you can. I'm seeking some helpers for Midweek for the K-5 kids this year. We are doing it a little differently this fall and trying a new format. We'll do a large group lesson/ activity and only break into smaller groups for prayer and discussion. We'll see if we like it and make changes if needed as the year goes forward. If you are able to help, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CACAA2EABFB6-midweek3> Join us on Wednesday nights from October 6 to April 6. Classes for K-5 kids start at 6:30pm. A free meal is served from 5:30-6:30pm. There are also classes for Middle School Youth and Adults beginning at 6:30pm. Nursery is available. High School Youth Group is at 7:30 on Wednesdays so plan to make Midweek a part of your whole family's schedule.

THIRD GRADERS- On Sunday, October 31, 2021, we'll give you your Bibles and pray with you in front of church. You don't have to sign up and you can choose whether you come to the 9am service or the 11am service. You'll receive a study Bible and a certificate for getting your Bible personalized.

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know.

See you soon!

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DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Our first event of the fall is this upcoming Sunday (the 26th) here at Community. Our middle school group will meet from 6:00-7:00 and our high school group from 7:00-8:00. I am creating a new large group game for us to try out and I'm looking forward to seeing how it goes. It is always a lot of fun to get creative, but every once in a while they don't turn out as well live as they do in theory. In that case, we will go back to some of the favorite games over the last few years. Regardless, I am looking forward to a fun night to kick off our fall middle school group and continue to meet as a high school group. If your student(s) is free, I would love for them to join us.

Sunday school has officially started and this next week we will be starting in a new video series for the middle school and will have a devotional/conversation in the high school youth. I will have some cereal this week as a request from the high school group so there will be some food! If any of you enjoy making bars/cookies/doughnuts and would like to share with the middle school and high school group let me know and we can set up a day. Students always seem to be a little more alert in the morning when there is food there.

I am working on setting up a parent meeting for both middle school and high school ministries in the next month. I will be finalizing and sending that out by next week – so parents, keep your eye out for that. While those are good for me to pass along information and direction for the year, it is also a great chance for me to hear from you and find ways to partner together throughout the year. I always appreciate the input and take away several things to continue to build the youth ministry up.

That's it for this week! If you have any questions about the youth ministry feel free to reach out anytime.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jenny Getting
- Mary Warner (heart)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Susan Bierwagen's brother in law, Larry
- 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)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Pastor Clyde and his family, on the passing away of his sister Crystal.

FINANCES

Sunday, September 19, 2021

General: \$11,063
Vision: \$1,625
Missions: \$750

General YTD: \$574,559
Vision YTD: \$69,179
Vision Account Balance: \$187,305

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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 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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