

THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 9, 2025

THIS WEEK JULY 9-16

Wednesday, July 6-11

H.S. Youth Group in Texas
for Mission Trip

Saturday, July 12

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, July 13

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

10:15am- Adult Sunday School
(chapel overflow)

7:00pm- Refresh (College student/
young adults)

Monday, July 14

Noon- Senior Citizens
(E. Pizza Ranch)

Tuesday, July 15

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, July 16

9:00am- Book Club
(Bagel Boy on MN Ave)

6:00pm- Picnic in the Park
(Upper Tuthill Park)

Clyde's Update

We took a week off the newsletter last week with the 4th on that week. We do that only a couple of times a year. Summer continues to move right along, and of course now we hit the 4th and we all start realizing how quickly this all goes. I know there are lots of fun activities going on out there during this season. It is time for families to do something new and something exciting. I like that. It is also a time for summer activities as well. That can get to be a pretty full plate. Make sure you all leave time to enjoy and not just go! There is a difference, and that difference can be a difficult balance to find. I also realize that it is often not something you have much control over. I don't like that. I did get back to see my mom again this week for the 4th. My sister always has a big gathering for the family over the fourth. We had a good time back home and then drove back in the rain. I enjoyed that.

We all feel a deep sense of sadness for all the pain in Texas. It just hits us in a tender place. When it is kids involved, that really gets our attention. Say an extra prayer for all of that. Sorrow is not how that should be, but we do see it. That's what the world can do. Things we can't control.

Still no word on the cement work or parking lot. We are on the schedule, and we know July is the target month. I only say this to you so that you know it is on my mind, and I'll let you know just as soon as I can. Once again, they are going to work around our schedules here so it will all be just fine. It is kind of exciting to think how nice that is going to work. Also, the guys working on the leak of the skylight in the lobby have made some significant discoveries in that area. That's some really good news. We have good people working on all of those projects.

VBS is just around the corner! This week we are going to be spending a little more time reaching out to folks to help us out on those four evenings. We are expecting a great turnout again this year. People are busy and I know that most of you are surprised that we are at this point in the summer, but here it is. Heather has it all organized, and now we just need all the people to get plugged in. Registrations can be done online if you wish. Lots of places to sign up to help as well. It is a full week, but so worth the time. It is seed planting that we do in those days. We need seed planters to join us!

Sunday's message is going to be a word on why we can trust God. There is a little more to it than just that word, but that will be part of the focus. We often struggle at times about decisions or direction. We analyze and talk it over, but sometimes it just comes down to trusting that God will be there through all the days. Remember, the journey is just as important as the destination. Our everyday walks in life are the hours we spend with life. There will be high points and there will be low points. Who did you go through those with? Did you have a great assurance that God was there? Was there a joy, a rest, a comfort, a presence that was evident? How does one develop that kind of faith walk? It does not happen overnight. This is a journey of time and disciplines we do to gain strength in this walk. So much more to say. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

"You can only go as far for God as you
have time with God."
Jim Maxim

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MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA

Our Backpack Program ensures that children who rely on school meals do not go hungry over the weekend so they can return to school on Monday ready to learn.

BackPack units are filled with non-perishable ingredients that provide at least three nutritious meals. Food for this program is purchased so that the items are nutritionally balanced and kid-friendly.

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Laurel Feenstra and her family on the passing of her grandmother, Evelyn (VanderTuin) Niewenhuis. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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FINANCES

Sunday, July 6, 2025

General: \$6,817
Vision: \$740
Mission: \$200
Parking Lot: \$120

General YTD: \$394,249
Vision YTD: \$20,713
Vision Account Balance: \$3,430

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Wes Hinks (surgery 7/11)
- Ken Stellinga (Pancreatic cancer)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Community's Youth Group (on mission trip to TX)
- Cory Carlson-Himes' mom, Brenda
- Steve Lee (cancer)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pete Mellema's mom, Joyce (broken pelvis)
- Daniel Burlingame (infection)
- Larry Long (pelvis fracture)
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Sharen Harms (brain surgery recovery)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Joselyn Cleveringa (seizures/testing)
- Daisy Johnston (seizures)
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Steve Zimmerman
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Aaralyn Van Der Slood
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

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.

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Call Shawn Blom at
605-940-6702 with questions.



EVENTS



Picnic in the Park

Wednesday, July 16

6:00pm

3500 S Cliff Ave
Upper Tuthill Park

Potluck picnic- Bring a dish to share if you can. Community will provide hotdog/buns & water.

Bring your own lawn chair.

Yard games are also welcomed!



VBS- CREATED

July 21-24

6pm-7:45pm

Vacation Bible School at Community is four fun filled evenings of action and excitement.

With worship, Bible lessons, games, and crafts, we know you'll meet new friends and learn about God's amazing love for you!

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **July 14** 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.

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, July 15, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Ku Klux Klan in South Dakota*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, July 16, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave and 33rd St. We will be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures*.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle is taking the summer off for family time. Watch for the September Communicators for restart information.



REFRESH: Weekly gathering of college students and young adults every Sunday at 7pm.

CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Come cheer on the Community co-ed softball team Monday nights at Sherman Park by the Zoo

Monday, July 14

8:20pm- Diamond B
9:15pm- Diamond B





HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

VBS is just a couple of weeks away and we still need some essential volunteer roles!

VBS is July 21-24 in the evenings. There is a list of volunteer opportunities at the VBS table in the lobby as well as a list online at <https://communityrc.org/vbs>.

- Preschool/Kindergarten Games Leader: chalk, bubbles, parachute, and other fun activities
- Elementary Crew Leaders and Helpers help kids go between stations and get to know the kids each night. We still need Leaders for Grade 1, 3, and 5/6. We have helpers already signed up for 1st, 3rd, 4th grade since they are bigger classes.

If none of those needs fit your idea of fun, we always need more hands with the preschool and kindergarten groups too!

We also really need many more people willing to stay for about an hour after the last night of VBS to help put away the decorations. This could be families with kids, youth, or anyone. It isn't all heavy lifting. We do need a few people to take down some backdrop stands and big decorations, but more than that, it involves folding backdrops, stacking cardboard, deflating toys, and tucking items away for future use.

As you can see, we still need quite a few helpers, so please grab a friend or two and sign up to volunteer.

Also, sign-up kids and invite friends! VBS is free and a very fun way to make memories.

You can sign up online or using the paper forms in the lobby at church. It is easy to find because there are animals all around the table!

Please pray about how you want to connect with VBS this year, as well as for the kids and families who will be joining us.

Together We'll Learn:

- Monday's Big Idea: We are created by God.
- Tuesday's Big Idea: We are created for a purpose.
- Wednesday's Big Idea: We are created for community.
- Thursday's Big Idea: We are created to worship.

See you soon!

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



We are only 2 weeks away from VBS! Friends, please sign those kids up for VBS so Heather can plan accordingly. And I know she still needs some helpers for the week too. You can sign up at the table in the lobby or online at our website. The dates for VBS are July 21-24, and we run from 6:00-7:45pm. We offer VBS for 3-year-olds through kids going into the 6th grade. We even have sing-n-sprout for the under 3 age group! It's one of the best things we do at Community. We'd love to break our VBS record this year. Please sign up!

Last week, I sent out emails to everyone who sang in our Christmas choir last year, and I have already heard back from over 20 people! If you'd like to be added to that list, please let me know! You can either catch me on a Sunday morning or email me at Liz.Teel@communityrc.org, and I'll add you to my list. All of our new music is ordered, and my goodness it is great stuff! We will also have a couple of guest musicians join us again this year. I would LOVE to get a group of 80 singers for these concerts, so if choir is something you've thought about in the past, I encourage you to sing with us this year. We have free childcare during rehearsals, and choir is open to everyone 6th Grade through adults. If you have any questions at all, please let me know! The pertinent dates for our Christmas choir rehearsals and concerts are as follows:

Sunday Afternoon Rehearsals 4:30-6:00pm

- October 12, 19, 26
- November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- December 7

Saturday Afternoon "Dress" Rehearsal 4:00-5:00pm

- December 13

Concerts

- Sunday December 14 at 9 and 10:45 Services

And lastly...please sign up for VBS!!! 😊 It's going to be an amazing week!!

Have a great week!

Liz

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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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