

THE COMMUNICATOR

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 6, 2022

PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom or in person in our chapel.

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

Bishop Dudley Hospitality House
The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House offers a warm, safe and secure place to start the road back to a more stable, long-term way of living.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

April. We have arrived at April. Whew! The year is going so quickly. Spring has to be just around the corner. It seems very slow, but it's ok. A little rain would be nice. It looks like we have a chance this week. We did sing the song "Floodgate" on Sunday morning. Sometimes that works. We are praying it will again. April is always a full month of things, and this year Easter falls in April. That fills the schedule a bit for me, but I enjoy these messages and gospel that tells people who Jesus is and what he can do. Resurrection is a good subject matter. Go God Go!

We did our Elder/Deacon selections on Sunday morning. The process works. I want to thank all the people who voted for the slate this year. There were actually a few more than years past. I liked that. I mentioned on Sunday that we might need to look at making some changes to that process if you all feel we need to. I hear so many people say they don't know all the names on those lists, and we could easily pass over someone simply because not enough people know them. That could happen. We will continue to look at that and see what folks are thinking. This year it seemed to go just fine. Our new Elders are Mary Burggraaf, Ross Larson, and Stan Deelstra. Our new Deacons are Lyle Pudwill, Tanner Corbin, and Mark Theisen. We have a combination of new folks and those who have been with us long time. That mix is always a good thing. Thanks to all those who said yes to being on the slate. God is on the throne. We can stand on that promise.

RCA news. Our team that is working on this will be meeting this week to discuss our next meeting. That team went to Orange City last week and listened to the folks from 1st Reformed Orange City present how they did their process and how they came to their decision as a church. We all learned some good things from that meeting that will greatly help us as we continue to move this all along. There is a third option that we can present as I have stated before. I think it is good for us to explore all the options. We are learning more as we go. We will be doing another informational meeting this month for sure...we hope to get all of this done before the end of May. I think that is very doable. There will be more to information coming.

This Wednesday evening is our last MidWeek of the year. It has been an interesting one for sure. We started in the fall with COVID starting to push into the picture. That once again affected our folks. Kid things were slow in getting going. We did it every week and just let people decide how they wanted to proceed. Our adult classes were quite well attended and that all went very well. Our "cooks" were once again spectacular. We are so grateful for those people and all those who make that happen...more on that next week. We are blessed!

Sunday is Palm Sunday. That's right, Palm Sunday. We are there. Lots of tradition attached to that Sunday. It always seems like a wonderful celebration. The people were excited because all indicators pointed to Jesus being the Messiah. Yet, in the background of this celebration is a misunderstanding of what Jesus is coming to do. That will not sit well with these excited parade participants in a few days. Palm Sunday is a recognition that Jesus is the new King coming to his people. They are so right. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!





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PIE & GAME NIGHT
SATURDAY, APRIL 23
6:30PM

Bring a game if you wish and pie will be provided!
 All ages welcome!
 Contact Trudi Nelson if you have questions.
 (605) 360-1367 or trudinelson@sio.midco.net

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NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS

New consistory members that will begin in May include:

Elders: Mary Burggraaf, Stan Deelstra, Ross Larson.
 Deacons: Tanner Corbin, Lyle Pudwill, Mark Theisen



Boys: All Sizes
 Girls: Kids sizes only

We respectfully ask the shoes be new or in very good condition. Styles Needed: Close-toed, Dress Shoe, or Tennis Shoe
 Styles we cannot use: Sandals, Cleats, Snow Boots, Slides

Drop off at "The Give" in the lobby

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

5:30-6:30pm- Pizza Night
 6:30-7:30pm- Praise & Worship

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

7:00am- Prayer Ministry
 10:00am- AA Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
 10:00am- Sunday School

MONDAY, APRIL 11

Noon- Senior Citizen's (E. Pizza Ranch)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

7:00-8:00pm- High School Youth Group

OTHER MINISTRIES

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens meet every 2nd Monday of the month at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. **Next date: April 11.** Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, April 20, at 9 a.m. at the church. They will be discussing *The Edge of Belonging* by Cox.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. at the church. They will be discussing *Between Shades of Gray* by Sepetys (1941 Europe not to be confused with similar titles). Everyone is welcomed!

Hope Circle will meet on April 19th at 7:00pm. Hoatess is Carol. Lesson is Marjie.

FINANCES

Sunday, April 3, 2022

General: \$11,656
 Vision: \$2,430
 Missions: \$395
 Wed. Night: \$182
 Arise Ukraine: \$3,140

General YTD: \$218,595
 Vision YTD: \$21,543
 Vision Account Balance: \$41,371



Hi Everyone!

REMINDER: INSPIRATION HILLS EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE is April 15. Community will pay for half of that early registration amount because we know that camp can be a fantastic experience for many kids. There are camp options for all ages, including day camp, overnight, horse camp, wilderness, lodge, grandparent and family camps! There is even a fishing camp! We can also help with the cost of other church camps as well, so feel free to check with Heather if your child is interested in a particular camp. As a reminder, Doyle will also be giving Middle and High School students information about other camps.

We are all done with regular Midweek and have the Pizza and Praise night this week. I'm looking forward to it!

I'm really getting busy working on VBS for this summer. Get that on your calendar. I'd love to have some people help with decorating this year. If you would like to do one of the following projects, let me know:

- Turn a room "dark" like the night sky. (we'll be doing 3 of these)
- Make a giant sunshine in the lobby
- Create giant fireflies using water jugs and Christmas lights
- Create a firefly summer night scene in the entry
- Create a giant light bulb
- Create a sunshine from foam
- Create a pond using fabric that looks like water
- This is the most challenging one: create a giant light-bright peg board. (<https://angelarosehome.com/giant-diy-lite-brite-that-anyone-can-make/?fbclid=IwAR1b4YblKoJLOBvsEivC6uajmkRait8dRGUvcHzYOcFfoxSDgQg49iOIgss>)

Finally, if you already know you'd like to teach Sunday School next school year, feel free to let me know. I have a list started.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Children's Ministry
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DOYLES' UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Our midweek is coming to a close for the spring semester as we end midweek with the Pizza and Praise night this week. Students are welcome to join us for one last midweek meal (pizza!) and join the entire midweek group in some time of praise. This will be the first time I attend a pizza and praise night as we have only had one since I started here and the high school group decided to meet together that night!

There is one exception to midweek wrapping up as a whole this week. Our high school group will meet the final two weeks in April and the first Wed. in May. One of the benefits of having the high school go a few weeks longer is that we get to invite the 8th graders this year to join us as they begin the transition into high school this next year! It's a great time for those soon to be freshman to be introduced to the high school group before summer begins. Then, starting June 1st, both middle school and high school will start Wednesday nights back up for the summer!

Along with Wednesday nights, I will also be offering two week of camp – one for middle school and one for high school – this summer. I know that a lot of our students continue to attend Inspiration Hills, Camp Judson or others that they have gone to in the past and that is so great. If students do not have a yearly camp they attend, or if they would like to add a second, I will be going up to Pickerel Lake Bible Camp for their two weeks this summer. The high school group (those who have finished 8th-12th grade) will be June 26th – July 1st. Then the middle school camp (those who have finished 5th-7th grade) is July 10th-15th. If you have a student who is interested in joining me for camp this year, you can email me for additional information and the registration link!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions regarding the student ministries here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime!

Doyle
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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Junella Wesselink (fractured arm)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Melanie Oden's uncle, Bruce (cancer)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Randy Grotenhuis' daughter, Robyn (brain surgery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Gary Holmgren (stints placed)
- Brian Frisbee (blood clot/ long-term stroke rehab)
- Connie Tiggehaar (hospice)
- John Thornton
- Melanie Sittig's mom, Marcia (broken leg)
- Merlin Klein (congestive heart failure)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Jean Nollman's brother-in-law, Jim (growth in abdomen)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Mazie Boyle (chemo)
- Vi Slecta
- Jan Kreun's dad
- Mike Hays (cancer/surgery recovery)
- Jim Halling (cancer)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Connie Saathoff's brother, Russ (cancer)
- Ann DeYoung (dialysis)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Kim Becker's mother-in-law, Amy (cancer)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Tami Boyle's dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Tami Harm's cousin (colon cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the family of Cleone Groen. Please keep her family in your prayers.

CARDS FOR NURSING CENTER & DAYCARES

If you have used greeting cards, you can drop them off at The Give.



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Once again, I'd like to start my article this week by including our upcoming dates for events and special services at Community.

April 6 - Mid-Week Celebration night. Pizza 5:30pm, Praise and Worship 6:30pm

April 14 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00pm

April 17 - Easter Sunday. Regular service times 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:45am

May 1 - Last Day of Sunday School

June 20-23 - VBS!

I'm very excited to share with you a new learning/ministry opportunity for the summer months. Jon Harmsen and his family have recently joined Community, and they have been highly involved since their first day. Jon works full-time with Cru Ministries. Some of you will know Cru as Campus Crusade for Christ Ministries. Jon has a passion for teaching and training, and he has offered to teach a 10-session course on Wednesday nights this summer where he will cover topics concerning why our story matters when sharing the Gospel, how we can reach those in our neighborhoods, how to share the Gospel with those we encounter, and how we can continue to grow in our own relationships with God and others. Jon will be teaching here at Community, each session will be one hour long, and sessions will run from 6:30pm-7:30pm (just like Mid-Week!). Friends, it is a blessing to have someone like Jon who is a part of Community and who is willing to teach a course like this! If you have ever wanted to learn more about how to share the Gospel, I strongly encourage you to check your schedules and attend as many of these sessions as you can. If you have any questions, please contact Jon at jon.harmsen@cru.org. The dates and times are listed below!

Wednesday, May 18, 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, May 25, 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, June 1, 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, June 8, 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, June 15, 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, June 22, 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, July 6, 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, July 13, 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, July 27, 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday, August 10, 6:30-7:30pm

Thank you to all of the men who continue to contact me regarding the DMV group! I have had such wonderful input and discussions with men about this ministry! We probably won't get started until late summer/early fall, but I'll be sure to note all those details here. And as always, it's not too late to share your thoughts with me. Let me know if you want to share input on this group.

The WD40 group had another lovely meeting this week too. In our discussions, we have decided that we will likely take the summer months off and then continue in the fall. We'll make that ultimate decision at our May 2 gathering, and I'll be sure to include that info in this article as well. ☺

Have a great week!

Liz

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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.
We are doing individual family baptism after the 10:45am
service until further notice.**

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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