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

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

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours this summer: M-Th 8:30am-4:30pm. Fridays from 8:30am-noon.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Feeding South Dakota-Backpack Program

CLYDE’S UPDATE

August has had some heat! Although, there have been moments that felt a little like fall. I don’t think I mind any of that. We have gotten some nice rain...some good corn weather...I think it’s all good. The month is getting away from us and it indeed will be fall before you know it. There are so many different things going on around us. Schedules are being set. Kids are getting ready to go back to school. College kids are getting ready to go back, and all of this with everything else going on. It is going to be an “interesting” ride. I know it gets frustrating to many of you. It’s a battle everyone. Stay the course! Stay focused! Chin down! We can do this! God is still on the throne!

As I said on Sunday morning, no matter what decision we make at church about any of this virus stuff, it won’t fit everyone’s opinion or life choice. It might be the most taxing of all of this. As a staff, we try to get input from people and then work to make decisions that seem the most responsible we can be. You are all very wise people and you can see the differences in every story out there. The perspectives are varied and all of us are walking not only through the issue of the virus, but so much of our attention is being pulled in so many directions. I have opinions just like all of you. They are mine, but I try to keep that out of making all the decisions because I am making choices that affect more people than just me. Many of you reading through this do the same thing in your businesses and families. It’s an interesting time. We are looking at moving ahead on some things as the fall gets close. Nursery? We are talking about that and how we can look at getting that started. Some churches are...some churches aren’t. There are even churches in Sioux Falls who have not had church at all yet. One very large one is starting for the first time this coming Sunday. We are trying to be responsible...whatever that even means in times like this.

As fall gets close what about all those programs? Oh my! We are hearing you talk to us! Sunday school? Heather did a survey. It was so interesting to read. Yes, let’s have it some say...but we probably won’t be there. I’m smiling as I write that, because I completely understand what those people are saying. We have Sunday school teachers who aren’t sure what to do. All the things you can imagine. I know I am going to pay special attention to schools as they open. If all of that goes well that will give us a very good idea of how to do things and when to start them. Right now, we are planning ahead, but we don’t know start times yet.

I have a number of weddings coming up in September. Say a prayer for those couples as they plan for all of this. Lots of plans are being changed on the fly. I am hoping it just works out for them to have things go well for them. These are big moments and you want it to be a wonderful experience.

Hebrews chapter 11. It is going to be that section of verses that so many of you have heard before. It is the “by faith” part of Hebrews and the running long list of past Old Testament faces that moved “by faith”. I guess faith is a significant component to the Christian walk. We will talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
Hello Everyone!

We sent a survey last week and had many responses! It is still open this week, if you’d like to respond. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X76DBFY or just email me at Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org and tell me how we can support you with Children’s Ministry this fall. I’m wondering what you would find most helpful.

Clyde mentioned in the service on Sunday that Liz and I are writing a new Bible School for next summer. It is going to be so much fun! God’s mercies are new every morning! I can’t wait for you to hear the songs Liz wrote or the lessons I’ve been typing. I know it is early, but we were on a roll so we’re going for it! Below is a sneak preview of one of our “characters” for next year’s VBS. There are 4 of them. Have your kids send me an email or message if they think they know who the other 3 might be. 😊 We can have an entertaining guessing game. I’ll give you a hint. The other 3 won’t be saying, “howdy.”

I’m also getting things prepared for Sunday School in the fall. One of the biggest challenges for us will be finding sufficient volunteers who feel comfortable teaching and helping right now. If you are interested in volunteering this year, please be sure to check in with me as soon as possible and let me know that you are interested and whether you feel comfortable starting soon or would feel more comfortable waiting for awhile before you teach in a class of students. No matter what, we’ll have some really fun things for kids and God will work in their lives and ours. That’s the great thing. We may not know our plan but we know The One who walks ahead of us.

If you feel a nudge, please pray for all of the families facing a transition right now. That might be going back to school, starting home school, going to a new school, or just saying goodbye to the warm weather, fun in the sun, and fireflies of summer. God is in the big stuff and the details so none of us are alone. I am praying that the parents and kids have frequent reminders of that pop up for the next little while.

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
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KID'S MINISTRY
HEATHER’S UPDATE
I thought the everyone did a great job of learning the new song on Sunday morning! I’m always so thankful that we are a church of “try.” We are willing to try new things, new songs, new ministries, etc. And that matters! I hope those of you singing along at home were able to learn the new song easily too. We’ll do it a couple more weeks in a row to get it into our brains. 😃

As I mentioned on Sunday, I have been acutely inspired to consider the glory of God. I have recently heard many people talk about who will get the “glory” for the Covid-19 vaccine, or who will get the “glory” as a winning politician. And sports teams and athletes are famous for getting the “glory” for a winning shot or running a winning play. Even musicians seek glory in the form of sold out concerts, album sales, and industry awards.

But the thing about human glory is that it never lasts. Never. Even when we try to create a time to honor and remember past glory, it’s never as powerful as the initial glory. Human glory fades. It cannot change people, and its power begins to weaken almost immediately.

But when we consider God’s glory, it’s the exact opposite of human glory. God’s glory never wanes, it never changes, its power is never-ending, it changes people, it empowers people, and it reveals to us the magnificence of who God is! As I mentioned on Sunday, I’m trying to reserve the word “glory” for God only. That’s simply to help me begin to comprehend what God’s glory is and where it belongs. So, when I say, “All glory belongs to the Lord,” or “We give You (God) all the glory,” my perspective is immediately changed. I encourage you to consider God’s glory this week. Just keep your eyes open to how He might choose to reveal His glory to you.

And lastly, just a reminder that if you want to be added to our church email list in order to receive those important all-church emails about streaming or in-person services, please email me, and I’ll add you to our list. We usually send out less than 10 emails per year, so I promise your inbox won't be flooded. 😃

Have a great week!
Liz
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUG 16: 8, 9, 11:00AM–IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SERVICES

TUESDAY, AUG 18: 
7:00PM–AA MEETING
7:00PM- BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, AUG 19: 9:00AM 
BOOK CLUB

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISM DATE
The Aug 23rd baptism is postponed. There will be a baptism service this fall 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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH– AUGUST
Feeding South Dakota– Backpack Program

BOOK CLUBS
The morning book club will meet Wednesday, August 19, at 9 a.m. at the church. We will be discussing Finding Chika by Albom. Everyone is responsible for finding a copy to read.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. at the church. We will be discussing News of the World.

FINANCES
Sunday, Aug 9, 2020

General: $6,762
Vision: $1,985
Missions: $230

General YTD: $467,063
Vision YTD: $90,660
Vision Account Balance: $128,115

KID’S FISHING
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We are excited to offer the Community Kid’s Fishing Day this year! Join us on Aug. 29th from 10am-Noon for fishing at the Outdoor Campus. We’ll have lunch provided after fishing.

IMPORTANT: In order to have more than 10 people at this event, we are REQUIRING everyone to wear a mask. This includes kids. Thank you!

Please contact the church office (336-1475) or Rick Hansen (201-5135) to sign up.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

It is Tim and Sandy DeLoof’s 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 15, 2020. Their children are requesting a card shower in honor of their special day. Send greetings to 3301 S Lisa Dr, Sioux Falls, SD 57110

LIBRARY UPDATE

Greetings from your church library!

Although the world seems a little different some days, God and His message remain the same. Your Bible is the best place for that but the church library continues to bring a variety of books and videos within your reach. Remember that you can help yourself at the library anytime the church is open. Just fill in the current date and your name on the card and drop that into the card slot. You are good to go.

It may be a good time to look around and notice if you have any library books checked out for a very long time. It is easy to visually pass over an item after a year or more. :) We are looking at replacing items that have been out for several years. If you find one of those, could you let us know so we don’t purchase a replacement? Thanks.

We are so glad to do what we do...with you.
Your church librarians,
Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry
We are quickly approaching the school year! With that, we are also getting closer to the start of our fall meetings for the year. Our middle school and high school group will start up Wednesday, September 2nd. The middle school group will be meeting from 7:00 – 8:00 pm and the high school group will meet from 8:00 – 9:00 pm Wednesday nights. Our rooms have been rearranged and I think it will allow us to be a little more spread out when we get together this year.

Also, with COVID taking out the final few months of the school year and running into the summer, the senior class was not recognized at the end of the school year. So, we are going to be putting together a slide show for our seniors who graduated in 2020. If you (graduated seniors and/or parents) would like to be included, please send either myself or Heather a photo by this Sunday – along with school graduated from, and any future plans (if you would like to share those). Our slide show will be shared on Sunday, August 23rd.

That’s it for this week. Hoping all our students enjoy the final week or two of summer break!

Doyle Burnside
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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW THIS WEEK

• Connie Parmley’s granddaughter (testing)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

• Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
• Jamelee Van Donge’s dad, DeLyle (cancer)
• Justin Hinks’ nephew, Xavier Nygard (car accident)
• Clayton Bierwagen (cardiac ablation 7/29)
• Galen Schoffelman (knee replacement)
• Bob Hein (injured knee)
• Marcia Thornton (sinus surgery recovery)
• Mike Boyenga’s mom, Anita (surgery recovery)
• Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
• Jodie Jensen (cancer)
• Chelle McMurrey’s dad (Parkinson’s)
• Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
• Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
• Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
• Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
• Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
• Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law, Bruce (lymphoma)
• Gary Jensen (cancer)
• Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
• Clazina Van Wyhe (brain bleed)
• Tami Harm’s cousin (colon cancer)
• Melanie Oden’s dad, David
• Joe Johnson
• Audrey Landegents’ son, David (cancer)
• Matt Marcus’ dad (prostate cancer)
• Holli Jans’ dad, Milt (prostate cancer)
• Dree & Hawk Mayer’s sister-in-law, Beth (stroke)
• Marv Sturing (cancer)
• Dave Sells
• Tami Boyle’s dad (prostate cancer)

THANK YOU

Dear Community Friends,
I appreciate the cards and prayers! It’s a blessing treatments are over, but recovery is slow. We pray all of you are doing well during this challenging time. May God lift you up!
Al Price
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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