

# THE COMMUNICATOR

JUNE 25, 2025

## THIS WEEK JUNE 18-25

**Wednesday, June 25**

**7:00-8:00pm-**

High School Youth Group

**Saturday, June 28**

**7:00am-** Fresh Encounter

**Sunday, June 29**

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

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

**5:00-7:00pm-** M.S. Youth Event

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

**Tuesday, July 1**

**9:30am-** Play Group

**7:00pm-** AA meeting

**Wednesday, July 2**

**7:00-8:00pm-**

High School Youth Group

## Clyde's Update

I said in my opening sentence last week that it was feeling like summer. Well, it sure did feel that way as the weekend approached and now this week there is a little rain, and the air is cooler. What a nice relief. I know it was getting very dry in some places, so the rain is always welcome. However, there were places where there was just too much of that as well. We never know. It is summer. I hope you are all getting to do some fun things during these nice days.

Our baptism service on Sunday afternoon was just wonderful. If you wonder how those go, ask the people who were there, and they will tell you. It is a very special kind of service. I do lots of them in the chapel with families and I love those as well. It is just such a wonderful way for families to give thanks for the littles who we know Jesus loves and spend time together acknowledging the gift and then promising to be the presence of Christ for those children. I love those. These adult ones are different in ways that is hard to state with words. I love the stories of the people and words we get to hear from them and the innocents of the older kids who get involved. It's all good folks! A special gift we share with each other in this place.

I know there is no newsletter next week, so I hope you all have a great 4th of July weekend next week. Can you believe we are already at that point of the summer? Time! Where does it go? Enjoy your families because they are a gift friends. Life is a gift. Enjoy!

July is just around the corner and that means VBS is getting closer. We have several things coming in the month of July, or I might say things we are considering doing. Finding the time with all the busy lives out there, is hard for us. We don't want to add too many things to your schedules and overwhelm you all with one more thing to do. Then we are adding to the problem of being too busy, but there are some things I feel would be good to gather us together for. I'm praying about these. I'll keep you in the loop.

Sunday's message is again building on the foundations of all the things we have been talking about throughout the summer. This week, we will look at these hearts of ours. This part of the series is about self-reflection and the refining of our lives that God is always doing through the power of the resurrection of Jesus and the life-giving stream of transformation that comes through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As I mentioned on Sunday, we are not empty vessels. As Christians, there is a power within us. However, we can get very selfish. We can get very demanding in what we want. We can get to wrapped up in our own worlds that we forget to consider God's perspective. We can even avoid thinking about God altogether. We can even get so lost in this kind of heart thinking that we lose track of who God is and why we do church. It's about us and no one else. It becomes about what we want. There is so much more about this I could say in the newsletter, but I will wait till Sunday. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

**No Newsletter  
next week,  
July 2nd**

"Behold, the Lord's Hand is not so short  
that it cannot save; nor His ear so dull  
that it cannot hear." Isaiah 59:1

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## 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](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Jan Mellema for the passing of her mom, Margaret. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

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### THANK YOU

Thank you, Community, for all the cards sent and phone calls received in the passing of our sister, Delores. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by our family.  
Joyce Tarrell

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### MERLIN KLEIN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, June 29  
1:00-4:00pm  
Trail Ridge

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pete Mellema's mom, Joyce (broken pelvis)
- Cory Carlson-Himes' mom, Brenda

### 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 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)

### 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

Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the youth room. Use east doors.

## CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

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

**Monday, June 30**

7:25pm- Diamond D

8:20pm- Diamond B

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





# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



June is already coming to an end which is hard to believe! With that comes a few things for the student ministry. First, the **middle school group has their first event this summer Sunday night the 29<sup>th</sup>!** We will meet at church from 5-7 for some food and large group games around the church. Summer is always a great opportunity for students to connect and build relationships in the youth group as we head into the fall. It's also a great chance for the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to get to know others in the youth group and some of the sponsors who they will be with throughout the school year. This event is for all students who have finished 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If they are free, please RSVP to me so I can have an idea on the amount of food!

The high school group has a few Wednesday nights left in June as we continue on our "In His Word" series. Last week we dove into some bible study tips and tools that students can have to help build discussion, ask questions and dig a little further into the text. This week, we turn to a few things that I do for personal time in God's word. As we work through some of these things, the goal remains finding ways to connect with God in scripture. In doing so, I hope students can find something they enjoy and can build habits around. The statistical number is 4 or more. It's pretty amazing how life choices are impacted by engaging with scripture at least four days a week compared to anything 3 and under. It's not some perfect formula, but it is consistent and can make a huge difference! I love serving a God who continues to work through his living word in our life.

Finally, our mission trip is now under two weeks away. We have a group of 17 youth and leaders heading down to Waco Texas to serve the community there. As you find time in the coming weeks, would you join me in praying for those going. Would we be prepared, and open to the work that God will be doing in and through us as we travel.

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!

This week I'm going to highlight a few specific VBS volunteer roles that we still need filled. 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>.

- Preschool/ Kindergarten Games Leader: Set out and guide kids to enjoy chalk, bubbles, parachute, and a kid-sized obstacle course.
- Games Leader- Grades 1-6: The instructions are here along with all of the supplies. We just need you to tell the kids how to play and make it fun! There are some helpers signed up for you already!

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>

Even if you can't make it to VBS every night, please consider signing up to volunteer for a night or two. 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. Email me if that role is something you'd like to do.

See you soon!

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# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



I'm sure Clyde will write about this too, but I could not let this week's newsletter go by without talking about the baptism service on Sunday afternoon! WOW is what keeps coming to mind! It was a powerful, Holy Spirit filled time together. Clyde baptized 10 adults and kids, then Doyle got in the water and baptized a young adult, and then Clyde got back in the water because two more children decided in that moment that they wanted to be baptized! Hearing a few stories and seeing how visibly moved each of the participants was, brought a powerful life and perspective to the service. It was an incredibly moving experience. I'm deeply thankful to everyone who was involved. It's looking like we will be doing another baptism service in just a few months, so if you have been thinking about doing this, you'll have another opportunity coming up. Keep an eye on the newsletter and my article for more updates.

On Sunday, I had someone ask me about Christmas choir dates. I have been listening to potential music for the choir, and I'll be ordering all of our Christmas songs very soon. I also hope to be sending out an email to our potential choir members. If you sang last year, and if you registered via the QR code, I should have your email address. If you did not register or if you did not sing last year but want to sing this year, I ask you to contact me with your email address so I can add it to my files. 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

If you have any questions at all about our Christmas Choir please let me know! Remember, it's open to everyone 6<sup>th</sup> Grade through adults!

Get those kids and volunteers signed up for VBS! You can sign up at the table in the lobby or online at our website. VBS is less than 4 weeks away and 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

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](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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