It’s November everyone! Our fall is fading a bit, but it sounds like this week might be a very nice one. So, enjoy, we never know how any of that is going to go from here on out. I am looking forward to getting out in the air this coming weekend. Hopefully some good weather to do that, but whatever it is, I will make it work. It has been a while since I missed a Sunday, so I am going to enjoy this one.

There are still lots of changes going on out here with the construction. I still have a hard time believing how much has happened in a year. The driveway is gone. I think the street might be completed this week. It all looks so different. It even feels different driving in. A new day one might say. I am so curious as to how this all is going to affect our church. I don’t mean a new driveway; I mean all the people who will be in our area now. All the lookers and seekers. It is a wonderful opportunity! Go God Go!

We are still putting some final touches on the Elders and Deacon nominations. We will try to get all of that put together as soon as we can. This got complicated when we saw COVID hit and shut it all down. My guess is that we have never experienced anything like this in our history as a church. I hope to get all of this finished by the time the new year gets started. We will keep you all informed.

There will be no 8am church this coming Sunday. Pass the word everyone. We are not doing 8am services this week. Come to 9 or come to 11. Help me get the word out. Liz will be sharing at 9 and 11. I will be out hunting. It sounds like the weather this weekend might be a little bumpy. Oh well, that’s how that goes. I’ll keep you informed as to how it goes. That is, if you are interested in that sort of thing.

We are still putting more videos online. More recording, more set up, more editing...all that stuff. It takes time and a whole new kind of planning, but we can tell they do work on some level. We have lots of views on those which has been encouraging. For folks who watch them I have heard good things. We are trying to make all that work as best as we can. I have said over and over, it is not the same as sitting down with people face to face, but it is something extra. I know the number of what looks to be “outside the church” views is really high. That means these are a good source of sharing who we are for those who might be looking. I like that very much.

On Sunday we will push pause on the disciple series for a week. We only have three left. It has been a great study for me. I have learned so much about those 12 and the common ground they shared. I believe those words have been coming at a good time for us as a church. I hope it has brought some challenges to your heart as well as some sense of a God who sees our world so much differently than we do. He will not be thrown off course. We’ll talk more next Sunday. Have a great week!

CLYDE’S UPDATE

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.
COMING SOON TO A LIVING ROOM NEAR YOU...

ONLINE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
FROM COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
SIOUX FALLS, SD

PREMIERS DECEMBER 2020

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH:
NO 8AM SERVICE
9, 11am– In-Person and Online services
11:00am- Mask Only service

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10:
7:00pm– AA Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11:
7:00pm– M.S Youth group
8:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12:
7:00pm– Elders
8:00pm- Consistory

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 1, 2020

General: $18,046
Vision: $14,340
Missions: $555
Faith Ave: $200

General YTD: $680,658
Vision YTD: $155,479
Vision Account Balance: $170,761

WAYS TO SERVE OR GIVE

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
It's Shoebox Time! Check out the table in the lobby at church to grab your box or it's easy to go online and pack a box too! There is a generous donor to cover shipping costs for the boxes so don't worry about shipping!
https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/

NIGHTWATCH FOOD TRUCK
Nightwatch Food Truck provides local meals for families where they are in Sioux Falls. They are looking for several more churches to partner with them. Partnering would include serving & prepping the meal quarterly. Community is looking for someone who would like to oversee this ministry if Community decides to partner with them. Are you interested? Contact Holli, connect@communityrc.org for more info.

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)
As promised, here is the second week’s prayer graphic to be praying over our neighborhood out here where Community resides! 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 our neighborhood.

Remember, these are only suggestions. If God prompts you to pray differently for these groups, feel free to do so!

This week let’s pray for the fire station that will be going in right across from the church to the south.

God bless you as you pray!

Liz
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Dear Community friends,
Thank you so very for the cards and emails during pastor appreciation month. I appreciate your support and concern.

John Thornton

THANK YOU

Thank you church family for all the thoughtful, kind expressions of sympathy and support though phone calls, cards, texts and flowers. Our family is so blessed to be part of this church. Also a special thanks to John Thornton for his phone calls and prayers during this difficult time.

Marcia Groeneweg
Mark & Krista, Rylee & Trevor Groeneweg

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW THIS WEEK
- Jenny Van Roekel
- Abbie Van Meeteren (Mayo visit for mass on pituitary gland)
- Joyce Tarrell

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS
- Jerry Hall
- Kara Schouten (severe infection)
- Sharon Spaniol (COVID)
- 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)
- Abby Brost (breast 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)
- 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)
Hi Everyone! We’ve got something new on the horizon! Our annual Christmas program will still happen but this year we’ll tell the story online! I’ll be sending an email in the next few weeks to ask kids to sign up and help us tell the story of the birth of Christ in a new way. I’m hoping it will be pretty fun. Keep your eyes peeled for info on this new adventure.

Online Sunday School is still happening and I’ve gotten some fun emails with pictures and videos of kids learning and having fun! 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/

For the October 25 lesson we learned about following God and read the story of Josiah in the book of II Kings. Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses. -II Kings 23:25 NIV

For November 1 we read the Parable of the Lost Coin. Jesus treasures US! We invite you ALL to join us on this lesson by taping a coin someplace in your home. The idea is that whenever you see the coin, you get a reminder that God treasures YOU! Each person in the family gets to put the coin in a place for another family member to discover it or you can put it up and leave it for all to see and remember often. Even if you live by yourself, a good reminder is nice! You can leave just the coin or you can put a note with it too. Here are some places you might tape a coin/ note.

• Lunchbox
• Backpack
• Refrigerator
• Nightstand
• Car
• Next to the toothbrush
• On a pillow
• Kitchen counter
• On a cup
• On the TV
• On the couch
• In a shoe
• Frame around a computer screen
• Back of cell phone

Coming up: At the end of November, we have a super cool project that the whole church can get involved in. Stay tuned for your chance to “deck the halls” in a new 2020 style. Maybe save a toilet paper roll or two or pick up a little bag of bird seed to get ready. In December, there is a weaving lesson (most likely to be done by elementary kiddos and older but maybe too challenging for preschool kids without a lot of help) that requires a ball of yarn. You can buy some yarn or let me know if you want one from here at church and I’ll set one out for you with the Sunday School bags. We have a bunch of them here that can go home.

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
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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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