

THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 17, 2024

THIS WEEK JULY 17-24

Saturday, July 20

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, July 21

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

Monday, July 22

6:00-7:45pm- VBS

8:20 & 9:15pm- Church Softball
@ Sherman Park (Diamond C & D)

Tuesday, July 23

9:30-11am- Play Group

6:00-7:45pm- VBS

Wednesday, July 24

6:00-7:45pm- VBS

VBS

HOSPITALITY
VOLUNTEER

Love serving others with
hospitality?

Looking for a volunteer or two to
fill water jugs so we keep
everyone hydrated. Be a
welcoming and friendly face!

Email Heather if you can help!
heather.dewit@communityrc.org

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

The summer has brought us a little heat during last weekend. It is July and that is to be expected. I know for those fields that didn't have as much flooding; the corn is really growing. Heat will do that! I had a friend from out in wheat country in western South Dakota telling me the wheat crop out there in areas is amazing this year. So, there is some good news on the farming front for some. That is always good to hear. We are getting some good reports too from some of the flooded areas that people in those small towns are pitching in and helping each other out during this difficult time. That's what we do around here and that's always good to hear. We are planning a special offering for our friends in Iowa on the 11th of August. You will be hearing more about that in the coming weeks. We felt like we should do something and so we contacted a group there who gave us some direction on what they need. Friends helping neighbors! I like that.

VBS is just around the corner now. We are still encouraging people to get their kids registered just so we can know how many to plan for. We are always ready for a few extra, but having a little lead time can be beneficial. I know that many of our families are really busy doing summer activities. Hopefully, we will see you all during VBS and this year's theme is, "Found!" Go God Go!

I am sure most of us were a little shaken by the events of the weekend in the news. Former President Trump, or any person, should not have things like this happen to them. It was not anything most people would want to see. The world has people in it who are captured by a mind that has lost its way. We see the way people get hurt in this broken world too often. My words on these moments have always been the same, when the church gets involved, we are most effective when we bring the power of the healing hands of Jesus, our Savior, and the power of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of fallen people. I think Jesus is more effective than our opinion. I always encourage folks to get involved in whatever political things they feel they need to, and if a particular cause fits your heart's desire, I would say do that however you see fit to do that. I would only encourage each of us to bring Jesus into that place with you. Ask the Holy Spirit to walk with you through it as well. I think a lot of things would be different if more would do that. Pray for calm and sound thinking for all. Go God Go!

This week's message is once again another song from my past. This one is a little more in my tradition as a young man growing up in a house and family that took a great deal of interest in traditional music. Mandolins and fiddles! It gets into our blood. It will be a good opportunity to talk about tradition and how that shapes us. We can spend some time talking about our Jewish roots and how all of that has shaped our thinking about God and how those early Christian friends stepped out in faith believing in something so new and so fresh. Traditions are important and they have ways of bringing so much good into our hearts. 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!

HOPE CIRCLE

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

FINANCES

Sunday, July 14, 2024

General: \$8,339

Vision: \$495

Missions: \$195

General YTD: \$423,145

Vision YTD: \$31,460

Vision Account Balance: \$33,870

In Need of Prayer or Want to share your prayer request?

Email Pastor John at
prayerline@communityrc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Dave Van Dine (surgery recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Angie Bonnema (surgery recovery)
- 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
- 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



It's going to be a busy few weeks here at Community! It starts off Wednesday night with a middle and high school event at church. We will meet from 6-8 and will be having food, yard games, 9 square in the air and some conversation together! If your student who has finished 5th-12th grade is free come join me for the night.

Then, this weekend our high school group is having a lock-in. This is one of those events that we don't do often, so we go big for the night. From a little "field trip" to start things off, pizza, large group games, a movie and board games, it is a pretty high energy night that is a great way for our students and friends to build community and talk about some of the stresses of life and love of Jesus. Registration is required for the event! If students/parents didn't get that form, please let me know and I will get that too you!

Finally, next week is VBS! This is the first year I have been here that I get to be around for the whole week and I am so excited! Whether you are bringing your kids or helping out in some way, it is so much fun to see the church transform for the week of VBS! I cannot wait to finally join in for the week!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle

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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hello Everyone!

The countdown to Vacation Bible School is moving quickly and I'm so excited to share this adventure with everyone! VBS is July 22-25, 2024, from 6:00-7:45pm.

If you haven't yet, please register for VBS at:

<https://communityrc.org/vbs> Bring some friends!

VBS is free and registration takes just a few seconds.

The lineup of volunteers this year is stellar and I'm excited to see how the kids respond to the Bible lessons with parables and the other exciting activities.

Here's the schedule for this year:

5:40- Volunteers Arrive

5:50-6:00 Come get your name tag and find your group
6:00-6:30 Opening in the sanctuary

6:30-6:50 Go to first station (Sing N Sprout goes to Nursery for lesson/ songs and doesn't rotate) (Preschool, Kindergarten, and grades 1-6 go to games, craft, and Bible lesson during the three rotations.)

6:50-7:10 Rotate to second station

7:10-7:30 Rotate to third station

7:30-7:45 Return to the sanctuary for closing songs/prayer

We have a time of worship, Bible lessons, crafts, and games. Even if you don't have kids, come join us!

Have a great week!

Heather DeWit

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VBS

JULY 22-25



EVENTS



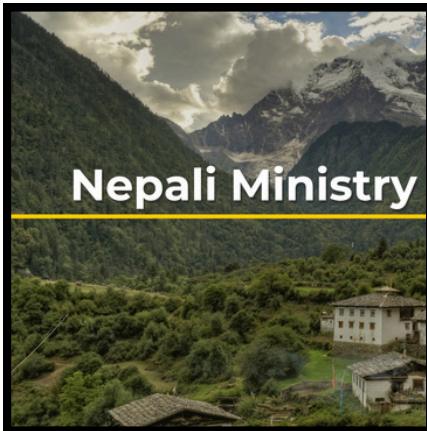
Picnic in the Park

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

SPECIAL OFFERING AUG. 4

There will be a special offering taken on Sunday, Aug. 4th for Rock Valley, IA, one of the communities in the area that's been affected by flooding.

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Thank you!

To our beloved church-
Thank you for your prayer, love, and support over the last month. Gracia's health has always been a little rocky, but near-complete liver failure was an extreme that we never could have imagined. The outpouring we have experienced as she has recovered is overwhelming and we cannot thank you all enough. You all have been a true, tangible expression of the Church. We are humbled and grateful.

Jon, Gracia, & Ezra Harmsen

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



CONSYSTORY NOTES

JULY 11, 2024

In Attendance: Clyde Teel, Doug Harms, Mike Boyenga, Susan Bierwagen, Mary Burggraaf, Curt Zwart, Sean Fantroy, Harvey Odens, Stan Deelstra, Tanner Corbin, Lyle Pudwill, Eric Van Donge, Jordan Lipp, Mark Theisen

Opening Scripture: Romans 12:10; "Your Mother Trained You Right", and Prayer – Mike Boyenga

MSA to approve the June 13, 2024 consistory meeting minutes with the addition of Curt Zwart in attendance.

MSA to approve the June financial report.

The parking lot maintenance issue will be discussed next month.

With the use of a lawn service, the lawn movers are for sale.

Reviewed reports from Doyle, Heather, and Liz.

The mosquitos need to be dealt with before VBS, will check with the lawn service company.

Words of Hope holding a meeting at Community on July 18, 2024.

The Great Plains Hub Fall meeting is at Community at August 27 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Community will host the ARC fall gathering in November.

An offering will be taken for the Rock Valley, Iowa community to assist with needs the community has following the flooding. The offering will be taken on August 4.

Next meeting will be August 8, 2024.

Holli and Susan are working to improve the prayer portion of the Communicator.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Burggraaf, Clerk

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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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