

THE COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

THIS WEEK

NOV 20 - NOV 27

Wednesday, Nov. 20

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

Saturday, Nov. 23

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Nov. 24

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

Monday, Nov. 25

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov. 26

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Nov. 27

7:00pm- Thanksgiving Eve Service

Clyde's Update

As we move into these last couple of weeks of November, I am reminded that we are fast approaching what we call the holiday season. That's right folks, we are nearly there. It has been a good month thus far, with a little rain and even more in the forecast for this week. I even heard there might be some flurries in the mix as well. It is that time of year, but I can wait for that white stuff for a good while longer. I did get back to see my mom and do a little hunting. I love the place I get to go and I enjoy seeing my mom. The hunting was pretty good, but I am hoping it picks up a little. I hope to get back this week for a couple of days as well. It is going to be getting colder. I'll have to bundle up a little more this time.

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that we have a couple of bigger projects, we as a church, are going to need to give some attention. The Consistory has begun trying to determine which of those projects needs attention first. We came up with a plan to do a fundraiser for these projects. We are going to do the work in phases and so we are considering doing the fundraising in a similar fashion. We know the first project is doing a major renovation of the entire parking lot. If we don't get that done, we are going to be having much larger issues with that in the future. We know that project is going to cost just a little shy of \$100,000. So that is our first item. You will be hearing more about this very soon as we get all the pieces ready for this project. We would like to get started with the fundraising before the end of the year. Again, we will be talking much more about that in the coming days. We haven't done one of these in a very long time, but we need to get at it. We know it will take time, but God has always been faithful, and you are always so generous. We are blessed.

We are doing our annual Thanksgiving service in a couple of weeks. I know it seems like that just can't be, but it is. I have some plans for that which includes some thoughts about Paul and thoughts about the Kingdom of God. We are so blessed to have a God who is always surrounding us with love and mercy. He sent us his only son to lay down his life for us and bring a new life for each of us who will call on his name. I am so grateful for that gift. I hope you will join me in that evening of gratitude for the difference God has made in each of our lives.

The Christmas season is not too far away now and we continue to see the choir getting better each week. We are very excited about that concert. The Kid's program is coming up as well. That is always a busy time around the church. We try to do it as well as we can. I can't believe it is actually that time of the year, but it certainly is getting here.

Sunday's message will be the final one for the apostle Paul. I want to take a look at some of his writing this week. I am hoping to show how his former life and his former way of thinking, guided his words as the Spirit moved in his life. Paul was always about Jesus. He was always proclaiming the power of this Messiah in our 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.



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



JON & GRACIA HARMSSEN

The past few weeks have been quite crazy for the Harmsen family. Gracia's health has been in a tough spot the past 6 months. She's had countless surgeries and they are still looking for answers.

Please surround this family in your prayers.

If you'd like to give financially to help cover some of their medical costs, please make checks out to Jon & Gracia Harmsen. Checks or cash can be dropped off in the church office.

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.

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

SAVE THE DATE: SEEK

Transformational Worship-based Prayer Adventure
For the whole family!

April 12, 2025

(More information to come in January 2025)

**"praylessness is our declaration of independence from
God....prayer is essentially depending on God"**
(Daniel Henderson)

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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 in our final midweek for November and will be finishing wrapping up our "You Asked It" series. Students submitted a lot of great questions, and the conversations in both the middle school and high school group have been really good. This is one of my favorite series that we do because not only do students' questions relate to others in the youth group, they are able to encourage and build one another up through their own experiences and knowledge they have gained. It also allows us to explore areas of faith in depth that can otherwise be spoken over in passing.

For our Sunday School hour, we are moving into a series on our mind/thoughts. There is a lot to explore when it comes to what we focus our mind on. As we dive into this topic, we explore building habits that set our mind toward Christ. The foundation is built in the Discipleship packet that Heather has put together and there is some great things in there if you want to join along over the next month.

Our high school retreat is coming up this weekend and I am excited for the opportunity to get out of our normal routine. These weekends are some of the best events that we do as a youth group as it leads us to rest, spend time in a Community of believers without distractions and dive into scripture that encourages and challenges us. This year, our theme is "Seeking" which fits into what Liz spoke on a week ago and also has ties into the upcoming prayer event that will take place this spring here at Community. I love when a common theme overlaps in several areas of ministry!

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

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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!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

JOY CIRCLE LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Dec. 18th
Noon
All Day Cafe
Meet in the private room
RSVP to Char: 605-366-1341

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WD40 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, Dec. 2nd
7:00-8:00pm

Open to women of all ages. You are welcome to bring a plate of goodies to share. 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. Consumables include things like toilet paper, soap, lotion, dinner napkins, hairspray, apples, candy, etc.

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.



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Reminder: We don't have Sunday School on December 1. We take that Sunday off to allow volunteers to have the weekend off to travel for Thanksgiving if they so desire. On November 27 we won't have Midweek classes for kids because we have the Thanksgiving Eve service.

The kids Christmas Program is just a few weeks away. Parents, please help your kids practice their songs and group speaking parts.

All of the practice parts and songs are at:
<https://communityrc.org/christmas>

The program is on December 8 at 3:30pm.
K-5 kids should arrive at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary.
Preschool kids should come at 3pm in the Kids Wing.

For the program, kids can dress up or wear what is comfortable. Some K-5 kids will put costumes over their clothes.

I would really appreciate help if any parents can be available for the afternoon of the program and/or the rehearsal that morning. I especially need help getting all the K-5 into a costume.

- The only rehearsal for all K-5 participants is that morning on December 8 from 10:05 to 11:45am.
- Every K-5 child is invited to join in the group speaking parts by grade level (see below.) It would be helpful for kids to practice this at home, especially for kids who can't read yet.
- All K-5 kids will sing Away in a Manger and Joy to the World (just the first verse.)
- All kids will recite John 3:16 together.

Kids who are participating in dance or drumming for the program have been practicing on Wednesdays. If your child is going to dance or do drums, please try to have them come to the last dance/ drumming practices on Nov. 20, and Dec. 4. There are practice videos for drumming and dance at: <https://communityrc.org/christmas>

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
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SPEAKING PARTS:

- Kindergarten: Sheep- It is good news of great joy for all the people.
- 1st Grade: Angels- "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."
- 2nd Grade: Magi- "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed."
- 3rd Grade: Animals- camel, cow, bird, etc.-"she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes"
- 4th Grade: Shepherds: "Let us go to Bethlehem, NOW, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."
- 5th Grade- "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Everyone:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

EVERYONE will sing the following songs:

AWAY IN A MANGER and JOY TO THE WORLD (first verse only on both)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let Earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.



CONSISTORY NOTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

In Attendance: Clyde Teel, Tom Weerheim, Curt Zwart, Jordan Lipp, Sean Fantroy, Darren Ellwein, Tyler Wolf, Mary Burggraaf, Mike Boyenga, Lyle Pudwill, Ross Larson, Susan Bierwagen, Tanner Corbin, Justin Hinks, Eric Van Donge, Stan Deelstra, Harvey Odens, Doug Harms, Mark Thiesen

Opening Devotional, God Prompts—God Has a Vision Greater than My Sight, and Prayer – Lyle Pudwill

MSA the October 10, 2024 consistory meeting minutes.

MSA the October financial report. The 2025 budget meeting will be Wednesday, November 20, 2024. Reports from Liz and Heather were reviewed.

Curt Van Oort gave a presentation for Helps International for mission work in Guatemala that he has been involved in for the last three years. They provide medical and dental aid and provide stove and Bibles for families. Each stove costs \$300 and the total budget for Bibles is \$3,000. Curt is planning to participate in their 2025 mission trip.

The parking lot crack sealing project is completed; this is the first step of three phases to this project. It is estimated that \$100,000 will be needed to complete the pavement repair replacement, milling and resurfacing. Building maintenance projects were discussed. MSA to begin a Four Phase process for building/property maintenance funding raising. The first phase for the parking lot maintenance is \$100,000. Phase two and three is for concrete repair and skylight repair/maintenance. Phase four establishes a long-term maintenance reserve.

Susan gave an update on April 11 & 12, 2025 Transforming Prayer event.

ARC used our facility last weekend for their annual meeting. Next meeting will be December 12, 2024.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted, Mary Burggraaf, Clerk



FINANCES

Sunday, November 17, 2024

General: \$11,612
Vision: \$7,265
Missions: \$145
Wednesday Night: \$298
Library: \$400

General YTD: \$813,892
Vision YTD: \$56,443
Vision Account Balance: \$21,883

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 to apply or with questions.



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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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