

THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 14, 2025

THIS WEEK
MAY 14- MAY 21

Saturday, May 17

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, May 18

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

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

Tuesday, May 20

9:30am- Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- Book Club (at church)

**HAVE YOU
SIGNED UP YET?**

VBS

JULY 21-24

WWW.605.CHURCH/VBS

Clyde's Update

I think I can safely say that I am getting pretty tired of the wind these past few days. It is also getting dry again, and I don't like that. I am praying for a little rain and a change in this pattern. I know, it's South Dakota, and this is how things go here, but I still don't like it. I know that all of you are getting very busy with graduations and even some summer things. Softball season is underway, and all the other league things that happen in the summer. It is a busy time of the year although, anymore, is there a less busy time? I feel like every month is full and busy. My heart goes out to those of you with kids, and how busy they can all be. I know they love it, but it does get to be a lot. Take some time to calm a bit. Breathe!

I have been working on some new things or at least some new ideas of things I can do to improve what it is that I do for each of you. Much of this is coming from our program analyze that all the staff has been working on this spring. I have a person who is looking at what I do, and then offering ideas or suggestions about other things to consider. Some are things I think I can try, and sometimes it is just things that I don't think will work, but it has been an enjoyable process for me. I hope the rest of the staff thinks the same thing. We are never too old to learn a few new things.

Our parking lot and concrete projects are set to be finished this summer. Last Thursday night, we approved the contracts for that work and are getting all of that scheduled. It looks like the earliest will be getting started with the concrete work in July, followed then by the work on the parking lot. The order of that matters as you can probably imagine. We will keep you all informed as to the specific times as soon as we know. The contractors are very aware that we do church on the weekends, and they will work around all of that. It will be a very nice improvement to our place out here. It is because of your generosity that we can get these done. I am most grateful to all of you for that.

Graduation time is upon us, and every year I say the same thing, I can't believe those kids are already that old. It is just amazing how quickly they all grow up. We have a wonderful group of seniors in the church this year and each of them will do well. I hope all those families can enjoy this time with family and all the friends. These are good moments friends. Cherish them!

This Sunday's message will move us into a time of sharing 5 practical things we can do to raise our spiritual sensitivities and grow that life within us. New life is a journey. I just keep saying that to you all. You don't automatically fall into a new life, there is so much more to it than that. I am working on an outline and a few other tools that I think might help with this subject. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

John Thornton will be leading an adult Sunday school class during the 10:15 time with all new materials this summer. This will be a verse by verse, in depth study of the book of James.

The class will last for many weeks and use discussion questions, written by John Thornton.

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THANK YOU

Thank you, Community, for all of your support after JoAnn's passing. Also, a huge thanks to Clyde, John, Liz & Abbie for helping to celebrate JoAnn's life.

Chuck Hanssen

**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions
with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always
keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
Ephesians 6:18**

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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, May 19

8:20pm- Diamond D

9:15pm- Diamond B

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**In need of prayer or want to
share your prayer request?
Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org**

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Bill Klein
- Judy Van Meeteren (knee replacement)
- Joann Bos (carotid artery surgery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Sharen Harms (brain surgery recovery)
- Shanda Hays (spinal surgery recovery)
- Doug DeWit (pacemaker)
- Daniel Burlingame (infection)
- Ron Hup (total knee replacement surgery 4/16)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn's grandma
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Caleb Ellwein (knee surgery recovery)
- Gary Van Den Hoek
- 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
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- 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.

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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



CONSISTORY NOTES

MAY 8, 2025

The school year is winding down for a majority of our students, and has already come to an end for a few! For those who are still looking at tests and projects the next week, I am praying for peace and perseverance to finish the year well. For our graduating seniors, congratulations! So much time and work has been put in over the years! Enjoy the lasts that you get to have and as you look into the future, I pray you continue to find a community to connect to wherever you find yourself this next year!

With so many of us looking ahead into summer, the youth ministry does the same! This Sunday between services we will be having a meeting for everyone who has registered to join us for the mission trip to Waco, Texas in July. There will be a few forms for students and we will talk a little about what to expect as we go and serve the community there. We have 17 going this summer and I am looking forward to a great week in Texas.

The high school group has a serving opportunity to start of the summer. On June 3rd and 4th, we will be doing a service retreat as we head a few hours north to do some cleaning and preparation for a camp held on Pickeral Lake. It is the camp I grew up going to and counseling at for a long time. When Clyde was doing his sermon series on "Show them Heaven", Pickeral was one of those place for me where I go and get to experience that here now. We will do some work, but we will also have some fun. Students who are free and interested in joining me can get ahold of me by the weekend leading up to the Tuesday we leave.

With midweek and Sunday School being done, our middle school group will be having a few big events this summer as a way to stay connected, introduce the incoming 6th graders into the group and give the soon to be freshman a chance to say goodbye to middle school for good – if they haven't already! Our first event will be held here at church. We will do a meal and play some church wide games including variations of laser tag! I will get that date out to the middle school parents later this month.

While it is a little quiet around here with no midweek or Sunday School, there is a lot of things coming up to look forward too! I also know there is a lot going on as the year comes to an end for all of you. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime!

Doyle
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In attendance: Jim Fischer, Alex Hoogendoorn, Lonny Ackerman, Dustin Schouten, Karen Van Holland, Jon Harmsen, Mike Boyenga, Jordan Lipp, Clyde Teel, Curt Zwart, Harvey Odens, Eric Van Donge, Tyler Wolf, Susan Bierwagen

Tanner Corbin presented proposal for property improvements.

MSA to approve contract with Van Voorst Concrete for parking lot concrete repairs.

MSA to approve contract with Seal Pro for full parking lot reseal.

Harvey Odens served snacks, gave devotions, "Experiencing Beauty" from Matthew 26:40-41, and prayed.

MSA the April 2025 consistory meeting minutes.

MSA the April 2025 financial report, with discussion.

MSA for the following individuals to have check signing and church payroll approval: treasurer advisor, Eric Van Donge; treasurer, Justin Hinks; assistant treasurer, Jim Fischer; vice president, Harvey Odens; and secretary, Susan Bierwagen. The following individuals have termed out of service and are to be removed from all accounts as authorized individuals for check signing and payroll approval: Mary Burggraaf, Ross Larson and Lyle Pudwill.

Introduction of new members.

Update on Program Evaluations.

Review of SEEK Prayer Event.

Discussion of roof repairs.

Closing Prayer, Clyde Teel.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bierwagen, Clerk



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

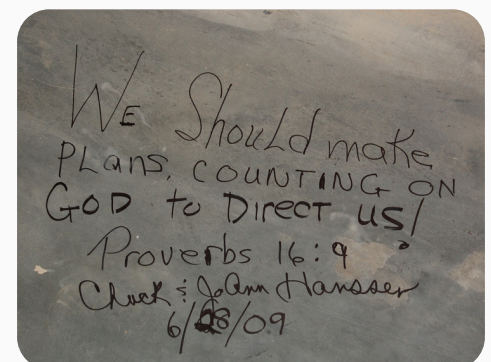
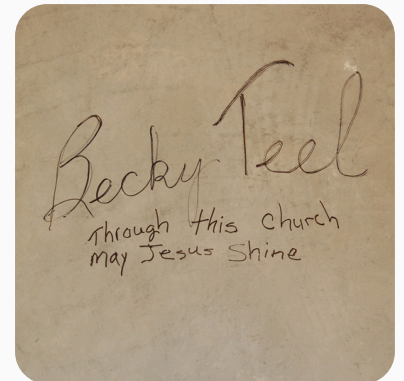
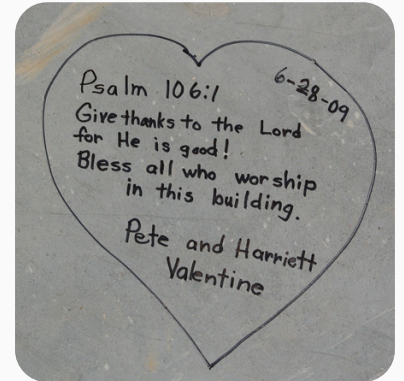
Maybe it was Mother's Day this past weekend, maybe it is Memorial Day coming up, maybe it was the recent losses for some families in our church, maybe it is graduation season, maybe it was the wrapping up of another beautiful year of Sunday School, or maybe it is just something that happens to people "my age," but I've found myself thinking more about aging, legacy, and the impact of multiple generations in a community of people.

One of my favorite things about church is that God calls us to be together. That means that we connect with people we might otherwise never get to meet. On the counter in the office is an old photo book that has pictures from the time that the church building was being constructed and when it was brand new. My husband, Jaron, and I came to Community while we were still at the old building, so we got to experience that space, the school, and the excitement of coming out here to "the corn field." In that little book in the church office are some photos of the sanctuary before the carpet was laid. We spent time together, back in 2009, writing on the cement floor. The book has many photos of what is written below the carpet. A friend and I were flipping through that book, and I noticed that some of the dear people who have written messages on the cement have since gone home to Heaven. It gave me joy to remember that each of those people helped make Community Reformed Church what it is today and that what God is doing in, around, and through Community today has potential to point future generations to Jesus. I believe that my own children would not know Jesus the way they do if it weren't for the Sunday School teachers, Nursery team, church staff, friends, other parents, etc. who have been such an integral part of their childhood. Likewise, I am thankful for the people who have come alongside me, encouraged, and supported me in my faith journey. God has used the people of Community in big ways throughout the years.

So, I guess I'll stop pondering and just say, "thank you." I am very grateful that so many of you have answered God's call in your life to be part of Community in various ways. Whether you volunteered at VBS, taught a class, offered a hug, played in the Nursery, served a meal, said hello, sent a warm smile, mailed a note, said a prayer, or met one of hundreds of other needs, I am thankful for the part you play in this community called Community.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
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REFRESH: COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUNG ADULTS

NEW THIS SUMMER! REFRESH: Weekly gathering of college students and young adults every Sunday at 7pm starting on May 25. Join us for snacks, games, and fellowship.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

ARISE UKRAINE

Arise! Ukraine is a 501(c)3 non-profit ministry established in 1997 by missionary, Paul Logan. Its purpose is to see Ukraine saturated with living communities of believers where the transforming power of the gospel is reaching every area of society—giving every man, woman and child in the country the opportunity to be reconciled to the Father and to each other.

LOOKING FOR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS!

Come play with the kids at Community!
You'll serve only 4 times throughout the year!
Email Teresa at nursery@communityrc.org or go to 605.church and fill out a form to volunteer.

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!

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, May 20, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by Lewis.

The morning book club will meet Wed., May 21, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave & 33rd St. We will be discussing *Vanished in Vermillion* by Reguse

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on May 20th at 1:30. Barb is hostess and Jerralynne has the lesson.

early childhood weekday
Play Free
Group
TUESDAYS
9:30-11:00AM

All are
welcome

Parents/ Grandparents/ Caregivers and Kids
younger than Kindergarten age will join together for
open play time in the Community Nursery as they enjoy time together.
Questions? Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org or 605-336-1475

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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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