

# THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 10, 2024

## THIS WEEK JULY 10-17

### Saturday, July 13

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

### Sunday, July 14

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

### Monday, July 15

7:25 & 9:15pm- Church Softball  
@ Sherman Park (Diamond D)

### Tuesday, July 16

9:30-11am- Play Group

### Wednesday, July 17

H.S. Youth Event

## VBS

## JULY 22-25



## FINANCES

Sunday, July 7, 2024

General: \$8,255

Vision: \$665

Missions: \$395

General YTD: \$414,806

Vision YTD: \$30,965

Vision Account Balance: \$33,375

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July weekend! Now we are nearing the middle of month and things are picking up around here with VBS just around the corner. July is moving right along as one would expect and the rains have slowed up a bit as well. Things are amazingly green. We do have many friends in areas around us who had some very serious flooding issues that will not be resolved anytime soon. Our hearts go out to those folks who have suffered some very substantial loss with all the water. It doesn't take long for things to turn around. Last year, it was so dry as well as the year before, and then in just a matter of a few days, it is more water than we need. It is a lesson in how life can go. One day it is one way and the next day it is completely different. There is probably a sermon in there somewhere if I look hard enough. God is big enough! That is a truth we can all hold on to.

As I mentioned earlier, VBS is just around the corner. In talking with Heather, she said the number of helpers is looking very good and we can still use a few more. She said the number of kids preregistered is a little down from last year, but she said the bulk of those registrations will come in that last week. I know what she means. We all tend to forget about these things and then at the last minute it hits us that it is right now! We are looking forward to having a good week with the kids. If you haven't gotten signed up, let's work on that and if you have a neighborhood kid that you need to invite, this would be a good time to get on that as well. Go Community Go!

I do want to put out a big thank you once again for all the nice cards. I did get many handwritten notes and as I have said before...I read all of them. I enjoyed the time reading the kind words. You have all been very kind which keeps me moving ahead and wanting to do even better with each passing year. I learn something new about this business of being a pastor each year. It is one thing to do the work that it takes, but it is a whole other thing learning how to navigate all the things that are less obvious. Things like how to speak truth without getting political or perceived being as political is not easy these days. Cultural things are tricky and how one speaks into those is most challenging. Trying to give attention to everyone's wishes for how churches should go is not always easy. We all have things in our jobs that are that way...the ministry has those as well. You learn over time how to work your way through those things, but it is not always a perfect way to do that. I have been most blessed to be here with all of you and you have all been very good at working with me to make a difference in the lives of people. It is Kingdom work that we do. It is not a business...it is a church. Our product is a Savior. Our focus is changing hearts. Our goal is heaven. Our theme is Jesus!

Sunday, we start the music part of the God's Prompt series. Yes, this will be one of my favorite sections. Obviously, music is a big part of my life, as it is for many of you, but for some this will not be the way that God gets into your life. I want to bring a good word on this for all of you. It gives me chance to talk of the songs than impact our lives and show what the Bible says about music and how it can be used. History as well has a music component. We have much to cover. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

Feeding South Dakota Backpack Program

### AA BIG BOOK MEETING

No meetings in the summer months

### 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 CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, July 16, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Molokai*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, July 17, at 9 am on the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.

### HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle is taking the summer off from meeting. See the September Communicators for fall meeting information.

"Jesus set a compelling prayer example. He prayed before He ate. He prayed for children. He prayed for the sick. He prayed with thanks. He prayed with tears. He made the planets and shaped the stars, yet He prayed. He is the Lord of angels and Commander of heavenly hosts, yet He prayed. He is coequal with God, the exact representation of the Holy One, and yet He devoted Himself to prayer. He prayed in the desert, cemetery, and garden. 'He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.' (Mark 1:35)

Quote from Max Lucado's BEFORE AMEN.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Angie Bonnema (surgery recovery)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ryan Kortemeyer (lymphoma)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Mike Graanstra's mom (improved health)
- Krista Groeneweg's dad, Ray (kidney cancer)
- Daniel Burlingame's mom, Esther (breast cancer)
- Jeris VanZee (Mantle Cell Lymphoma)
- Dennis VerHey (accident recovery)
- Dennis & Annette Korb
- Tony & Spring (healthy pregnancy)
- Evita Attema (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Dave Van Dine (vascular)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Evita Attema's sister, Lilli (cancer)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Justin & Sandy Heimdal and family (house fire)
- Darla Moulton's son-in-law, Neil (cancer)
- 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.



HOLY BIBLE

DOYLE'S UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



We were talking as a staff this week and I was reminded that summer is officially halfway over! With the transition to three kids going on at our house, that completely caught me off guard! With it, I am so excited to be back and going for the youth ministry. I want to highlight a few things in July going on.

First, our high school group will be back together this Wednesday! We will be meeting at church Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 for some desserts, conversation and community. Our theme continues to be "Our Stories" as we take a look at the impact a story can have on those around us. For students who have finished 8th-12th grade, I would love to have you join us Wednesdays for remainder of July.

Second, our July event will be held on Wednesday the 17th. This is for both middle and high school students, and will go from 6:00-8:00. There will be food, yard games, and a ultimate frisbee/basketball crossover as we spend some time together this summer. Students who have finished 5th-12th grade are invited to join us! If you could RSVP so I can have enough food that would be great!

Finally, we will be hosting my second ever High School Lock-in here at Community on the 20th. With baby Eleanor joining our family, I was unable to do a week long camp/trip this year. As a result, I am putting together the lock-in as it is an event students have been asking about for awhile now! We will start the night at 7:30 and be officially done before service starts on Sunday morning. It's going to be a high energy night with a lot going on. A RSVP/registration form is required. Parents, check your email for that this week or have students pick a form up on Wednesday night.

As we enter the second half of summer, please feel free to reach out with any questions about the youth ministry here at Community! I've begun working on the fall planning and while it's not all finished yet, I am really excited for what we have going on!

Doyle  
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org



## HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hello Everyone!

Vacation Bible School is coming very soon!

If you haven't yet, please register for VBS at: <https://communityrc.org/vbs> VBS is July 22-25, 2024, from 6:00-7:45pm.

VBS is free and registration takes just a few seconds.

I'd like to encourage you to bring friends or neighbors with you to VBS this year. If you can't come to every night, we'd still love to see you when you can join us.

Together We'll Learn:

Monday's Big Idea: With Jesus, we are LOVED- The Parable of the Wandering Sheep

Tuesday's Big Idea: With Jesus, we are FOUND- The Parable of the Lost Coin

Wednesday's Big Idea: With Jesus, we are FORGIVEN- The Parable of the Prodigal Son

Thursday's Big Idea: With Jesus, we are JOYFUL- The Parable of the Pearl

We have a time of worship, Bible lessons, crafts, and games. Even if you don't have kids, come join us! There's always someone to chat with.

Have a great week!

Heather DeWit  
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VBS

JULY 22-25



# EVENTS



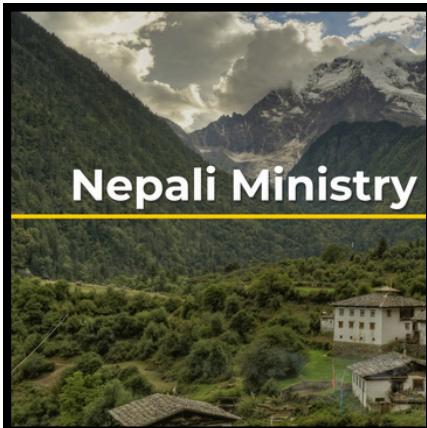
## Picnic in the Park

Wed. July 31st  
6:30pm

3500 S Cliff Ave  
Upper Tuthill Park

Potluck is back!  
Bring a dish to share if you can.  
Community will provide  
hotdog/buns & water.

Bring your own lawn chair.  
Yard games are also welcomed!



## Words of Hope Nepali Ministry Update

Thursday, July 18th  
5:00pm  
At Community

Come and be a part of a special evening as we come together to listen to the powerful testimonies of Nepali field leader, Amit Karthak!

Join us to learn about Nepal's journey, the impact of Words of Hope, and how we can support this vital ministry together.  
Please RSVP via phone or email by Monday, July 15  
Call | (616)-459-6181  
Email | abigail.blok@woh.org

## Happy 80th Birthday!

Gary VanDenHoek will be turning 80 on July 16. We would like to shower him with cards and well wishes. They can be mailed anytime.

Gary VanDenHoek  
7115 S Hoffman Place  
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Thank you for making his milestone extra special !

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## Thank you!

Dear Community Reformed,  
Marcia and I wish to thank you all for the outpouring of kind thoughts, cards, and gifts to me regarding my being at Community for twenty-five plus years. If I were to personally thank each of you, it would take months, but please know I very much appreciate all that you have done. It has been an honor to serve God by being on staff. May God bless you all as we journey into the future together. I look forward to continuing to interact with you all, and thank you again.

John Thornton

## SEEN WORKSHOP

Healing Anxiety & Despair in Kids & Teens Through the Power of Connection

AUGUST 27

5-8PM

at Community

No childcare provided.



## SEEN Workshop Live Event

Healing Anxiety & Despair in Kids & Teens Through the Power of Connection

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 @ 5-8PM

Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls  
Register at [frcoc.org/seenworkshop](http://frcoc.org/seenworkshop)



# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I hope you all were able to spend some time with family and friends and away from your normal work schedules over the 4th of July. The summer cruises right along, and it's extremely important to slow down once in a while and savor all that comes with it.

For the past few weeks, I've been working to create a leaflet with Pastor Clyde for his current sermon series, "God Prompts." The idea is that this little leaflet will help guide you to identify some of your own "God Prompts," whether they be from your past or even in your present. As of this writing, the leaflets are at the printer, and I'm hoping to have them available this week, or at the latest, next week. We'll chat more about them on the first Sunday we have them available, and we also hope to have a digital copy on the church website and app. These are free to anyone who wants one, and if we run out, we'll order more! They are the size of a greeting card and would be easy to keep in your Bible. My hope is that they will be a blessing to you as you consider what your own "God Prompts" might be.

VBS is less than 2 weeks away. It starts Monday, July 23 and runs through Thursday, July 26. We meet in the evenings, and we have a marvelous time worshiping God and learning about God's great love for us. You can register your kids online or at church, and you can also sign up to help in a number of ways. Our theme for VBS this summer is "FOUND!" The kids (and adults) will meet Lizzianne Jones (distant relation to Indiana Jones...very distant!) during our worship time. We will be learning about how God is always searching for us when we are lost, and how much God values every single person. VBS is open to kids 3 years old through 6th grade, and frankly, I think this is one of the best things we do here at Community. I hope every single person at Community can come see even just a part of what happens during that week. It is a blessing!

Coming up on August 27, Community will be hosting a gathering for every church person who attends a Kingdom Network church for our region. The evening will start around 6:00 and include praise and worship as well as two fantastic guest speakers. Dr. Chenwe Williams and Will Hutcherson are coming to us from Atlanta, and they will be speaking on children/youth and mental illness. The last time they spoke for an event in Orange City, it was so impactful that we knew we wanted to have them come for our event. We encourage anyone who is interested, whether you are a parent, teacher, youth worker, etc. to attend, and feel free to invite a friend. The evening will wrap up at 8:00pm. More details will be available as we get closer to the date, but please pencil that in on your calendars.

Have a great week!

Liz

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## MEALTRAIN FOR HARMSEN FAMILY

GRACIA IS NOW HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL, BUT SHE HAS A SIGNIFICANT POST-SURGERY RECUPERATION AHEAD OF HER THAT WILL CONTINUE WELL INTO JULY.

YOU CAN CALL OR TEXT JON TO COORDINATE A DROP-OFF TIME.

READY-TO-EAT MEALS AND FREEZER-FRIENDLY MEALS ARE BOTH GREAT OPTIONS FOR THEM. GIFT CARDS FOR TAKE-OUT ARE ANOTHER WAY TO PROVIDE A MEAL.

[HTTPS://WWW.MEALTRAIN.COM/TRAINS/DNGV8V](https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/DNGV8V)

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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](mailto: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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