

THE COMMUNICATOR

OCT. 30, 2024

THIS WEEK OCT 30-NOV 6

Wednesday, Oct. 30

5:30-6:30pm- Soup Night
(Zuppa Toscana, Minestrone, pasta e fagoli & dinner rolls)

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

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

Saturday, Nov. 2

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Nov. 3

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

Monday, Nov. 4

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study
7:00pm- WD40

Tuesday, Nov. 5

9:30-11am- Play Group

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

Clyde's Update

This week marks the end of October. We were talking in the staff meeting this week about how crazy this fall has been. It's just flying by. This week we are going to reach the month of November. This is that Thanksgiving month friends. The end of this next month will mark the beginning of Advent. That's where we are. I can't believe it. We are really praying for a little rain this week. I do so hope that can be the case. Many of the trees have lost their leaves now or are getting close. Fall is coming to an end...too fast for me. Also, remember this is the weekend when you turn your clocks back.

I want to again thank everyone who sent cards and surprise goodies to me this month for pastor appreciation month. I love those handwritten cards. I have said many times, I read every one of those and I do so thank you all for the kind words.

MidWeek continues to bring strong numbers and just so much good going on with that. This week should be the same with it being soup night and all. This year, we have two different soup nights and each with their own soup choices. We are getting fancy around here. I love it. We want to continue to build those programs and encourage others to join us. Go God Go!

Our Mission Sunday event was a huge success on Sunday morning. Thanks to Holli for setting up all the mission groups to be here and for all the extra behind the scenes things to get that done. I know Todd Bittner helped put the tables up as well. There was some good church going on in that lobby on Sunday. I will cheer that on every single time. Such a great way to highlight the many groups we support each year and to give them an opportunity to speak to folks about what they do and why. It was a very good day. Thanks everyone.

The choir is working their way through 8 new choir songs for the concert. They are doing great. A couple of those pieces are challenging to say the least and the group is digging in. I am very pleased with that effort. I love those people. They could be doing so many other things on a Sunday afternoon, but here they are. We have to many in this place that do that sort of thing. All for the sake of doing something that may bring a little extra joy into someone else's day. Yes, I know they love to sing, but when we do for the sake of the kingdom something special happens. It's just a truth. Keep working choir!

Sunday's message will bring us to the point in the story of Paul where he is confronted with the risen Christ. He's on his way to arrest Christians in Damascus, but God has other plans for him. He believes he is on his way to do what God wants him to do, but he is about to find out that sometimes we can miss what God is doing. We can't see because our cause is greater than God. We can't see because our wisdom is greater than God's. We can't see because our anger is greater than God's love. Oh, we have much to cover in this one. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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

Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the
ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and
walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.
Jeremiah 6:16

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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2024 MISSIONS FAIR



PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Terry & Dree Mayer's son-in-law, Tony (meets with neurologist 10/6)
- Cory Carlson-Himes (shoulder surgery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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
- 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 is coming to an end! Our final night of Wednesday is a “free” week before we start our next series “You Asked It”. We will be spending time in a few fun games and challenges for the night that are some of the favorites over the years. It is a great week for students to come and connect with the community that is building in the middle and high school groups. Then, in November we will be going through questions that students have submitted. There are some great questions already and we will be discussing those and others added throughout the month on Wednesday nights. This is another series that we do often as it allows students to ask questions that were not addressed in a given series, or ask about doubts or things they have been hearing or experiencing in their lives. I’m looking forward to the conversations that we will be having this next month.

Our high school group has a retreat coming up in November. We will be heading to Lost Timber Bible Camp in Chandler, MN for a weekend of rest and community. Our fall retreats are designed to be relaxing, fun and full of discussion. This year, we will leave Friday November 22nd around 7:00 p.m. and come home Sunday, November 24th around 10:00 a.m. The theme that will shape the weekend is “Seeking” as we talk about things we seek out and ways we can seek God in our lives. High schoolers, if you are free that weekend, I encourage you to sign up and join us!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out anytime.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The Operation Christmas Child table is set up in the lobby! Grab a box, fill it, and bring it back by

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 Decemeber.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

It was so wonderful to see our 3rd Graders get their Bibles on Sunday and there are many more who weren't able to be there Sunday but will be getting new Bibles in the weeks to come.

As we said on Sunday, we would love to give a Bible to you or someone you know if one is needed. We are also able to get a unique Bible if someone needs large print, an easy read version, or another variation to make the Word accessible. We give out many Bibles throughout the year and it is always fun to see the ways God moves.

It is early, but I wanted to put some dates in front of you so you can get them on the calendar.

As I've said before, the Christmas Program for kids will be on December 8 at 3:30 with a final rehearsal for the K-5 kids that morning.

On April 12, there is an event at church for adults. We'll also have a very fun activity filled event for the K-5 kids that day. There will be fun in the Nursery for younger kids. Please do all you can to keep that day open for everyone in your family.

Finally, VBS 2025 is tentatively set for July 21-24.

See you soon!
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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I am floored that this week we will turn the calendar to November. NOVEMBER!! Where have the days (and MONTHS) gone??

Our WD40 women's group meets again on Monday, November 4 from 7:00-8:00pm in the fellowship hall at church. Again, this group is open to women of all ages, and you can join us anytime. Our devotionals are different every month, and it's easy to pop in and out as your schedules might allow. If you are looking to connect with other women from Community for good conversations, challenging learning, and powerful prayer, I encourage you to join us this Monday night.

Mid-Week is still going strong every Wednesday! It's also never too late to start coming to Mid-Week. Supper is served from 5:30-6:15, and classes for all ages run from 6:30-7:30. If you're looking for ways to connect with other people from Community, this is an excellent opportunity. Just come!

As a little personal update, I'm excited to share that in my spare time, I've been working on recording my second worship album. My extraordinarily talented brother-in-law, Dalton, is engineering the project. And both my dad and Dalton help with production, playing, and recording. It's a big undertaking since we all work full time jobs. Finding time to record can be a challenge! But I'm very hopeful that we will have it finished early in 2025. This album will include my songs, "I'll Stand With You/Job's Song," "Chosen," "Glory," "Little Faith," "Do You Believe," and several other songs we do for worship. There will even be a few new songs you've never heard! It's going really well so far, and I'm excited to be working on it. I'll be sure to let you know when it's done!

And lastly, I'd like to thank everyone who took time to send a card, gift, or share words of appreciation during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your thoughtfulness really does matter in the lives of us who work full time in ministry. Thank you!

Have a wonderful week, friends.

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THE GIVE

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



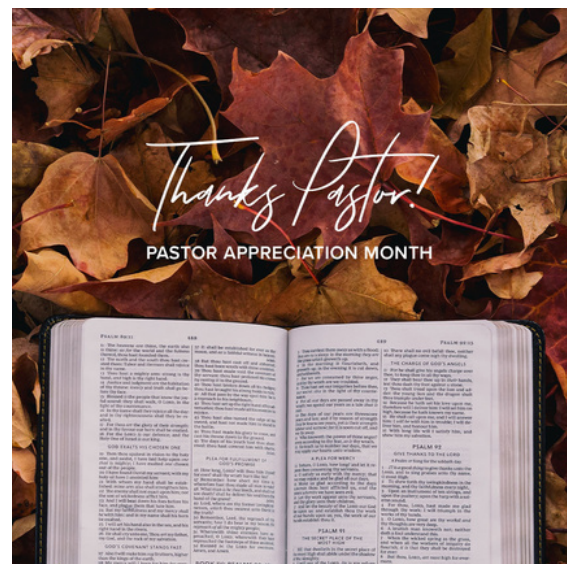
Center for Family Safety
Lotion & hair products

Furniture Mission
Dish Towels, towels, king/queen bedding sets

The Banquet
Coffee

Sanford Children's Christmas Closet
Toys for all aged children

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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 27, 2024

General: \$9,635
Vision: \$190
Missions: \$270
Wednesday Night: \$200

General YTD: \$771,269
Vision YTD: \$45,113
Vision Account Balance: \$19,411

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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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