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

THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

AUG. 5, 2020

CLYDE'S UPDATE

It's August everyone! I mentioned on Sunday that I feel like this year has been stolen away from us. All of the virus things and life in general has made for such a different year. We are still not done, and I have no idea how long all of this will continue. I don't even know if we know any more now than we did when it started. Oh, I know we have watched thing unfold, but beyond that...it is still very interesting how this continues to move along and so little seems to be shared that really helps us much. I don't like that. However, the weather this morning was so nice. It felt a little like September and I don't mind one bit saying I'm looking forward to the fall. Hunting season is what I am waiting for. A few days out at the Hertz ranch should clear my head. That family has been so good to me! The land there just makes me smile. It is only a few miles from where my cousin Mark and I spent days walking up and down those hills. It is good for your head. I'm looking forward to that.

Sunday seemed to go very well. It was good to be back in front of people again. There were a few more mask this Sunday. I can tell people are getting a bit more comfortable doing that. 8 was a nice sized group. 9 was also very good. It was pretty small again. It is just not back to any kind of normal. We see that everywhere. I don't blame any of you for wanting to be extra careful. Just so you know...there is still room to be pretty safe here if you are wondering, but I don't want anyone to come and then feel uncomfortable. That's not doing church.

I spoke briefly on Sunday morning about scheduling things for the fall. It has been a challenge for us to do that. I'm sure you can understand. I am of the mind set to just wait until we can "go" and then throw a huge party! Something about that just seems right to me. Adjusting and making provision to do it "sort of" just doesn't get me excited at all. I don't mind waiting for things when I know what I am waiting for is so worth my time. I have to remember you all may not be that way...it's not only my decision. I have to remind myself of that. We will continue to put the pieces together for the fall. Lord only knows how any of that will go. I wish I knew who to ask...I have a feeling you would also like to know that too. God's got this...trust Him...that should keep us on track while we move along.

We made some nice changes to the live stream on Sunday. It was our first Sunday on the new system and we know there will be some things to adjust. I have already had a number of messages in my email asking some questions about it. I'll get right to those...I promise. We are only at the beginning of what we can do with all of this. We are still wanting to add additional cameras and other features that will make all of that so much better. It just takes time. I'm very excited about what it can do. Josiah has worked hard to put all these things together for us. He is still looking to do more...I am happy to help! It’s going to be an even better ministry down the road. What a life saver that has been during all this “crazy”!

Sunday...we do chapter 10. Now if you were here or if you listened on Sunday...you already know what chapter 10 is about. Maybe I should say, who chapter 10 is about. Jesus is not going away any time soon. I like the sound of that. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
I am wondering if I could get some input from you! You can do our survey at: 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. We’ve tried many things now and been at this “unusual” time for awhile so I’m hoping you have some feedback for me.

Also, I wanted to talk a little about something that I know can be tough for some kids (and parents too!) For some of us (like me), it is really challenging when we have something coming up that is new or unexpected. This school year will be exactly that for a lot of kids and parents. No one is sure exactly what each day will look and feel like, no one has had a first day of school that is the same as this one and no one knows what will happen each day. We do know that it probably will change with time. For some of us, more than others, that can feel really crummy. I’ve had some really great reminders lately that God is way, way ahead of us in this. It might be really hard or feel uncomfortable to have a situation that is unpredictable but we are never, ever all alone.

I will get a little vulnerable with you and admit that it feels a little strange to send my daughters back to school this year. They haven’t been “away from home” much to speak of since March 13 with the exception of some time at Youth Group here at church. My oldest started marching band a few weeks ago but even that is just half days and in small groups. This upcoming “new normal” feels anything but normal but it sure does feel very new! However, I am positive that they are not alone as they walk into their school buildings in a few weeks. They won’t have the usual back to school open house or wander through Target leisurely browsing the rainbow of pens or trying on piles of clothing but they still have everything they need. They won’t even bring the same things to school with them that they did last year or spend time with the same people but still they are ready. They will wear masks but their protection is far greater. Jesus is right there with them. They have something greater in their lives than the super-weird circumstances they are facing. For that, I’m just so thankful and that really is enough. It is more than enough, actually. God isn’t new at this at all and nothing surprises Him ever. He’s got this figured out, so I get to have the peace that goes with knowing the One in charge and knowing that He is always good, 100% of the time.

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
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I thought it might be good to share a short update about a few of the things I've been working on these past weeks.

First of all, I'll be sharing a new worship song on Sunday! I know it's not ideal to try to learn a new song without everyone present in person, but I still think we can get it learned. So, I'll teach it to everyone who is here on Sunday, and those of you who are watching from home can learn it online, and eventually we'll all get to sing it together! It's a faster worship song about God's glory. I'll explain on Sunday where the idea came from and why I wrote it. 😄 Now you have to tune in!

And secondly, since Heather wasn't able to do in-person VBS, and since I do all the music for VBS, she and I have been brainstorming and writing a brand new VBS for next summer! I'm not going to give away any details yet but let me just say that we are both incredibly excited to share it with the kids! This will be a 100% original VBS, unique to Community, and you won't be able to participate in it anywhere else. The world premiere will be right here at church! Heather is working on the lessons, crafts, games, and snacks, I'm working on the music, new songs, and daily characters, and together we are working on the decorating ideas and presentation. We are loving it! And I'm pretty sure y'all will love it too! And that's all I'll say about it for now. Are you intrigued?? 😄

Have a great week and enjoy this incredible weather!
Liz
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KID’S FISHING
SATURDAY, AUG 29TH
10:00 AM - NOON

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 90TH BIRTHDAY!

Happy 90th birthday to Jennie Getting on Aug. 15th! Due to the current circumstances, we are unable to celebrate with an in person gathering. Celebrate this milestone with her by sending her a birthday card!

Jennie Getting
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WE’VE UPDATED OUR STREAMING SERVICES

We’ve updated our streaming services! Here’s the good news— you can still watch our church services through the Community app or website; however, you will no longer find the service through Livestream.com.

We also have 2 NEW ways to watch! Join us on our Facebook page or through our YouTube channel.

https://www.communityrc.org/
https://www.facebook.com/communityrc/
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCimEfjAVmG9jJfXBwvwBBA/featured

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

TUESDAY, AUG 11: 7:00PM–AA MEETING

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

JOY CIRCLE
Members of Joy Circle met on July 20 and the group decided not to meet for Bible Studies or events for the remainder of 2020. We would encourage you to keep each other in prayer and contact during this unique time. Please contact Elaine Deelstra if you have further questions.

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 2, 2020

General: $15,699
Vision: $1,190
Missions: $260
Faith Ave: $200

General YTD: $460,301
Vision YTD: $88,675
Vision Account Balance: $126,129
As we begin August, we also begin a short break from our weekly meetings on Wednesday nights. As students, parents, teachers, and administration gets prepared and ready for the start of the school year, I will also be preparing and getting ready for the start of our fall schedule. As we look ahead to September, we will be starting both middle school and high school youth group the first Wednesday – 09/02/2020. Our middle school group will meet from 6:30 – 7:30 and our high school group will meet from 7:30 – 8:30. Like previous years, I will start this year off in a three part series on creation, the fall and redemption through Christ. The reason behind starting each fall with this is to refocus our group on the reason and center of the remainder of the year – that through Christ we are redeemed. Every other message, topic and study leads us back to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Throughout August, I will also be working on rearranging our space for the youth room. I have already begun the process of creating an activity/game room and a study/lounge room. All of our table games and activities are being moved to the old middle school room while the couches have been moved to the old high school room. We will be bouncing back and forth from both rooms throughout our time together on Wednesday nights. It is a small change but one I am looking forward to. We are also reworking the space in the youth storage room and creating a space for students to hang out in. It will still have some storage items, but will also provide additional space for the youth.

This fall may continue to bring some changes and challenges when it comes to COVID and our meeting time together. As we navigate through all of that, I want to invite you to pray alongside me for the youth ministry, schools and the patience, wisdom and decisions that will need to be made. I am looking forward to the start of our fall together.

Doyle Burnside
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NEW THIS WEEK

• Justin Hinks’ nephew, Xavier Nygard (car accident)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

• Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
• 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)
• Susan Bierwagen (broken leg)
• 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)
• Jamelee Van Donge’s dad, DeLyle (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 Stuing (cancer)
• Dave Sells
• Tami Boyle’s dad (prostate cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Michelle Carne’s for the recent passing of her grandma, Kathleen. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
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AUGUST 5, 2020

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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