

# THE COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER 26, 2025

**THIS WEEK**  
**NOV 26- DEC 3**

**Wednesday, Nov. 19**  
(No regular midweek meal)  
**7:00pm-**  
Thanksgiving Eve Service

**Saturday, Nov. 29**  
**7:00am-** Fresh Encounter

**Sunday, Nov. 30**  
**8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am-**  
Worship Services  
**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**4:30-6:00pm-** Choir

**6:30pm-** Refresh  
(Young Adult group)

**Monday, Dec. 1**  
**7:00pm-** Men's Bible Study  
**7:00pm-** WD40

**Tuesday, Dec. 2**  
**9:30am-** Play Group  
**7:00pm-** AA meeting

**Wednesday, Dec. 3**  
**5:30-6:20pm-** Meal-  
Baked Ravioli

**6:30-7:30pm-** Midweek Classes  
for Children, Middle School  
Youth Group & Adults  
(Nursery also provided)

**7:30-8:30pm-**  
High School Youth Group

## Clyde's Update

We are now into that final week of November, and Thanksgiving happens this week. How does that sound? I can't quite believe it myself, but here we are. It sounds like winter is going to make an appearance as well. We all know these things are coming, but we really don't enjoy it when it happens. At least, I don't, but we will do it because that's what we do in the good ole state. I still love it here! We have a lot of things to be very grateful for here. We, Midwest people, though we have shortcomings, are still the kind of people I understand and the ones I would rather be around. I grew up in this area. This is my home. My family is mostly around here. I have history and stories of youth and all the things and the people I have known. Yes, the wind blows a bit too much and sure, there are times when the cold in January makes us a little weary for the warm sun, but for me, this is a place to call home and I am grateful for all this part of the world has brought to my life. If I had to do it over again, I would do it the same. There is no doubt in my mind.

I don't know if you are traveling for Thanksgiving or going out of town, but I hope you get to spend it with the people who matter in your world. Take a moment to be thankful for all of them and this place we live. It is a gift! We have been talking in church here lately how important we all are to each other, and I truly believe that. People matter. Good people really matter! Even people who get under our skin matter. You can't live your life on an island. You can't always have everything go the way you want. It is good for us to learn how to deal with that. I'm not at my best when I am spoiled with getting my way all the time. I am grateful for the challenges. It has made me a better person.

Now, one more thought in all this reflecting. God has been in my life each and every day. He is working to bring me closer to Him and to make changes in my life so that I may be better for those I am around. He knows who I am and what bumps are in my personality and my ways. He knows the best me and He knows the best way to accomplish all those things. Therefore, the place that I live, the people I know, my family and friends, my job, the best things in my life and the challenging things in my life, are all part of making me more like Jesus. I am grateful to Him and his wisdom in my life. I am grateful for all the days through the ups and downs. I give Him the glory and honor. I am blessed through all of them. It's Thanksgiving week. Give your life a little thought, and be grateful to the one who has brought you to it and through it! Thank you, Jesus!

Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. We start a new series and one that I am very much looking forward to working on with you. December is a busy month, and we have a lot of things packed into those days. I will do my best to make church on the Sundays of this coming month to be ones that fill your lives with the Spirit of God who brought Jesus to us as the very best gift we could ever have given. God didn't give up on the world back then. He never does. He doesn't give up on us either. He moves towards us in spite of how much we may turn away. It is in His nature. It is how He loves. The title of the series is "Relentless Grace". We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

# Thank You

I want to give a special thank you to John Thornton for his prayers and visits during my hospitalization and recovery at Bethany—they meant so much to me! I'm also so grateful for all the cards and visits from the congregation. They truly brightened my days, and I could feel the love and prayers lifting me up. I believe that's why I'm blessed to be heading home this week.

And a big thank you to Gary and Connie Parmley for sending those delicious donut balls home with Bob and Merry. What a sweet little treat—they were enjoyed and appreciated!  
Jennie Van Roekel

**Give praise to the Lord, ...sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts...let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.  
Psalm 105:1-4**

## 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](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Randy Hindbjorgen's mother, Marlys
- Rachel Theisen's sister, Rebekah

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Steve Lee's mom, Arlene (hospice)
- Leroy Thill (infant son of Katie & Trevor Thill)
- Jean Nollmann (hematoma)
- Claradith Kingsbury (stroke recovery)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Al Price
- 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)

## 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=RwtTfrMNrbOXcg9KlhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>  
Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

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# CONSISTORY MINUTES

NOV. 13, 2025

In attendance: Clyde Teel, Curt Zwart, Harvey Odens, Mike Boyenga, Dustin Schouten, Susan Bierwagen, Jon Harmsen, Lonny Ackerman, Sean Fantroy, Alex Hoogendoorn, Eric Van Donge, Jim Fisher, Justin Hinks, Tyler Wolf

Lunch, Meditation on "Bamboo Discipleship", and prayer by Dustin Schouten.

MSA minutes of October 9, 2025, consistory meeting.

MSA October 2025 financial report by Justin Hinks.

MSA the voluntary consistory nomination list reduction process.

Curt Van Oort spoke about his mission trip to Guatemala, March 2026, with Helps International, requesting the church's financial investment to place Onil stoves in Guatemalan homes.

General discussion of outreach, spiritual life, and church benevolence.

Closing prayer by Clyde.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Bierwagen, Clerk

## 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 Dec. 16th at 11:00. Donna is hostess.

### BOOK CLUBS

No book clubs in December.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Copies are available to borrow in the church library.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave near 33rd St. We will be discussing *Yellowface*. This book will be available to pick up in the church library sometime mid-December.

## FINANCES

Sunday, November 23, 2025

General: \$9,473  
Vision: \$190  
Mission: \$385  
Wednesday night: \$295

General YTD: \$847,331  
Vision YTD: \$45,044  
Vision Account Balance: \$7,620



SPECIAL

# Christmas Eve

COMMUNION SERVICES

## 3:00PM | 4:30PM | 6:00PM

NURSERY PROVIDED AT 4:30PM SERVICE.  
3:00PM SERVICE WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



As I mentioned last week, it's time to share the calendar for our upcoming holiday events at Community. Here's the most recent version:

November 26	Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm (NO MID-WEEK)
December 3	Regular Mid-Week 5:30-7:30pm
December 10	Regular Mid-Week 5:30-7:30pm
December 13	Choir Dress Rehearsal 4:00-5:00pm
December 14	Sunday morning Christmas Choir Concerts at 9:00 and 10:45
December 17	NO Mid-Week
December 24	Christmas Eve Services Times at 3:00, 4:30, 6:00pm
December 31	NO Mid-Week
January 7	Regular Mid-Week Resumes

I was reminded of a powerful truth this week, and I'd like to share it with you. As many of you know, I'm an avid reader. It's rare for me to not have a book (or 5) I'm reading through. Typically, when I read, I read a book once and never read it again. However, there are a few books that have so moved me, I've read them multiple times. My recent learning is not about those books.



Just this past week, I finished a book that referenced "The Divine Conspiracy," which is a book I read about 18 years ago when I was in my early 30s. The book is by one of my favorite authors, Dallas Willard, and I do still have it in my book collection. (Some books you just don't get rid of!) I remember when I read it at the time, I was incredibly moved by what Dallas wrote. I even dogeared several pages so I could easily find them for future reference. For some reason, I decided to take it off the shelf and reread it.

Friends, I haven't even gotten through the first chapter yet, and I am already struck anew by Dallas' words. What I am noticing is that God has done such remarkable work in my own mind and heart, that I'm able to read Dallas' words with an understanding that is so much fresher, so much deeper than my first reading, it almost seems like I've never even read this book! Dallas understood God and faith better than most, and although his books are readable by the masses, I will say that he also has the ability to take the reader even deeper, if we are willing to go there.

I've been deeply re-encouraged by this re-read! I'm encouraged to see that I have grown in my faith by God's grace. I'm clearly not the same person I was in my 30s. (Thank the Lord!) And I'm guessing you all can relate to that. Sometimes we wonder if we are being changed at all! Well, rereading that book has shown me that God absolutely has been at work in my life. Slowly, yes, but surely. And my capacity to understand not only Dallas' writing but also the Word of God has grown immensely. It's hard to put into words the feeling this has generated in my soul. All I can tell you is that I have been humbly encouraged in the rereading of this book.

Friends, here is my suggestion to you: is there a book that you read years and years ago that sits on your shelf? Maybe you have forgotten about it, or you just don't give it a second thought. I encourage you to take that book and reread it and see what God reveals to you in it. Maybe God will use it to show you a new understanding about something you learned all those years ago. Maybe He will show you how He has used it in your life since then. Or maybe He will show you that you have grown beyond that book by the power of His grace! Whatever it might be, I think there are treasures to be found in taking time to "look back," as it were, and see what God was and is up to in your life.

I hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Liz

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

Hi Community!

Parents,

Please make note of the date and time for the Christmas Program this year. If your child is interested in participating, please practice at home, especially since the K-5 kids only have one practice, which is during Sunday School on the morning of the program.

All of the Christmas program parts and practice tracks/ videos are at:  
<https://communityrc.org/christmas>

Preschool kids have been practicing songs on Sunday mornings during Sunday School. They are ready to bring their jingle bells and sing some adorable songs. The words for their songs are on the webpage above.

K-5 kids have Bible verse they will say together as a whole group and each grade has a line to say as well. They will sing the first verse of Away in a Manger and Joy to the World. Please go through the words and songs at home so they feel comfortable at the program.

Kids who have been practicing at drumming and dance on Wednesdays- please remember that your practice videos are on the same web page and practice at home too.

Group SPEAKING PARTS by Grade:

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.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit  
Community Kids  
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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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