

THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 28, 2024

THIS WEEK

AUG 28-SEPT 4

Saturday, Aug 31

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Sept. 1

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

Monday, Sept. 2

Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 3

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Sept 4

6:00pm- H.S. Youth Group starts

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FINANCES

Sunday, Aug 25, 2024

General: \$9,787

Vision: \$705

Missions: \$400

Rock Valley: \$555

General YTD: \$501,593

Vision YTD: \$36,517

Vision Account Balance: \$24,138

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CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We are into the last week of August and this coming Sunday is Labor Day weekend Sunday. I really am having difficulty in believing the summer is over. The weather feels more like summer today (Monday) than it has most of the summer. It has been so humid the last couple of days! That will change soon enough. Fall is just around the corner. I know that schools are now in full session and sports activities are getting into full swing. Bands are doing field completion programs and all the other things that fill up lives this time of year. It's a new season now for sure and I hope you all have a good start to the fall season. I know you will all have plenty to do.

We have been planning several fall things out here as well. Nothing so new, but those activities we do take planning and they take people. I know we are still looking for Sunday School teachers, but I have a feeling many of our people are still in summer mode and just haven't gotten into what is coming next. We do need lots of volunteers in all kinds of areas this year once again so, when those signup sheets hit the lobby, I hope you will all give that some consideration. We will need you!

Choir members: We are really hoping to get a great group together this year once again. We try to do it at the most convenient time we can for all of you and your schedules. We have chosen some new music this year and I am excited to start putting that program together. We always say we would love someday to have an 80-voice choir, but I just never know who all will be able to do it. I know life is busy for so many of you. Give it some thought friends, we would love to see you there. Choir is such a great way to participate in the ministry of the church, get to know some new people, and sing. That's a pretty good combination. It all begins in October. It will be here before you know it!

We finished the summer series this past Sunday, and I have already received so many good words about the time we spent on God Prompts. I do believe the last one really brought it all together for us. I had such great words on that from many of you. Apparently, redemption is a message that moves us in good ways. That is good for me to hear. God taking our past and making into something for the work of Kingdom is great theme and a very good foundation to build a church. We will pursue that more in the coming weeks, that you can be sure.

Sunday is a Labor Day weekend event. It is one of the two Sunday each year that I can just pick a subject or theme and run with it for a day. I'm not settled on an idea yet (this is Monday morning) but I'm sure before the end of the day, I will be focused on one of those ideas and see where it takes me. I sometimes consider doing something completely out of the ordinary, but I am not sure what that would even be. I'm brave, but I don't want to do something silly or over the top. What would be the point, right? I'll do my best! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Almighty God, El Shaddai, we pray that we will be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, we will let our requests be made known to You.

Philippians 4:6

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)

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MOWERS FOR SALE

1) 2018 John Deere Zero Turn Mower--Model:z920M
185 hrs.
60 inch deck ---comes with lift for servicing (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.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

Through many programs, Children's Home Society serves families, individuals, and children of all ages. Many are victims of domestic violence, abuse and neglect, or traumatic life events.

More info at <https://chssd.org/>

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jean Nollmann (feeling unwell)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Caleb Ellwein (knee stress fracture)
- Marcia Thornton (same-day nasal valve surgery)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer surgery on 8/19)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (blood clots)
- Kim Becker (high risk pregnancy)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Ryan Kortemeyer (lymphoma)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- 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
- Evita Attema's sister, Lilli (cancer)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Slood
- 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.



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



Sunday School Starts Sept. 22

Sunday School for kids is from 10:05am to 10:40am in the Children's Wing.

Come meet your teachers, find new friends, and learn that Jesus loves you!!!

There are classes for age 3 and older...all the way up to grown-ups! The Nursery is open as well, so bring the whole family.

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 on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The River We Remember* by Krueger.

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Richardson.

If you are interested in joining either book club, stop at the church library for more information and a copy of the book to borrow.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle, our respite is over. We will meet on Sept. 17th at 1:30. Jeanie is hostess and Marjie will lead lesson 4.

WD40

First Monday of every month (except Sept. which is Sept. 9th) 7:00-8:00pm

This group is for women of all ages and is the "grease that keeps us going." Led by Liz Teel, WD40 creates community for women to join in discussions about our spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical growth and wellbeing.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Monday Evening Bible Study will be starting up on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7 pm. If you have any questions, please call or email John Thornton

H.S. YOUTH GROUP

Official start of High School Youth Group starts Wednesday, Sept. 4th @ 6:00pm. Middle School Youth Group will start Oct. 2.





HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

We are one week away from our high school midweek starting up for the fall! I am so excited to be back together. We start the fall in a three part gospel message; creation, fall and redemption. I start with some form of this series every year and every year has a slightly different focus. The focus this year is on creating and sharing our stories as shaped by the message of the gospel. Pastor has had several series this last year that our students will be able to build upon as we go through the month of September. The series will focus on the good news of Jesus and how as a result of that good news there is power in our story. It may not impact everyone who hears it, but there are people we will encounter that will be moved by the way God has worked in our life. Reflecting upon and having that story ready to share can be an amazing way to share with others the gospel message.

Coming up in September we also have the start of Sunday School. This year, we will be using parts of Heather's resource on Discipleship for families she put together for some of our direction and will be talking about building habits and intentional time in our relationship with God and others. If you have not checked out that resource packet put together by Heather, I encourage you to grab one from the Link! It will be a great tool to be used throughout the year.

Finally, we do have our next event coming up in September. Partnering with the block party here at church on September 15th, the middle and high school group will be having our fall kickoff event from 5:30-7:30 that Sunday evening. Students, if you are free, come join us for some food, inflatables, games and conversation!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle
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Hi Everyone!

We still need Sunday School teachers. Can you think of a person or two who might be great teachers?

Sunday School starts on September 22.

Here's what we still need most:

- 3rd Grade Co-Teachers x2
- Kindergarten Co-Teachers (we have one of two needed)
- Kindergarten Helper (we have one of two needed)
- Substitutes

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>

One question that I'm occasionally asked is why we don't offer Sunday School during the service. The reason we do Sunday School during a separate time slot is that it is important for children to be part of the regular worship service, for the kids, and for the adults! It is good for kids to see people of all ages worshipping together and for them to participate in the service alongside their parents/ role models. It is also good for those of us who don't have little kids to see kids in church. We are all part of church! So, if you are a parent who has a child who is occasionally a little noisy during the service, please know that we understand you are doing your best to help them learn and that this is part of their growing up.

If you are someone who doesn't have kids, don't be afraid to say hello and try not to stare when kids make noise. They are growing and learning, just like the rest of us.

We do offer Nursery during the service for children who are younger than kindergarten age, since many of them are not developmentally able to sit through a whole church service yet. We also provide "busy bags" with a handful of activities to help kids as they transition into fully focusing on the service. You'd be surprised by how much they are hearing, even as they are tinkering with little toys. Finally, we have sermon notes. These are for children, youth, and adults. Grab one and take notes on it during the service. It isn't a worksheet that needs to be filled out completely, but rather a tool to help you focus on what you are learning. It is designed to help us make connections throughout the service.

Heather DeWit
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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I'd like to open my article this week with a fairly sizable request. As many of you know, our Mid-Week ministry at Community gets its start the first Wednesday of October. We always serve a meal, which is followed by classes and learning experiences for every age group. This year, we would love to be able to add 2 more meals to our meal rotation for Mid-Week. This means we'll need 2 more head chefs to lead the kitchen groups in preparing, service, and cleaning up the meal for the evening. Head Chefs can be one person or even a small group of people. We have many years' worth of kitchen information that will be helpful to anyone who might be interested in leading a group, so you would not have to recreate the wheel, as it were. Would you please give some thought and prayer to the possibility of leading a kitchen group? You can cook the meal of your choosing, and we are willing to walk alongside you as you get the hang of it. If this is something you might be interested in learning more about, w please contact me or Janet Bartscher (605-366-5675) for more information. Thank you for prayerfully considering this ministry!

The women's WD40 group will get started again on Monday, September 9 at 7:00pm. This group is open to women of all ages. We meet from 7:00-8:00pm, and I lead discussions a variety of topics during the year. We meet in the fellowship hall here at church, and all women are welcome to attend. Normally, we meet on the first Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00pm, but the first Monday of September is Labor Day. That's why we have that September meeting on the second week. If you're free September 9, I hope you'll join us!

Our Fall Kick-Off Sunday is scheduled for September 15! You'll be able to sign up to serve in many different ministries at Community, and we'll have lots of information available that day concerning Mid-Week classes, small groups, service opportunities, choir, etc. There will be a meal following the late service that day too, so be sure to mark your calendars to join us in person.

I'm writing this article on Tuesday morning, and tonight is the night of the Seen Workshop here at church. I'm praying that God is glorified in the teaching, learning, and worship, and that people leave feeling empowered to help kids. I'll be sure to give a little report in next week's article about how this event turned out.

Have a great week, friends!

Liz
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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



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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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