

THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPT 18, 2024

THIS WEEK SEPT 18- SEPT 25

Wednesday, Sept 18

6:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Sept. 21

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Sept. 22

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

Monday, Sept. 23

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept. 24

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Sept 25

6:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We are past the midpoint of September and fall is moving right along. I believe at the end of this week, fall will officially arrive. Here we go! It has been warm for the past few days, but it sounds as though there is a change coming. We could use a little rain to knock down the dust. I know the farm community is doing a lot of harvest work right now, and that will be in full swing here shortly. The change of seasons is upon us. The fall colors are just now starting to show themselves. It is a lovely time of year. I hope you all get to enjoy it.

Sunday was a good day for us with all the fall kickoff things going. I know that Holli puts a lot of energy into that day. She had helpers on Sunday, too many to list, but the setting it all in motion, is really her jam for the day. It is difficult trying to find a day when people are free. We do the best we can, but folks are very busy. There are still lots of volunteer positions to be filled for the fall. The MidWeek meal night has lots of openings. That is a pretty easy one to do. All that is necessary is to help serve at the windows and a little clean up at the end. We need lots of people to make that happen. I hope you will all check out those table this coming Sunday as well.

Choir: We will be starting here in just a handful of days. I won't say much more than that this week, but we are really encouraging our singer friends to join us this year. We believe we have put some very good music together for you and we think the extra things involved in that concert are going to bring a blessing to so many. We would love to have you.

I am getting ready to head out this week on a hunting trip that I have looked forward to for several weeks now. It is a trip of lifetime for me. I know for others it may not be your thing, but for me I am really looking forward to it. I don't need to get anything. I am hoping I do, but I want to get into that area of New Mexico and experience Elk hunting with a bow during this time of the year. With all that being said, one never knows how any of that will go. Weather is factor, timing, what kind of summer they have had, all kinds of variables that one has no control over. I guess I will see how it goes. It will be a new place, as I have never been to that area of the country before. The lay of the land is different, so that will be an adventure as well. I am looking forward to the break. I have a wedding right away when I get back next week, so I'll hit the ground running, but I don't mind that one bit. I hope I have some good stories to tell when I get home.

Sunday, Pastor John, and Doyle will be filling in for me. They are more than capable, and I think it's good for them to be in front of you and I truly believe it's good for you to get a break from me once in a while. I'll be back next week. Have a great week. I'll see you all when I get back.

FINANCES

Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024

General: \$12,717

Vision: \$440

Missions: \$390

General YTD: \$568,228

Vision YTD: \$39,952

Vision Account Balance: \$27,571

Before The Fall mankind was in continual communion with God.

After The Fall, prayer was required. Genesis 4:26, "at that time men began to call on the name of the Lord."

And the Lord God hears, Psalm 65:2, "Oh You who hear prayer, to You all men will come."

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Denny Robinson and his family. His younger brother, Jim, passed away.

Please keep them in your prayers.

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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.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gary Newman (heart)
- Merlin Klein

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- JoAnn Hanssen (hospitalized)
- Gary VanDenHoek
- Gracia Harmsen
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Barb Kirkpatrick
- Caleb Ellwein (knee stress fracture)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- 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 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.



EVENTS



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.

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.



Midweek starts Oct. 2

5:30-6:30pm: Meal

6:30-7:30pm: Classes for Children, Middle School & Adults (Nursery also provided)

7:30-8:30pm: High School Youth Group

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Sundays around Community are about to look different! After the church fall kickoff this last week, Sunday school is now here. This year, we will be using the resource Heather created for family discipleship as a way to challenge students and provide families with conversation points and practical ways to walk together in spiritual practices. Abby will be leading middle school again and I will be with the high school students. We are looking forward to start up this week!

Our September event was last Sunday and we had a great turn out. It was a great way for students to connect with others in the youth group and have some fun together. We used the inflatables from the church fall kickoff, set up the volleyball net, ate some pizza, and talked about the upcoming schedule with Sunday school starting and midweek for all ages coming up soon! I am excited to see how the two groups connect and grow this year!

This week our high school group continues in the gospel message with Genesis 3 and the fall. I'm not sure we often put those two things together, but even in the fall there is a message of mercy and love. As we explore part of the question "what is wrong with this world", we spend some time inwardly reflecting as we build upon our own story as well. Last week was about the foundation that has been laid before us through faith, experiences and people. This week we reflect on the areas we fall short in. Clyde has been talking about how God knows how to deal with fallen people. We follow that idea into week two of the gospel series.

There is a lot going on this time of year. As things also get going here at Community, please feel free to reach out anytime with questions about the youth ministry.

Doyle

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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Hello! I had a wonderful time at the Fall Kick Off event this weekend. I hope you did too. I appreciate all the work that Holli and the volunteers put into making it fun for us.

Sunday School starts THIS WEEK! Please come. This is an important way for kids to connect with their peers and adults who care about them in church. Even if you have to be away for a weekend, it is worth coming when you can. Our curriculum is designed so that kids can plug in any time. Please be in prayer for Sunday School as well. There is a 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 is serving 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.

As you start to settle into your fall routine, I encourage you to come to Sunday School and plan to come to Midweek on Wednesdays. I'll tell you more about the plans for K-5 Midweek as we get closer to that beginning, but I want to give you a heads up that we'll be doing some digging into the Bible in fun hands-on ways. In addition, kids will have the option of practicing for the acting, dancing, and drumming parts of the Christmas Program. Many of the kids expressed an interest in the plans we have for Midweek this year, so I hope you can bring them.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

Children's Ministry

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Let's highlight a few more of our adult classes for Mid-Week.

Pastor John Thornton will once again be leading The Wired Word. This is a series of discussions that correspond to current events happening around the world. These topics change every week and will be discussed with Scriptural influences.

Susan Bierwagen will be leading The God of Those Who Struggle. These class sessions will work through a few different video series created by Max Lucado. She'll be guiding adults through "God Never Gives Up on You," "You'll Get Through This," "Anxious for Nothing," and "Help is Here." Books are optional for this class.

Dan Goeller will be leading a class called Living in Babylon where discussions will focus on New Testament Scriptures that speak to the issue of how to live in the Kingdom of God while dwelling in the culture of the world.

I'll cover the rest of the classes next week!

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 offer free childcare during rehearsals, and this year, I'm asking people to pre-register so we can plan accordingly. You can register by scanning the QR code at the bottom of my article, scanning the QR code at the table in the lobby, 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!

I'll be announcing more about this on Sunday, but I want to write here about our need for kitchen volunteers for Mid-Week. The good news is that we now have SEVEN different meals for our Wednesday night rotation for Mid-Week! This means that anyone who volunteers to be a part of a work group will only have to work in the kitchen THREE times for the whole year. That's it! Plus, we have head cooks for every group, so only have to do what the head chefs ask you to do. It really is an easy way to serve at church. So, if you're looking for something new to try that will also help you connect with others at Community, I encourage you to sign up to help on one of the kitchen teams! I think you'll find it a blessing.

Have a lovely week!

Liz

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**QR CODE TO SIGN
UP FOR CHOIR**

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SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110**

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Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Permit No. 7119

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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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