

THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 14, 2024

THIS WEEK AUG 14-AUG 21

Saturday, Aug 17

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Aug 18

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Services

Monday, Aug 19

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

Tuesday, Aug 20

9:30-11am- Play Group
7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, Aug 21

9:00am- Book Club
(Bagel Boy on MN Ave)

SPECIAL OFFERING

There are boxes set up in the lobby for money donations to Rock Valley, IA, one of the communities in the area that's been affected by flooding.
(If writing a check, please make it out to Community)

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

I am planning on being out of the office this week and take a little trip out west for a couple of days. A little R & R as they say. I am not getting off to a good start as my car threw a code at me on Sunday morning which will change my plans a bit. Oh well, that's life, right? You can make all the plans you want, but sometimes things don't go the way you plan. I would think a lot of us know exactly how that goes. It is best to be flexible and be ready for those changes that seem to find their way into life. I'll let you all know how all of that goes. I think it may make for an interesting story. Sometimes these things are for reasons we cannot see in the moment. I'll keep my eyes open.

We have had some amazing weather in the last few days. We have all certainly been enjoying that. I am sure there are some more hot days left. My guess is when school starts, that should bring on some hot weather. That sure can happen, but for now, this has been wonderful. Enjoy it all friends.

I want to again speak about our evening coming up on the 27th of August and the workshop on mental health. As you look at the material for this workshop, what you see is this it is about preventative plans that you and your family can put in place to help facilitate a healthy environment. The things you are going to hear are so practical and so doable. We all get busy and forget to do the little things that can make such a difference in how we are our family get through life without all the anxiety and stress of things. There are things we can do that will make a difference on the front end of these things rather than waiting for things to get out of hand and then scramble to take care of a stressful situation. I am so sure this will be worth your time. I hope you are all making plans to join us for that evening. If you have questions, you can call the office. We are looking forward to it. It is just around the corner.

Schools in the area are just around the corner with a couple already doing orientation things this week. It is hard to believe we are there, but indeed we are. I know we are working on lots of plans for things at church this fall. Our fall kickoff event is not all that far away, and before you know it, MidWeek will be starting as well. Liz and I have been working on some new things for our annual Christmas Choir concert. We are really going to be encouraging folks to get involved in that this year. I know you are all busy, but we are really trying to make all the rehearsals at a time that won't interfere too much with your week. I think it's going to be a good year for us. I am getting excited about the fall. It's getting here!

Sunday will be the last of the images on the stage. I can't believe the summer is that far along. It's the photo of those three little boys this week. There is a lot of story in that photo. It is about who they are and the way that life moves. When that photo was taken, they had no idea where their lives were going to go and what was ahead for them. It is a snapshot in time. God had His hands certainly on all of them, and each one of them would one day be a part of my life. Each one to make an impact. We are all moving along this journey of life and never knowing where God may be leading and never know for whom God may be moving. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer surgery on 8/19)
- Teachers, students & parents getting ready for the upcoming school year

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (blood clots)
- Bill Hinks (surgery to remove spot)
- Brian Jans' dad, Ben (surgery recovery)
- Kim Becker (high risk pregnancy)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Ryan Kortemeyer (lymphoma)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- Mike Graanstra's mom (improved health)
- Krista Groeneweg's dad, Ray (kidney cancer)
- Daniel Burlingame's mom, Esther
- Jeris VanZee (Mantle Cell Lymphoma)
- Dennis VerHey (accident recovery)
- Tony & Spring (healthy pregnancy)
- Evita Attema (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Evita Attema's sister, Lilli (cancer)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloot
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad

FRESH ENCOUNTER

SATURDAY MORNINGS
@ 7:00AM

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.



"Father, thank You for being so patient with us. For the many times we mess things up and You are still there for us, we are grateful.

You are truly our heavenly Father.

How thankful we are for Your tender mercies, Your sympathy toward us when we need You most. We reverence You, Lord. How marvelous are Your wondrous ways, how kind Your forgiving grace....'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits"

(from When I'm On My Knees by Anita Corrine Donihue and Psalm 103:1)

In need of prayer or want to share your prayer request?

Email Pastor John at
prayerline@communityrc.org

Grandparents Day of Prayer
A day of prayer for our grandchildren.
September 8, 2024

Christiangrandparenting.com
(no event planned just encouraging grandparents to pray)

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

THE BANQUET

- Offers a place to eat for the hungry- 450 meals served daily, 200,000 meals served annually
- Offers a place to serve-100% of meals are prepared by, paid for, served by volunteers
- Offers a place of hope that serves the body and spirit sharing hears at one common table.
- Sponsors Project SOS which provides over 6400 backpacks for school age children.
- Is located at: 1) 900 E. 8th St 2) 710 N Marion Rd.

Interested in donating or volunteering: Call 605-335-7066
thebanquetsf.org
Always in need of plastic bags and clean Tupperware containers

EVENTS



Fall Kickoff Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 15

Join us for a morning filled with a few extras to kickoff the fall season!

11:00-1:00pm- Pancake Feed by Chris's Cakes

11:45am-2:00pm Mr. Twister
Balloon Twisting, Face Painting, Inflatables & Lawn Games

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Sept. 9** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, August 20, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Sooley*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, August 21, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Molokai*.

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

A poster for the SEEN Workshop Live Event. It has a blue background with a yellow abstract line drawing on the left. The text "SEEN Workshop Live Event" is in large white and yellow letters. Below it, "Healing Anxiety & Despair in Kids & Teens Through the Power of Connection" is in smaller yellow letters. Two circular photos of speakers are in the top right. The date and time "TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 @ 5:30-8:00 PM" are in white. The location "Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls" and the registration link "Register at frcoc.org/seenworkshop" are in white. A QR code is in the bottom right.

Please use this QR code or go to frcoc.org/seenworkshop to RSVP

Join us as we step into conversations on helping kids navigate fear and anxiety. Together, we will learn from Dr. Chinwé Williams and Will Hutcherson how to connect with children in meaningful ways to empower them. This in-person event for everyone will provide valuable insights and strategies to support the children in our lives. If you are a parent, coach, school worker, grandparent, aunt or uncle, or anything in between, don't miss out on this opportunity to make a positive impact!

SCHEDULE

5:30 - 6:00 pm - Appetizers and Fellowship

6:00 - 6:15 pm - Welcome and Worship

6:15 - 7:45 pm - Presentation by Dr. Chinwé Williams and Will Hutcherson

7:45 - 8:00 pm - Book Signing and Cookies

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

Trauma therapist, Best-selling Author, and Speaker, Dr. Chinwé Williams is an expert at simplifying the complexities of our human experience. She is a sought-after speaker trusted by corporate and ministry leaders, educators, and parents to deliver messages that inspire individuals and teams to better connect with the individuals they lead and support. From managing anxiety, despair, and burnout, to highlighting the benefits of equity and empathy-centered leadership, Dr. Chinwé helps individuals, teams, and organizations accomplish their goals through the power of connection.

<https://drchinwewilliams.com/>

Will Hutcherson is an author, speaker, and pastor. Will has been a Next Gen and Student Pastor for over 15 years. Over the past several years he has become increasingly passionate about finding practical ways to bring hope to kids and teens who are facing increasing amounts of anxiety, depression, and despair. This led to him starting Curate Hope, a non-profit that focuses on suicide prevention, mental health awareness, and partnering with schools, churches, and parents to help heal despair in teens. Will seeks to build a bridge between the local church and the schools and families that are navigating this mental health crisis. Through Curate Hope, Will speaks in public schools across the country, letting students know that there is always hope. <https://willhutch.com/>



CONSISTORY MINUTES

HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

August 8, 2024, 8:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Clyde Teel, Curt Zwart, Ross Larson, Mike Boyenga, Susan Bierwagen, Harvey Odens, Mary Burggraaf, Tom Weerheim, Justin Hinks, Sean Fantroy, Jordan Lipp, Tanner Corbin, Lyle Pudwill, Mark Theisen

Opening Scripture: Luke 2, "Waiting", and Prayer – Tanner Corbin

MSA to approve the July 11, 2024 consistory meeting minutes. MSA to approve the July financial report.

The lawn movers, a John Deere rider and an Ariens walk-behind, are for sale. Sealed bids are being accepted until September 1, 2024.

Parking lot maintenance bids are being sought. This maintenance issue will need to be added as a yearly budget item.

Reports from Heather and Liz were reviewed.

Thus far, the offering for the Rock Valley flood relief is \$7,800.

The Great Plains Hub Fall meeting is at Community at August 27 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend; the speakers are nationally known for their work with children/students with anxiety and mental health issues.

The Fall calendar is filling up.

MSA to give In His Steps (ihs): Pathways to Peace \$1,500 for the purchase of four (4) wheelchairs for Gaza. They have an authorized transporter for the wheelchairs to get to the children in need.

Next meeting will be September 12, 2024.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Clyde
Respectfully submitted, Mary Burggraaf, Clerk

I hope your summer continues to go well. At work and at home, my world is starting to race toward autumn at a pretty quick pace.

I've been reading the book, *Seen: Healing Despair and Anxiety in Kids and Teens Through the Power of Connection*, and I'm looking forward to the authors of that book speaking at Community on August 27. I want to strongly encourage you to make time for that, regardless of whether you are parenting a teen right now. This is a great opportunity for all of us and I am anticipating this event will be more than worth our time. After reading the book, I'm excited to hear from the authors and soak in more of this new learning and essential reminders. Join me. It is a free event, but please sign up so they know how many to expect, since there will be snacks. 😊

I have to say a special thank you to all the people who have signed up to teach Sunday School so far. We have some great volunteers on the list again this year. We do have many open spots, so please join the team. We especially need help in grades 3-5 and kindergarten, but there are openings in most grades.

-Sunday School starts on September 22. We are looking for the teachers and helpers in most grades as well as some substitute teachers for when a volunteer will be gone.

-We try to have at least 2 volunteers in each role, so that each person serves only half of the weeks to maximize flexibility while still creating strong connections with kids.

-Sunday School ends on 5/4/25 and we have some weeks off for holidays, so each person serves just 15 times or less per year.

Check it out at the clipboard on the Link counter or give me a call/ email and we can talk about which role you'd like best. Sign up online at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CACAA2EABFB6-50528950-sunday> OR <https://rb.gy/qhiq2k>

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

EVERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IS A MINISTRY

Livestream Volunteers

There are many people who watch online on Sunday mornings! We're looking for people to help run our Livestream during the 10:45am service. Interested? Contact Josiah (josiah.dunlap@communityrc.org)

Sound Volunteers

We are looking for a few people who might be interested in learning how to monitor the soundboard for the 10:45am worship service. Interested? Contact Liz (liz.teel@communityrc.org)

Nursery Volunteers

Come play with the kids at Community! You'll serve only 4 times throughout the year! Sign up at The Link or go to 605.church and fill out a form to volunteer.

Welcome Team

Every week volunteers on the Welcome Team make Community feel like home to every person who walks through our doors.

WHAT: We're looking for volunteers to be on the Welcome Team.

WHEN: You'll be on a team that serves on the same week each month. For example, if you're on Team 2, you'll serve every second Sunday of the month.

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH TIME SLOTS TO SERVE ON YOUR ROTATION:
8:45am-9:10am
10:30am-10:50am

Email Holli at connect@communityrc.org to sign up or for more info!

Online Greeters

Do you love to connect with people online? We're looking for a few people to greet our online church on Facebook and interact with them. Email Holli at connect@communityrc.org to sign up or for more info!

FINANCES

Sunday, Aug 11, 2024

General: \$8,542
Vision: \$731
Missions: \$195
Rock Valley: \$2,293

General YTD: \$486,521
Vision YTD: \$35,282
Vision Account Balance: \$30,296

MOWERS FOR SALE

1) 2018 John Deere Zero Turn
Mower
Model: z920M
185 hrs.
60 inch deck
with lift for serving (lift is broken)

2) Ariens Walk Behind Mower
Self propelled

If interested in either of these mowers, please submit a sealed bid to the deacons by Sept. 1st. Mower will be located in the church garage if anyone would like to take a look at it.

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby.
It's a place to donate to local ministries.

Ben Reifel Specialized Education Classroom
Gently used Legos/ Magnatiles/ blocks, etc.

Rock Valley Community Schools (flood victims)
New & gently new books for children & teens

The Foster Network
New Underwear/socks, backpacks & shoes

Harmony South Dakota
Art supplies/school supplies

