Another week of June is in the books. This past week saw a little more rain come to the area. I don’t think any of us were disappointed with that. We were actually needing a rain and it has really greened things up. I love what that does for nature. The change is so refreshing. Summer keeps moving along and the 4th is not far off now. I can’t believe it! Our scheduling has been so messed up with this virus on the loose. We lost spring as we all tried to figure out just what was going on. Now, there seems to be a change in the whole thing to some degree. I know people are trying to get things going again with caution. That seems to be going pretty well for the most part. I’m sure we will all find our way. It is summer…so get out and enjoy it!

This Sunday we will do church in person. I guess that is what you call it. We have never done anything like this before, so it is all new for us. I really don’t know what to expect on Sunday. I know there are many people who are still very nervous about large crowds of people and I can understand that. I don’t want anyone to feel pressured in that room. You are all encouraged to do the best thing for you. No one is going to look down on you for staying home and watching online. We are all mature enough to handle that. We are not going to have lots of signs in the church. You have all been around this now for three months. You know what to do and what not to do. You are smart people. We will try to limit the seating to every other row. I think that makes sense. No coffee bar yet. No nursery. That just makes sense for a little longer. I guess we will see how it goes when you get here. Be nice and be smart…we can do this.

Our online will have to change as we move back up on the stage, but we are working on new things that will change how that looks as well. Those changes are probably about a month away, but you will like those changes. For now, the sound will still be the same, but I’ll be farther away…

that is the part that will change in a few weeks. I’m pretty excited about that! We have learned a lot in this crazy time. One of things is the value of that online church and how little things in that program really make a big difference for those watching. We continue to show grace to each other and be about the business of putting others first. I think that is in the Bible somewhere.

I have been so encouraged by how patient you have been through this. I know it will be an exciting day for many of you as you get to be together again. It is still not perfectly “free”, but it is a move in a good direction. Please continue to show grace to each other and be about the business of putting others first. I think that is in the Bible somewhere.

We are still working on the Bible School thing. Actually, what we are waiting for is to see what kind of progress they make in the next week with the virus stuff. Heather is watching. What we don’t want to do is throw something together with so many restrictions that it feels weird to the kids. That’s not having Bible School…that’s just doing something to say we did it. I don’t like the feel of that at all. So be praying about that with us.

The Hebrews study moves on. I hope you are beginning to see that this letter fits today’s world as well as it did back then. Lots of things have changed in the world, but lots of things have not. People are still people. That never changes! This week is Chapter 4. It is an interesting one. There are a couple of very familiar verses in chapter 4 that many of us know. Those verses are in an interesting context. I think we will focus on that. We’ll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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 via phone: (346) 248-7799
Meeting website: https://zoom.us/j/862139432
Meeting ID: 862139432
Call Shawn Blom at 605-940-6702 with questions.

The church office is open from 9am-12pm M-F. If you have any questions, please call the church at 336-1475.
As we move forward with our schedule, we’ve all been working hard around church to make sure that we are doing all we can to help people feel safe as they come back to worship in person. It probably won’t feel the same at first, but we’ll eventually get back to things feeling more normal. As you all know, it will take some time! But we’ll get there. We just need to be patient as everything works itself out.

As I mentioned briefly on Sunday, The Corner will not be “open” on Sunday mornings until new protocols make it safe to do so. That said, please don’t hesitate to contact me via email with any questions you might have about church things. If you know of someone who is visiting or has even “visited” online, encourage them to connect with me via email! At the very least, we can say hello and start a conversation.

I want to remind all of the worship musicians/players/singers that the decision to sing or play is completely up to you. There will be no judgement about either decision! I have contacted all of you via email, but if you never received that email, please check in with me. (Or maybe check your spam folder.)

I finished four different books last week all in reference to potential classes for the fall. I’ve learned a ton of new and good information, and I’m starting to put together ideas for possible adult classes and studies. As always, if you have thoughts about classes or topics you might like to learn more about, please contact me. I like to take many ideas into consideration as I plan.

Have a great week!

Liz
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STARTING SUNDAY, JUNE 28
WELCOME BACK
IN-PERSON SERVICES @ 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00AM
ONLINE SERVICES: 9:00 & 11:00AM
LIVESTREAM.COM/COMMUNITYREFORMEDCHURCH
DOYLE’S UPDATE

It has been so great to get together in person the last few weeks and catch up on how life is going. I feel like there is a lot more conversation taking place during our time together. It’s fun to see where those conversations lead each night.

A few of our incoming 6th graders were able to join us this week and it was so great to begin getting to know them. We had some time of introductions and played some 9 square outside at church. We will meet as a group again on July 1st at 6:30.

Our high school group continues to have a more relaxing summer as our camps and trips were all canceled. We will continue to meet Wednesday nights at 7:30 throughout the summer. We are also focusing on some spiritual practices this summer on Sunday nights. Students can come when it works for them and each week we will focus on a new practice all together or build off of our last week. I hope it’s a time and challenge that leads students to continue to journey together with God.

It is a very different summer and as we continue to get closer to the middle I will be sending out some details on a stay at church retreat we will be hosting for the youth groups. It’s for sure different but I am looking forward to being creative as we move on this summer. As we do so, if there are any questions please send them my way anytime!

Doyle Burnside
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 28-8, 9, 11:00am– In-Person and Online services

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

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

Evidently God is trying to teach me a few things in this little garden of mine. You might think that I am a good gardener, since I talk about it often. Nope! I don’t have a green thumb at all. However, there is something about a summer garden that makes me keep trying year after year. This year, the birds, squirrels, bunnies and my silly dog have been busy raiding the garden and “rearranging.” On top of that, my daughter tried planting some greens to feed her pet lizard but she sprinkled the seeds all over the garden, between every plant. This means that it was nearly impossible to figure out what was a weed and what was a plant and every inch of dirt is covered by something green. I decided we should just pull up her greens along with the weeds and try planting her seeds again in a flower pot instead because the garden was so full of green stuff that nothing could grow. Then we can find our tomatoes and peppers back for the season. The last few days of weed pulling have led me to wonder if every time I pull one weed out, three pop up or if someone is coming behind me and putting them all back in. 😊

When that thought crossed my mind, just as quickly, the parable that Jesus told about seeds followed. I had just written a Sunday School lesson on that topic so the timing was good. I started to think about what God is doing in my life and my heart and has been throughout my life. I also thought about the children at Community and God’s work in each of them. He is faithful—100% of the time!

Matthew 13:1-9 NIV

The activity for kiddos this week is from Noah’s Ark because the kids can’t get enough of the adventure, the animals and the jokes about how bad the ark must have smelled!

I’ll talk to you soon!

Heather DeWit
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"But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.”

Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Genesis 6:18-22
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PRAYER REQUEST

- Clayton Bierwagon (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurry’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)
- Ciazina 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 Bayenga’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
- Susan Bierwagon (broken leg)

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

Samaritan’s Feet serves and inspires hope in children by providing shoes as the foundation to a spiritual and healthy life resulting in the advancement of education and economic opportunities. Visit samaritansfeet.org to learn more.

Locally, at the beginning of the school year, there is a shoe distribution for kids heading off to school. There will be opportunities to volunteer with this shoe distribution. Look for more info in upcoming newsletters.

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

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.

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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