

THE COMMUNICATOR

JUNE 4, 2025

THIS WEEK JUNE 4-11

Saturday, 7

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, June 8

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
10:15am-Adult Sunday School
(chapel overflow)
7:00pm- Refresh (College student/
young adults)

Monday, June 9

Noon- Senior Citizens
(E. Pizza Ranch)

Tuesday, June 10

9:30am- Play Group

Clyde's Update

It got a little stormy around the area last evening. (Monday) We got rain. A really nice rain. This has been so good from what I can see. It is so green, and things are looking very good. It is summer and people are going. June is such a vacation month in the area, and we can certainly see that. It is also the month of soccer, and softball/baseball and all kinds of other summer league things. A busy time for sure. I do hope that you all have an enjoyable summer, and get out and enjoy the outdoors as much as you can. I know you have much to do out there. Put some God time in your week. It really does matter.

We are looking at a couple of new groups throughout the summer that you might be hearing about. One that we have already announced on Sunday which is the college/young adults' group that meets on Sunday nights. They have already had a couple of meetings, and a nice group of young people have gathered for those. Be praying that this group continues to find traction here and grows throughout the busy summer. The other group that is still being discussed, is one that will be for all ages and will be about "connections". I would also like to say that both groups are ideas that come from individuals who are sensing a call to do them. I love that! We'll keep you informed as the year goes along as to how they are going. It is exciting to see.

We have another immersion baptism coming up on the 22nd of this month. We have several people who want to do this and again, just so you all understand, a part of our Reformed tradition can involve that. It wasn't done much, if at all years ago, but it is in the book folks. We do it around here once a year for those who wish to do that. It is a meaningful experience for them, as are the other ones we do throughout the year. If you would like to be a part of that or you're thinking you want to do that for yourself, talk to me. We can make that happen.

Summer means camps, and we have lots of kids going to Inspiration Hills this year. Day camps and week long adventures. It's all there. We offer scholarships to all the kids if they wish to go. I say it every year, but it is true that camps are a big deal for kids as they grow up. Your faith journey can be greatly changed by a camp experience, that is for sure. Inspiration Hills does an amazing job with our kids, and they have always made that kind of difference. We are blessed to have them in our area. A gift to us indeed.

As we move into this new summer series, I am really hoping for some good direction for you all as I share the messages each week. I am working to make them very straight forward and wanting them to give you tools to open up those spiritual lives to a new level and give each of you a sense of "gain" in the area of your lives. I know we are all wired differently and that means that not everything we talk about will work the same for everyone, but I am hoping some of the things will be helpful. This week is a bit more of the introduction material as well as a Sunday to talk about "Truth"! The world is filled with things that are not true, but they have the appearance of truth! That complicated. 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.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences also go out to Joyce Tarrell for the passing of her sister, Delores Hassebroek.

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"Give God the chance of putting His Mind into us, and we shall never doubt the power of prayer again." Richard Watson

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)

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Larry Long (pelvis fracture)
- Joe McMartin
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Joann Bos (carotid artery surgery)
- Jodi Ackerman (total knee replacement)
- Sharen Harms (brain surgery recovery)
- Shanda Hays (spinal surgery recovery)
- Daniel Burlingame (infection)
- 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)

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!

This week, I'm featuring a few of the volunteer roles for VBS that are still open and needing your help!

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>.

- Sing 'n Sprout Teacher- Follow the Curriculum and CD to lead songs and tell simple Bible stories to little kids and their parents/ caregivers/ grandparents.
- Preschool Games Leader: Set out and guide kids to enjoy chalk, bubbles, parachute, and a kid-sized obstacle course.
- Kindergarten Crew Leader and Helpers: Lead a small group of kids who are enjoying the summer before they go to Kindergarten. Bring them to each station and make sure they feel loved.
- 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, 2, 3, 4, and 5/6 and helpers for many grades as well.
- Hospitality Team: A volunteer or two who are interested in welcoming people at the door, pointing them in the right direction, and filling water cups throughout the night. It is more of a hospitality role than a "kid related" role.
- 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!
- Craft Helpers for Elementary Kids: There are leaders- you just need to be helping hands and warm smiles.
- If you want to help set up some of the decorations, please keep an eye out for that as well. We're setting up different "zoo exhibits" around the church with animals so it will be a fun one to put together.
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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.

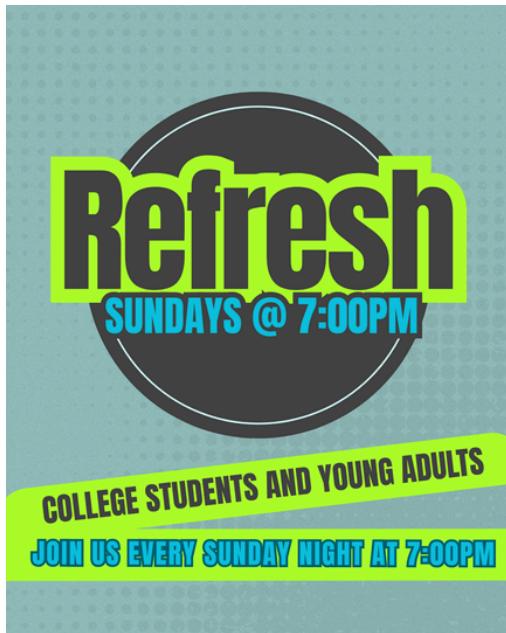
Together We'll Learn:

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

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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Happy 90th birthday to Merlin Klein on June 12th!

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Happy 90th birthday to Jim Ludens!

Card Shower:
Jim Ludens
c/o Trail Ridge
3408 Ralph Rogers Rd

In-person coffee:
June 14th from 2-4pm
Trail Ridge

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy 50th wedding anniversary to Denny & Helen Robinson on June 7th!

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ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **June 9** 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 9

6:30pm- Diamond D
7:25pm- Diamond D

FINANCES

Sunday, June 1, 2025

General: \$9,247
Vision: \$575
Mission: \$315
Parking Lot: \$180

General YTD: \$333,516
Vision YTD: \$18,788
Vision Account Balance: \$8,898

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



I must say that I'm really looking forward to our upcoming Baptism service on Sunday, June 22 at 4:00pm. As I've mentioned on Sunday morning, these services are powerful times of witnessing God's grace in action. We bring in a baptismal, which we borrow from another church here in Sioux Falls, and we take time to celebrate baptism by immersion for anyone who desires to be baptized. 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. Currently, we have 6 or 7 adults and children who will be baptized at the service. 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 also want to make sure that the entire church family knows they are invited to attend this service. Even if you aren't being baptized, or if you don't personally know any of the people who will be baptized, participating in this service is a powerful experience. I highly encourage everyone to join us that afternoon to celebrate what God has done.

I'm curious as to how the planning for your times with Jesus has gone so far this summer. It's a bit hilarious that both Clyde and I challenged you to do this within 2 weeks of each other. And we both challenged you in different ways! (Check out my newsletter articles from May for more info.) I actually took Clyde's specific challenge and scheduled an hour for a meeting with Jesus on a June afternoon. I wrote it in my planner, and I'm being intentional about looking forward to that time and thinking about what God might have in store for me when we meet. Have you scheduled a meeting? June just got started... You can do it!

Lastly, it occurred to me on Sunday afternoon, that June 1 marks the beginning of my 24th year at Community! My first day at Community was June 1, 2002, and I've got to tell you that after I had my first meeting with the Senior Pastor (my dad) that day, I almost quit on the spot. Haha! There was so much work that needed to be done, and it felt absolutely overwhelming. But God in His immense love and faithfulness took me through it one day at a time. It's hard to believe I'm in my 24th year of ministry at Community, especially since I was hoping that God would only keep me here for a maximum of 5 years. Boy, did I have that wrong! There have been some very high highs and some very low lows, but the one thing that has stayed consistent is God's faithfulness. He has never left me to do this work on my own. He has always stayed by my side, leading, guiding, empowering, and enabling me by His Spirit to get the work done. Even when my attitude was poor or I made work choices that weren't great, God never faltered. Any success I've had is only God. It's certainly not me. Many days I think that God called me to this work, not because of what I had to offer to God and His church, but because of what God and His church had to offer to me. I have been changed by this work. Profoundly. And even though I kind of hate to admit it, I am thankful God called me to this work I never would have chosen on my own. God's thoughts and ways are certainly not my thoughts and ways. (Isaiah 55:8-9) And that's a good thing. 😊

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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