

THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPT 11, 2024

THIS WEEK SEPT 11- SEPT 18

Wednesday, Sept 11

6:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Sept. 14

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Sept. 15

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

11:00am-1:00pm- Pancake Feed

11:45am-2pm- Inflatables/face painting/balloon twisting

Monday, Sept. 16

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept. 17

9:30-11am- Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- Book Club @ church

Wednesday, Sept 18

9:00am- Book Club @ Bagel Boy

6:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

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FINANCES

Sunday, Sept. 8, 2024

General: \$6,884

Vision: \$781

Missions: \$926

General YTD: \$555,511

Vision YTD: \$39,512

Vision Account Balance: \$27,131

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CLYDE'S ARTICLE

Fall is moving right along and with that comes the change in some of the trees. I did notice that the fields are turning as well. It is how this all goes this time of year. It might be a little warmer this week, but it still sounds like it is going to be very nice. We are all enjoying that. Let's just keep hoping for a nice, long fall. It is my favorite time of the year so, if it can last longer, I am ok with that.

We are looking ahead to this coming Sunday and our Fall Kickoff event day. It is a pancake feed and all the extra things around the place. As Liz said on Sunday, a very good day to invite a friend. We are looking forward to having all the excitement that comes with things like that. We do hope you can all come and be a part of the day with us.

Sunday school is approaching as well and I think we still need a couple of teachers to fill out the team that will be doing such important work for our kids. I want to thank all of you who have said yes to that calling. These are important moments we can spend with those young hearts. It is an important part of their growing years, and we are doing our best to speak a word of God into those moments. It's what we do here. If you are feeling nudge, let Heather know. We would love to put you on the team.

MidWeek will be starting in a few weeks, and I want to call your attention to helping with one of the meals this year. I have heard that there may be as many as 7 groups for this. That means when you see those signups for MidWeek meals next week in the lobby, you can get your name on one of those lists to help out. All the head cook positions are filled, now we need helpers. It is something all of us can do. Those MidWeek meals are such an important part of what makes that even so special. It is a great way to plug into the ministry of this place and get to know some new people in the process. We need you!

Choir members, we will be starting in October as well. I do want to encourage you to get that on your calendars. I know we have lots of singers in this place. We would love to have you be a part of that group. We do provide childcare for choir members if you are wondering about that. Choir is just one more way to connect to us and get involved. It is a tradition that seems to work for us. We will be putting out a call for choir members. If that's you, then get your name on the list.

Sunday we will continue with that first word from the new series. I didn't get all the pieces of that opening in on Sunday, so I want to continue with thoughts from this story of Jacob. It is a fascinating adventure for sure, and one that makes a person wonder what God was up to. As I mentioned on Sunday, God is very good at dealing with fallen people. His wisdom in all of that is far greater than ours. He can take anyone and make something wonderful happen in spite of so many obstacles. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- JoAnn Hanssen (hospitalized)
- Gary VanDenHoek
- Gracia Harmsen

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Barb Kirkpatrick
- Caleb Ellwein (knee stress fracture)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer surgery on 8/19)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (blood clots)
- Kim Becker (high risk pregnancy)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Ryan Kortemeyer (lymphoma)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- Krista Groeneweg's dad, Ray (kidney cancer)
- 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 Slood
- 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

"Ah, Lord God! How many times we forget that You are in control...When we turn our eyes inward, Lord, we lose sight of Your power, Your greatness, Your Sovereignty, Your timing in every situation...Forgive us, Lord, for forgetting that You are in charge. Help us focus on You today, more than ourselves. Amen."
(from Prayers From the Heart)

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

Celebrating one year in their new facility, CHS is located at 113 N. St Paul Ave- a secured shelter for family safety and crisis intervention. CHS averages 78 people per day with an average stay length of 21 days.

New commercial kitchen serves over 950 meals and snacks a week for guest for total of over 40,000 cartons of milk and 25 tons of food each year.

Along with crisis housing, CHS offers 24 hour crisis hot line, free counseling, parenting education, support groups, community ed, and rural outreach.

Contact CHS at 605-330-7387 or www.chssd.org.
Available for tours. More info at The Link.

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.



EVENTS



Fall Kickoff/ Sign up Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 15

Join us for a morning filled with a few extras to kickoff the fall season!

11:00-1:00pm- Pancake Feed by Chris's Cakes

11:45am-2:00pm Mr. Twister
Balloon Twisting, Face Painting,
Inflatables & Lawn Games



Sunday School Starts Sept. 22

Sunday School for kids is from 10:05am to 10:40am in the Children's Wing.

Come meet your teachers, find new friends, and learn that Jesus loves you!!!

There are classes for age 3 and older...all the way up to grown-ups! The Nursery is open as well, so bring the whole family.

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!

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The River We Remember* by Krueger.

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Richardson.

If you are interested in joining either book club, stop at the church library for more information and a copy of the book to borrow.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle, our respite is over. We will meet on Sept. 17th at 1:30. Jeanie is hostess and Marjie will lead lesson 4.

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

ADULTS OF ALL AGES

Beginning this fall adults of all ages are encouraged to meet with us in the chapel from 10:10 to 10:45. For the next several months we will be discussing some of the many interesting stories from the book of Proverbs. These informal gatherings are open to adults of all ages from young to old. So please join us for a time of fellowship, learning more of God's Word, and sharing.



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Our high school group is underway and it was so great to be back together last week. This week, we move from an introduction to week 1 of our "Built Different" series. We are diving into the creation story and will be exploring three truths that we find in Genesis 1. First, it is God who created. There is so much debate around this topic and often times we can get caught up in the weeds that we miss the simple truth – we are united as Christians on the fact that we have a creator. Second, we look at the truth that there is power in God's Words. This goes so much further than just creation as we talk about the authority and power of scripture. Finally, we dive into the value humanity has. We were created in the image of God and are set apart from the rest of creation. This final truth sets up the next two weeks and reminds us that our value and purpose come from God, not from working our way up in this world.

Along with high school starting, we are getting ready for the start of Sunday school in just over a week. The 22nd is the first day we are together and I am looking forward to beginning our time Sunday mornings. This year, we will be using the resource Heather put together last year for discipleship at home. For those of you who have already picked one of those up and have been doing it, Sunday School will be partnered with that, not a replacement so keep using that as you have. If you have not picked up a packet yet, you can find one at the link. I encourage you to check it out as it can lead to further discussion on what students are talking about Sunday's while also giving you a resource that can be used at home throughout the week.

Finally, the next event for middle and high school students is this Sunday! We will be meeting at church from 5:30-7:30 Sunday evening for some fun with inflatables, games, food and conversation. If students are free this Sunday, come join me as we build relationships within the youth group here at Community!

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

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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Please come to the Fall Kick-Off party this year and bring some friends. This is a great low-key way to invite people to check out Community. That day also features a lobby full of ways to get connected at Community. It includes volunteer opportunities as well as other ways to get involved. Please take some time to check out each table.

Fall Kickoff Sunday is on Sept 15 from 11am to 2pm. It will be fun for all ages.

9:00 & 10:45am- Worship Service

11:00-1:00pm- Pancake Feed by Chris' Cakes

11:45am-2:00pm Mr. Twister Balloon Twisting, Face Painting, Inflatables & Lawn Games

Sunday School starts on September 22.

We still need a few more volunteers. Check it out at the clipboard on the Link counter or give me a call/ email and we can talk about which role you'd like best.

Sign up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CACAA2EABFB6-50528950-sunday> OR <https://rb.gy/qhiq2k>

- 3rd Grade Co-Teachers (we still need one more) This class will have some extra teachers to allow more scheduling flexibility, so they will teach less often.
- Kindergarten Helper (we have one of two needed)
- Pre-K Helper (we have three of four needed)
- Substitutes
- There is another volunteer opportunity for Sunday School that you may not realize exists. There are people who specifically pray as part of the Sunday School team. Mary B served in this role last year and will again this year, but I'd love to invite anyone interested to join that team with her. You receive a list of the students and teachers and if anyone shares a specific prayer concern, they may email it to you. Let me know if you would like to join the Sunday School prayer team.

One last note- I've had some people ask when the kids will do their annual Christmas Program. It is on 12/8/24 at 3:30pm. We'll do our final rehearsal that morning during Sunday School so there won't be a Saturday rehearsal this year. We'll practice for K-5 group speaking parts and songs in the Sunday School rooms and at home. For K-5 dancing, drumming, and acting, we'll do all of our practices during Midweek on Wednesday nights. Preschooler kids will learn their songs during Sunday School time and bring home the words to practice.

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Our Fall Kick-Off Sunday is scheduled for this Sunday, September 15! You'll be able to sign up to serve in many different ministries at Community, and we'll have lots of information available that day concerning Mid-Week classes, small groups, service opportunities, choir, children and youth ministries, etc. There will be a pancake feed following the late service that day too with inflatables, face painting, and balloon twisting, so be sure to mark your calendars to join us in person.

Let's talk about CHOIR!

At Community, we always have a Christmas choir for all interested choral singers. We'll take singers from middle school up through adulthood. Our rehearsals will be Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00pm starting October 13. The concerts are December 15, and we will perform at both the 9:00 and 10:45 services. We offer free childcare during rehearsals, and this year, I'm asking people to pre-register so we can plan accordingly. You'll be able to register this Sunday by scanning a QR code or filling out the sign-up sheet near the choir information in the lobby. 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!

Last week, I promised I'd start to advertise some of the Mid-Week adult class options available on Wednesday nights. Of course, this info will also be available in brochure form starting Sunday. This week, I'd like to highlight Pastor Clyde's class (even though he already did so on a Sunday morning!) Pastor Clyde will be leading a class called "When is Jesus Coming Back?" This will be a series of discussions about eschatology: the study of the end times. He'll be looking at several different ideologies regarding eschatology and will include Scripture, authors, and influences of church culture and history. I've heard my dad speak and teach on this before, and he really knows his stuff. So, if you've always wanted to learn more about this, I encourage you to take his class at Mid-Week.

Have a great week, friends, and I hope to see you all on Sunday at our kick-off event!

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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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