

THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 29, 2024

Weekly Calendar

MAY 29 - JUNE 5

Wednesday, May 29

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

Saturday, June 1

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, June 2

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

Monday, June 3

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

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

Tuesday, June 4

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, June 5

7:00pm- H.S. Youth Group (at church)

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CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We continue to see the rain fall around the area. We were back in Burke on Monday and there is water all the way on the trip home. I have heard that the farming community is getting the work done, but I am sure it has been a challenge. Still, the rain is so much better than the dry. It is amazing how green things are and already we could see the corn up in several places. It is spring for sure. It is also the beginning of summer now and we could tell there are lots of campers out and going this past weekend. It is that time of year and I have learned that June is a vacation month for many of our families. School is out and they get going! I hope you all have a great summer and can get away to enjoy the things of summer.

As I mentioned on Sunday, we were in Nashville TN last week for a little music get-way. We don't do the shows, we go play in the music stores. I was looking for some things, but I didn't find what I was looking for so, I saved myself a little money and just enjoyed the time there. It was a good week to just relax in a very nice house there on music row. The traffic there is a little crazy and that wasn't much fun, but we did enjoy our time there.

Summer is here and with that we will be gearing up for Bible School. It is still a ways off, but it will be here before you know it. Liz and Heather are working on the final pieces of the program and it looks, once again, to be a great theme with some good singing and great lessons and games. Each year these two write it together. Heather does all the lessons and she and Liz work out the themes and the look of the event. They are a good team with that whole thing, and we get to enjoy the fruit of it all. We do have other churches that use the material so, we are making a Kingdom difference with the work they put it. Get signed up if you haven't done so. The theme is called "Found"! It is a play on the Indiana Jones movies and the search for treasure theme. It's going to be a good one!

I was home on Monday to see my mom and visit the cemetery in Burke where Becky is. It is always good to go there and just take in the scene. It is one of those things that will make a person stop and think about life and temporary nature of this place. It has a sense of sadness and yet hope and victory. I always like going there on that day. It is good for the soul if that makes sense. I hope you were able to do that as well.

I am starting my new summer series this coming Sunday morning. I gave you all a little taste of it this past weekend with the idea of inspirational things in our lives. As I said on Sunday morning, we just don't have enough of that in our lives. We get busy, we get moving, we get a little overwhelmed, we get discouraged, we get tired, but we don't often get inspired. This series is going to work at adding a way for us to discover a way to get more of the things that prompt us to think about God in our daily lives. We know the Holy Spirit along with the presence of Christ in our daily walks can make a difference. We are going to look at a very practical way to make that happen. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Celebrating — 25 YEARS —

**2024 MARKS 25 YEARS IN THE MINISTRY
FOR PASTOR CLYDE AND PASTOR JOHN.**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF RECOGNITION ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 23
DURING ALL 3 SERVICES.**

WE'RE CELEBRATING WITH CAKE AND KIND WORDS.
JOIN THE FUN BY WRITING A NOTE OR BRINGING
A CARD ON JUNE 23RD.

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MONDAY

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 3
8:20PM- DIAMOND D
9:15PM- DIAMOND D**

THE GIVE

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

Community Kids Nursery
4T-7 size kids pants/shorts

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

- Dennis VerHey (accident recovery)
- Dennis Korb

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 Sloot
- 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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday School Class will meet at 10:15 on Sunday, June 2nd to discuss the options for continuing this summer, and for what resources to use in the classes. The Sunday School Guide has ceased publication. Please come to the class and give your feedback. Thanks!

John Thornton

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 FOR JUNE

Hope Haven

..... 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!

..... HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on June 18th at 1:30. Carol is hostess and Helen has the lesson.



FINANCES

Sunday, May 26, 2024

General: \$5,205
Vision: \$575
Missions: \$305

General YTD: \$275,029
Vision YTD: \$22,931
Vision Account Balance: \$32,734

KID'S MINISTRY



Hello Everyone!

Summer is here! If you haven't yet, please register for VBS at: <https://communityrc.org/vbs>
 Volunteer, bring friends, and pray for the awesome week ahead. We have the supplies, the activities, and the decorations. Now, we need you!!!

As Liz announced on Sunday, the Family Adventure packs are refreshed and ready for you to take home. We have a couple of new ones and the old favorites are still here. Everyone is invited to check the kits out. They aren't just for kids. Many of them have a puzzle inside and some have art supplies, so they are great for any family size- from one person to a larger bunch with a variety of ages. They are free to check out and don't have a set due date. Just bring it back when you are done having fun. The goal of these kits is to help people spend time with God and with one another.

Here's a run down of the available Adventure Packs:

- "Light"- New this year- A glowing soccer ball, Noah's Ark Operation game, some really interesting books, a telescope, a light up toddler toy, a glow in the dark puzzle, games including Space Launch and Bible Matching, light up tops, a light up activity board, flashlights, a glowing lawn game, a light up car track and more make this one a summer hit. There are activities for indoor and outdoor fun!
- "Stuck"- New this year- Noah's Ark travel game, Jonah Go Fish, Disc Bash lawn game, PopDarts (fun for big families or any size group), Atomix Puzzle Sphere, Clack Game, Fruit of the Spirit lawn toss, an animal puzzle, and the Aqua Mat make this set very fun. The books inside will help you notice many times when people felt stuck but God was not stuck at all!
- "Are we there yet?"- This pack is full of activities that can be done in the car or on a trip. Books, games, talk pack, music, and other activities will reduce the number of times you check the estimated arrival time by at least a few! The Bible is packed with stories about God asking people to go from one place to another and remind us that God is with us, even on an adventure.
- "Rainy Days are for Fun"- The Noah's Ark Adventure pack is ready for a rainy day (but also works for when it is too hot to be out for long.) This one has a 1000 piece Noah's Ark puzzle, a variety of games, and some cute toys for little kids too.
- "Lion Around"-Read the Bible stories that involve lions! Enjoy time relaxing in hammocks. Try some new board games and a really cool lion puzzle.
- "Trees"- Just as you'd expect, we meet Zacchaeus in this kit. Hang around in some hammocks, play Sneaky Snacky Squirrel game, test your knowledge with trivia cards, and more.
- "Lost and Found"- Learn how to do geocaching, play some seek and find games, look for bugs, and enjoy some fun books. Learn about lost sheep, prodigals, and coins.
- "Creation"- This one is full of indoor/ outdoor options including watercolor paints, nesting blocks, bug catching set for exploring God's amazing creation, and the game Headbandz.
- "Rocks"- use the rock painting set, games, slingshot copters, knock off toss yard game, dice games, disc golf set, and the fun game Slapzi to enjoy some good laughs and learning. I was amazed at how many Bible stories involve rocks!
- "A Snack and a Nap"- Everyone is in a better mood after a snack and a nap. The Bible has quite a few food related stories and we found fun activities to go with them. There are also 4 hammocks in this set so you can get your napping done in a fun place. With games like Throw Throw Burrito and Pancake Pile Up, you'll have plenty of fun! There are also binoculars for watching the birds and some fabulous books.

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

If you remember in my last article a few weeks ago, I took time to thank those who play instruments for worship. This week, I'd like to say a special word of thanks to those who sing regularly for worship as well. Thanks to Chad and Melanie Odens, Bill Klein, and Jim Fisher who give so much time and effort to help with worship by singing. It makes a huge difference to have singers helping carry the vocal load for worship. Also, I'd like to say a special thanks to Abbie Coffey for her exceptional commitment to singing for worship. Some of you might not even realize this, but Abbie is NOT employed by the church. 😊 She has NEVER been employed by the church! Yet she comes to both services, every single Sunday, to sing and help us enter into worship. And since she's here so much, she often ends up answering questions or helping people find others who know the answers to their questions! She does this work quietly and without recognition, and we are highly blessed to have her constant presence for our times of worship. Thanks, Abbie. And thanks to all our singers who make such a difference in our worship at Community!

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!

I hope you can get outside this week and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Liz

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