

# THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 8, 2024

## Weekly Calendar

MAY 8 - MAY 15

### Saturday, May 11

**7:00am-** Fresh Encounter

**10:00AM-** AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

### Sunday, May 12

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

### Monday, May 13

**Noon-** Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

**6:30pm-** Church Softball  
(Sherman Park- Diamond D)

**7:25pm-** Church Softball  
(Sherman Park- Diamond D)

### Tuesday, May 14

**9:30-11am-** Play Group

### Wednesday, May 15

**9:00am-** Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN Ave)

**6:00-7:00pm-** Flower Patch Women's Group (chapel)

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



## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

The rain continues to be in our forecast. What a difference a year makes. It is being very slow to warm up much, but it looks like that slowly is going to happen in the coming days. I am looking forward to that for sure. Sunday morning was a beautiful day with the sun on the grass and all the blossoms in town on the trees. It was the perfect morning. I know that many of you will be doing a lot of traveling in the next few days with lots of graduations and Mother's Day coming up this weekend. These are very special days in the lives of so many. I hope you all can have some great family time together. It's also getting closer to summer, and I know from experience, that means camping is coming as well. We have many of you who hit the lakes when things start to warmup. Don't forget to tune in when you are gone. I think it makes a difference to stay connected. Life gets pretty real out there friends and we need to stay connected to you as well as you being connected to us.

I spoke at length on Sunday morning about how very special it was to see the church family step up and do so much this past week with Randi Van Der Sloot's life celebration. Once again, thanks to all the work groups that did so much to make that all happen. Coffee folks, desserts, parking, chairs, and so much more. I even had people running around doing things just for me...it was amazing. I know it meant so much to Marty and his family. It was a tremendous outpouring of friendship and care. You all went above and beyond. Great job everyone.

We did have a very nice baptism service on Sunday afternoon with a very nice crowd of people there for that event. We had seven of our friends make that decision for themselves. I was most moved by the words each of them had to share about why they were doing that. There was some deep emotion for each one of them as they shared. I want to encourage others to consider this for yourselves. We will continue to have many of our friends who maybe didn't grow up in the church or for other reasons, feel the need to do this. Sometimes what we do in churches is to be pastoral in our approach to people's lives. For our young people that were there on Sunday, their baptism was their moment to profess their faith in Christ which is a part of our tradition. There were others who had done that in their past but needed to express something more in the faith journey. It was a special time. God was certainly present. Talk to those who were there, and they will tell you, it was powerful.

Sunday's message is the story of the women who touched the hem of Jesus robe and was healed instantly. Her story reminds us of the power of the presence of Jesus and it speaks to her persistence to approach him. She is "unclean" according to their tradition and she should have kept her distance, but she breaks the rule and does what she should not...and Jesus notices. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We had a powerful week of ministry here at Community!

First of all, I know I won't be the only one who says this, but I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with the visitation and life celebration service for Randi Vander Sloot. It was beyond encouraging to see so many different people stepping up to help with a variety of tasks. I saw a wide array of demographics represented in all who volunteered. And the spirit of service was evident throughout the entire building. Whatever needed to be done got done. I have since visited with several non-Community-people who were in attendance at one of those events, and every single one of them commented on how helpful and welcoming the people of Community were. They all talked about how kind and accommodating the volunteers were, and how smoothly everything ran. You truly were the hands and feet of Christ last week, and the Spirit was present. Thank you for being willing to serve like that! You made a difference!

I also want to thank all of you who attended the baptism service on Sunday afternoon. What a powerful time of celebration together! We baptized 7 people: 4 high school kids, 1 middle school kid, and 2 adults. We heard deeply moving testimonies of how God has been walking with these people during some incredibly difficult times. And to see each of them come up out of the water in symbolic newness of life is always an inspiration. We thank God for the blessing of baptism for Robyn, Emily, Kennedy, Tara, Rhiannon, Faith, and Terry!

The WD40 women's group met for the last time on Monday night of this week. We'll be taking a break over the summer months and will resume in September. Normally we meet the first Monday of each month from 7:00-8:00pm. But since the first Monday of September is always Labor Day, we move that meeting to the 2nd Monday. Remember, this is open to women of all ages. I hope you'll make plans to join us next fall!

VBS registration is open! 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!

Have a blessed week, friends,

Liz

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## 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 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

### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Al Price and his family on the passing of his brother-in-law, Paul. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Rick Hanson and his family on the passing of his brother, Justin. Please keep them in your prayers.



**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 13  
8:20PM- DIAMOND D  
9:15PM- DIAMOND C**

**THE MEN'S MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY HAS  
CONCLUDED FOR THIS SEASON. WE WILL START  
UP AGAIN IN THE FALL.**

## FINANCES

Sunday, May 5, 2024

General: \$9,948

Vision: \$670

Missions: \$535

General YTD: \$242,966

Vision YTD: \$18,126

Vision Account Balance: \$35,321

## 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.

## 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, **May 13** 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.

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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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