

# THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 31, 2024

## THIS WEEK JULY 31-AUG 7

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

**Saturday, Aug 3**  
**7:00am- Fresh Encounter**

**Sunday, Aug 4**  
**8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Services**  
**(Offering for Rock Valley)**

**Tuesday, Aug 6**  
**9:30-11am- Play Group**

## SPECIAL OFFERING

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.

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

It's August! That's right, the month of August is here. I always remember August as being hot and dry. I remember those days when the wind would blow out of the south about 40 mph and that air was like a furnace. I'm sure that many of you remember that as well. I hope that is not the case this year, but that's August to me. The other thing I remember as a former teacher is that before this month is over, we would be right back into things. I know that for many this is still the case. Lots of extra activities will be getting started very soon in the area with schools starting up lots of programs in the coming days. Here we go!

This week our annual church picnic will be in the park. We always get a nice turnout for that. By the time the newsletter is out this week, that event will be underway or maybe depending on when you read this, it will be all finished. I have one of those weeks where I am meeting with several wedding couples in the evening and I will not be able to stay for much of the picnic so, maybe someone can have a hotdog for me. It is a good chance to reconnect with some folks that maybe you haven't seen so much this summer. It's always a good time. Enjoy!

I also want to promote the event coming once again up on August 27th in our church. I am highly encouraging our families and friends to put this on your schedules. There is an advertisement in the newsletter with all of the details. Our guest presenters for that evening are fabulous and the subject matter of anxiety in our youth is such an important subject to understand better. It can be so helpful not only for your family but having that information for others around you. It might be coworker or another family you know that is really struggling with this and you may have the opportunity to speak into that and make a big difference. It will not be an evening wasted, that is for sure.

VBS is in the books for another year! It was a good one! I want to thank all of our helpers for their efforts in making this such a great week. We had such a great group of volunteers for the week and from what I could tell, things went very smoothly and that is saying a lot when you consider how many different moves have to happen in those couple of hours. It was an "Indiana Jones" theme with excavating and locating treasure. It was about being "found". Heather and Liz found some very clever ways to put all of that together for the kids and it worked very well. Great job Community! Thank you for how you give!

Sunday, we move to the last grouping of God Prompts for this summer series. We are now going to do people. This one will be easy for all of you to connect. We all know someone from our past that made a difference in our faith journeys. Maybe it was Sunday school teacher or someone in your family that brought Jesus closer to you. I will be doing three individuals from my past in the story now as well, but the emphasis will be on discovering who those people are right now in your life. We all need a little help now and then and I am very aware that God knows exactly who to bring into our lives at just the right moment. The Bible is full of stories where God chose a person to lead nations and individuals through difficult places. We have much to talk about. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Be encouraged “to approach Him confidently and joyfully—finding peaceful rest in His Presence. It’s such a blessing to know that Jesus listens to every one of our prayers! He loves us perfectly and is constantly caring for us, whether we’re aware of His Presence with us or not....Devotional prayers are designed to lead us into deeper, richer, more continual communion with God. Enjoy your time with Jesus and bring all your concerns to Him.”

(From Jesus Listens by Sarah Young)

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

Email Pastor John at  
prayerline@communityrc.org

## 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

Always in need of plastic bags and clean

Tupperware containers

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jan Mellema (surgery recovery)
- Kim Becker (high risk pregnancy)

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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)
- 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)
- 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.





## HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Oh Community! I am speechless.

I truly can't thank this year's VBS team enough. It was a beautiful year. I remarked a few times that it was a blessing for me to see such a wide variety of people using their gifts to serve very well. We had many new volunteers and a number who have served countless times before. We had people of all ages who connected with the kids. Each year, God shows up in new ways and while I'm not surprised when it happens, I'm always awestruck.

There were some people who took extra care in their roles, and it really showed. This year, I have to thank the lesson teachers for all ages. I threw an extremely challenging set of Bible lessons for the Elementary age kids to Mary and Abby and despite the tricky scavenger hunt components and adventures, they made the lessons exciting and engaging for the kids. It was a stressful job, but they pulled it off fabulously and it worked! The kids were hooked. For the little kids, Emily and Abby transformed their room into a cool scene and I heard many kids excited to head to the room with the tent. Again, the volunteers in every area and age group, including set up and tear down were exceptional this year.

I also want to thank the band for making the worship time meaningful. I wish you had all been in the room with the kids to experience God moving during those four days. Something you may not know about Vacation Bible School at Community is that we write our own VBS curriculum, which takes some creativity and planning, but has been worth it. All of the staff at Community help make that possible with their ideas, support, help, and work. I want to especially thank Liz this week for her role in making that possible. Without her talent, and willingness to devote the extra time and energy, and brainstorm with me, we couldn't pull that off the way we do.

I don't have room in the newsletter to share all of the amazing photos from VBS (thanks Emily from Capture Your Style) so I encourage you to check out the video at:

<https://communityrc.org/children>

See you soon!

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# VBS



**DUE TO THE UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER  
THIS EVENING, THE PICNIC IN THE PARK IS  
POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY, AUG. 5TH @  
6:30PM AT THE LOWER TUTHILL PARK.**



## NEW DATE: Picnic in the Park

**Monday, Aug. 5th  
6:30pm**

**3500 S Cliff Ave  
Lower 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!

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### 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.

### 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*.

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## 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.

## 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)







# VBS 2024



**COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH  
6800 E. 41 STREET  
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110**

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Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Permit No. 7119

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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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