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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Feeding South Dakota - Backpack Program

CLYDE’S UPDATE

The last full week of August is here and it does feel just that way. As summer comes to a close the heat has found a home with us as well. I think that happens when school starts. Get those kids back in school and then turn up the heat! I don’t really mind it so much. After all, most of the summer has not been that bad, and so a little extra heat right now isn’t that much of a problem. The crop land still looks pretty amazing, so I think we are past all of that. We have had quite the year! It is one we won’t forget for a while. Still, many of you are doing fun weekend things and I’m sure that will continue. Enjoy your time.

We are working on fall things in the offices. Most of the activities have been moved on the calendar to start a little later. All of that to assess how things are going with the start of school. We are watching that with great interest because that will affect how we do our programs as well. It’s not that the school has some special word to us, but rather, we know if things get “interesting” in school that will affect how many of our families respond to activities. We will be doing something with all the fall things, but we don’t know what they are going to look like right now. We will keep you informed.

I am putting out an invitation to those who might want to learn a little sound-system work for us. Some of our folks who have been doing that for a long time are wanting a well-deserved break from the action which means we need some help back there. It would be nice if you had a little experience with that sort of thing because it is not a simple task. You can email me if you are interested.

We are still working on things with the live stream that people watch on Sunday. There are still some bugs, but we are gaining. It does look nice for sure. Some of the downloading after the services gets a bit messy. We are looking into that. That’s not us...that’s on the streaming folks. We are still looking to add more cameras. It’s all a work in progress. People are enjoying it though, and I’m glad we can do a little more with it. This is going to be a great on-going part of what we do at Community. It has been an eye-opener for us.

There are still a number of churches who are meeting outdoors and some that have not met at all since March. I know there are many of our own people who we are not going to see until this all gets much better. I am completely understanding of all of that. I am not going to be critical of anyone and their choices on this. We do have room for more if you are wondering, but that’s not a “push” on my part. It’s just information if you are wondering.

On Sunday we will finish our summer series on Hebrews. 13 weeks have gone by. 13 chapters have been presented. I have one left. It’s time to wrap it up and move to the next one, but before we do, we need to listen to those final words from 13. We are going to finish well. It has been a most fascinating study for me. One final word! We’ll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!
As promised, this week I will share more book recommendations. For the next few weeks, I want to share books that I’ve categorized according to how easy or difficult they are to read and understand. I’ll start with Easy-Level this week. And remember, just because they are easy reads does not mean they aren’t profound!

**Easy Level Adult Reads**

**Fearless - Max Lucado**
Lucado has been writing wonderful books for years that are relevant to adults of all ages. This book addresses fear, something that is an issue at some time or another for almost everyone. He offers a Godly perspective on why we fear and how we can overcome it with God’s grace.

**Messy Spirituality - Mike Yaconelli**
This is a book that will really get you thinking about your own faith and the faith of others. And some of you will find Mike’s thoughts downright challenging! Mike was a youth pastor in California for many years, and in the 1970’s, he co-founded one of the biggest youth ministry resource companies in America called Youth Specialties. (He passed away just a few years ago.) This book will get you thinking about why we do the things we do, and most importantly, it will help you to look beyond the deep grooves you may find yourself walking in when it comes to faith. It’s not meant to be argumentative. It’s simply meant to show the reader another side of walking with Christ. What I love about Messy Spirituality is its ability to reveal that ministry isn’t always tidy. Yet God is big enough for all of it.

**The Rabbi’s Heartbeat - Brennan Manning**
This is a short little book that dives to the depths of learning to understand how much Jesus loves us. It also helps us to recognize how Jesus is working in our lives in the same ways He worked in the disciples’ lives; as a Rabbi/Teacher. Brennan Manning was a priest who struggled with alcoholism for most of his life. Yet remarkably, or maybe because of it, he was able to understand and write about God’s love and grace in a powerful and unique way.

**Invitation to Solitude and Silence - Ruth Haley Barton**
Don’t let the title fool you into thinking this book is about sitting by yourself in silence like a monk! It’s so much more than that! Ruth will take you through a journey where you begin to look at your own life to discover the places where God might be inviting you to slow down, calm down, and put yourself in a posture to actually hear what God is trying to tell you. She does a masterful job of helping us to recognize the places in our lives where we don’t even realize we are shutting God out because we are too noisy or too busy. And rather than making the reader feel guilty, Ruth gently invites the reader to try some spiritual practices that will guide us into a new place where we can readily hear God and feel His Presence. It’s a powerful read! I highly recommend it!

If you have any questions about these books, don’t hesitate to ask!

Have a great week!
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Attendance: Clyde, Jolene, Tom, Pete, Curt, Mark, Mike H. Bob, Matt M., Matt W., Mike D., Russ, Chad O. and Rick

Opening Devotional and prayer - Matt W.

MSA the minutes from July.

MSA of the financial reports for July 2020 given by Matt M.

Old Business

Faith Ave. - Curb and gutter work to do where our driveway is. Construction company asked us to put a signage up indicating which driveway to use.

New Business

Reports - From Liz, Heather and Doyle were reviewed.
• Reviewed Sunday School survey results.
  o Consistory has decided to delay Sunday School until the 2nd week of October.

Nursery - The Nursery staff has offered to open the Nursery.
• It was decided to open the Nursery on Sept 6th.

Holli's working hours - Holli has asked that we move her working hours to be more flexible so she can pick her kids up from school. This was due to some COVID concerns
• It was decided to approve Holli's request.

Midweek - Midweek is being planned but no decision of a start date has been determined at this time. The Consistory will revisit this next meeting.

Weddings - Clyde has a few weddings come up this fall.

Live Streaming - Appears to be going well.

Other
• Rick will be holding the kids fishing trip August 25th.
  o Masks will be required
  o Rick asked to get the word out to the community
• Communion
  o No Communion in August
  o Looking to have Communion in October
• Budget
  o Budget planning next month
• Care Teams
  o Will discuss Care Teams next month

Clyde closed in time of prayer

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Jacobs, clerk
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.

NURSERY FOR INFANT-2 YEAR OLDS OPENING SEPT 6

We will begin offering nursery for infants to 2 year-olds starting on Sunday, September 6.

Nursery will be provided for 9:00 and 11:00 services. There will be no nursery offered between services.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sheri Brouwer at 605-261-2153

THE GIVE STARTS SEPT 6

It’s back! 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)

Mission Haiti- slightly used or new shoes & backpacks

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUG 30: 8, 9, 11:00AM- IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SERVICES

TUESDAY, SEPT 1: 7:00PM- AA MEETING

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISM DATE

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 CLUB

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 9am at the church. We will be discussing Where The Crawdads Sing by Owens. (The October book is I Will Always Write Back by Ganda- each member finds own copy.)

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 7pm. We will be discussing To Kill A Mockingbird by Lee.

FINANCES

Sunday, Aug 23, 2020

General: $6,495
Vision: $380
Missions: $185
Faith Ave: $200

General YTD: $486,118
Vision YTD: $92,215
Vision Account Balance: $122,278
School is now underway by the end of this week for the mass majority of our students, although we do have a few that will start in September! With that, I have also been getting ready and planning for fall as we gather back together on Wednesday nights. We have a few more sponsors joining the student ministries this fall and I am so thankful for those who are returning as well.

Both our middle school and high school youth group will kick off this year on September 2nd. Our middle school group will meet from 7-8 and our high school group will meet from 8-9. With the change of the middle school group starting earlier this year, along with everything COVID has changed, we will not be having a meal Wednesdays throughout September. While we will be meeting in person, if anyone would like to attend youth group but is unable to make it to church we will be having a zoom meeting set up for them to join us virtually. This will be in place through the fall as we see how the start of the year goes. Those meeting ID’s and password will be sent out to parents Mondays and put on the youth Instagram page Wednesday afternoons as a reminder.

While things may continue to be adjusted throughout the year, I am really looking forward to being together again this fall. If you have any questions about the student ministry here at Community, please feel free to ask anytime!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW THIS WEEK

- Clazina Van Wyhe (brain bleed)
- Holli Jans’ dad, Milt (hernia surgery & ongoing hormone therapy shots for cancer)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Darla Anderson’s daughter, Emma
- Jeanie Nollman (healing of toe)
- Tracee Ellwein’s dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Joe Johnson (severe headaches)
- Jan Sturing (irregular heart rhythm)
- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
- Jamelee Van Donge’s dad, DeLyle (cancer)
- Justin Hinks’ nephew, Xavier Nygard (car accident)
- Susan Bierwagen (broken leg)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurray’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)
- Tami Harm’s cousin (colon cancer)
- Melanie Oden’s dad, David
- Audrey Landegents’ son, David (cancer)
- Matt Marcus’ dad (prostate cancer)
- Dree & Hawk Mayer’s sister-in-law, Beth (stroke)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tami Boyle’s dad (prostate cancer)

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL**

**DOYLE’S UPDATE**

**YOUTH GROUP IN SEPTEMBER**

**MS YOUTH @ 7:00PM**

**HS YOUTH @ 8:00PM**
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.