

THE COMMUNICATOR

JUNE 11, 2025

THIS WEEK JUNE 11-18

Wednesday, June 11

7:00-8:00pm-

High School Youth Group

Saturday, June 14

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, June 15

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

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

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

Tuesday, June 17

9:30am- Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, June 18

9:00am- Book Club

(Bagel Boy on MN Ave.)

7:00-8:00pm-

High School Youth Group

Clyde's Update

This cooler weather is going to make the summer seem short. I do have to admit, I don't really mind the cooler air. It sure is green around the area, and I like that as well. I am sure there are more warm days around the bend. We know how this summer thing goes. I also am seeing lots of photos from vacationers. I enjoy looking at those. Summer is that time to get aways and do things with families. There is certainly no harm in that. Those warm days and all that sunshine only last for a season so make the most of it.

I have been noticing a lot of decoration things around the church that seem to be pointing to VBS coming in the future. There are animal cutouts all over the place. It is about "Creation" this year and all the themes that surround that. I know we have the zoo mobile coming out on a couple of days and all kinds of things like that. It is going to be an adventure for sure. I am also sure we are going to be needing all kinds of help to make that go so, be checking all that out as the days begin to get close. There is a table of signups in the lobby, and you can also do that online. Liz was already working on some possible new music for the week and Heather is collecting all kinds of things in that back closet. Pretty exciting!

I have noticed a long prayer list in the church again. It is always full, but there are seasons when we see more of that than usual. We are in one of those seasons again. I know we have lots of prayer warriors out there who stay very close to all those needs, and we are so blessed to have them and that gift they share. Be in prayer when you notice those things. It makes a difference not only for the one you are praying for but is good for you as well. It brings some good perspective and does a good work in your own heart. Pray!

In a couple of weeks, we are doing the baptism service in church. We have had several ask about that. If you have questions or would like to do that, talk to us and we will make that happen for you. It is just one of the many ways we try to keep up with needs of our people at Community. We are a collection of many different faith traditions, and when we can, we seek to make folks feel at home. We can't do everything because then we would be going against the things we hold dear, but there are places where there is room to make things happen in the context of our theology. In those cases, we make it happen.

Sunday's message turns our attention the fullness of our lives. Almost everyone I talk to, talks about how busy they are. Most people's lives are filled with schedules that leave little time for extra things. Most of you are on a tight schedule with lots of things going on at any one time of the day or week. I did a little research on things like anxiety and depression in these last few days and I am sure you already know how that all looks. I wish that were not the case. What will be the results of these trends that we see? What are the factors that play a role in all of that? How does that affect our spiritual lives? How we go deeper when there maybe isn't enough time or more importantly, enough energy left in our tanks to take on more thing. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

IMMERSION BAPTISM SERVICE

JUNE 22 @ 4:00PM

Are you interested immersion
baptism?

Contact Liz or Holli
liz@communityrc.org or
connect@communityrc.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Steve Lee (pneumonia)
- Daniel Burlingame (infection)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Larry Long (pelvis fracture)
- Joe McMartin
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Joann Bos (carotid artery surgery)
- Jodi Ackerman (total knee replacement)
- Sharen Harms (brain surgery recovery)
- Shanda Hays (spinal surgery recovery)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn's grandma
- Caleb Ellwein (knee 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 Sloot
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

"Prayer is the source of the Christian life, a Christian's life-line." Jim Cymbala

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE

HOPE HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

Since 1994, Hope Haven International Ministries (HHIM) has been a leader in its industry for refurbishing, manufacturing, and distributing appropriately sized wheelchairs for free to transform the lives of children and adults in desperate needs around the world. Each wheelchair is selected and custom fitted for the recipient based on their unique needs.

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries.



VBS at Community (for our zoo theme)
Clean, gently-used plush or plastic animal toys

East River Roster Parent Network
New & gently used toddler clothes

Community Youth
Empty Ink Cartridges & old cellphones

School Team
New or gently used tennis shoes (for kids to use in gym class) (elementary & middle school sizes)

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.

<https://bradmartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMNrb0Xcg9KhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>
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Call Shawn Blom at 605-940-6702 with questions.





HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

I've been thinking a bit on the topic of perspective lately. Often when someone does something or says something that doesn't make sense to me, I try to see the situation from that person's perspective. There are plenty of idioms that fit in that line of thinking. I might "walk a mile in someone's shoes" or "put myself in their shoes." I could also try to see where someone is coming from or view a situation through their lens. Basically, I think there is some understanding to be gained by learning about someone else's perspective.

However, I think sometimes the shift in perspective I'm needing is about my perspective related to God. I need to remember that God is bigger than my circumstances. He is closer than I sometimes realize. He can see things in ways I can't see. He always knows what is best. God does not struggle to do the most loving thing because He is love. God is ahead of me when the future seems a little uncertain. He can heal any hurt. He can find what is missing and fill any void. When he looks at me or at anyone else, God knows each of us fully and sees us with love. He not only knows where we've been, He knows where we are going and what His plan is for us.

Don't forget:

1. Please pray for the many kids at camp. They are there as I write this!
2. VBS is July 21-24 in the evenings. Sign up your kids at <https://communityrc.org/vbs>
3. We have a list of volunteer opportunities at the VBS table in the lobby as well as a list online at <https://communityrc.org/vbs> .

See you soon!

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DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Summer is fully underway and the high school youth group starts meeting again this week. We will be meeting at church from 7:00-8:00 throughout the summer and student are welcome to stay after for some games and a time to continue to connect with one another. With the start of summer also comes the opportunity for the incoming 9th grade students to join the high school group! Summer is always a great chance for the incoming students to get to know others in the high school here at Community. Our theme of the summer is "In His Word" as we focus on creating habits around our bible reading.

We had a small group of students head up to Pickerel Lake Bible Camp last week. When Clyde was doing his series on God moments, camp was and will always be one of those places where I experience God's kingdom here on earth. It's nothing fancy, and requires groups like ours to go up and do some cleaning before it's ready for the two weeks of summer camp they host, but it is full of peace and memories for me! So to the youth and leaders that came up and worked hard, thank you!

Middle school students! This summer we are going to have two big events as a way to get the middle school youth together. The first will be hosted at church on **Sunday, June 29th from 5:00-7:00**. We will be having a meal and then will be bringing in laser tag for the night. There will be a variety of game types as we enjoy some fun together here at church. There will be an email going out for all the middle school parents next week so keep your eye out for that.

Finally, at the end of July, TEC will be hosted here at Community. This is a ministry I first got involved with back in college and have been back to work whenever it has been possible since. The weekend revolves around the gospel, and is an amazing opportunity to hear from peers about how God has been working in their lives. For all students who will be 14 prior to July 25th through those who have graduated this school year, if you are free the 25th-27th of July, I would highly encourage you to sign up to join me for the TEC weekend here! If you have questions or want registration information, please reach out and I will get that to you.

That is all for this week. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle

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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!

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet at 1:30 on June 17th. Helen is hostess and Jeanie has the lesson.

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, June 17, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *In a Dark Dark Wood*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, June 18, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave and 33rd St. We will be discussing *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

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CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

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

Monday, June 16

6:30pm- Diamond D
9:15pm- Diamond B

FINANCES

Sunday, June 8, 2025

General: \$7,240
Vision: \$175
Mission: \$160

General YTD: \$345,756
Vision YTD: \$18,963
Vision Account Balance: \$9,073

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Once again, I open with excitement about our upcoming baptism service. Every week, we've had someone new join our list to be baptized. I believe that takes our total to 8 people! I'd love to see a great turnout from church people to support those who have made the decision to be baptized. The baptism service is on Sunday, June 22 at 4:00pm. These services are powerful times of witnessing God's grace in action. If you would like to be baptized, please contact me either via email (Liz.Teel@communityrc.org) or on a Sunday morning, and I'll add you to our list. And we can make accommodations for you if using the stairs to get into the pool might be difficult. If you have any questions at all about the process, don't hesitate to ask me. I'm here to help!

I've been doing a lot of reading and research to plan for potential adult classes for Mid-Week. As I've said before, I'm always open to suggestions for classes that you might like to see offered. If there's a class you always wish we had at Community, please let me know. I'll do my best to offer it (or something close to it) this fall.

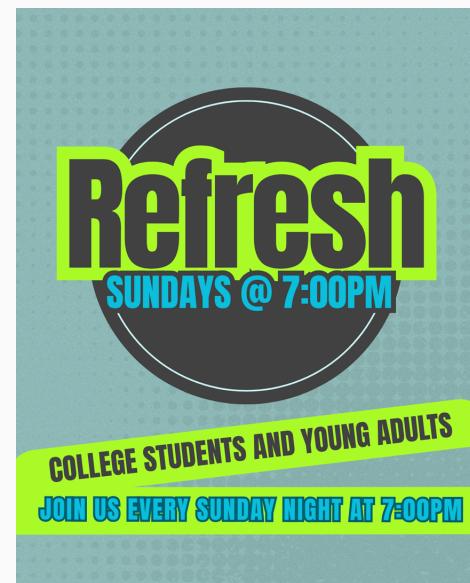
VBS is ever closer! The dates for VBS are July 22-25, and we run from 6:00-7:45pm. We offer VBS for 3-year-olds through kids going into the 6th grade. And we even have sing-n-sprout for the under 3 age group! It takes many volunteers to make VBS a success, and I promise if you choose to give of your time that week, you will be richly blessed. VBS is always a powerful time to watch the moving of the Spirit among the kids. Their times of learning, worship, playing, and growing are a true witness to the goodness of God. I encourage all of you to think about helping at VBS. (And get those kids signed up too! 😊)

And lastly, I want to give a little push to potential choir members! I've been listening to new music and making some notes about what we might do for our Christmas concert this year. I hope to send out an email in the near future to all potential choir people. So, if you're a singer, be on the lookout for that. And if you've never sung with us, but think you might want to sing, please let me know and I'll add you to my list.

Have a great week!

Liz

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



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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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