



THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 8, 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

We have been seeing this fall weather now. The air has changed a little and you can tell. I am sure we are still going to see some warm days as that always seems to be the case in the month of September. With Labor Day behind us we know that things will start looking like fall now. I really don't mind. I love this time of year and always have. Enjoy the weather folks and green around here. We are being blessed here for sure. Hunting season is not far off. I am excited about that this year.

RCA updates and information: Sunday morning we had a very nice group gather for some updates on all the issues with the RCA. It wasn't a lot of new information because there are not a lot of new updates, but we were able to clarify some things and I do believe that was helpful. Folks asked if I knew what the Consistory was thinking about staying or leaving the RCA. Well, the best we can say is if the all wrong things happen in the RCA there might not be anything to stay in. The RCA may fold. We just don't know. Right now, we are more likely to go, as so many other churches have. The timing on that is different for all the churches as well. Another point was, once we are out...where to go we go? What then? That, folks, is something I want to work through with you a bit. Questions like who we are, and what kind of church are we? Those things will help us determine our future. There are places to join...I'm sure you are hearing that; however, I want you to be informed and let you make that decision with good information as your foundation. That is what we want to do after General Synod meets in October. I'll keep you up to speed each week. If you have questions...call me at the office, or stop in.

This week is our annual fall "kickoff" event that we now call "This Is Community" Sunday. We are trying to simplify that more each year. There will be places to sign up for things and lots of information cards out for everyone. It is our day to begin putting people and plans together. It is in many ways a Sunday to celebrate the things we do and the people who make those things go. I know we need lots more folks in lots of areas so be thinking about that this week. It's all good! Go, God, Go!

We have so many things planned for the fall. MidWeek things, choir, Sunday School, Bible Studies, etc. I am very aware that we are all wondering how things will go for folks with that virus running around a bit again this fall. I have been telling people, do what you feel you can do. We are letting you decide about things. We have been at this for a long time. We can figure it out. Right now, we are watching schools and things just like all of you. We are moving forward. I'm sure Consistory will talk about it on Thursday night. Go, God, Go!

Sunday is the first Sunday of our fall series called "You Belong." You may have seen signs around the church with that message on them. It is a theme we are using for this year's fall sermons. It is centered around the idea that God has known us since before the creation itself. That is a difficult truth to fully grasp, but we all want a place to belong; a home or maybe a family. That connection gives us an identity and value. The kingdom of God is a place where people can plug themselves in and grow with us. Jesus made the way to the kingdom...to this new home. God loves you with an everlasting love and He has made a way for you to belong. This week we begin. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

THIS IS COMMUNITY **SUNDAY** 9.12.21



If you'd like to fill your contact card out early, scan code above.

This Is Community Sunday is Sept. 12! We'll be having you fill out a contact card to mark the ministries and opportunities you are interested in learning more about.

There will also be several tables to sign up to volunteer for midweek meals, nursery and Sunday School.

And...we'll have donut holes to celebrate!



PHOTO CHALLENGE

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.

**WE COULD USE YOUR HELP THIS FALL!
CHECK OUT THESE LINKS BELOW TO SIGN UP FOR A
SPOT THAT WORKS BEST INTO YOUR SCHEDULE.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN UPS

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4cacao2eabfb6-community>

NURSERY SIGN UPS

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a9aa29a3fac43-nursery>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 8:

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11:

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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12:

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 13

NOON- SENIOR CITIZENS (E. PIZZA RANCH)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14:

7:00PM- AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 15:

9:00AM- BOOK CLUB
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.

JOY CIRCLE

CHANGE OF LOCATION: Meet on Wed. Sept 8th at 9:30am at church to assemble bags for the homeless. Supplies will be purchased. You will be asked to donate to cover the cost of the supplies.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens meet every 2nd Monday of the month at Noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Next date: Sept 13. 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, Sept. 15, at 9 am at church. We will be discussing *More of Less* by Becker.

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.



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

As we work our way into September, our fall schedule starts to amp up!

This week, I'd like to highlight an adult study we will be offering this year. This study is a long-term small group study called The Journey. In years past, we have offered this study several times, and it's always well received by each participant. This year's class will be taught by Jeannette Jennings, a retired educator. Jeannette will be hosting an informational meeting about The Journey on Sunday, September 26 at 4:00pm in the chapel. She will also be in The Corner at 10:00am on September 19th and 26th to answer any questions you might have and to share a bit of information about this study. The Journey is open to any adults who are looking to deepen their relationship with God and with others, and who want to learn more about how to recognize God's working in their lives. It's a powerful study, and I highly recommend it. If you're free any of those days, I encourage you to visit with Jeannette or attend the informational meeting to help you decide if this is something God is inviting you to do. It is well worth your time.

This Sunday, we will be celebrating "This is Community" Sunday! This year, we will be doing things just a bit differently. Instead of having tables with information, which frankly was a bit congested and difficult to maneuver, we will ask you to fill out a contact card and mark the ministries and opportunities you are interested in learning more about. Then those in charge of each area will make a personal connection with you about those things and will be able to answer very specific questions you might have. I know this is different, but I'm hopeful it will work even better to inform you about ministries and opportunities at Community. There will still be a few tables for signing up (like Mid-Week). So, we won't do away with tables entirely. But be sure to check out and fill out those cards you'll find on the chairs on Sunday morning!

Our important upcoming dates are as follows:

Sunday, September 12 This is Community Sunday

Fill out a contact card to learn more about all the ministries and events at church!

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, 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

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KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

We have almost enough Sunday School teachers. I am so thankful for each person who said they are willing to help this year. Our biggest needs now (as I write this on Monday) is a **second teacher for Grade 4 and for Substitutes!** If you are willing to be on the list for teachers to call if they need someone to step in for a week here or there, please sign up asap at our link:

<https://bit.ly/3xNSJrL> or email me.

For those of you who already said yes, be sure to check your inbox for an email from me. I sent some information last week for all teachers and helpers.

We are so excited to see everyone for the first day of Sunday School on 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.

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

Thanks!

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

Director of Children's Ministries

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A COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENT TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE IMPACTED BY THE 2021 EARTHQUAKE AND TROPICAL STORM.

5PM-6:30PM- FOOD TRUCKS,
6:30PM - WORSHIP, PRAYER, TESTIMONIES, VIDEOS AND UPDATES FROM HAITI
HOSTED AT EMBRACE CHURCH (57TH ST)

COMMUNITY KIDS



2021-2022 CALENDAR

9/12/21	This is Community Sunday
9/19/21	Sunday School begins
10/6/21	Midweek Begins
11/24/21	Thanksgiving Eve Service
11/28/21	No Sunday School
12/5/21	Kids Christmas Program
12/22/21	No Midweek
12/24/21	Christmas Eve
12/26/21	No Sunday School
12/29/21	No Midweek
1/2/22	No Sunday School
1/5/22	No Midweek
1/9/22	Sunday School starts again
1/12/22	Midweek starts again
4/6/22	Pizza and Praise-Midweek
4/17/22	Easter- no Sunday School
5/1/22	Last day of Sunday School
6/26-29/22	Vacation Bible School



DOYLES'S UPDATE MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Our fall has officially started for the high school youth group on Wednesday nights! It was so great to be back together this past Wednesday. As we start the school year we move to a series titled "You are Known". Back in the story of creation, the fall and redemption this month, the focus is the depth God knows us. As creator, father, savior and friend – God knows us fully. In that truth, we reflect on the Good News Jesus brings to us. I look forward to the discussion and time in God's word this fall.

Along with high school youth starting, both Sunday school and middle school Wednesdays are getting close as well. Sunday school will start September 19th and Middle school will start October 6th. I am excited to be back to a full fall schedule.

Finally, there are several events that I am beginning to plan for the fall. By next week's newsletter those should be set. As we continue to move into the fall, please feel free to reach out with any questions. I also ask that you join me in praying for our students as this school year moves forward. My God's peace, joy and hope be with them in all that comes their way this year.

That's it for this week.

Doyle



PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Bert Roetman (hip surgery 8/23)
- Robyn Jacobs' dad, Rick (Leukemia)
- Bert Roetman's son, Loren (stroke)
- 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)
- Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
- 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)

FINANCES

Sunday, September 5, 2021

General: \$11,620
Vision: \$1,335
Missions: \$240
Faith Avenue: \$500

General YTD: \$553,002
Vision YTD: \$67,239
Vision Account Balance: \$185,365

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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'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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