

THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 24, 2024

THIS WEEK JULY 24-31

Wednesday, July 24
6:00-7:45pm- VBS

Thursday, July 25
6:00-7:45pm- VBS

Saturday, July 27
7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, July 28
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Services

Tuesday, July 30
9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, July 31
6:30pm- Picnic in the Park
(Lower Tuthill Park)

FINANCES

Sunday, July 21, 2024

General: \$12,497
Vision: \$495
Missions: \$660

General YTD: \$435,643
Vision YTD: \$31,955
Vision Account Balance: \$34,365

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

The summer is moving right along. It has been good to see a few showers this week to make all the grass nice and green. So far, it has been a nice summer with not so much heat up to this point. I have been hearing around that many school things are going to be getting started in the coming days with camp things. I can't believe we are already doing that, but here we go with all that as well. I continue to hope you are all having a great summer and getting to enjoy your families and the many fun things we can do in these months of summer. August is just around the corner. I hope I'm ready for that!

We are doing Bible School this week and as I write this letter, we have just completed our first night of activities. I see lots of kids and once again, lots of new faces around the place as well. I am always so grateful for all the adults who volunteer to make all this happen. We are truly so blessed to have you all do that. I am also so moved by the number of young people who chip into help as well. They are amazing with those little kids! It takes a lot of people to make this thing go and if you have ever been around to see it happen, you would see what I mean. It is a fast-paced event in this place and kids moving from one thing to the next and getting all them in the right area at the right time is a challenge. Games, crafts, music, and lessons! It is a quick couple of hours! We are planting seeds friends. That is what this is about. You bring them into this place and together we plant seeds. We demonstrate what it means that Jesus loves us! We try to show them who God is in our lives. It will be a good week. I'll say more in next week's newsletter about this, but for now we are in the middle of a good week! Well done everyone!

I also want to highlight an event that you have been seeing a little information about coming up on Tuesday August 27th at our church. Our network hub is hosting, at our church, an evening conference on healing anxiety in youth through connection. Folks, this is going to be a great opportunity for our area. The speakers doing the presenting are amazing and we are very privileged to have them with us. First Reformed in Orange City had them in their church last year and their people were wondering just how quickly they could get them back! Well, we are getting it done. Our area hub that we are a part of is sponsoring this event, and we want to get the word out. We all know how important this subject is. You will be hearing much more about this as the time gets closer. For now, if you know families...any families...all families...encourage them to put this on their calendar. Again, this is a great opportunity for us. Let's make the most of it! Go God Go!

Sunday, we will be doing our last song in the series and this one is one that is a present song on the list. Our subject this week that will revolve around this song is the name of Jesus! I don't think I need to explain that the Bible is quite clear that there is power in the name of Jesus. If you speak Jesus into a place, things can change. What else do we know that does such a thing as that. I have said over and over, the best thing we as churches can offer to the problems, tensions, and brokenness of the world, is the Jesus who died for us and walks with us every day. Sometimes God needs to remind us of that great truth. Music can be a great reminder of the majesty and the power of God in the world. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

On behalf of Rick Hoogendoorn's family, his wife Julie, their children, grandchildren, parents and extended family, we would like to pass along our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, prayers and support as we all work through this new stage of life without having him with us.

It was so heartwarming to hear all of the great stories from so many people that he touched over the years. He certainly had a positive impact on those around him. We hold onto our faith in our Savior and his Grace with the belief that we will one day be reunited with those loved ones that have passed.

Hoogendoorn Family

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CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Rhonda Van Roekel and her family on the passing of her brother,
Darryl VandeVooren.
Please keep the family in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Darla Moulton and her family on the passing of Neil Rezac.
Please keep them in your prayers.

"Prayer as work or ministry means that we stand on God's side, desiring what He desires. To pray according to God's will is a most powerful thing.

For the church to pray signifies that we have discovered God's will and are now voicing it" ...declaring that we stand on God's side and that we want what He wants.

(From Prayer Ministry of the Church by Watchman Nee)

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

**Email Pastor John at
prayerline@communityrc.org**

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mona Schrader (hip replacement 7/26)
- Jerry Ackerman (surgery recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- 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)
- 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 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.





HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

VBS is off to a wonderful start. If you haven't joined us yet, I encourage you to come be part of the excitement, even if it is just for one evening. I'll share more pictures next week, but for now, enjoy a peek at the first night of games. The younger kids did a little archeology work in the sandbox, finding sheep, coins, pearls, and more! The older kids had fun with the giant beach ball and other games.

On Monday we learned that we are **LOVED!**
Ezekiel 34:11- "THIS IS WHAT THE LORD GOD SAYS: I, MYSELF, WILL SEARCH FOR MY SHEEP. I WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM."

Luke 15:3 Then Jesus told them this parable:
4"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?5And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders6and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'7I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

On Tuesday we learned that we are **FOUND!**
Luke 19:10- FOR THE SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST

Luke 15:8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?9And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.'10In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

On Wednesday we learned that we are **FORGIVEN!**

Romans 5:8 BUT CHRIST DIED FOR US WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS. IN THIS WAY GOD SHOWS HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US.

Luke 15:11-31 The Story of the Prodigal Son- He was lost and is found!

On Thursday we learned that we are **JOYFUL!**

Matthew 6:33: BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.

Matthew 13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.46When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

Children's Ministry

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VBS

EVENTS



Picnic in the Park

Wed. July 31st
6:30pm

3500 S Cliff Ave
Lower Tuthill Park
(LOCATION CHANGE SINCE
UPPER TUTHILL IS UNDER
CONSTRUCTION)

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!

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.

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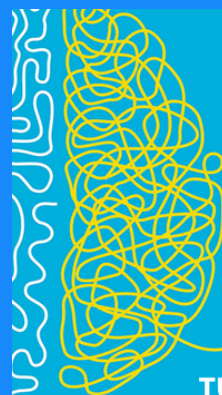
SPECIAL OFFERING AUG. 4

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.

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 fcoc.org/seenworkshop





LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We are in the middle of VBS week, and so far, everything is going very well! We have tons of kids and tons of adults, and the Spirit of the Lord has been active and evident in every part of the week. One of the things that caught my attention is that we have nearly 40 5th and 6th graders signed up for VBS. FORTY! That's a lot of kids in that age group! Usually what happens with those older kids is that they have other things they can be participating in during that week, or they feel like VBS is for little kids, or they just want to do other things because they are getting older and have a wider variety of interests. But to have 40 kids, who are about 11-13 years old, voluntarily be coming to VBS, well, in my mind that's a huge testament to this experience at Community. It means that the volunteers are making huge impacts on those kids. It means Heather is good at writing engaging lessons for those age groups. And it means that those kids are making connections that matter to them during this week. That is a huge blessing.

The other cool thing I've noticed this week is that we get to have out-of-town kids who are the grandkids of Community people, who get to spend the week staying at their grandparents' house in order to attend VBS at Community. I love that for the grandparents, for the grandkids, and for us here at church! What a blessing to be able to connect with those kids as well!

I'd like to say a special thank you to the guys in the band who make it possible for me to lead the kids in worship the way I do during VBS. If I was stuck behind the piano playing, there's no way I could be dancing with them or doing the actions while we are singing. Their playing is a massive boon to VBS, and I want to make sure I recognize them for their commitment. Thank you to Nick Sittig for playing bass, Kyle Wigg for drumming, and Pastor Clyde for playing his electric guitar. You guys really do rock!

Please continue to remember August 27 as the day 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 (I'll be leading this with some of our band members). We'll also have 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, and if you get a chance on Wednesday or Thursday night, come on out and experience VBS from 6:00-7:45pm. You'll be glad you did!

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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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