

# THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 7, 2024

## THIS WEEK AUG7-AUG 14

**Saturday, Aug 10**

**7:00am**– Fresh Encounter

**Sunday, Aug 11**

**8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM**– Worship Services  
Communion Sunday

**Monday, Aug 12**

**Noon**– Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

**Tuesday, Aug 13**

**9:30–11am**– Play Group

## 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 know it is hard to believe we see kids already beginning activity things at school, but I know they are busy already. The summer is moving quickly along. The Sioux Empire Fair is going. That always tells me the summer is coming to an end. Our church picnic didn't get to happen as we were uncertain whether the weather was going to get bad. I guess you never know. I knew as soon as we changed it things would change, and they did. Isn't that just how things go? The tempts this week are supposed to be a little cooler. I guess we shall see how all that goes.

I have a few things to highlight this week. We start with the love offering we are doing for Rock Valley. We will leave those boxes up this week for you and only ask that if you would like to give a gift for that, you can make the checks out to Community and drop those in those boxes in the lobby. We will then get those all taken care of and get that our friends there. I know there are other communities that were hit hard as well. We are just picking one, and trying to make a difference there. I know lots of wonderful things have been happening already. We are just wanting to help where we can. Thanks, everyone!

Tuesday evening, August 27th, starting at 5:30pm our hub is sponsoring an outstanding evening about kids and teen anxiety. This is a great opportunity for us and our community folks. I am very excited about hosting that event. This is a subject that is very serious right now and anyone who does counseling in our area will tell you just how serious this is. Our guest are great presenters and they will bring a good word to us on that night. I am really encouraging our parents and families to make this a priority. There is more in the newsletter this week about this...check that out. August will get busy toward the end of month. Get this on your calendar. You will be glad you did!

I have a number of weddings this fall which means I have been meeting with these couples the past few days. There are a few couples getting married that I can remember as babies. I must say, that is an interesting experience. It only seems like yesterday and now they are all grown up. Life is a quick trip. This always reminds me to value each and every day you get to spend with the special people in your life. Remember, God is using them and you to make a difference in the lives of others. We have all been impacted by those special people. When you have a good day, celebrate that to the fullest.

A reminder that we are doing communion this coming Sunday. As we have worked our way through the God Prompt series, I feel it is only fitting that we spend a time of reflection on God's most amazing revelation, His Son Jesus. He came from heaven to earth to demonstrate the love of the Father through the Son by giving his life as an atonement for our sin. As underserved as we are, Jesus still loved us enough to give his life. May we never forget that love and that devotion. We will celebrate that revelation on Sunday.

The next person on our list is Roger Fredrickson. That is a name that many of you are most familiar as he was a part of this community for many years. His life was a testament to the power of God in the heart of a Christian. I met him late in his life, long after he had "retired" from ministry, but his impact on my life was great. I am looking forward to bringing that word on Sunday. Have a great week!

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (blood clots)
- Bill Hinks (surgery to remove spot)
- Brian Jans' dad, Ben (surgery recovery)

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jan Mellema (surgery recovery)
- Kim Becker (high risk pregnancy)
- Mona Schrader (hip replacement 7/26)
- Jerry Ackerman (surgery recovery)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Dave Van Dine (surgery recovery)
- Angie Bonnema (surgery recovery)
- 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

"Lord Jesus, based on 1 John 5:14-15, we call upon You to literally fill us with confidence. Give us the spiritual confidence to know that whatever we ask in Your name we will receive. Fill us with the confidence that only You can give. Thank You for honoring Your Word and our prayers. Amen."  
(from Praying God's Will by Lee Roberts)

In need of prayer or want to share your prayer request?  
Email Pastor John at  
[prayerline@communityrc.org](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Greg Venenga and Bonnie Venenga on the passing of Kathy Perkins. Please keep them in your prayers.

## 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](http://thebanquetsf.org)  
Always in need of plastic bags and clean Tupperware containers

## 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

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

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Aug. 12** 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 scribble on the left. The title "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 @ 5-8PM" are in white. The location "Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls" and the registration link "Register at [frcoc.org/seenworkshop](https://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](https://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 - Snacks 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/>





DOYLES' UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

I got the text from school that we are only a few weeks away from our first day this year! Along with that, there are a lot of activities that have already started or are about to get going for the school year. It's so hard to believe that summer is quickly coming to an end for the year.

As planning for the school year picks up and the change of schedules comes again this fall, we are in a similar spot for the youth ministry. The youth group will not be meeting in August as I plan and get things ready for the fall. I have the overall series for each month this fall finished and am now spending time creating the week to week breakdown of each of those. As they come together, I continue to get more and more excited to be back together.

Here is a quick breakdown for when things start back up for the year.

**September 4th** – High School Wednesday nights start back up. We will go from 6:00-8:00 for the month of September.

**September 15th** – Church Wide Block Party after church. Then that night we will do a fall kick-off for the middle and high school group at church from 5:30-7:30.

**September 22nd** – Sunday School starts again. This year Abby Burnside will be leading the middle school group again and I will be with the high school group.

**October 2nd** – All of midweek starts back up. Meal from 5:30-6:30, kids, adults and middle school from 6:30-7:30 and high school from 7:30-8:30.

I hope you enjoy the final few weeks of summer and that the transition back to school goes well. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime.

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605-310-2561



## HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

**Sunday School starts on September 22**, so we're ready for volunteers to join the team. 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>

See you soon!

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Children's Ministry

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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 4, 2024

General: \$8,967  
Vision: \$675  
Missions: \$100  
Rock Valley: \$7,798

General YTD: \$477,980  
Vision YTD: \$34,551  
Vision Account Balance: \$29,565

## 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

