

# THE COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

## THIS WEEK

NOV 13 - NOV 20

### Wednesday, Nov. 13

5:30-6:30pm- Pulled Pork  
6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages  
Middle school youth group  
7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

### Saturday, Nov. 16

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

### Sunday, Nov. 17

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Services  
10:05- SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Monday, Nov. 18

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, Nov. 19

9:30-11am- Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- Book Club (at church)

### Wednesday, Nov. 20

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

### 5:30-6:30pm-BBQ

6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages  
Middle school youth group  
7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

## Clyde's Update

November is proving to be a pretty nice month thus far. We are getting a little rain at times and the days are just very fall like. I for one, really enjoy that. I am out in the west part of the state doing a little hunting. I'll be back for MidWeek, but I am so grateful for the time away to get this done. It does my heart good to be out in that place once again. Thanks to the Hertz family for all of that. I am very grateful for them. Enjoy these days folks because at this time of the year, you never know what might happen. Just sayin'.

Thanks to Pastor John and Liz for filling in for me on Sunday. We have been trying to do more of that by having our own folks do that for us rather than getting an outside voice to speak for us. It is a good way for you all to get to hear them from the front and also get to know them a little better.

Last week's MidWeek hit another high for the year. This continues to be so exciting to see. There are just people everywhere. Lots of little kids, and I do mean lots. There is such a great buzz in the air, and I am so thrilled with the folks who are doing the kitchen work. Those teams are doing a fantastic job. They set a great tone for the evening with such a great spirit as they serve the friends who come by. There is some very good church going on here on Wednesday evenings. Go God Go!

We were able to get a phase of the parking lot done last week due to a very nice gift from a family in church. That was very special. I am so thankful for the generous hearts in this place. We are truly blessed in that area. That also means, as I just mentioned in the above paragraph, all those volunteers who do nursery, teach, kitchen help, sound, tech, choirs, and the many things that happen that no one sees. It is wonderful to see.

I want to put in a plug this week for our library. There are so many people who take advantage of that place and rightly so. They keep that place humming. That team of workers in there is always on the ball with keeping items out that fit the themes of the sermons. If you are a reader and looking for some good books, check out that place. They are doing an amazing job.

We hosted the ARC's district meeting this past weekend. It was a great gathering of our friends on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Again, I say, we are all on the same team here, and these are our friends. It was nice to see some familiar faces and to get a chance to visit with them. Our facility works so well for things like that. They were most grateful for our hospitality. That's who we are Community!

My message this week is still a continuation of that Damascus Road experience that Saul/Paul had. There is a name change coming for him, but even more than that, it is those Christians who must trust that God has indeed made this change within this man's heart. You really must admire their faith in such a matter. Saul was told to go to Damascus...he did. He was brought into this budding community there and then...off he goes. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Nick Van Es (surgery)
- Larry Symrak (pacemaker placement)

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gracia Harmsen
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Terry & Dree Mayer's son-in-law, Tony
- Cory Carlson-Himes (shoulder surgery)
- Karen Odens (broken femur)
- Steve Lee (lung transplant recovery)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Harlan Van Meeteren (infection)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Merlin Klein
- JoAnn Hanssen
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Caleb Ellwein (knee stress fracture)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Kim Becker (high risk pregnancy)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Ryan Kortemeyer (lymphoma)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- Daniel Burlingame's mom, Esther
- Dennis VerHey (accident recovery)
- Tony & Spring (healthy pregnancy)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Evita Attema's sister, Lilli (cancer)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (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)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad

## 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.

## MIDWEEK

### MIDWEEK MEAL 5:30-6:30PM- PULLED PORK

**Classes begin @ 6:30pm**

Nursery available for infant-5 years old.

**Children from Kindergarten- 5th grade:**

Kids meet in the Children's wing for Fun Zone from 6:00-6:30pm & lesson from 6:30-7:30pm.

**Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8):**

Meets at 6:30-7:30pm

**High School Youth Group (grades 9-12):**

Meets from 7:30-8:30pm

**Adult Classes**

Meets at 6:30-7:30pm

In need of prayer or want to share your prayer request?

Email Pastor John at [prayerline@communityrc.org](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

"God is looking for hungry hearts that seek after Him in praise, gratitude, and loving surrender with readiness to pray, think, and live like Jesus."

from 21 Days of Transforming Prayer by  
Daniel Henderson

## 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



We are drawing near to the midway point of November and there are a few things coming up for the youth ministry here at Community!

This Sunday there are a few things going on. First, the high school students and parents will have a meeting for this summer's mission trip during the Sunday School time (10:10-10:40). We will be partnering with an organization called Youth Works and the trip will be for all high school students and their parents. Sunday we will be going through what to expect, dates, registration, cost and a time for any questions that come up. Students and parents, if you are interested in a mission trip this upcoming summer, join me on Sunday morning!

Then, Sunday evening at 5:00 we are going to be having our middle school event. I will be providing supper and we will be going on a mystery adventure for students. Parents, I emailed you those details on Monday. If you did not receive my email, please let me know so I can get that information to you. I am asking for an RSVP by Friday this so I can make sure to have enough transportation for everyone.

Finally, the following weekend, November 22nd-24th, is our high school retreat. This year we are heading to Lost Timber Bible Camp in Chandler, MN for a weekend away. Our retreats are a great chance for students to step away from their typical weekends and rest, connect with God and spend time with one another as a youth group. Registration forms are due next Wednesday. Students can get a form here at church, or I also emailed those out to parents. Again, if you did not receive that email please let me know.

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle  
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## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Dec. 9** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

### WD40

First Monday of every month 7:00-8:00pm

This group is for women of all ages and is the "grease that keeps us going." Led by Liz Teel, WD40 creates community for women to join in discussions about our spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical growth and wellbeing.

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Monday Evening Bible Study at 7 pm. If you have any questions, please call or email John Thornton

### HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet at 1:30 on Nov. 19th. Jerralynne is the hostess and Barb will lead the lesson.

### BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Under the Tulip Tree* by Shocklee.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Nov 20, at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave and 33rd St. We will be discussing *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Dave.

\*\*Book Clubs will not meet in Decemeber.



HEATHER'S UPDATE  
**KID'S MINISTRY**



Hi Everyone!

My husband and I took a trip to Nashville as chaperones for our daughter Addi's band trip. We had a wonderful experience. Thank you to those who took care of everything here at church while I was gone.

Now, we all get to enjoy all that the last two months of 2024 have in store. Here at church, that means more Sunday School and Midweek. In addition to our regular lessons, we're preparing for the Christmas program. The Nursery is also full of fun adventures.

All kids who are participating in the program this year have songs and group speaking parts to practice at home.

For kids who are doing drumming or dance, please try to be at Midweek for practice time. If you need more information, visit [Communityrc.org/Christmas](http://Communityrc.org/Christmas), or ask me.

See you soon!

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COMMUNITY  
**KIDS**  
NOW HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM  
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
TO HELP WITH THE K-5 KIDS  
WORK 5:45PM-7:45PM

Our current staffing team is doing great and everyone is learning and having fun, but with more kids this year, we need more help.

Community hires paid staff for this position to allow parents to attend classes, rather than volunteering in the Kids Wing. It is good for kids to see their parents committed to learning and growing in their relationship with Jesus!

Make a difference and make some cash.  
Teach fun, engaging, hands on Bible lessons to K-5 kids at church.

Email: [Heather.DeWiteCommunityRC.org](mailto:Heather.DeWiteCommunityRC.org) to apply or with questions.

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Thanks to everyone who helped to make Sunday morning a great day of worship! 😊 Thanks to Arlan Burggraaf for opening the building, Pastor John for preaching at 8:00, and Doyle for opening the 9:00 and 10:45 services and praying. And I want to say thank you to everyone who lifted me up in prayer for the sermons, and for the many kind and encouraging words you shared later on. I felt those prayers! And although everything went well, I'll be very glad to have things back to normal this Sunday!

Once again, I want to share with you about how well the choir is doing in our rehearsals! I ordered almost all new music this year, and the choir has done a fantastic job working on those songs and learning some very difficult pieces. We still have a lot of work to do, but I'm really looking forward to our performances on December 15. We will also have 2 special instrumental guests that Sunday. I think it's going to be a blessed day!

As I've said before, choir Sunday is a great day to invite a friend to church. We sing lots of Christmas carols that day and it's a very festive and celebratory Sunday. Remember, we do those concerts at both the 9:00 and 10:45 services on December 15. So, if there's a friend you've been wanting to invite, I encourage you to consider that as an easy invitation Sunday.

The WD40 group met last week, and we decided to have our Christmas party on the first Monday of December, which is December 2. We will meet from 7:00-8:00pm in the fellowship hall. This group is open to women of all ages. If you want, you are welcome to bring a plate of goodies to share that evening. We will also be doing a small gift exchange. We are asking that the gifts be "consumable," meaning they can be used up. Bring the gift wrapped for the exchange and be as creative as you want with what you give! Consumables include things like toilet paper, soap, lotion, dinner napkins, hairspray, apples, candy, etc. Just anything that can be used up! We'll do a fun little game for the gift exchange and spend time celebrating the birth of Jesus. As we did last year, we are also collecting donations for the St. Francis House. Some of the things they are desperately in need of are shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste (but not toothbrushes), men's and women's deodorant, Tampax, and hairbrushes. Women, if you want to bring any of these items to our Christmas party, Mary Burggraaf will make sure they are delivered to St. Francis House. I love that we are able to do this as part of our WD40 Christmas party. Again, all women are welcome!

Have a good week, friends!

Liz

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## THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall

in the lobby.

It's a place to donate  
to local ministries.



### Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety

Lotion & hair products

### Furniture Mission

Dish Towels, towels, king/queen bedding sets

### The Banquet

Coffee

### Sanford Children's Christmas Closet

Toys for all aged children

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



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

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

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## FINANCES

Sunday, November 10, 2024

General: \$12,421

Vision: \$200

Missions: \$485

Wednesday Night: \$353

General YTD: \$802,280

Vision YTD: \$49,178

Vision Account Balance: \$22,011

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SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110**

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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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