**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**

The Gideons

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business people dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments.

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**THE COMMUNICATOR**

**COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH**

**SEPT 30, 2020**

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**CLYDE’S UPDATE**

This is the last week of September. Wow...here we are in a new month and here we are still battling along. I don't have too much to say about all that. It is what it is, and we are stuck with it for a while longer. Still, I have enjoyed the changing of the seasons. We all love this time of year, at least most of us do. It is one of the reasons we live in this place. The cool air in the morning and warm days of sun make us all smile a little more. It also means hunting season is around the corner and I am very much looking forward to that. It has been a long run and I think a break might be a good thing. Enjoy the fall everyone. October is here!

We had a bit of a glitch on Sunday’s 11am livestream- a new camera that didn’t cooperate very well. The sound was messed up whenever it was engaged. We have that fixed now. It is all a part of the learning curve with this new stuff. That issue should be behind us now. People were trying to let us know in real time, which was a good thing to do...at least we know you are watching. 😊

This is world-wide communion Sunday week. As I mentioned on Sunday, it has been a very complicated thing to figure out. Once again, no matter what we do, it won't be right for everyone. We are trying. This week the staff went to work on this, and I think we have come up with a pretty good solution. What I have been so concerned about it that our minds are going to be on the cups and bread and not on Christ. That is so easy for that to happen. I don't like that one bit. Communion is a special moment for me. Figuring something out to so that people feel comfortable and inspired is our goal. Here is the plan...read through it carefully. I think we got it! As a matter of fact, we might use this again if it works well.

Communion: We will have lots of tables in the room...20 or more. We are going to make use of all those small round tables we have as well as some of the larger ones. They will be all around the room so that people don't have to travel far. Each table will have little cups of juice and little cups with a single piece of bread on them. I will instruct you all from the front on Sunday what to do. So, what we are attempting to do is that when it is your turn to take communion...you, with your family go to a single table. Go to the one that is most convenient for you. Do communion with your family and return to your seats. Those tables will be distanced for you. It will take a little setting up, but I am confident this can work. You are all smart people. Together, we can figure this out. For those online, there will be something special for you as well on Sunday morning so tune in!

People have been asking about MidWeek classes. We are going to do that online. I'm not sure how many there are going to be, but we are working on it. A meal option is just not feasible right now with all that is going on, but we are trying to be creative in what online class will be. Heather has already put a lot of time and effort to online Sunday School and what that is looks pretty amazing. It all takes time. We will see how it goes. If it works, fine...if not, we can try something different. This is all new territory folks. Keep that in mind in lots of places in your life.

Sunday, we do the fifth apostle, Jude. We will read from his little book. We will learn very little about him, but we might learn a little more about God. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
Hello Everyone!

We had our first week of Sunday School “to go” and it sounds like the kids who tried it had fun! If you haven't yet, I encourage you to check that out. I’d love your feedback.

We’ve got some fun kits with craft supplies and games that will be ready for pick up beginning October 11 (at any service or between services in the lobby.) Those kits will go along with the lessons beginning on October 18 so put in your requests today! https://forms.gle/JEUrGFKKVtmABWjX9 If you’d like kits and can’t pick up on a Sunday, please let me know and we can schedule a time that works for you or I can mail/ drop off a kit. These kits have supplies to take us all the way into December!

Feel free to request extra kits to share with kids you know too. You can “invite them to Sunday School” without ever leaving home. If you’d like a kit mailed, we can do that too.

https://www.communityrc.org/kids2020/
Reminder:
We’ll have a video each week that you can have your kids watch as well as some activity ideas and printable sheets that kids can do.
I’ll be giving you a lot of ideas and activities you can choose from but I want you to know that it is okay (I’d even say probably wise) to not try to do every single thing each week. Do a little on Sunday, a little on Wednesday if you want and skip the things that don’t work for you. Our survey showed me that you all want a variety of different things and that no two families want the exact same thing, so my plan is to give you some options from which to choose. There are activities to appeal to the wide range of ages as well so you can choose what fits for your family. You may even just want the discussion questions, and that’s all. That’s fine too!

For the Sept 27 lesson, the kids read Matthew 6:19-34 and learned to seek and find real treasure. “FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.” MATTHEW 6:21 (NIV) They made treasure maps and had some good discussion about worry and the way God provides for birds and flowers and us! If you missed that lesson, don't worry. You can always go back and catch all of the lessons at https://www.communityrc.org/kids2020/

See you soon!
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH: 8, 9, 11:00AM- IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SERVICES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6: 7:00PM - AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7: 7:00PM - M.S YOUTH GROUP
8:00PM - H.S. YOUTH GROUP

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- OCTOBER
The Gideons

BOOK CLUB
The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 9am at the church. We will be discussing *I Will Always Write Back* by Ganda - each member finds own copy.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7pm. We will be discussing *No One Ever Asked* by Ganshert.

FINANCES

Sunday, September 27, 2020

General: $5,090
Vision: $465
Missions: $125

General YTD: $584,032
Vision YTD: $103,406
Vision Account Balance: $126,076

THE GIVE

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

**Union Gospel Mission:** sugar, rice & salad dressing

NURSERY FOR INFANT- 2 YEAR OLDS OPEN

We’re excited to have opened the nursery for our Infants-2 year olds. It will look a little different but we will walk through the changes together. Here is what nursery will look like:

~Only infants-2 year olds and staff are allowed in the nursery
~Only coordinators will be using the iPads to check in kids
~We will be handing kids over the half door into the nursery
~Coordinators will be wearing masks at all times
~Kids hands will be washed when entering
~Toys will be cleaned if a child puts it in their mouth. All toys will be cleaned each week.
~Different sets of toys will be used for the 9:00 and the 11:00 services.
~Please don’t send your child if they have a temp or if anyone in your family has been by someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to me at 605-261-2153.

Sheri Brouwer, Nursery Director.

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MISSION EVENTS

MOVE FOR MISSION HAITI
WHEN: Saturday, October 3, 2020
8 AM - 10 AM
WHERE: Pasley Park Sioux Falls
WHAT: 5k Run, 1 Mile Walk, 10k Bike or Yoga. No pre-registration necessary. Simply arrive at Pasley Park a little before 8:00am and sign in. Adults are $10, kids are free. Come ready to MOVE! You will be able to decide between a run, walk, bike or yoga workout led by Amy from the renowned Amy Miller Training.
WHY: To raise $33,250 to operate our Mission-Haiti orphanage for the next year.
*We will have sanitizing stations and will be practicing social distancing throughout the event. Masks are encouraged but optional.

INSPIRATION HILLS LIVE & ONLINE FALL ACTION
Friday, Oct. 23
Live & Online Auction begins at 7:00pm
Visit www.inspirationhills.org to register for online bidding & view auction items.

ONE MISSION YOUTH CONFERENCE
One mission, one Savior, one life. These are the things we have been gifted with — are you going to waste them? Or are you going to boldly stand up for your faith so students may find the hope you have?
Join us on October 3rd for the all-day ONE Mission Conference at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church if you want to learn what it means to be bold for the sake of the Gospel and live UNASHAMED. Learn more and register now at onemissionconference.org

FALL CLASS UPDATES
Fall looks and feels a little different around here. We will not be starting in-person Sunday School or Midweek until after the 1st of the year but here are several class options that the staff is working on. Stay tuned!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO-GO FOR KIDS
Each week check out a video, some activities that you can choose from and a worksheet that you can print (if you want.) In mid-October we’ll have bags of fun supplies and activities to go with the lessons.
Visit https://www.communityrc.org/kids2020/ for more info!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN
If you are interested in joining the Wednesday evening Bible study, prayer, and discussion group, which meets via Zoom at 7:30 pm, please email John Thornton prayerline@communityrc.org.
You will get weekly emails with the lesson and instructions on how to access the meetings.

PASTOR CLYDE’S MIDWEEK ONLINE CLASS
Pastor Clyde will be sharing weekly videos of stories from his past along with an accompanying devotional thought. For those of you who might be newer to Community, you may not be familiar with Clyde’s storytelling skills or the incredible experiences he has had! These videos will be available to watch anytime once they are uploaded online. We’ll keep you posted about the various platforms where you’ll be able to access and share these videos.

LIZ’S MIDWEEK ONLINE CLASS
Liz will be sharing weekly videos where she talks a bit about some of the worship songs she’s written. You’ll get to hear the stories behind the songs, why she wrote it the way she did, what she was hoping to communicate to the singer/listener, and even a few technical aspects of the songwriting. She’ll also share a short devotional thought about each of the songs. Then at the end, she’ll play and sing the song. We’ll keep you posted about the various platforms where you’ll be able to access and share these videos.
I’m going to postpone my fictional book recommendation list one more week so I can talk just a bit about Mid-Week for the year.

If you were a part of Mid-Week last year, you know we had some really fantastic adult classes that were able to meet and create meaningful learning experiences and relationships. This year we are going to make some adjustments to those classes as we enter into October, but it is our hope that after the first of the year we can return to a more normal Mid-Week setting.

Below is the current updated Mid-Week information for adults:

- **Pastor Clyde** will be sharing weekly videos of stories from his past along with an accompanying devotional thought. For those of you who might be newer to Community, you may not be familiar with Clyde’s storytelling skills or the incredible experiences he has had! These videos will be available to watch anytime once they are uploaded online. Trust me when I tell you they’ll be worth your time. 😊 I’ll keep you posted about the various platforms where you’ll be able to access and share these videos.

- **Liz (I)** will be sharing weekly videos where I talk a bit about some of the worship songs I’ve written, which we sing on Sundays at Community. You’ll get to hear the stories behind the songs, why I wrote it the way I did, what I was hoping to communicate to the singer/listener, and even a few technical aspects of the songwriting. I’ll also share a short devotional thought about each of the songs. Then at the end, I’ll play and sing the song. These videos will also be available to watch anytime once they are uploaded, and they’ll be available to watch and share on the same platforms as Pastor Clyde’s videos.

- The **Men of God** group led by Tom Jacobs and Ross Larson has decided to wait until January to meet. They really want to be able to meet in person in order to help their group be fully connected. So, if you were a part of that men’s group, just hang in there. Hopefully you’ll be meeting again after the first of the year!

As I receive other information about Mid-Week for adults, I’ll be sure to let you all know. But in the meantime, please know the above videos will be available toward the middle of October. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information!

And lastly this week, Robin Jacobs is once again hosting a packing party for anyone who might be interested in sending a care package to a college student. Robin is setting up the packing outdoors in her garage along with safe distancing practices. There is more information elsewhere in this Communicator about dates and times as well as Robin’s contact information. If there is a college student to whom you would like to send a package, please check out the packing information.

Have a great week!

Liz

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A FEW EXTRA THINGS...

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW THIS WEEK
- Rich & Carolyn Odens (COVID)
- Darla Anderson’s parents, Joe & Sally (COVID)
- Bert Groeneweg (COVID)
- Cara DeCoursey (kidney stones)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS
- Florene Meier (COVID)
- Brian Frisbee’s grandma, Audree (recovery from hip surgery)
- Judy Van Meeteren (recovery from hip surgery)
- 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)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurry’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 Landegent’s 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)

See Clyde’s article for more details about communion.

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We’re looking for 100 Subscribers on the Community YouTube page so we can have our own URL! Please subscribe today!
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCimEfjAVmG9_1jfXBwxwhBA

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Jamelee VanDonge and family on the recent passing of DeLyle. Please keep them in your prayers.

Also, our condolences go out to William Vambram for the passing of his mother.
Attendance:
Clyde, Gerald, Jolene, Tom, Pete, Curt, Mark, Mike H. Bob, Matt M., Chad M., Matt W., Mike D., Jim, Chad O. and Rick

Opening
Devotional and prayer - Mark

MSA the minutes from August.

MSA of the financial reports for August given by Matt M.

Seth Sundstrom stopped by to talk about the Classis Discernment Team to discuss options with the RCA denomination moving forward.

Old Business

Faith Ave. - No updates

New Business

Reports
- From Liz, Heather and Doyle were reviewed.
  - Sunday School it was decided for now to offer remote classes.
  - Middle School and High School offer remote Sunday School. Youth Group is offered in person and remote.
  - For Midweek it was decided for now to online classes. Pastor Clyde and Liz will be offering classes. Liz will check in with the other leaders to see if they will be offering their class this year.
  - These decisions will be reviewed each month during the Consistory meetings.

Nursery
- The Nursery had a small group of kids. We will continue to review this with the Nursery staff to understand how it is going.

Budget
- Budget Operations instructions were handed out to the Consistory. Budget recommendations are due by the October Consistory meeting.

Other
- None

Clyde
closed in time of prayer

Respectfully
submitted:

Tom
Jacobs, clerk
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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