PRAYER MINISTRY

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
Password: 853781

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Bishop Dudley Hospitality House

The most recent statistics indicate that more than 600 men, women and children in Sioux Falls are without a home. The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, located in downtown Sioux Falls, offers a safe, secure and warm place to start the road back to a more stable, long-term way of living.

THE COMMUNICATOR
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
APRIL 14, 2021

CLYDE’S UPDATE

The wind! Done with that! So, now that April is half over, I do believe we would all love to see more spring things. I like those flowers and blossoms, but we might be waiting a bit longer for any of that. I guess once again we shall see. I hope you all did have a good Easter with some family things. I know that people are doing a little more of that these days and I like to see all of that get going again. I did get home to see my mom last week. That was a good thing and one that I need to do a little more than I do. The time just gets away from us. I am sure you all understand what I am talking about.

We have new Consistory members coming on next month. If you remember, we did a kind of double election this past year and so now we see another change happening on the board. Bob Weerheim, Mark Koll, Chad McKee, Michael Dick, Chad Odens, and Curt Zwart are going off this month. I want to thank those gentlemen for being a part of the leadership team these past 3 years. It has been an interesting time with all the changes out here and of course all the things with COVID and of course, RCA matters. It was a busy time. We add Tom Bosch, Russ Hoogendoorn, Tom Van Roekel, Grant Boltjes, Kenny Hartzell, and Corey Feenstra. These are great people, and I am excited to see what each of them brings to table. Pray them up everyone!

RCA news. Let me keep this information moving ahead for you again this week. So, after all the weeks of background info, let me move this to what we might call more action steps. In other words, what do we do as a church? All these things are going on and we are involved because we are a part of the RCA. If things are happening to them, it is happening to us and we will need to do something. I’ll do my best to outline that for you this week. First, an information/question meeting. Consistory wants you to have this meeting for just us. We are doing that on the 25th of April at 5pm. Just us...our church family...our Consistory...our church family/Consistory...do our best to answer all of the questions. I am hoping these newsletter articles have helped, but no matter how much I write, there will always be a question or two. If you are not able to make that meeting and you would like to know more, please feel free to ask me about this. I am very comfortable with all of this...so please, ask me anything. Second step; we will need to decide what we do if the RCA is no longer in existence. Almost all of the churches in our Classis have decided to exit the RCA in one way or another. How does that affect us? That is the second thing we need to discuss. The final step will be to decide if/when we leave the RCA, or it no longer exists, where do we go? What is out there for us? That is a big decision and one your Consistory is looking into very carefully because that is about your future message and direction. I’ll speak more on that in next week’s newsletter.

After reading that last paragraph, let me just echo what I hear Consistory say. No matter how any of this goes, we will have church the following Sunday. We will always be on message! Jesus is going to be preached here, and in the world of “doing church” nothing will change. These extra things are a matter of doing some good business. We have to do that. It is the responsible thing to do...and we take that seriously. But our promise is that the main thing will be the main thing...Jesus is Alive! Grace will be proclaimed! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14:
7:00-8:00PM - M.S. YOUTH GROUP
8:00-9:00PM - H.S. YOUTH GROUP

SATURDAY, APRIL 17:
7:00AM- PRAYER MINISTRY
10:00AM- AA MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 18:
8:45AM, 9:45AM & 11:00AM- IN-PERSON & ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES

TUESDAY, APRIL 20:
7:00PM- AA MEETING
7:00PM- BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21:
9:00AM- BOOK CLUB
6:00-8:00PM - LAST NIGHT OF M.S. YOUTH GROUP
8:00-9:00PM- H.S. YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISM DATE
There will be a baptism service coming up but that date is to be determined. If that is too long to wait, please contact the church office to determine a date for a private service for you and your family.

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.

BOOK CLUBS
The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, April 20, at 7 pm at the church. They will be discussing Gilead by Robinson.

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, April 21, at 9 am at the church. They will be discussing News of the World by Jiles.

FINANCES
Sunday, April 11, 2021
General: $12,046
Vision: $855
Missions: $245

General YTD: $236,045
Vision YTD: $31,553
Vision Account Balance: $186,635
PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS
• Jean Nollman (nose bleeds)
• Ann DeYoung (hospitalized)
• Anna Halverson (seizures)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS
• Kara Schouten (hip pain)
• Jenny Getting (stroke recovery)
• Jan Kruen
• Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
• Brian Frisbee (stroke recovery/long-term rehab)
• Holli Jans’ dad, Milt (radiation treatments)
• Troy Payne’s brother (kidney transplant)
• Mitch Jensen
• Jodie Jensen (new cancer treatments)
• Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
• Jan Kreun’s dad (surgery recovery)
• Abby Brost (breast cancer)
• Connie Tiggelaar (hospice)
• 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)
• Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
• Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
• Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
• Tami Boyle’s dad (prostate cancer)
• Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law, Bruce (lymphoma)
• Gary Jensen (cancer)
• Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
• Tami Harm’s cousin (colon cancer)
• Melanie Oden’s dad, David

THE GIVE
Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries.

The Banquet: Ground Regular Coffee & Large Coffee filters

Community Youth- old cell phones or ink cartridges (the size that fits in your hand)

Community Kids- empty cereal boxes

Mission Haiti- shoes & backpacks (used or new)
Hi Everyone!

Wow! The builders for the schools out here near church sure are moving fast lately! When I open my office window, I can just imagine the sounds of kids playing and their excited chatter before and after school. I just can’t wait. For now, I’ll enjoy the wind with the beeps and bangs that come with the construction.

Please remember that we will be giving **BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS** on **MAY 9** during all services. On that day, 3rd graders will be invited to join us at the front of church to receive their Bibles together. There is no sign-up this year because each Bible will include a gift certificate for you to take the Bible to get it personalized for free. The kids will come to the front and we will pray with them before sending them off with a special study Bible and a certificate to have their name added to the Bible cover. If you or your child (older than 3rd grade) need a Bible, let us know. We have some for you as well!

I also want to remind you that Community offers to pay for half of the early bird registration fee for any kids going to Inspiration Hills this summer. The last day for early registration is **APRIL 15**. If you have any questions about that, feel free to call the church office. You can sign up your child at [https://inspirationhills.org/summer-camp.html](https://inspirationhills.org/summer-camp.html) and when it comes to the payment portion, enter that Community will pay for half of that early registration amount. Then when you pay your portion, leave that remaining half and Inspiration Hills will send us an invoice here at church. Be sure to send me a quick email with your child's name and which week they are attending so that we can pray for them while they are at camp. If they are inviting a friend, be sure to send that name as well. There are bus routes available for the day camps on their web page.

Last, but certainly not least, please keep your calendars open for Vacation Bible School this summer! You are not going to want to miss this one. August 1-4 in the evenings, we will be having fun and learning about God together. You can already sign up at [https://vbspro.events/p/events/2021](https://vbspro.events/p/events/2021) for children and volunteers.

Talk to you soon!
Heather DeWit

[https://www.communityrc.org/kids2021/](https://www.communityrc.org/kids2021/)

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Attendance: Clyde, Robyn, Tom, Shawn, Curt, Mark, Mike H. Bob, Matt M., Chad M., Steve, Rick, Duane, Logan, Dustin, and Chad O.

Opening Devotional and prayer – Chad McKee

MSA the minutes from March.

MSA of the financial reports for March given by Matt M.

Old Business

More Chairs
• It was discussed when to add more chairs to the services. The Consistory is keeping an eye the amount of new cases. Looking to see that number get a bit lower.

RCA Informational Meetings
• Having an informational meeting with the congregation on April 25th to share information, answer questions and discuss next steps.
• Pastor Clyde will continue to provide updates in the weekly newsletter.

New Business

Reports - From Liz and Heather were reviewed.
• Liz is working on getting VBS songs recorded within the next month or so. Liz is getting more request to meet with people as people getting vaccinated.
• Heather reports VBS is all written and moving along well. 3rd grade Bibles will be given out on May 9th.

Nursery
• Asking for a new substitute as there is a need. She is by herself two weekends out of the month. Consistory agreed to add an additional substitute.

Easter Reflections
• Good reports, all went well.

A word on 8am service
• Pastor Clyde is going to meet with the folks that go to the 8:00 AM service.

Other

Street and sidewalk are good for now. No need to pay yet. Pastor Clyde will ask the congregation if there would be anyone interested in making donations to finish off the street budget.

We need hire a new person to run the mowing and trimming duties. We are good with a resource until Memorial Day.

Clyde closed in time of prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Jacobs, clerk
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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: TBD

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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