

THE COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

THIS WEEK NOV 6 - NOV 13

Wednesday, Nov. 6

5:30-6:30pm- Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup
6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages
Middle school youth group
7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Nov. 9

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Nov. 10

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

Monday, Nov. 11

Noon- Senior Citizen's (E. Pizza Ranch)
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov. 12

9:30-11am- Play Group

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

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

Clyde's Update

November is here! We have been seeing some rain in the area, but I know we would all like to see a little more before the winter sets in. I see some in the forecast for the next couple of weeks, but one just never knows. We don't control the skies, that is for sure. I keep wondering where the time goes, but then again, I shouldn't be surprised because this trend seems to be a part life. Time is always getting away. I guess that is good reminder to value all the days we have, and enjoy our friends and family and all the things we get to do. That's a good way to walk through each day.

MidWeek is still growing. We love that. Again, my thanks to all the people who are volunteering in that kitchen. It is a big job to put all that together each week and those crews are just fantastic. There is a good buzz in the area when I am around that place. Our classes all have good numbers. It is a great event.

The choir is coming along nicely. We are so impressed with their work ethic when we are together. It matters at so many levels when they do that. We have such a great concert being prepared for all of you. These people could be doing so many things, but they give up a part of their Sunday for us. That is humbling. Thanks choir! Let's stay with it! You are doing a great job!

The Consistory is working through budget numbers again this fall. There is a lot of good work that goes on to get all of that to come together. As I have mentioned before, we have some larger projects that are going to need our attention in the coming days ahead. We need to get on that parking lot next year for sure. So, this is all a part of the planning that is going on. We may need to set in place a fundraiser idea to get all of that up and going. We have been in this place for 15 years now and buildings and grounds need attention. That's a part of how these things go. We'll be talking more about that in the coming months.

Gerald Teunissen shared with me last Sunday that our friend Paul Logan celebrated 30 years of being in Ukraine on October 31st. Paul has dedicated his life to the cause of the gospel. He and his team have worked over the course of those years to bring a difference in that country. He has seen so much in all those years and now with all the unsettled situations there, they have had to reset their plans, but always keeping a focus on sharing Christ with anyone who will listen. We want to join them in giving glory to God for the wonderful work Paul and his friends there are doing and pray that God will continue to grow the ministry of those people. It is an amazing story of what God can do when he gets into the heart of any of us...that's what God is up to!

Sunday, I will be gone, but you'll not be disappointed. We have good people to set up and get the job done. Pastor John will lead the 8am service on Sunday and Liz will do 9 & 10:45. I will be back home hunting. I will have some good hours in those hills and get a chance to spend some time with my mom. That's all good stuff. I'll be back for MidWeek next week and I will see you all then. We'll talk more in a couple of weeks. Have a great week!



JON & GRACIA HARMSEN

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. As of late, things have only gotten worse. Around 8 weeks ago Gracia had a surgery to try and correct some extreme abdominal pain she was experiencing. A short 4 weeks later, she began to experience more severe abdominal pain. This week long hospital stay led to major confusion, horrific pain, and yet another emergent surgery to try and fix a life threatening problem. Her surgery was deemed a "success" and she was recovered well at home for two weeks. That was until recently when she began to experience a similar excruciating pain once again. She was quickly readmitted to the hospital, her team of doctors and surgeons did more testing. Now, they are waiting for a bed to open up at Mayo.

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.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed. (Mark 1:35)

Pick a time you will not be distracted, find a place you can be alone, and pray to your Father in Heaven.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls, food and visits since my triple bypass. It is all so appreciated by Connie and me.

A special thank you to Pastor John (and Marcia) for their visits and phone calls.
-Gary Parmley

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A big thank you to all of you who sent me cards and gifts over past appreciation month. I was truly blessed. Thank you so much.
John Thornton

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gracia Harmsen
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Terry & Dree Mayer's son-in-law, Tony (meets with nerologist 10/6)
- Cory Carlson-Himes (shoulder surgery)
- Rachel Theisen's dad (open heart surgery)
- Karen Odens (broken femur)
- Steve Lee (lung transplant recovery)
- Gary Parmley (cardiac bypass surgery 10/9)
- 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
- Jeris VanZee (Mantle Cell Lymphoma)
- Dennis VerHey (accident recovery)
- Tony & Spring (healthy pregnancy)
- Evita Attema (cancer)
- 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



November is underway and we are jumping into a new series for the middle and high school students. This month is our "You Asked It" series that we do every year and students have submitted some great questions for us to talk through on Wednesday nights. One thing I love about doing this series every year is that students begin to realize they are not alone in the questions they have. Finding a place where we can feel safe asking tough questions and exploring answers has been so valuable as we continue to seek God and the call He has for us. I'm looking forward to the conversations this month!

Along with our new series, we have a fall retreat for the high school group. On November 22nd-24th we will be heading to a new camp (Lost Timber Bible Camp) near Chandler, MN. They have a great place for us to be as we step out of our normal routine and find some time to rest and be with the community that has been built up here at church. This is always a great weekend of rest, conversation, fun and building one another up. High school students, if you are free this weekend, I encourage you to register and join us!

Finally, Sunday November 17th, we have a few things going on. First, the high school students and parents will have a meeting on this summer's Mission trip during the Sunday School time – 10:05-10:40. If you are interested in learning about what we will be doing for that, join me in the high school room for the conversation. Then, the middle school group will be having their November event on that evening starting at 5. I am still waiting to hear back from a few people, but as soon as that is set, I will be sending out an email for all the parents with all those details.

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

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ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Nov. 11** 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 December.



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.



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

We had another wonderful week in the Children's Ministry area. I hope you enjoy some photos of the fun!

In Sunday School, we saw the walls of Jericho come down, we saw the sea part, and we saw Goliath fall.

I'm so thankful for the teachers who continue to invest their time, energy, attention, and love on helping our kids discover God's love through the Bible each week.

See you soon!

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We have several things coming up this week, WD40 was on Monday night. Mid-Week is moving like a freight train every Wednesday, and I love it!! Our numbers are steadily growing, and we've seen so many new people joining us. It's awesome! And as I mentioned on Sunday, Pastor Clyde will be deer hunting this weekend, and that means it's my turn to preach. Pastor John will be covering the 8:00 service, and I'll be covering the 9:00 and 10:45 services. Big week!

Preaching is a substantial undertaking, and I don't take it lightly. We are extremely fortunate here to have such a skilled preaching pastor, and I don't say that just because he's my dad. 😊 Dad has worked on that skill for decades, and it shows. Preaching is hard work, but he makes it look easy! Knowing that, I've been praying for weeks about what God might want me to share with everyone on Sunday. The basic idea was made clear a couple of weeks ago. And this week, I'll be putting the finishing touches on what God has been revealing to me during this time of preparation.

I don't want to give away everything about my sermon, but I can tell you that we are going to be discussing some very famous words of Jesus from the book of Matthew. The verse we'll be focusing on is well known, but that doesn't mean that we it's well understood. In my praying and study, I've learned so much about the fullness of what Jesus meant when he shared those words. And we'll dive into that on Sunday. That's all the details I'll give. You'll just have to show up to hear it! 😊

I do ask that if any of you are prompted by God to pray for me for Sunday, I'd sure appreciate it. I want God to be honored and glorified in my words, and I want the truth of His Word to be made clear. I'm trusting God for a good day!

I'll see you on Sunday!

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



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



FINANCES

Sunday, November 3, 2024

General: \$18,590

Vision: \$2,400

Missions: \$480

Wednesday Night: \$302

Sunday School: \$70

General YTD: \$789,859

Vision YTD: \$48,978

Vision Account Balance: \$21,811

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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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