

THE COMMUNICATOR

OCT. 23, 2024

THIS WEEK

OCT 23- OCT 30

Wednesday, Oct. 23

5:30-6:30pm- Baked Ravioli,
Salad & bread

6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages
Middle school youth group

7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Oct. 26

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Oct. 27

MISSIONS SUNDAY- 8:30-10:45am

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

10:05- SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, Oct. 28

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 29

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Oct. 30

5:30-6:30pm- Soup Night

6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages
Middle school youth group

7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

Clyde's Update

Our month of October is getting nearly finished. Fall is flying by. It is also so dark in the morning which tells me, November is just around the corner. We are still seeing mild temps with almost no rain fall. I know we would all like to see that change. None of us like things to be this dry. I love the colors right now as they are so vivid. I only wish they could last longer, but we'll enjoy them while they are with us.

Once again, we hit a new high for numbers at MidWeek. This has been so nice to see. There is just a great energy surrounding all of that and you can feel that in the air. I am so pleased to see the number volunteers working each evening and for all the folks who help to make this happen. I know the nursery people are seeing a huge turnout as well. It's all good to see. Thanks everyone.

Our Christmas choir is working hard now to get things ready for that season. It is a great number of very good singers and we have put forth some challenging music for them which they seem to enjoy. It is a blessing that our friends, who can sing, get involved in that group. You can't have a choir without singers, and we have them and they are willing to give of their Sunday afternoons to get it done for all of you to enjoy. There is something very healthy about that. Thanks choir! You are a blessing!

It is Pastor appreciation month and I want to thank everyone for the kind words I have received. I love those handwritten cards. I do read each and every one of those. It is humbling to hear from all of you and I will continue to do my very best to bring the Word and be about the business of the Kingdom for all of you. Thanks again everyone.

I also want to call attention to the prayer list this week. We have a lot folks on there. I know that there has been some very good news on some of those requests, but others are struggling to get back on their feet. Take a moment to lift up our friends who are having a tough time right now. May God be near to them and bring a word of encouragement to each and every one of them.

Our message this week will stay on the man we are calling Saul. This week our focus will be on the controversy of this new Christian church called the way. Saul (Paul) is determined to shut that movement down because he believes with all his heart it is going to destroy the work of his church. We will investigate why he was so intense in his opinion of this movement by looking into the teachings of the Jewish church in his day. He is an enemy of the new Kingdom that Jesus ushered in, but in his mind, he is doing the will of his God. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

MISSIONS SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCT. 27TH

Join us, this Sunday, as we celebrate 15 local, regional & international ministries. They will have tables set up in the lobby.

Please take some time on Sunday to welcome them and learn more about their specific mission.

SEE THE GOOD HAPPENING ALL AROUND!

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

**"Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications...I wait for the
Lord, my soul doth wait"
from Psalm 130**

If you have wanted to send Steve Lee a
card, here is his temporary address:

Argyle House
Apt. # 1023
920 Delaware Street SE
Minneapolis MN 55414

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.

LOST & FOUND

Have you lost something at church recently?
Check out the lost and found in the coatroom!

Left a pan in the kitchen?
Check out the lost and found in the coatroom!

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rachel Theisen's dad (open heart surgery)
- Karen Odens (broken femur)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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)
- Jan McDowell (retina surgery 10/3)
- Merlin Klein
- JoAnn Hanssen
- 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)
- Aaralyn Van Der Slood
- 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



October has a week left and we are finishing up our monthly series for the middle and high school students this week. With five Wednesdays in October, we get a “free” week as we spend time building the relationships up in youth group next week. I’m looking forward to some fun games and time in community. This week we are in our final “Gone Fishing” and “Built Different” series. The high school group looks at Peter’s interaction with Jesus after the resurrection – “Peter, feed my sheep”. The middle school group will be in the story of Redemption as we walk through Roman’s and hear the good news of redemption through Jesus.

We had a good sized group out at the corn maze this past weekend. They always do a great job with putting that together and it is amazing how big it feels at times. If I am being honest, this is the first time I felt completely lost a few times while walking through with the map! It was a perfect night out there for that.

Coming up in November we have a high school retreat. We are month out as we will be heading to Lost Timber Bible Camp near Chandler, MN. This is for all our high school students here and will be November 22nd-24th. We will leave Friday evening around 7:00 p.m. and get home Sunday morning around 10:00. I had the chance to go tour the camp this summer and it is going to be an awesome space for us to step away from our normal routine and enjoy some rest and community. Registration forms have been emailed out. If you did not receive those you can pick one up Sunday morning/Wednesday evening or reach out and I will send that over to you.

That’s it for this week. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, 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

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





SAVE THE DATE

Bible Sunday!

3rd Graders will receive their Bibles at the **9:00am** and **10:45** services on: **October 27, 2024**

ALL 3RD GRADERS WELCOME!

QUESTIONS?
HEATHER.DEWIT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG OR 605-336-1475

early childhood weekday

Play Free Group

TUESDAYS 9:30-11:00AM

All are welcome

Parents/ Grandparents/ Caregivers and Kids younger than Kindergarten age will join together for open play time in the Community Nursery as they enjoy time together. Questions? Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org or 605-336-1475

HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

3rd Graders get their Bibles this Sunday!

Enjoy these pictures from Wednesday night in the K-1 class with Miss Emily. We're learning about stories in the New Testament this fall as well as preparing for the Christmas Program.

Sunday School is going great. Here's what we're up to lately:

Preschool: We learned about Creation and Noah's Ark. Now we'll learn about Moses.

Kindergarten: We learned about the Bible, Creation, Adam & Eve, and Noah. Now we'll learn about Jacob.

1st Grade: We learned about The Bible, Creation, Jacob & Esau, and Joseph. Now we'll learn about Moses.

2nd Grade: We learned about the Bible, Abraham & Sarah, Joseph, and Moses. We'll keep learning about Moses, then move on to Samson, Samuel, and Jeremiah.

3rd Grade: We learned about the Bible, Noah, Abraham & Isaac, and Joseph & brothers. Now we'll learn about Gideon

4th Grade: We learned about the Armor of God, the Bible, Noah, and the 10 Commandments. Now we'll learn about David & Goliath.

5th Grade: We learned about the Bible, Adam & Eve, The Tower of Babel, and Job. Now we'll learn about Rachel, Leah, and Jacob.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

Children's Ministry

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I want to take a little time to talk about Mid-Week. This year has been an exceptional year for our Wednesday night ministry. Around the office we have had many conversations about how the energy and life of Mid-Week has experienced a palpable shift this year. We see whole families with joy and excitement on their faces coming to get in line for supper, so happy to be at church for the evening. We see old friends and new friends light up when they meet in the lobby and get in line for food or head to their class. We see and hear kitchen help laughing and having a fantastic time serving in the kitchen. We see classes full of people who are having deep, life-altering conversations about what God is up to in their every-day worlds. There is a life-giving Presence among us every week, and we see it and feel it!

I'm deeply thankful for all of you who volunteered in a myriad of ways to help during Mid-Week. From nursery helpers, to elementary teachers, to youth group volunteers, to adult teachers; from kitchen cooks, kitchen servers, dishwashers, and dessert makers; and everyone who attends classes, you ALL are making a difference at Mid-Week. The way I've been thinking of it recently is that we are all, in one way or another, preparing the soil for the seeds of God's love to grow in every single person who comes to Mid-Week. And I think God is blessing that!

It's never too late to join Mid-Week. If you've been thinking about coming, just come! Supper is served from 5:30-6:15, and classes for all ages run from 6:30-7:30. I feel like this is one of the powerful ways we see the Kingdom of God alive and working at Community. Join us!

And lastly this week, I want to encourage you to savor these fall days. As we all know, the days have a tendency to fly by. (How are we almost to the end of October??) And with these nice warm days of late autumn, it's easy to just fill them with activities and never really slow down to appreciate the beauty and transformation happening around us. As much as you are able, I encourage you to take a day or two, or even a part of a day, where you can be very intentional about looking at creation. You could even do this as a family. Study it. Take time to notice the details of creation. Notice God's creativity as well as God's wisdom in the changing of the seasons. Notice how God hasn't forgotten any detail. He cares about it all. Then, thank Him for His creativity and love that gave us this beautiful world. Creation is not God, but it certainly points to Him!

Have a wonderful 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.



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

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month!
Let's take some time to show our appreciation to our pastors for the time, energy, and resources they give time after time!

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FINANCES

Sunday, October 20, 2024

General: \$9,434
Vision: \$545
Missions: \$240
Wednesday Night: \$302

General YTD: \$743,028
Vision YTD: \$44,923
Vision Account Balance: \$17,756

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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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