

THE COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

THIS WEEK NOV 12- NOV 19

Wednesday, Nov. 12

5:30-6:20pm- Meal-
Chicken Salda/ Taco Salad
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes
for Children, Middle School
Youth Group & Adults
(Nursery also provided)
7:30-8:30pm-
High School Youth Group

Saturday, Nov. 15

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Nov. 16

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am-
Worship Services
10:10am- Sunday School
4:30-6:00pm- Choir

6:30pm- Refresh
(Young Adult group)

Monday, Nov. 17

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov. 18

9:30am- Play Group
1:30pm- Hope Circle
7:00pm- AA meeting
7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, Nov. 19

9:00am- Book Club
5:30-6:20pm- Meal-
Pulled Pork Sandwiches
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes
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High School Youth Group

Clyde's Update

The weather has been so up and down. We have snow, then we don't have snow. It's cold, then it's warm. The wind blows, and then the wind...blows! (I couldn't change that one.) The wind just always blows around here. I was home for a day this week to see my mom and do a little hunting. It was better than my last trip I talked about on Sunday, but still nothing that gets my attention. I still really enjoy it though. I say it every year, the Hertz family has been so good to me. I just can't thank them enough. It is a gift for me. I get out to those hills and sit in exactly the same places. I relax and watch all the things go on in that place. It is soul filling for me. I know it's not for everyone, but for me it is about all the memories as a kid with my dad doing that and all the cousins going out in the hills together. It was such a wonderful time. That's what hits me every single year. I like going there and being alone even for just one day to soak up all the thoughts and smell that river-hills environment. Many of you have places like that, I am sure. I hope you get opportunities to go and visit some of those from your past. They are magical memories that do so much for our core values and lives in this busy world. It is family and friends. It is laughter and tears. It is people and stories. It is life as we once knew it. There is life in those places. I feel bad for those who don't have such a place or such memories. I can only hope that the present life they are in, will lead to "places" that bring joy and life. I have been blessed and I know it.

Speaking of gifts, thank you all for the cards, treats, and kind words during Pastor Appreciation month. I pay attention to those handwritten notes. I really like those. I also have a lot of gift things to the donut place. That could be a problem for my waistline, but I do love them. I am blessed here, Community, and I know it. You have been very good to me over the years, and I truly thank all of you for remembering that little things can mean so much. I feel appreciated indeed!

We have had some loss in our church in the past few weeks. Some of it has been close to our office friends and some has been close for many of you in the church family. These seasons are very real, and it takes time to work through all the pain and loss, but we know that God brings a grace and specific grace to carry us through and even bring a sense of nearness and peace that we can never get without that kind of journey. Pray for those who are in those places. Look for an opportunity to bring a word or thought. Be for them in a close way and ask God to walk close to them. Many of you have been there. We all know the struggle. Together we are better! Hearts connected by familiar sadness are most precious. Treat each other as friends on life's journey. We are one!

Sunday is the middle section of Philippians chapter one. It is a great section of verses and one that I am so looking forward to sharing with you. The apostle Paul's life had been changed and his care for those people is an amazing heart-felt set of words. What he tells them in this middle section is challenging for all of us. What does it mean to partner in the Gospel? Who are we to each other? What are we willing to do for one another for the sake of the message of Christ to enter lives? We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

THE GIVE

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



The Banquet
Ground Regular Coffee

Union Gospel Mission
Food & Spices for the Union Gospel Mission Kitchen (syrup, gravy, ketchup, pepper, salt, onion powder)

Foster Closet
New & Gently Used Athletic Pants
Size 2T - Adult 4x

Sanford Children's
Craft Kits & Fidget Toys for hospitalized kids

I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. The poor will see and be glad—you who seek God, may your hearts live! The Lord hears the needy and does not despise his captive people.
Psalm 69:30-33

THANK YOU

Thank you people of Community Reformed Church for the cards and gifts you gave me during pastor appreciation month. I appreciate all you did.
God bless you all.
--John Thornton

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To our wonderful church family — thank you for standing with us in prayer and support these past 5 1/2 years as my dad has fought cancer. Your prayers and kindness have meant more to us than words can express.
--Brian & Holli Jans

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jean Nollmann (hematoma)
- Claradith Kingsbury (stroke recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jennie VanRoekel (hip surgery)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Al Price
- John Shubert (muscle biopsy)
- John Thornton (hip surgery recovery)
- Susan Vos (broken leg)
- Donna Holmgren's brother, Tim
- Jan Sturing
- Ken Stellinga (Pancreatic cancer)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Steve Lee
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

Our condolences go out to the friends and family of Jerry Ackerman, who passed away. Please keep them in your prayers.

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://bradymartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KIhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>
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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

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**BELIEVERS BAPTISM
SUNDAY, NOV. 23
3:00PM**

To sign up for baptism or if you have questions about baptism, contact Liz Teel (liz.teel@communityrc.org).

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MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

LUNCH IS SERVED

Lunch Is Served is a nonprofit organization with the unique mission of delivering simple sack lunches for working men and women who are attempting to break the chains of poverty and hunger.



The Operation Christmas Child table is set up in the lobby!
Grab a box, fill it, and bring it back by:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **December 8** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

AA MEETING (OPEN)

Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the youth room. Use east doors.

REFRESH

Weekly gathering of college students and young adults every Sunday at 6:30pm. (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on November 18th at 1:30pm. Mary is hostess and Barb has the lesson. Don't forget your donation for our special Christmas present.

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Frozen River*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave and 33rd St. We will be discussing *Fur Trader's Lady*.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Hello everyone,

This week, I want to be sure to draw your attention to the upcoming immersion Baptism Service we have planned for Sunday, November 23, at 3:00pm. This service will be in our sanctuary, and we will bring in a portable baptismal that we borrow from another church in the area. (Thanks to Don Vanderlip!) 😊

Some of you may be wondering who will be baptized that day. Well, the short answer is anyone who desires to be baptized can be baptized! If you are someone who believes in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and have asked Jesus to come into your life to forgive you of your sins, and if you've made a commitment to walk with Him, you can be baptized. Baptism is a symbol of that decision to give your life to Christ and to receive new life from Him. Or maybe you are someone who has come through a great deal of suffering recently, and God has brought you into a new place of life and peace through it. If so, you may want to be baptized as a way to give a visual symbol of what God has done. Or maybe you've just never been baptized, and you want to publicly proclaim the goodness of God and what Jesus Christ has done in and for you because you have a personal relationship with Him. You can be baptized too.

When people have questions about baptism, I usually tell them that it is an outward symbol of what Christ has done inwardly in you. And although we don't believe that being baptized gives you eternal life with Christ (only a personal relationship with Jesus Christ can do that), and we say it's a "symbol" of new life in Christ, I also like to say, "The process of baptism is not nothing." I believe the Holy Spirit shows up in ways that are unexpected and specific to each person who is receiving baptism. It's a holy time!

If you think you'd like to be baptized on November 23, please let me know. And if you've already been baptized, I encourage you to join us that day. As I said before, it's a holy time, and I know you'll be blessed.

Have a great week!

Liz

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DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



The high school group has an upcoming retreat **November 21-23**. I think this is one of the greatest events we hold each year as we step away from our normal routine to spend time together, time in God's word and hopefully finding some rest! We will be going to Lost Timber Bible Camp near Chandler MN. It's a beautiful place with great spaces for a group to spend both inside and outside. If students are free and interested, please contact me for registration information!

Doyle
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HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY



Hi Community!

This week I want to share one of my weekly experiences with you. On Sunday mornings, my usual routine is to arrive long before the Sunday School kids and volunteers arrive. I set things up, do a little organizing, and pray for the morning ahead. The time on Sunday mornings before the room fills with little voices and the excitement builds is special. This week, I noticed one of the classrooms all set up and ready for Sunday. One of the teachers had come in before church and set up the room to have it ready for the morning. Every item was placed with care, and the kids would arrive to a space ready for their learning. I felt like it was such a good symbol for how I feel about Sunday School each week. The time before Sunday School is charged with potential and excitement about what God is going to do. It is a blessing to get to be part of that every single week!

There is a whole team of people that make Sunday mornings possible. Months before Sunday School starts, I write the lessons and ensure that the supplies are in the classroom for each lesson. Leading up to each week, the teachers and volunteers read the lesson and prepare. There is a special volunteer who prays every week, specifically about Sunday School and the children and volunteers.

As the kids and adults start to arrive, the air starts to fill with joy and enthusiasm. Volunteers, children, and parents exchange greetings and smiles. Kids run and skip and dance into the room. We know that God will show up because He has done so every week! The classrooms buzz with excitement and the kids are ready to dive into what the volunteers share with them about who God is, who they are, and what that means for each day.

Before I ever type a lesson or even have an idea, before the supplies arrive, before a teacher has even signed up or read a lesson or prepared their classroom, before a parent has loaded the kids in the car or the kid has packed their Bible in their bag, God prepared for Sunday School! He is always ahead of us and has the best for us in mind. His plans are good!

Heather DeWit
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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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