

**NO NEWSLETTER
NEXT WEEK
MAY 22**

THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 15, 2024

Weekly Calendar

MAY 15 - MAY 29

Wednesday, May 15

6:00pm- The Flower Patch Women's group

Saturday, May 18

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

3:00-5:00pm- Lexi Valentine's graduation
open house

Sunday, May 19

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Services
(Sunday School has ended- will start again
in Sept.)

Monday, May 20

8:20pm- Church Softball
(Sherman Park- Diamond D)

9:15pm- Church Softball
(Sherman Park- Diamond D)

Tuesday, May 21

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

Saturday, May 25

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27

Office Closed
No Softball

Tuesday, May 28

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, May 29

6:00pm- The Flower Patch Women's group

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CLYDE'S ARTICLE

Oh, we are loving spring right now. With all the rain we have received the grass has taken off, the trees are finally green, and the flowers are blooming. It has been a long wait, but it is such a nice part of the year. I know there are many farmers really working to get in those fields and hopefully they will get that done, but the rains were so good, and they made such a difference. I know that everyone is getting outdoors and enjoying these nice days. I see lots of families walking around the neighborhood and kids running up and down the sidewalks in the evenings. Spring has arrived. Enjoy everyone!

I have been to several graduation receptions this spring as there are a number of them in our church family. I don't get to all of them, but I try the best that I can. I mention this every year, but I do sometimes find it hard to believe how quickly they grow up. One day they are just getting started in middle school and it seems like the very next day they are graduating. It is a special time of year and we all do celebrate this milestone with our families who are in that season. Congratulations graduates!

As the summer begins to get close, I know that means the lakes and campers will be in full swing. I also know that means many of you will be taking off during the summer to do all those fun summer things. I get it, but I don't like not seeing you around. I know that many of you will be watching on the livestream, but I can't see you and that is different. I don't have a solution and I for one am very happy that you can go and enjoy those things with your families. I remember how much fun that was as a kid to go and do those things, but it is still not the same when you are not here. If you get the chance, stop in a see us once and while. Enjoy the summer that is getting close...we miss seeing you. That's all I am saying. 😊

We have our new Elders and Deacons all installed into their respective offices and we had our first meeting with all of them last Thursday. It is a fine group of new members. I am looking forward to working with them in the coming months. We have a great group of individuals in that group. They all have different gifts and different perspectives and that is exactly what we need. Lift your leaders in prayer friends as we seek to do what God is calling us to do as your church.

This coming Sunday's message is really a continuation of last weeks. I don't mean that we will continue with the same narrative, but we will look at a time when Jesus didn't set someone free and that someone was a dear friend of his. It was someone that every one of the disciples would have known, John the Baptist. At one point in the ministry years of Jesus, John found himself in prison. Prison was not going to end well for him. He will inquire from there and get a message to his friend Jesus asking him if he (Jesus) was the one they had been waiting for. A second question we all may be asking is why didn't Jesus set him free? Last week we talked of the power of Jesus and the believing he can do anything and yet, if we are going to dig deep into who he is, we are going to have to deal with this. Why doesn't he free everyone? Why not heal all the sick? This is not going to be easy, but we need to dive into this. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



LEXI VALENTINE'S COLLEGE GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 18th
at church
3:00-5:00pm

MONDAY

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

**MONDAY, MAY 20
8:20PM- DIAMOND D
9:15PM- DIAMOND D**

**DOES ANYONE WANT TO DO A SUMMER BIBLE
STUDY? TIMES AND TOPICS ARE TO BE DECIDED.
JUST SEEKING TO SEE HOW MUCH INTEREST
THERE IS. PLEASE CONTACT JOHN THORNTON IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED.**

JOHN.THORNTON1722@GMAIL.COM



THE GIVE

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

Operation Christmas Child
Empty Prescription Bottles (washed out)

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

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Annette Korb (surgery)
- Barbara Kirpatrick (leg infection)
- Roy Eeten
- Joan Schouten (pulmonary embolism)
- Tony & Spring (continued prayers for healthy pregnancy)
- Lois Hoff's mom, Marlene (hospice)
- 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 Sloom
- 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

WELCOME

We welcome these new members
to Community!

Daniel Burlingame
Tom & Pam Tille
David & Alyssa Pierson
Paul Terwee

FINANCES

Sunday, May 12, 2024

General: \$13,661
Vision: \$1,190
Missions: \$180

General YTD: \$256,627
Vision YTD: \$19,316
Vision Account Balance: \$29,119

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

Arise Ukraine

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

No meetings in the summer months

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **June 10** 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, May 21, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip* by Brunsvold.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, May 15 at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Wednesday Wars* by Schmidt. Interested in joining a book club? We'd love to have you join us!

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on May 21st at 1:30. Helen is hostess and Donna has the lesson.

early childhood weekday
PLAY GROUP
free, all are welcome
TUESDAYS
9:30-11:00AM

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

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY



Hello Everyone!

Sunday School is wrapped up and now my office begins to fill with all kinds of fun work for VBS. I am really excited to see what the kids think of the adventures this summer. Registration for VBS is open. Please sign up and get more information at: <https://communityrc.org/vbs>

VBS is one of the many things that happens at Community and requires many volunteers. VBS would not be possible without the great volunteers who bring their time and gifts to help the kids learn and grow at VBS. No matter your gifts, we've got a volunteer slot for you. Even if you've never even visited our VBS, you can be helpful! VBS is only 4 evenings, and all of the lessons and materials are provided so there is minimal preparation needed for the volunteers that week. There is also a small crew of people who come in during the week leading up to VBS and transform the space into fun new scenes. This year we'll have a little cave like area, and some archeological dig sites.

I am looking for someone who might want to deliver play sand to fill three little baby pools in the lawn that we'll use during the preschool game time. We'll need to cover them with a tarp at night, so they don't get wet or buggy. If you have access to a truck and know where we might get some sand, and would like to help out in that way, please let me know.

Some of the volunteer positions I want to highlight for this week are:

- Preschool Game Area Leader: Outdoor role= set up simple activities like chalk, bubbles, parachute, sand, supervise and interact with kids as they learn and play.
 - Preschool Craft Leader: Show kids how to create simple crafts as they learn about God.
 - Preschool Crew Leaders and Helpers: Guide kids from station to station and make sure no little cuties wander off.
 - Games Leader K-6: Teach and have fun as kids try out different simple group games and learn about the Bible.
 - Elementary Crew Leaders and Helpers: Many of the grades still need leaders and helpers. If you want to spend time with your son, daughter, grandchild, etc. this is a great way to volunteer.
- There are many other positions open as well! Please sign up and get more information at: <https://communityrc.org/vbs>

Heather DeWit
Children's Ministry
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VBS 2024

FOUND
UNCOVERING GOD'S WORD

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





DOYLES'S UPDATE MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



JUNE

2024

CALENDAR KEY

-  **HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT**
-  **FRIDAY MORNING FOCUS, MS AND HS.**
-  **UNLOCK THE BOX EVENT MS AND HS**







NOTES

TAKE NOTE OF WHERE WE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. EACH WEEK IS MARKED ON THE CALENDAR

EVENTS OUTSIDE OF WEDNESDAY ARE FOR BOTH MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT AHEAD OF EACH EVENT

MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN

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3	4	5  7:00 AT CHURCH	6	7  AT CHURCH 10-11	8	9
10	11	12  7:00 AT BURNSIDE HOUSE	13	14	15	16  HELD AT CHURCH 6:30 - 8:00
17	18	19  7:00 AT RIVERDALE PARK	20	21  AT CHURCH 10-11	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY

2024

CALENDAR KEY

-  **HS WEDNESDAY NIGHT**
-  **FRIDAY MORNING FOCUS, MS AND HS**
-  **VBS WEEK AT CHURCH**






NOTES

FRIDAY MORNINGS WILL BE FOCUSED ON A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES AS WE SEEK TO FORM HABITS THAT ENCOURAGE OUR TIME WITH GOD

IF YOU ARE HERE VBS WEEK, COME VOLUNTEER WITH THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FOR AN AWESOME WEEK!

JULY'S EVENT WILL BE SET UP IN EARLY JUNE.

MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 	11	12  AT CHURCH 10-11	13	14
15	16	17 	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  AT CHURCH 10-11	27	28
29	30	31 				



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

To start my article this week, I'd like to take a moment to thank the instrumentalists who play every Sunday for our worship time. You might not give it a second thought, but these people are committing to a schedule, committing to practicing the music, and committing to showing up to assist with worship when it's their turn to play. And they do it all for FREE. Finding musicians who are willing to do all those things can be a challenge in a church setting, and we are extremely blessed to have several people who are willing to do this! Special thanks to our keyboard players, Abby Burnside, Laurel Feenstra, and Lori Hein; thanks to our bass players, Lonny Ackerman, Lori Blom, Grant Boltjes, Lori Hein, Trudi Nelson, and Nick Sittig; thanks to our guitar players, Tad Boyle and Pastor Clyde; and thanks to our drummers, Jacob Hein and Kyle Wigg. Your exceptional service is a blessing to everyone who attends worship on Sunday mornings. Thank you!!

I've been gathering some new resources to read and study during the summer months in order to prepare for our adult classes next fall. I'm always open to suggestions for classes you might like to see offered or topics you'd like to learn more about. If there's something you've always wondered about when it comes to God and your faith, please let me know! It's possible your wondering could make an excellent class for others at Mid-Week! Please email me with your ideas at Liz.Teel@communityrc.org.

Don't forget to register for VBS! VBS registration is open for both kids and volunteers. The dates for VBS are July 21-25, and Heather and I have some fantastic experiences planned for the kids! Music, learning, crafting, playing, and worshiping will point to our learning about being "Found". We'll also be needing helpers for every area, and Heather makes it super easy to volunteer. VBS is one of the best things we do at Community, and I strongly encourage everyone to come for at least one night. I promise you'll be lifted up in your faith from seeing those kids celebrating Jesus!

And lastly this week, my family is going to take a few days next week to head south for a little trip away. Although we won't be around the church offices during the week, we'll be back for services on Sunday. If you have an immediate need during the week, please contact the church office directly, and Holli will get you squared away!

Enjoy this beautiful spring weather!

Liz

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CONSISTORY NOTES

MAY 9, 2024

Attendance: Clyde Teel, Eric VanDonge Susan Bierwagen, Mike Boyenga, Harvey Odens, Mary Burggraaf, Justin Hinks, Tanner Corbin, Doug Harms, Tom Weerheim, Tyler Wolf, Curt Zwart, Mark Theisen

Opening scripture, Psalm 119:105 – “Teachers” and Opening Prayer - Mary Burggraaf

MSA to approve the April 11, 2024 meeting minutes.

MSA to approve the April financial report.

The tree in the northwest corner of the property is slated to be removed, hole filled with soil and grass seeded. We have not received a confirmed installation date for the office air handler unit as of yet.

Reviewed reports from Liz, Heather and Doyle. As of today, Heather has completed her Master's degree work. For her thesis, she completed a Parenting Disciples program that she has made available to parents of children who would like to use it. It is available at The Link.

The Sunday afternoon baptism was recapped. Was a meaningful response from those baptized and those who attended.

Pastor Clyde gave an update on the Kingdom Network global annual meeting that he and Grant Boltjes attended. Approved the use of our church for the Alliance of Reformed Churches fall meeting the first week of November.

The handbook review committee will be Pastor Clyde, Justin Hinks, Susan Bierwagen, and Ross Larson.

MSA the following individuals have check signing and church payroll approval: treasurer advisor, Lyle Pudwill; treasurer, Eric VanDonge; assistant treasurer, Justin Hinks; vice president, Ross Larson; and secretary, Mary Burggraaf. 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: Russ Hoogendoorn and Corey Feenstra.

Closing prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted, Mary Burggraaf

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MAY 15, 2024

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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