

THE COMMUNICATOR

THIS WEEK DEC 10- DEC 17

Wednesday, Dec. 10

5:30-6:20pm- Meal-
Chili/ Chicken Noodle

6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes
for Children, Middle School
Youth Group & Adults
(Nursery also provided)

7:30-8:30pm-
High School Youth Group

Saturday, Dec. 13

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Dec. 14

NO 8:00am Service

9:00 & 10:45am- Choir Concert

10:10am- Sunday School

3:30pm- Kid's Christmas
Program

4:30-6:00pm- Choir

6:30pm- Refresh
(Young Adult group)

Monday, Dec. 15

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Dec. 16

9:30am- Play Group

11:00am- Hope Circle

7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 17

No Midweek Meal
(Christmas break)

6:00-8:00pm- M.S. & H.S Youth
Group Christmas Party

DECEMBER 10, 2025

Clyde's Update

It is most certainly winter now. It can snow so easily which always makes me a little nervous as we try to get all the programs in with the weather. The weekend appears to a cold one, but it looks like Sunday will be snow free, but who knows. The snow is pretty and all, but I am just not ready for this much this early. It is problematic when we are keeping sidewalks good for people. Maybe January will be different. I'm hoping for that. It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving was only a couple of weeks ago. It seems like that was a long time ago. It is a busy time. Stay safe when you are driving.

I know that many of you will have all kinds of things going on in the next few weeks. I even heard conversations this past Sunday of people already doing some Christmas gatherings with families. You will have programs and concerts and of course, the normal things that get done with activities in school as well. December will fly by very quickly. I hope you will all be able to have some down time and rest as well. Maybe you can work in some "silent nights" in your season. All-is-calm and all-is-bright sort of time with your heart and God to make Christmas touch your hearts a bit.

Our choir rehearsal this past Sunday evening was a very good one. They have really been digging into this music. It will bring a smile to your face as we are doing some very nice music for that program. Liz and I are so proud of their efforts in this. These people give up their Sunday afternoons for several weeks to make this happen. We do want this to be a blessing to all who come and share that morning with us. We are grateful for their efforts. I remember from my music teacher years that I couldn't sing all the parts and couldn't play all the instruments. It was going to fall on all those kids who chose to be in those programs. Without them the music would not have a life. It takes instrumentalist and singers to make it happen. We are very fortunate here to have these friends who choose to make this a part of their season. We are looking forward to Sunday. I hope you are all planning on being there with us. We have lots of carols to sing together as well a couple os extra new things to add to the day this year. Bring a friend! What else could they have going on a cold December Sunday morning? See you all Sunday!

The kids program follows that afternoon at 3:30pm. Heather has been working with all the helpers and the kids since early this fall to get all this ready. It is a lot to plan as so many families have so much going on throughout all those days. She must work a schedule that works for as many kids as possible and with that put together a program that tells the story of Christmas. We hope you all can be a part of that as well. There is a lot of work that has gone into this. Let those kids know you appreciate all that they do. It matters!

Sunday's message is the choir. It goes this way each year that one of Sundays during Advent will be the Christmas music Sunday. It is this week. We are working to bring the joy and the meaning of that season to each person in the room. It is with song and harmony and words and hearts that work together to communicate the meaning of Christmas through all we do that morning. We want the Christmas spirit to touch every life in the room. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR MIDWEEK & SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 10

Last Midweek until January Mid-Week 5:30-7:30pm

December 17

NO Mid-Week

December 21

NO Sunday School

December 28

NO Sunday School

December 31

NO Mid-Week

January 7

Regular Mid-Week Resumes

NO NEWSLETTER DEC. 24 & 31

If you have something to go in the newsletter for the next couple of weeks, please take note that there will not be a newsletter Dec. 24 & 31.

So if you have something to put in the newsletter, please have your info into Holli by Tuesday, Dec. 16 for the Dec. 17th newsletter. Thank you!

Give praise to the Lord, ...sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts...let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

Psalm 105:1-4

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

LSS- BETTER TOGETHER

Better Together is an independent adult service with the purpose of providing aging adults who live on their own with long-term relationships and neighborly activities. In the Better Together program, an older adult Neighbor and their assigned volunteer will spend four hours per month participating in social activities, such as playing cards, going for walks, seeing a movie or play, going shopping, or simply drinking coffee and talking.

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Leroy Thill (infant son of Katie & Trevor Thill)
- Jean Nollmann (hematoma)
- Claradith Kingsbury (stroke recovery)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Al Price
- Donna Holmgren's brother, Tim
- Jan Sturing
- Ken Stellinga (Pancreatic cancer)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Steve Lee
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Steve & Becky Lee for the passing of Steve mom, Arlene.

Our condolences also go out to the friends and family of Linda Stoops.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

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.

<https://bradmartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMNrb0Xcg9KhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>

Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

Passcode: 052482

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

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DOYLE'S UPDATE**MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL****MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
PARTY****DECEMBER 17****6:00-8:00PM**

Join us at church for a catered meal.
Please RSVP to Doyle so we can plan
how many for the meal.

DOYLE.BURNSIDE@COMMUNITYRC.ORG

SPECIAL

Christmas Eve

COMMUNION SERVICES

**3:00PM | 4:30PM | 6:00PM**

NURSERY PROVIDED AT 4:30PM SERVICE.
3:00PM SERVICE WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED.

ONGOING MINISTRIES**SENIOR CITIZENS**

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **January 12** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

AA MEETING (OPEN)

Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the youth room. Use east doors.

REFRESH

Weekly gathering of college students and young adults every Sunday at 6:30pm. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on Dec. 16th at 11:00. Donna is hostess.

BOOK CLUBS

No book clubs in December.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Copies are available to borrow in the church library.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave near 33rd St. We will be discussing *Yellowface*. This book will be available to pick up in the church library sometime mid-December.

FINANCES

Sunday, December 7, 2025

General: \$81,195

Vision: \$1,465

Mission: \$140

General YTD: \$933,381

Vision YTD: \$46,744

Vision Account Balance: \$9,320

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Once again, here is the updated holiday schedule at Community:

December 10	Last Midweek until January Mid-Week 5:30-7:30pm
December 13	Choir Dress Rehearsal 4:00-5:00pm
December 14	Sunday morning Christmas Choir Concerts at 9:00 and 10:45
December 17	NO Mid-Week
December 24	Christmas Eve Services 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 6:00pm
December 31	NO Mid-Week
January 7	Regular Mid-Week Resumes

I'd like to send out a massive THANK YOU to all the people who came last Thursday night to help us film for KELO by singing the congregational Christmas carols!! We had a fantastic group of people come out on a cold night, and you sang beautifully!! We were thrilled to have you there. Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedules to come to church for a quick minute to help us out. You made a huge contribution to that service!

As far as we understand it, Community's Christmas Eve service will air on KELO TV on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm. Of course, we'll be having our in-person services right around that time too! So, if you want to see it, you'll either have to record it, or come to the early or late services that day. We are praying it's a blessing to all who see it!

And lastly this week, I'd like to remind you that the Christmas Choir concerts happen this coming Sunday, December 14 at both the 9:00 and 10:45 services. Please note there is no 8:00 service next week. The choir has once again worked exceedingly hard on the music for this year. And they sound absolutely beautiful. As always, our music is challenging, but they have risen to the challenge, and I think you are going to be blessed by their performances. This would be a great day to invite a friend to church. There will be several Christmas carols sung by the congregation, the choir music of course, and one other special instrumental number. You'll just have to come to find out what that is! 😊 I hope we have a full church next Sunday to celebrate the birth of Jesus in this way!

Have a great week, everyone!

Liz

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HEATHER'S UPDATE **KID'S MINISTRY**

Hi Community!

The Christmas Program is almost here. Join us on December 14 at 3:30.

Parents of Preschoolers: Please bring your child to the Children's Wing at 3:00pm to meet Miss Emily and Miss Lori for lining up and getting ready to come in. We need to warm up those jingle bells! 😊 Parents, feel free to set your coat on your chair to save your seat and stay with your child in the Children's Wing if that will make them more comfortable leading up to the big performance. 😊

Parents of Elementary School Kids: Be sure to practice their songs and group lines this week from www.communityrc.org/christmas Every grade has a speaking part. Kids should arrive in the Fellowship Hall at 2:45pm to put on their costumes. If any parents can stay to help kids put on costumes and help with crowd control, I'd appreciate it!

Elementary School kids: Please remember to come to Sunday School next week to practice for the program during Sunday School from 10:10 to 10:40 in the Fellowship Hall. This is our only practice together, so we will make the most of those 30 minutes.

Community, I'd love some feedback on how we do the Christmas Program.

Email me at: Heather.DeWit@Communityrc.org. I know that kids and parents are very busy, so it is tricky to schedule kids to make it to practice or even the program itself when so many weekends are full. I'd love to hear from you on what you love about having a Christmas Program, what your kids think, what you wish we could change, etc.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
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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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