

THE COMMUNICATOR

THIS WEEK

OCT 9- OCT 16

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

Saturday, Oct. 12

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Oct. 13

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

Monday, Oct. 14

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

Tuesday, Oct. 15

9:30-11am- Play Group
1:30pm- Hope Circle
7:00pm- Book Club (at church)

Wednesday, Oct. 16

9:00am- Book Club
(Bagel Boy on MN Ave.)
5:30-6:30pm- Tacos
6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages
Middle school youth group
7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

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Clyde's Update

September was so dry, and that trend is continuing. I know we could use a little rain. The wind has really dried the ground and it makes for some serious fire conditions right now. With South Dakota, one never knows what the days will bring. We have all learned to live with that, but if you have a rain prayer, offer it up. It might be time to bring out the song "Flood Gate" again.

With October, it brings lots of things to get done around the church. It has been a busy weekend with more to come. As I mentioned on Sunday, I was back in Burke this past week to do a graveside service for my mom's sister and husband and their daughter. They had all been cremated and all had passed away some time back...they wanted to be buried together in Burke, so my cousins brought them home. We had a nice time together with them. It was a heavy few moments at the graveside when you lay to rest three members of your family. I felt their sorrow and at the same time tried to bring some closure to their journey. It made for a long day, but a good day in many respects.

Last week, was our first MidWeek of the year and we had a good one. I just didn't know what to expect, but it was a good night with lots of people and lots on good energy in that place. It was great to see. Along with all the kids program events for that evening we are going to offer 7 adult classes, as well. Each class has a very good number of participants which means we are going to have to get creative on where they will all meet. I love that kind of problem. The kitchen crews were doing an amazing job and we served 240 folks. That's one of the best starting numbers we have ever had. Blessed! If you are wondering whether to join us, I would encourage you to come out check this all out. You'll meet some new faces.

This coming Sunday night we start choir. Liz has been prompting this a lot in the past few weeks. We have almost all new music this year and we are really hoping for a great turnout for that event. I know people are busy and I know you all don't need one more thing to do...but I am asking if you can join us. Choir is more than singing in the place and we are going to try to keep that same spirit going this year as well. We would love to have you join us.

Our Kingdom Network has become involved in the hurricane relief efforts. You will be hearing more about this in the coming days. If you would like to help with a donation you can send checks to the church. Make sure to note that this gift is for the hurricane relief. We will make sure it gets to the right place. The news about all of that is so devastating. If you feel led you can make a difference.

Sunday, we will finish the first of these mini-series as we conclude the story of Jacob. He discovered God was in his world and as he begins his new journey with that information, we will notice that his life takes a bit of a turn. The promises made by God will be implemented. That's what God is up to. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

FINANCES

Sunday, October 6, 2024

General: \$16,806

Vision: \$910

Missions: \$700

Wednesday Night: \$364

General YTD: \$717,965

Vision YTD: \$44,068

Vision Account Balance: \$24,293

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

**"Jesus knows everything in our hearts, and He
longs for us to trust Him enough to open up and
be real with Him in our prayers."**
from *Jesus Listens* by Sarah Young

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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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

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gary Parmley (cardiac bypass surgery 10/9)
- Rachel Theisen's dad (open heart surgery)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Harlan Van Meeteren (infection)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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 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



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.

Our middle and high school event for October is 2 weeks away. We will be heading back out to the Heartland Country Corn Maze south of town on highway 11 **Sunday, October 20th**. We will plan to meet at the corn maze at 6:30 and will be done by 7:30. Students are welcome to invite their friends for the night. Those who will be driving their students to the corn maze are also invited to join us if you would like as I know the hour goes really fast going back and forth. RSVP Wednesday/Sunday or by emailing me. It's always a fun event and I'm looking forward to it.

This week, our middle school group will be in the creation story. It can feel so simple, but the foundation of God as creator and how we are created in His image is a core truth that kicks off the gospel message we will be exploring this month. The high school group will be reading and talking about the call of Simon Peter to follow Jesus. This week sets up our "Gone Fishing" series as we look at Jesus calling Peter to throw his nets down one more time – then to become fishers of men.

Finally, our Sunday school time moved from creation itself, to how we as people were created for community. A common theme to gather together throughout scripture is highlighted in Genesis 2 when God says it is not good for man to be alone. This week, students have been encouraged to think of two or three people in their lives that they can recognize and give thanks to for being a part of their life. Sometimes, a simple thank you can be an amazing way of encouraging others. It is also a reminder to praise God for working in the relationships we have here.

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

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MIDWEEK

MIDWEEK MEAL 5:30-6:30PM- CHICKEN SALAD/TACO SALAD

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

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

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

Hi Everyone!

Our first week of Midweek was great. The kids seem very excited about our plans for this fall. This Wednesday (10/9) is when the kids who want to dance or play drums in the Christmas program will start their practice, so if your K-5 child is interested in that, please be sure they join us on Wednesdays. For more Christmas Program details, visit: <https://communityrc.org/christmas> Even if kids aren't participating in the Christmas program, there are many exciting things to do on Wednesdays at Community!

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.

I also want to encourage you to check out the Nursery. The team in the Nursery is always coming up with new and fun ways to show kids that they are very loved! If you don't have a young child, I encourage you to volunteer. It is only once per quarter, and you will meet some incredible people. If you do have little ones, stop in for a visit. Whether it is the sensory table, a craft project, a toy, a book, or a game, your child will find something fun.

Also, as the weather cools and you spend more time indoors, check out the Connections Library in the hallway outside of the kids' wing. There are games, puzzles, and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities for you to check out. Enjoy!

See you soon!
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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

CHOIR STARTS THIS SUNDAY!!

If you are interested in being a part of our Christmas choir, please note that rehearsals start this Sunday, October 13, run from 4:30-6:00pm, and will run every Sunday until the concerts on December 15. We do offer free childcare during rehearsals. This year, I'm asking people to register in advance so I can begin to generate a good working list of choir members as well as make sure I have enough copies of all the music. Almost all of the music is brand new this year, and I'm really excited to hear it come together! 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 plan to take an offering at each concert to donate to a Breast Cancer Charity of Marty's choice. Every year I hope to hit that elusive number of 80 singers, and this year is no different! It would be amazing to have 80 voices for our church choir, and I really hope you'll consider joining us! The choir is excellent, and it's such a great way to meet new friends from Community. I hope to see at least 80 of you on Sunday afternoon!

Mid-Week is going strong, and it's not too late to join us. We have something for every single age group. Supper is served from 5:30-6:15ish, and classes run from 6:30-7:30. This really is one of the best things we do at Community. Invite a friend and join us!

And lastly this week, I have a little update about my allergy shots. Early this summer, I wrote an article about my allergy shots, and how they take a long time (5 years!), no matter how you cut it. I had a surprising number of people respond to that article! Many of you had experienced allergy shots or knew someone who had gone through the process. And I received several lovely emails and even a beautiful card in the mail encouraging me to keep going and finish strong. Well, in true God-fashion, I was all settled in for the long haul and expected to finish out the last year of my shots in March 2025. But an unexpected turn in the road actually worked in my favor, and I was able to complete the shots about 6 months early! I received my final shots last week, and now I'm all done! And I thought, "Isn't that just like God?" I once read that God has 2 speeds: slowly and suddenly. 😊 And I feel like I experienced God's "suddenly" last week. Here, I thought the final year was going to go *slowly*, but instead God surprised me with the gift of *suddenly* being finished. It just goes to show that God enjoys keeping us on our toes! And as Pastor Clyde has been preaching, He's always, **ALWAYS** up to something!

Enjoy this beautiful fall weather!

Liz

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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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