

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

Our month of June is now half-over, and summer keeps marching on. It has been on the warm side this year, but I think what has gotten my attention more is the wind. I don't even like talking about the wind because it almost makes me mad. (I'm smiling though.) The wind can just ruin anything, can't it? We have had so many days in a row of that south wind. That is a change from last year for sure. I do hope it continues to bring up the rain though because after a few days of that we can always use a little rain. It's summer everyone! Get and out fight the wind!

The first item for my newsletter article is starting church up again. The consistory decided to get things going on the 28th of June. I know some are wondering why not just do it this Sunday, but there is more to get back than you might think. We aren't sure who all if comfortable coming at this point and we need to make sure we have all the bases covered with the folks it takes to make church go so, we needed that extra time to get all that in place. I had the officials from the Health Department come out and look over our church and determine how best to do all of this. So, I am pretty confident in how we are approaching things. We had most of it figured out, but it is good to hear what they recommend. So, here is how we are going to do things. All three services will be running at their normal times. No change there. We will be marking the rows so that we only sit in every other one. I think most of you were expecting that. Singing is ok! I asked! I was glad to hear that. There will be no nursery for now. We will be looking into that more as the summer progresses, but right now...no. No coffee bar yet either. Sorry coffee people. We are just trying to keep from having places that focus groups of people in one area. It is summertime, if you need to visit with that good friend, just walk out in the sun and visit away. I think you can

understand that. We have all been at this for some time so we all should know how most of this needs to go. I told them I thought you were all pretty smart and we didn't need to put up a bunch of signs. We can figure this out! Use your brains! Be flexible! Be nice! As we said on Sunday morning, if you are still uncomfortable with getting together that is ok. Use that live-feed as long as you need to. That is why we have it going. We are really going to try to keep that looking good. There is still more to be added to the live feed in the coming weeks. It is also summer, so we know people are gone more on the weekends now. That should help us with all the "things" as we start back again. It will be a work in progress so be patient, ok? We have never had to do something like this before. I didn't get this training in seminary.

The staff has been working in very different ways this summer. It is not easy. I have mentioned that before. Church work is very personal. One on one! When you lose that, it matters. Weddings or funerals, youth camps, retreats, Bible schools, counseling, new people wanting to connect...it is all affected. We have learned new ways and have adjusted as best as we can, but we are going to be very happy when that changes. That day will come! Go God Go!

Sunday, we do Chapter 3 of Hebrews. Jesus is being lifted up once again. This is where Hebrews will compare Jesus to a great leader of Israel, Moses. How is Jesus greater than Moses? I love this study! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

Live ^(NEW) Prayer

Special night of prayer:
Thursday, June 25th
at 7:30-8:00pm.

Use the same login info as below. This will be a night to come together in prayer about church staff and leadership, city, state, nation, divisiveness and social unrest, COVID 19, wisdom for planning, etc.

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom video. 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

Call Shawn Blom at
605-940-6702 with questions.



The church office is open from 9am-Noon M-F. If you have any questions, please call the church at 336-1475.

DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Our summer continues to move forward even with camps and trips being canceled. I have been brainstorming some ideas on activities and events we can still host for both groups this summer, and the last few weeks as we have been gathering together has given me a boost of energy! I've sure missed the face to face interactions.

Our middle school youth group will meet every other week throughout the summer with some big group activities, games and/or events in July and August as well. We are meeting this Wednesday at church starting at 6:30 and going until 7:30! It is also the first time our incoming 6th graders will be invited to join the group! I'm looking forward to meeting our new class!

High school group continues to meet Wednesday nights at 7:30 for conversation and continuing to connect for the summer. Like middle school, our incoming 9th graders are also welcome to join the high school moving forward! Another opportunity for the high school group is on Sunday nights as we focus on Spiritual Disciplines again this summer. There will be some overlap from last summer as well as a few new practices for students to dig into.

Finally, I am working on hosting a retreat style event for both groups (separate times) for later in July. While going somewhere may not be a possibility, we may look at using our space to bring some focused time and teaching for this summer. I am still working on the details, but am framing it like a shortened week of camp.

As we continue on in the summer, if you have any questions about the high school or middle school ministry, feel free to reach out anytime!

Doyle Burnside
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All in-person activities suspended until further notice

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISM DATE POSTPONED

The baptism scheduled for Sunday, June 7th has been postponed until Sunday, Aug. 23 @ 3:00pm.

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH- JUNE

Samaritan's Feet

BOOK CLUBS **(NEW)**

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, July 21, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Book Thief* by Zusak.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, July 29 (note date change), at 9 am at the church. We will be discussing *Brain on Fire* by Cahalan. Books are available at the church library or you may contact Trudi at 360-1367 to find a pathway to get the book.

THE LIBRARY UPDATE **(NEW)**

The church library remains a go-to place for your books and videos needs. We continue to add new items regularly so there is something fresh in your choices each visit.

Remember that you can check and return items on your own whenever the church is open. If you wonder when that is, call the church office to ask.

FINANCES	
Sunday, June 14, 2020	
General:	\$22,387
Vision:	\$1,550
Missions:	\$335
Faith Ave	\$150
General YTD:	\$309,081
Vision YTD:	\$46,481
Vision Account Balance:	\$98,719

**Consistory Meeting
June 11th, 2020 via Zoom**

Attendance: Clyde, Jolene, Tom, Pete, Curt, Mark, Mike H., Gerald, Dustin, Bob, Matt M., Matt W., Chad M., Chad O., Jim, Nick and Rick

Opening Devotional and prayer - Tom Jacobs

MSA the minutes from May.

MSA of the financial reports for May 2020 given by Matt M and Chad O.

Old Business

Faith Ave. - Nothing to update this month

Mortgage - Matt M. and Mike H. will be at the closing for the mortgage.

New Business

Reports - From Liz, Heather and Doyle were reviewed.

Still waiting to see if we can have Vacation Bible School. Most likely will not decide until July.

RCA - 2020 event is now canceled.

Starting Church Again

Picked June 28th to start back

Clyde is going to meet with SOAR team to better understand how services should go and how to sanitize between services.

Holli to call the cleaning crew to see if they could provide assistance with cleaning.

Clyde will let us know what he learns.

Focus Group to meet with Clyde and healthcare professionals

Dustin

Mat M.

Tom

Mike H

Mark

Office Hours - Will open to regular hour as the staff feels comfortable.

Other

When we do get back together we would like to celebrate the loan off.

Tom Closed in time of prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Jacobs, clerk

PRAYER REQUEST

- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurrey's dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Laura Maloney's brother-in-law, Bruce (lymphoma)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Jamelee Van Donge's dad, DeLyle (cancer)
- Wade Persson's mom (cancer)
- Clazina Van Wyhe (brain bleed)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)
- Lanette Hendrickson's dad
- Joe Johnson
- Marcia Thornton (sinus surgery)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Melanie Oden's dad, David (motorcycle accident)
- Audrey Landegents' son, David (cancer)
- Matt Marcus' dad (prostate cancer)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (prostate cancer)
- David Baker (triple bypass surgery)
- Dree & Hawk Mayer's sister-in-law, Beth (stroke)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Mike Boyenga's mom, Anita (cancer)
- Vi Slecta (surgery recovery)
- Al Price (prostate cancer)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Jean Nollmann's sister, Joyce
- Dave Sells

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

Temporarily Suspended

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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REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

If you would like to request membership or baptism, please e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org to set up a time to meet with the Elders (2nd or 4th Sundays of the month @ 10:10am.)

**Next Baptism Service: Sunday,
Aug 23 @ 3pm.**

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