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

Angel Tree

Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship, reaches out to the children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. This program helps provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of thousands of children around the country each year.

CLYDE’S UPDATE

Another week everyone! It has a little different weather than the last one. That was just awesome! I know that every day we get like that makes a difference. I was a little concerned when we got all that snow and the cold. I was hoping we might get a few more warm days. We did! Now, I guess we shall see what comes. Maybe we can get a nice Thanksgiving time- whatever that means this year.

I am sure there are lots of people still wondering what all the election stuff means. I say it means we are a very divided place. A very lost group of people looking for truth and looking for comfort. That would be both sides-winners and the ones who lost. It’s a tough place to be, challenging us in ways we haven’t always been tested. I have been trying to say through all of these days with COVID and elections and upset folks...we need to keep in mind who is really moving in, around and through us. I know you know that in your minds. Now...trust that even more. Let God’s eyes be yours. See the world through that lens. Pray for His presence to lift you above the fray. He will...He will not depart from you. He has heard both sides. He has heard both sides. He will do what must be done for purposes that we may not see right now, but in time His kingdom will reign. It always has; it always will. I have found that to be so life giving in these times. I hope you will too.

Our MidWeek videos are going very well. I would have had no idea this was going to work this well. We are learning a great deal about what people want to hear and see. We are learning that even when this is over, we had better consider doing things like this from time to time. We are reaching far more people than we ever thought possible. Those little videos have been watched not a few times, but hundreds of times. That’s right, hundreds! It will be in the several thousand area before this is done. That is something. Heather too, as she puts the Sunday School things together is finding a whole new audience than we ever thought. A blessing we have found because of COVID. Amazing how God takes a bad thing and turns it into something good. I think that is in the Bible somewhere.

I will be back in town by the time you are all reading these words. It has been too long. My sense of responsibility is very high. Very often the “God Word” we get isn’t the easiest to take, but it is exactly what we need at just the right moment. Truth is not easy to find, but it is also not easy for our fallen ears and hearts to hear. Sunday, we do another disciple. This one was part of that inner group as well. He is very much about letting us see the relational side of God. He was just a boy when Jesus came calling. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

BOXES DUE NOV 15

It's the last week to pack your box! There is a generous donor to cover shipping costs for the boxes so don't worry about shipping! Boxes can be brought to the church lobby or you can pack a box online. 
https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries. 
Sleep in Heavenly Peace: sheets, pillowcases, comforters (twin size)

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

Lexi’s Christmas Closet- gifts for children in the hospital this holiday season. Some ideas include:
• Lego sets
• Playdoh packs
• Trains, Tractors, Matchbox cars
• Crayola Coloring Sets
• Board books
• Stacking Toys
• Adult coloring books
• Sports water bottles
• Card Games
• Gift cards

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH- NOVEMBER
Angel Tree

BOOK CLUB
The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, November 18, at 9 am at the church. They will be discussing No One Ever Asked by Ganshert. Copies are available in the church library.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 pm at the church. They will be discussing A Night Divided by Nielsen. Copies are available in the church library.

FINANCES
Sunday, November 8, 2020

General: $15,306
Vision: $415
Missions: $232

General YTD: $695,964
Vision YTD: $155,894
Vision Account Balance: $171,176
I'd like to start my article with a huge thank you to everyone who prayed for me last week as I was preparing to preach on Sunday morning! I sure felt your support and your prayers! Thank you, Community, for being a gracious congregation on Sunday morning and for all of your kind words of encouragement. I deeply appreciate it. And I'm very glad to have our pastor back on Sunday!

This week will be the last prayer graphic I'll be sharing as we wrap up praying for our community around our church! This week’s prayer graphic focuses on all of the people who reside in the houses and apartments around Community. Remember, you can print it off, save it to your phone, or cut it out (depending on how you receive our newsletter). And when God reminds you, take time to pray for the people who live around our church. I truly believe God has big plans for every single person!

God bless you as you pray!

Liz
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We are approaching the middle of November and with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up our schedule for Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings are going to get thrown off a little! Make sure to check out the updated dates for the remainder of our 2020 semester. It has been great to continue to be able to meet in person and have a Zoom option available. While it has not been the most ideal situation, it is one that has worked and has allowed us to continue to move forward this semester. When we started back in September, I thought for sure that we would have to have a time this semester where we would take a two week break from meeting in person. So far we have been blessed. Thank you to our students and parents for their part in making that possible.

We also have an event coming up on November 22nd for middle school and high school students. There is a popular new game out called among us – which in my opinion is the youth group game mafia made into a phone app – and we are going to be creating a “live” version of the game here at church. The middle school group will meet from 4:30-6:00 and the high school group will meet from 6:00 – 7:30 Sunday evening for a fun night together as we attempt to recreate the popular game throughout the church.

That’s it for this week!

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**NEW THIS WEEK**

- Abbie Van Meeteren (surgery recovery)
- Abby Brost (breast cancer)
- Connie Tiggelaar (hospice)

**ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Jerry Hall
- Jenny Van Roekel
- Joyce Tarrell
- Kara Schouten (severe infection)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Kathleen Ludens (surgery recovery)
- Tracee Ellwein’s dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Darla Anderson’s daughter, Emma
- Kim Becker’s mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
- Joe Johnson (severe headaches)
- Jan Sturing (irregular heart rhythm)
- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
- Justin Hinks’ nephew, Xavier Nygard (car accident)
- Holli Jans’ dad, Milt (cancer hormone therapy)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Matt Marcus’ dad (prostate 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
- Audrey Landegents’ son, David (cancer)
- Dree & Hawk Mayer’s sister-in-law, Beth (stroke)

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**YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF THE SEMESTER**

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If you do not have the Zoom ID or Passcode for your
student, you can email me and I will send it to you.
Hi Everyone!

Online Sunday School continues and we have new kids joining us every week. If you haven’t picked up a bag yet, please feel free to grab one. They take us all the way through Christmas and have some fun projects inside. https://www.communityrc.org/kids2020/ Even if you don’t join the fun every week, you might just enjoy the Christmas crafts or books read aloud on video.

Our November 8 lesson had the kids reading Acts 9 and seeing how God has a plan for every one of us, even Paul/Saul! If we are going to find treasure, we need to follow God’s good plan!

While I haven’t had any big changes in plans or disappointments lately, I have been thinking about what Thanksgiving and Christmas will look like for my family and it will be a little different. We have many health related high-risk individuals that we usually spend time with in November and December so I think my anticipation of missing some loved ones combined with my love of planning ahead (plus working on these last few Sunday School lessons) have me pondering. I’m ok. I’m not worried or stressed or even sad. I’m just thinking and praying. In particular, I’ve been thinking a little bit this week about how surprised I’ve been at how well kids (in general) have done with all of this co-vid stuff. One of the characteristics of this season has been constant change and the need to adapt. Kids are missing out on things that they enjoy or having to navigate last minute cancellations. Most of us yearn a bit for “normal” and our usual traditions and routines but that just can’t always happen right now. A change in plans or a deviation from our comfort can be disappointing for all of us. Prior to all of this, I thought change and disappointment was tougher for children, because they often don’t have much control over the plans or even much warning before a big change. However, what I’ve noticed is that kids seem to be better at acknowledging that they are disappointed by the change (sometimes in nice ways, other times with a tantrum) but then moving on to the next exciting thing. They trust that even though things aren’t going the way that they would like, the adults who love them have the best it mind for them. Perhaps there is a lesson for me in that. Maybe not trying to be in control or pretending to be in control is a better way to do life. God has a good plan for my life. It is ALWAYS good. I know that. I believe that. I rest in that. Therefore, maybe it would be easier/ better/ healthier, when plans change or don’t go the way I would have chosen, to talk to God about why I’m sad but then thank Him for taking good care of me. Then I can pay attention to the good He has for me, rather than being stuck trying to find a way back to the plan I thought I wanted.

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
-Jeremiah 29:11
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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