

THE COMMUNICATOR

JUNE 18, 2025

THIS WEEK JUNE 18-25

Wednesday, June 18

7:00-8:00pm-

High School Youth Group

Saturday, June 21

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, June 22

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

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

4:00pm- Baptism Service

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

Tuesday, June 24

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, June 25

7:00-8:00pm-

High School Youth Group

IMMERSION BAPTISM SERVICE

JUNE 22 @ 4:00PM

Are you interested immersion
baptism?

Contact Liz or Holli

liz@communityrc.org or

connect@communityrc.org.

Clyde's Update

Feels like summer this week. A little humidity in the air and the warmer temperatures. It ought to be here as it is now past the middle of June. The calendar is moving right along. Sunday was Father's Day, and we noticed people were out doing things with dads. That was good to see. There is always plenty of extra things going in these summer months, which then of course makes the time go very fast. It seems there is always a trade off with things like that. You want it to slow down so you can enjoy every single moment, but when it's full, the moments seem to get away faster. It is life folks. Value the moments I say. Enjoy each day. Soak up the time you get to spend with those you care about. It matters. The Bible tells us that we are to treat our time here on earth with great value because we are like the grass that withers. God knows how this all works. He has great wisdom for us. I try to listen to that voice as often as I can. Enjoy life friends!

Our family doesn't do a lot of concerts which may surprise many of you. We love music and it is a big part of everything we do, but going to hear others, is just not something we do very often. We love going to concerts where we know the musicians on the stage will be among the very best in the world. I guess you might say we have a high standard in that area. Last Saturday night, we attended the Alisson Kraus concert here in Sioux Falls. Now, she is no longer one of the mainliners in the industry as she has slowed her schedule down considerably over the last few years, but the tour she has put together was amazing. The musicians on the stage were the finest in that genres of music and it was obvious. We loved it! I bring this up in the newsletter this week to simply say, it is the little things in life that we get to do with the people when it that moment all is right in the world. It was Father's Day on Sunday, and I was able to enjoy something very awesome with my kids on that weekend. You are sitting together listening and enjoying something that is such a wonderful gift. You get to share that with them. It was a gift of subtle, yet deep value you might say, and one that brings good life to things. I was so blessed! Do more of those!

Sunday afternoon we are doing the baptism service. If you would like to join us that would be great. There is a good number of folks doing that. We have several new faces in our church that are doing that as well as some of our long-time young people who are making that step as well. I am looking forward to it. Pray that God will be there! I am sure He will be.

Sunday's message is one that I am working on very diligently this week. It is not that I don't put effort into all of them, but this one needs a little extra care I feel. As we talk about moving into a deeper life with God there will be things that we need to understand about our hearts. This series is about looking into those hearts, and see if there be anything there that we might need to, shall we say, clean out. A deeper life is going to be about God refining us and moving us to a place where less things are in the way you might say. It is about making each one of us the best we can be in Christ. This week's message is about those things that we might use to fill emptiness in our lives or maybe help remove uneasiness or pain. It's about the need for God to be our source of life and make sure we haven't without even knowing it, turned to something else. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Steve Lee
- Daniel Burlingame (infection)
- Larry Long (pelvis fracture)
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Sharen Harms (brain surgery recovery)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Joselyn Clevering (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)

"Our level of expectation for God to truly intervene is low -- so low that we expect God to answer only the prayers that we can almost fulfill ourselves! That doesn't take much faith."

Jim Maxim

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://bradymartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KlhabfrdoMWC2Cb1>

Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

Passcode: 052482

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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!

CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

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

Monday, June 23

8:20pm- Diamond D

9:15pm- Diamond B



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



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



June is flying by! It usually feels that way for me as things are fully going again with the high school group meeting Wednesday's, middle school group and trip planning in full swing and getting things put together for the fall. In all of it, I do love this time of year here at church and at home with the kids home!

Middle school families – our first event for the summer is coming up next **Sunday, June 29th**. We will be meeting at church for a meal and large group games. It is a great way to connect with other students here at Community, welcome our incoming 6th grade students and one final summer for the graduated 8th grade students to enjoy the middle school youth group! We will meet from 5:00 – 7:00 on the 29th. If you are free and want to join us for food and fun here at church, please RSVP by contacting me so we can get a good idea for the amount of food needed!

Our high school Wednesday nights have started up and we are in a series titled "In His Word". We will be exploring ways to engage with scripture and challenge each other to find ways to spend time with God throughout the summer. Those practices we put in place now can become habits that remain even when the calendar and schedule changes with the school year. I'm looking forward to continuing those conversations!

Our summer mission trip is quickly approaching. The high school group will be heading to Waco, Texas in a few weeks to serve the community there. For all you prayer warriors, if you will add the students and leaders heading to Waco to your prayer time that would be much appreciated! Sometimes these short term mission trips are just as, if not more, impactful for those who go to serve than those who are served. I am praying for our hearts to be prepared for the work that God will be doing throughout the week.

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle
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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Summer is definitely here! I know many of you are busy and have full calendars with fun adventures and activities for kids, but if you can find a few seconds, I'd sure appreciate your help with VBS this year.

Vacation Bible School is one of those church projects that takes many volunteers. It is only for four days, and the memories kids and grown-ups make are really special.

You have two jobs this week:

- VBS is **July 21-24** in the evenings. Invite friends or neighbors. Spread the word. It is free! Sign up your kids at <https://communityrc.org/vbs>
- 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>.

We do need some volunteers on just one or two nights, so don't be afraid to sign up, even if you can't make it to VBS every night. For right now, I know that we specifically need one volunteer on July 24 to fill in a spot since another volunteer is able to serve the first three nights.

I'd also like a volunteer to be a smiling host for our friends from the Zoo when they are in the chapel with us. There isn't much else to do in this role, so you'll just get to watch as the kids enjoy the ZooMobile animals. I just want to be sure the Zoo staff to feel welcome.

This year, in addition to our usual worship, Bible lesson, crafts, and games, we will have a visit from the Great Plains Zoo's ZooMobile.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Our baptism service is this Sunday at 4:00pm in the sanctuary, and everyone is welcome to attend! As of this writing, we have 9 adults and kids who will be baptized, and it's not too late to join that group. If you are interested, please email me or just chat with me on Sunday. I'm really looking forward to this time together. Every time we host a baptism service like this, the Spirit shows up and moves powerfully. It's such an encouraging thing to witness! It would be amazing to fill the church with people who want to support and encourage those who have made this decision. I hope to see you all Sunday afternoon!

Please sign up for VBS! Believe it or not, VBS is only 4 weeks away. Yep. You read that correctly. In 4 weeks, we'll be rocking VBS! We will need teachers, helpers, runners, gamers, crafters, decorators, clean-er-up-ers, and general helpers. And of course, we need KIDS! So please register those kids too! 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!

And lastly, I want to share a funny story with you. Last week, there were a couple of days where I found myself a bit grumpy and frazzled from wonky schedules, unplanned events, annoying circumstances, and other truly unimportant minutia. The funny thing was that when I wanted to grump around, I couldn't because the chorus of one of the songs I want to teach the kids at VBS this summer was running through my head. I had been learning it last week, so it was on my mind. It's fast and celebratory, and the words are, "King of the world, yet lowly in heart, there 'til the end, You're there from the start, You are the Lion and the Lamb, both God and man, Lord and You're my Friend, Jesus!" It's really hard to be grumpy when you're singing about the Creator of the Universe, the Lion and the Lamb, the One who is always there for us, being not only our Lord, but also our PERFECT FRIEND. How can I be grumpy about the smallest things when Jesus is my Lord and Friend?!? I can't. 😊 I love that about music. This happens to me all the time. God brings catchy words and tunes into my mind to remind me of who God is and how He is always in my corner. Sometimes they convict me, sometimes they encourage me, and sometimes they remind me of a forgotten truth. This was sort of a gentle nudge from God to remind me that the little things are just that – little things – and nothing can overcome the powerful truth that Jesus is my Friend. I was thankful for that last week. Oh, and if you want to learn that new song, you'll just have to come to VBS! 😊 Have a great week!

Liz
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CONSISTORY MINUTES JUNE 12

Devotion, prayer, lunch: Darren Ellwein, from Romans 13

MSA minutes of May 8, 2025

MSA May 2025 Financial Report

Property improvement update and discussion
 Kingdom Network Handbook update and discussion

Staff Reports and discussion

Task Force Discussion and Assignments:

Property: Tom Weerheim, Tyler Wolf, Alex Hoogendoorn

Education: Sean Fantroy, Jordan Lipp

Youth: Mike Boyenga

Outreach and fellowship: Curt Zwart, Jon Harmsen, Darren Ellwein

Worship: Harvey Odens

Tech: Lonny Ackerman

Missions: Dustin Schouten, Karen Van Holland

Prayer: Susan Bierwagen

Pastor Parish: Doug Harms

Admin: Treasurers: Eric Van Donge, Justin Hinks, Jim Fisher

Mission Haiti discussion

Church Programs Evaluation update and discussion –Clyde Teel

Closing prayer: Clyde Teel

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan Bierwagen, Clerk

FINANCES

Sunday, June 15, 2025

General: \$12,171

Vision: \$395

Mission: \$350

General YTD: \$357,927

Vision YTD: \$19,358

Vision Account Balance: \$9,468

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6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110

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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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