

THE COMMUNICATOR

OCT. 2, 2024

THIS WEEK OCT 2- OCT 9

Wednesday, Oct. 2

MIDWEEK STARTS

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

Saturday, Oct. 5

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Oct. 6

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION

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

Monday, Oct. 7

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 8

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Oct. 9

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

Clyde's Update

Welcome to October. Although, it feels a little more like August, it really is October. The fields are ripe with harvest and the farmers are going full throttle trying to get all the crops out of the fields right now. The weather is very good for that, but things are really getting dry. There is always that delicate balance we talk about. Hopefully, a little rain might come at some point just to knock down the dust a bit, but once again that is not in our control. God will take of us...He always does.

I got back from my adventure in New Mexico a little tired, but also very full. It was an amazing experience in many ways as well as frustrating at times. I try to explain to people that hunting can go that way. It is one of the reasons I enjoy it so much and why bowhunting is so much fun. You must get close, very close and when you are living in the environment of these amazing animals, you find out they are very good in their space. Much better than we are. I saw so many amazing things, walked around in beautiful scenery, and came away with some great stories. I didn't even get a shot, never got to get the quarry I was pursuing, but all that being said, it was a great time. Now it's time to get back into things around here. Work is always waiting.

We start our first MidWeek this week. I can't believe we are already here, but we are. I do enjoy our MidWeek program and I am hoping that many of you will be joining us for that adventure. It is a family/youth night that we started here several years ago, and it continues to be one of the best things we do as a church. There are several churches in our area that have patterned their Wednesday night activities around our model. It is a good one. As Liz mentioned on Sunday, we have 7 different classes this year for adults. That's amazing, friends. There will be plenty of options for all of you to get involved and such a variety of classes and teachers. I am really looking forward to seeing just how those all go. I know the newsletter has a list of all of them, so check that out as you read through. See you all on Wednesday night!

Choir folks. Liz talked about this on Sunday as well. We start on October 13th at 4:30. That's a Sunday afternoon. We have childcare, if you need that, and we try to do it all as well as we can to not take away from your Sunday evening too much. We know how valuable your time is. We have picked out some good music this year and we are hoping for a great turnout for this year's Christmas concert. I have said much about that already in several newsletters so I won't go on with more this week, but we would really love to have you be a part of this year's presentation. Give it some prayerful thought. See you all in a couple of weeks!

Sunday the series of Jacob's ladder moves to the moment that Jacob realizes that his God has come near to him. God was present. We will notice that it was as if Jacob was surprised that God was there. It is an interesting moment in the story. He builds an alter so as not to forget this place. Remembering when God was near and the scene behind all of that is something to talk about. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

FINANCES

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024

General: \$107,708

Vision: \$975

Missions: \$210

General YTD: \$701,159

Vision YTD: \$43,158

Vision Account Balance: \$23,385

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

"In our ongoing friendship with God we tell Him what is on our hearts in prayer and learn to perceive what He is saying to us...focus more on building a personal relationship with the Creator and less on individual actions and decisions."

from Hearing God by Dallas Willard

FROM YOUR LIBRARY:

NEW! Check out our new puzzle section, fun for all including during blizzards. ☺. We ask that you return the puzzles with all the pieces so the next one can enjoy it too. This may mean watching out for pets & small children who remove or chew on items. We will accept donations of complete puzzles. Check it out!

Your librarians,
Trudi, Lois, Lorena & Merry

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IMPORTANT NOTE

Sunday, Oct. 6th, we will be filming during the morning at church. Please contact a staff member if you feel uncomfortable with appearing in a video.

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MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

ANGEL TREE- PRISON FELLOWSHIP

One in 49 children in the U.S. has a parent behind bars. Angel Tree Christmas gives incarcerated parents a way to provide a Christmas gift and a personal message, delivered by caring, local volunteers, as a tangible representation of their love. Every Angel Tree family is also given access to a free, easy-to-read copy of the Bible.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gary Parmley (cardiac bypass surgery 10/9)
- Marlene Van Meeteren

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- John Thornton (heart ablation 10/2)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Jan McDowell (retina surgery 10/3)
- Merlin Klein
- JoAnn Hanssen
- Gary VanDenHoek
- Gracia Harmsen
- 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)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloot
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- 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



Our middle school midweek is starting this week and I am so excited to get going! The middle school group will meet from 6:30-7:30 on Wednesday nights, which is the same time for children's and adult classes. There is also a meal ahead of time for anyone who wants to join that is served from 5:30-6:30. Along with the main meals, there are also hotdogs available. Students are welcome to come eat in the youth rooms on Wednesday or you can eat as a family and they can come hang out in the youth rooms before we start at 6:30.

This month, the students will be going through a series on the gospel. Like the high school group, we will do this in three parts - Creation, Fall and Redemption. The core truths of these three weeks is at the center of what we go through the rest of the year - it all centers around Jesus and what He has done for us! This first week will be an introduction into the series, a chance for students to get to meet the new sponsors that are here on Wednesdays and get a feel for the small group set up.

The high school group times get moved around as well. We will meet from 7:30-8:30. Students are welcomed to come eat and hang out before we start. This month we are in a series titled "Gone Fishing" as we explore the life of a few of the disciples in scripture and talk about habits. This first week is an introduction into that series and will be a time to encourage students to think of habits they are already doing, or would like to create, when it comes to connecting with God. We will talk about habits around scripture, prayer and community throughout the month. Jesus is already victorious. Now we can continue to move forward and be encouraged to be "fishers of men" through the habits we form.

Sunday School has officially started. We are using the resource for parent discipleship that Heather put together last year for Sunday mornings. There are packets available to grab here at church. These first few weeks we are focusing on month 10 - creation. The challenge this week is for students to be outside and notice different things in creation; whether that is stepping into the backyard, going to a park, going on a walk or bike ride, or finding time to watch a sunrise/sunset. For some people, this practice of being in creation will be so great. For others, it will feel like a chore. The goal on Sunday mornings, is to allow students different opportunities and ways of connecting with God. As they spend time in creation, they are encouraged to pray and give God praise and thanks for the things that we notice. You can feel free to pick up one of the packets and walk through things as a family as well if you don't already have a routine of spending time with God as a family!

Finally, our October event will be the Heartland County Corn maze. We do this every year and is a great event for students to invite their friends to. We are currently planning on going out on October 20th at 6:30. I am still waiting for confirmation on that, so if that date changes I will let you know. And once it is officially set, I will send a separate email with directions, complete timing and the official invite.

We are fully underway for the fall! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out anytime.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Oct. 14** 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

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7:00pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Measure* by Erlick.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. near 33rd St. (not the eastside one on 26th St). We will be discussing *The River We Remember* by Krueger.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle meet on Oct. 15th at 1:30. Barb is hostess and Carol will lead lesson 5.

MIDWEEK STARTS OCT. 2

MIDWEEK MEAL 5:30-6:30PM- BBQ

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



THE GIVE

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



Ben Reifel Specialized Education Classroom
Fidget toys & cases of 8oz. waters

Center of Hope
Gloves, hats, coats

Visitation Center
Juice boxes

LSS
Gently used board games

HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Sunday School is going well. We have some exceptional volunteers this year and the kids have been learning so much!

Midweek starts this week. Even if you can't come this first week, I hope you join us as often as possible. I can't wait!

As a reminder, here is our schedule for K-5 kids on Wednesdays. (kids younger than Kindergarten do activities in the Nursery)

- 5:30pm- Meal is served
- 6-6:30- Fun Zone- Time for play and fellowship if kids finish eating before class starts
- 6:30- Worship, Intro, and Story in the Kids Wing
- 6:45-7:05- Connection time with the Bible story (and dance practice for those participating- see below.)
- 7:05-7:25- Connection time with the Bible story (and drumming practice for those participating- see below.)
- 7:25- clean up and farewell.

Many students brought information about the Christmas Program home with them on Sunday. In case you didn't see it yet, please check out the web page for more information. It seems weird to talk about Christmas already in September, but since we are only together once or twice per week, it takes a little longer to enjoy preparing for the program without feeling rushed.

- All of the program practices for children younger than Kindergarten happen during Sunday School on Sunday mornings.
- We'll also practice for most the K-5 Christmas Program on Sunday mornings.

However, on Wednesdays, during Midweek, starting October 9, the following optional groups will practice for the Christmas Program:

Dance: 6:45-7:05, Drumming 7:05-7:25

We will record the video parts during Midweek time as well. 4 & 5 graders can sign up to be one of the narrators or actors and we'll find some practice time on Wednesdays.

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

The big thing this week is Mid-Week! Mid-Week starts this Wednesday, October 2, with supper at 5:30, and the classes from 6:30-7:30. We have nursery for the smallest ones, Heather has learning opportunities for K-5th Grade, Doyle leads youth groups for Middle School and High School kids (at separate times), and we have 7 different adult class options for adults of all ages! On the first night, October 2, all of the adults will meet in the sanctuary for an overview of the classes that will be offered. You'll get to meet the instructors and hear a bit about the classes they will be teaching. Then I'll ask each adult to register for the top 2 classes they might be interested in taking. This will enable me to choose rooms and places where each group can meet with the appropriate amount of space for the class. Those meeting places will be posted the following week, October 9, at Mid-Week. I have always said that Mid-Week is the best place to meet and connect with other people from Community. I hope you all join us!

We do still need a few more people to help in the kitchen for Mid-Week meals, and we could use a few extra people who might be willing to make desserts occasionally for the meals. We've already had a tremendous response of volunteers! A few more, and we'll be all set! Please, if you haven't already considered serving in this way, would you think about it? We'd really appreciate it!

Calling all choir people! Rehearsals for our Christmas Concerts will start Sunday, October 13 and will run from 4:30-6:00pm. The concerts are December 15, and we will perform at both the 9:00 and 10:45 services. We even offer free childcare during rehearsals. Also of note, this year we have decided (with the permission of Marty) to perform and dedicate the concerts in memory of Randi Vander Sloot, who was always the biggest cheerleader, singer, and advocate for our church choir. We also plan to take an offering at each concert to donate to a Breast Cancer Charity of Marty's choice. Almost ALL of our MUSIC is NEW, and I'm hoping to try out a few new performance ideas as well. I really hope you'll consider joining us! The choir is wonderful, and it's such a great community experience!

And lastly this week, I want to remind all of the women that we'll be meeting for WD40 next Monday, October 7 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Women of all ages are welcome. We always have some fantastic conversations about a variety of Biblical topics, and I promise we'll finish up by 8:00pm. If you're free on Monday, bring a friend and join us!

Have a good week, friends.

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Adult Classes

PASTOR CLYDE

WHEN IS JESUS COMING BACK?

Join Clyde for a series of discussions about eschatology: the study of the end times. These discussions will include of multiple ideologies about the end times, different authors, and the influences of church culture and history.

PASTOR LIZ - THE BIBLE AS A WHOLE

Join Liz as she takes a closer look at how the Bible fits together as a complete story from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation. Usually the Bible is divided into small, singular stories and sections for individual study. But this class will take those stories and connect them all into a cohesive whole.

PASTOR JOHN - THE WIRED WORD

John will be leading discussions that correspond to current events happening around the world. These topics will change every week and will be discussed with Scriptural influences.

SUSAN BIERWAGEN

THE GOD OF THOSE WHO STRUGGLE

Join Susan as she leads this group through multiple video series by Max Lucado including "God Never Gives Up on You," "You'll Get Through This," "Anxious for Nothing," and "Help is Here." Books are optional.

GRACE COLLINS - THE FLOWER PATCH

This group is for women who are looking to nurture their inner gardens in a loving community. Through discussions and shared experiences, you will learn to recognize the value of all growing seasons, whether blooming or pruning.

JOHN BLOK - MEN'S LIFE

John will be facilitating study and discussion about what it means to live as a man who is focused on becoming more like Christ. Discussions will include topics such as work, supporting a family, marriage, fatherhood, Christian discipleship, personal growth, etc.

DAN GOELLER- LIVING IN BABYLON

This study is an homage to the book of Daniel, but the course will focus on N.T. Scriptures that speak to the issue of how to live in the Kingdom while dwelling in the culture of the world.

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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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