

# THE COMMUNICATOR

JUNE 12, 2024

## Weekly Calendar

JUNE 12 - JUNE 19

### Saturday, June 15

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

### Sunday, June 16

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

### Monday, June 17

6:30pm- Church Softball  
(Sherman Park- Diamond D)

7:25pm- Church Softball  
(Sherman Park- Diamond D)

### Tuesday, June 18

9:30-11am- Play Group  
1:30pm- Hope Circle  
7:00pm- Book Club

### Wednesday, June 19

9:00am- Book Club  
7:00pm- H.S. Youth Group  
(at Riverdale Park)

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**CHURCH SOFTBALL  
COME CHEER ON THE CHURCH  
SOFTBALL TEAM AT SHERMAN PARK.**

**MONDAY, JUNE 17  
6:30PM- DIAMOND D  
7:25PM- DIAMOND D**

## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

The summer is moving right along. We continue to have rain about every other day and the temps are still very mild. It feels much like spring, but I guess officially it is still that season. I am enjoying it all... Ok, maybe not the wind. We all must contend with that on a fairly regular basis, but it does look so nice and green. We had lots of folks doing vacations this past week. I get to see some of the photos out there. We do encourage you all to get out and enjoy the summer with your families. Those are good times. I also know there are lots of other summer activities, as well, with softball and baseball games and a host of other things that people do these days. It can get to be a busy time.

We had a couple of our families who lost loved ones this past week. I don't think there are many weeks that go by that at least one of our family's loses a dear one from their lives. I want to mention Bert Roetman here because she was in the office nearly every week helping with the newsletter. She was one of the sorter/folders folks that helped us out here. A face that will be missed around the office. Our friends and family are important to us and when we lose one it leaves a space in our day. Value the time we have together friends. Our days are precious. Your lives are connected to so many and all that matters. Pray for all our families who are struggling with loss right now and for those who are really dealing with some very serious illness as well. You are all great prayer warriors, and it makes a difference.

It is also wedding season. I have a few of them coming up and I am always setting up times for couples to meet with me. I have always said, I know the couples I do weddings for better than almost any other group. I like meeting with a new couple and getting to know them. I sometimes don't know either of them very well, so it is time well spent. I hope they are thinking the same. I guess you'll have to ask them.

I finished my last graduation receptions this past weekend. I had a lot of them this year, more than most years. I do enjoy seeing the families together and just the environment of these gatherings. It is a big day for families and there are lots of changes that come about in the coming weeks. It is a milestone moment for sure. Once again, congratulations to all of you and we all wish you the very best in your next adventure.

Sunday, we do a scripture from the book of Ephesians this week that has recently been a very good word in my life. It is a blessing of sorts as Paul speaks to his church friends in Ephesus. This word speaks to me right now because of the heart I can see Paul has for those around him. He is not asking for himself, he is wanting those he knows to receive a bounty of spiritual blessings from God. I will spend a little more time on the actual words of the scripture this week because it contains a "word" I want you all to hear. God will sometimes place a message in our hearts, and we just must share it. It is as if God were prompting us to share it. I think you can see where I am going with this. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

**ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

**JUNE 23  
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# Celebrating — 25 YEARS —

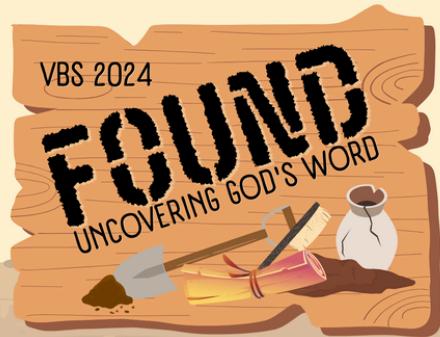
**2024 MARKS 25 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY  
FOR PASTOR CLYDE AND PASTOR JOHN.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF RECOGNITION ON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 23  
DURING ALL 3 SERVICES.**

WE'RE CELEBRATING WITH CAKE AND KIND WORDS.  
JOIN THE FUN BY WRITING A NOTE OR BRINGING  
A CARD ON JUNE 23RD.



**JULY 22-25, 2024**  
6:00-7:45PM  
AT COMMUNITY



## THE GIVE

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

**Community Kids Nursery**  
4T-7 size kids pants/shorts

**LSS Family Baskets**  
Scissors, can openers

**Harmony South Dakota**  
Art Supplies/School Supplies

**Midwest Street Medicine**  
New Blankets

Also, still collecting greeting cards for daycares/nursing homes.  
Please leave the cards at The Link.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Krista Groeneweg's dad, Ray (kidney cancer)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dennis VerHey (accident recovery)
- Dennis Korb
- Annette Korb (surgery)
- Tony & Spring (continued prayers for healthy pregnancy)
- Evita Attema (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Dave Van Dine (vascular)
- Russ Hoogendoorn's friend, Duane
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Evita Attema's sister, Lilli (cancer)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Jeris VanZee (Mantle Cell Lymphoma)
- Justin & Sandy Heimdal and family (house fire)
- Darla Moulton's son-in-law, Neil (cancer)
- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic 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)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Lois Hoff and her family. Her mother (Marlene Van't Hul) passed away.

Our condolences go out to Karen Roetman for the passing of her mother, Bert Roetman.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

DOYLE'S UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



What a beautiful summer we have been having! I hope you have been able to enjoy some of this nice weather. As the summer days continue, we have our first event coming up this Sunday. One thing that I hear a lot about during the summer is bird watching. This summer, we have noticed a lot of different birds flying around the backyard as we enjoy time outside. With that in mind, our first event will be bird themed as we do a scavenger hunt around church for birds. While there won't be live birds flying around the church, students will be hunting for different birds hidden throughout the building as they seek to unlock a code using the word/phrase that is on each bird picture. Middle and high school students, come out for a fun night exploring, solving and simply being together. We will start at 6:30 and be done by 8:00.

Our high school group will also continue to meet on Wednesday this week. We will be at the Burnside house for some grilling, backyard games and a fire. High school students (those who have finished 8th-12th grade) are invited to join us for the evening. Food, games and a fire are all great ways to connect and build relationships with one another! Hope to see you there.

Doyle  
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## FINANCES

Sunday, June 9, 2024

General: \$21,941  
Vision: \$240  
Missions: \$300

General YTD: \$349,963  
Vision YTD: \$27,816  
Vision Account Balance: \$37,619

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### ..... FRESH ENCOUNTER

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.

### ..... MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE

Hope Haven

### ..... AA BIG BOOK MEETING

No meetings in the summer months

### ..... SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **July 8** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

### ..... BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, June 18, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Little and Small* by Preszler.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, June 19, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The Children Act*.

### ..... HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on June 18th at 1:30. Carol is hostess and Helen has the lesson.

# KID'S MINISTRY



Hello Everyone!

Please remember to pray for the kids who are at camps this summer. There are kids from Community at a number of different camps around the region. Community is paying a portion of Inspiration Hills Camp for 38 kids this summer! They are attending Day Camp, Lodge Camp, High School Camp, Discovery Camp, Grand Camp, Saddle Up, Wilderness Camp, and Girls Only Camp! Community is well represented at camp this summer.

If you haven't yet, please register for VBS at: <https://communityrc.org/vbs> VBS is July 22-25, 2024, from 6:00-7:45pm.

Please consider inviting friends and family to join us this year. We'd love to share this experience with some new friends.

I want to say a quick thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer so far. I think this is the earliest we've had this many volunteers who have committed. That is a load off my mind! It will be great to fill in these last few slots and be ready for the big week! Maybe by the time I get back from my vacation, we'll have the whole list filled.

We have a few volunteer needs for VBS remaining:

- Preschool Game Area Leaders: We're doing Preschool games differently this year, so you will just need to set up and supervise simple activities like chalk, bubbles, and parachute to help the kids have fun together. Grab a friend and partner up to do this one as a team.
- Preschool Crew Leader: This is for kids age 3 through those going into Kindergarten. You'll just guide them from station to station and make fun connections. We need a Leader for the Green Group and a helper for the Yellow Group.
- Games Station Leader for Grades K-6: We provide the game instructions and materials. You make it fun! There is already one helper signed up for this area, so you won't be on your own.
- The 1st Grade Crew needs a helper. They have a leader already signed up.
- The 2nd Grade Crew needs a Leader. They have a helper already signed up.
- We could use one more Registration Coordinator to team up with Darla. You are the welcoming first face our VBS guests see.
- We need a lot of hands for clean-up crew to put everything away after VBS is done.

We would like a few cases of water for children and volunteers during VBS. If you are able to donate a case or two, please place them under the VBS table.

Reminder: I'm taking a family vacation during the later part of June, so if you need anything from me, you may want to check in during the first half of June, so you don't have to wait until July for me to get you what you need. 😊

Have a great week!

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**Do you want to help?**

**PLEASE DONATE A CASE  
OF WATER FOR VBS.**



**PLACE IT UNDER THE VBS  
TABLE IN THE LOBBY.**

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

For my article this week, I want to share something God has been teaching me over the past months.

Most of you are probably not aware that I have dealt with pretty harsh allergies for most of my life. I'm allergic to certain pollens in the spring and fall, and I'm extremely allergic to animal dander, particularly dogs. My nose gets runny, my eyes get itchy, and don't even get me started on the sneezing! As I got older, I noticed that my voice would get hoarse from all the buildup of the reactions to the allergens...not good for a worship leader!

Four years ago, my dad (God, bless him!) suggested that I get tested for my allergies and start allergy shots. He knows a few people who have gone through the process of allergy shots, and everything improved so drastically for them that he was hoping I might see some of the same improvements.

So, in June of 2020, yes, right during the height of Covid, I started getting allergy shots. What you need to know about this process is that it's LONG! Allergy Immunotherapy takes 5 years. Yes, you read that right...FIVE YEARS! During that time, the patient (me) gets small amounts of the allergen injected about every 4 days until the patient builds up to the maximum dose of the allergen. That process alone takes several months. Then, those maximum dose shots continue once a month for a total of 5 years.

It didn't take very long before I started to notice a difference in how my body was responding to the allergens. The shots were working! I cut my antihistamine intake in half. I wasn't stuffy and sneezy all the time. And the biggest thing is that the hoarseness went away in my voice! I could hardly believe how great I felt! And as the years have ticked away, I just keep feeling better and better.

Here comes the God-learning part. I'm now down to my last year of shots. We're talking 12 more shots, and then I'm finished for good. And you know what? I'M SICK OF IT! Haha! I'm so sick of planning the best day to get the shots every month. I'm sick of making and taking time to drive to the clinic to get the shots. I'm sick of sitting in the clinic for 30 minutes after the shots to make sure I don't have a terrible reaction. I'm sick of the itchy, painful welts I get on my arms after the shots. Now that my allergies are pretty much gone, I don't have anything motivating me to keep going! At this point in the process, I just want to be done. But this is where the learning comes in.

Part of the reason the shots work is because we are retraining my body to NOT respond to the allergens. Unfortunately, that retraining takes TIME. Five years to be exact. This process takes the time it takes. And the spiritual learning is that the same is true of the good work God is doing within us. God's work is just going to take the time it takes. Even if we've been doing the process for 4 years, and it's basically done, we can't rush the last part. We must take the time it takes to allow the work to be truly and soundly finished. Good work just takes the time it takes.

I'm reminding myself of that right now. And I'll keep reminding myself every time I go in for a shot. I can't rush this. It will take the time it takes. But I know in the end, when that last shot is over, I will be SO THANKFUL I stuck it out! The results will totally be worth the time! And the same will be true of the work God is doing in you!

So, I offer that to you if you feel like God has been working on you but it's taking longer than you'd like. The good work of God will take the time it takes. You can't rush God's work any more than you can rush the baking of a cake, the growing of a child, or the changing of the seasons. Whatever God is doing in you, I encourage you to settle in, and let it take the time it takes. We'll be thankful we did! 😊 Have a great week!

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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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