

THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPT 25, 2024

THIS WEEK SEPT 25- OCT 2

Wednesday, Sept 25
6:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Sept. 28
7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Sept. 29
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Services
10:05- SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, Sept. 30
NO Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 1
9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Oct. 2
MIDWEEK STARTS
5:30-6:30pm- BBQ meal
6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages
Middle school youth group
7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

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FINANCES

Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024

General: \$6,595
Vision: \$275
Missions: \$350

General YTD: \$574,823
Vision YTD: \$40,227
Vision Account Balance: \$20,454

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MIDWEEK STARTS OCT. 2

MIDWEEK MEAL 5:30-6:30PM- BBQ

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

Adult Classes

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.

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.

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

**"God is looking for hungry hearts that seek after
Him in praise, gratitude, and loving surrender with
readiness to pray, think, and live like Jesus."
from 21 Days of Transforming Prayer by Daniel
Henderson**

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Brad Hanson and his family.
Brad's mom, Judy Hanson, passed away.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Bob Weerheim and his family.
Two members of his family have died recently. Please
keep the family 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

- John Thornton (heart ablation 10/2)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Jan McDowell (retina surgery 10/3)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Merlin Klein
- JoAnn Hanssen
- Gary VanDenHoek
- 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)
- 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.



CONSISTORY NOTES

SEPT. 12, 2024

In Attendance: Clyde Teel, Stan Deelstra, Harvey Odens, Darren Ellwein, Sean Fantroy, Curt Zwart, Susan Bierwagen, Tanner Corbin, Mike Boyenga, Tyler Wolf, Mary Burggraaf, Ross Larson, Tom Weerheim, Justin Hinks, Jordan Lipp, Eric Van Donge

Opening Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11, "Finding My Relationship with God", and Prayer – Jordan Lipp

MSA to approve the August 8, 2024 consistory meeting minutes.
MSA to approve the August financial report.

MSA to authorize the deacons to set up a checking account for the Kingdom Network at Interstate Bank until a TIN number can be acquired for the Kingdom Network.

\$14,246 has been given for the Rock Valley flood relief.

The 2025 budget worksheets were handed out.

The lawn mowers, a John Deere rider and an Ariens walk-behind, were sold for a total of \$5,440. Several sealed bids were received.

Parking lot maintenance information is being collected for budget purposes.

Reports from Doyle, Heather and Liz were reviewed.

The Great Plains Hub Fall meeting went very well.

Fall calendar is filling up.

The Transforming Prayer event is being planned for the spring. The first planning meeting was held earlier this evening.

Next meeting will be October 10, 2024.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted, Mary Burggraaf, Clerk

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.

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.

UPDATE: NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY SEPT. 30

Men's Monday Evening Bible Study at 7 pm. If you have any questions, please call or email John Thornton



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

DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



With all of midweek starting for everyone on October 2nd, we are one week away from having everything going for the youth ministry! Sunday school started this last week and after giving an overview of what to expect for the year, I am excited to get into conversation and study for the year. We will be partnering with the Parent Discipleship resource Heather created last year and will build off of that throughout the year. Students will be encouraged to seek a different spiritual practices throughout the month while being encouraged in conversation through God's word.

On Wednesdays, our middle school group will start in the same three week series on the gospel that the high school went through in September. This is a great way to start as we are reminded of three core truths of the Christian faith in Creation, The Fall and Redemption. The high school group moves from the gospel message to a series titled "Gone Fishing". The series will look at the life of Peter and will be an encouragement to build healthy habits in our weekly routine. Habits we form can make a huge impact on our life as we find ways to continue to connect with God and others in faith.

Finally, our next event will be both our middle and high school group heading out to the Corn Maze south of town. We have done this every year except one (as we were rained out) and I am excited to head back out there this year. This is always a fun event and a great event to invite their friends to join them in as we navigate the maze and connect with one another. Parents, I will be sending those details out later this week as the time and date get set.

I love this time of year and am excited to have everything started up! If you have any questions about the youth ministry here, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle
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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Midweek starts on Wednesdays beginning October 2, and I'd love to have a room full of kids! Our team this year is great so I think the kids will enjoy their time with Emily, Christian, Lydia, and Addi.

I've prepared some lessons and activities to help the kids connect with the Bible. I also think some of the projects they'll get to work on will be a great way for them to relax, use some creativity, and enjoy time with peers after full school days.

- 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.

We'll practice for most the K-5 Christmas Program on Sunday mornings.

However, on Wednesdays, during Midweek, starting October 9, the following optional groups will practice for the Christmas Program:

Dance: 6:45-7:05
Drumming 7:05-7:25

We will record the video parts during Midweek time as well. 4 & 5 graders can sign up to be one of the narrators or actors and we'll find some practice time on Wednesdays.

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
Children's Ministry
605-336-1475
heather.dewit@communityrc.org.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Let me highlight the last of our adult Mid-Week classes starting in October. This year, I'm excited to announce that we also will be offering 2 classes that will focus on men's and women's subjects specifically.

John Blok is going to be leading a class called "Men's Life." He will facilitate 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.

Grace Collins will once again be leading her group for women called "The Flower Patch." This group is for women of all ages 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.

And lastly, the class I will be teaching this year is "The Bible as a Whole." In my class, we will be taking an overarching 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.

Mid-Week starts October 2 with supper at 5:30, and all the classes at 6:30. On the first night, October 2, all of the adults will meet in the sanctuary for an overview of the classes that will be offered. You'll get to meet the instructors and hear a bit about the class they will be teaching. Then I'll ask each adult to register for the top 2 classes they might be interested in taking. This will enable me to choose rooms and places where each group can meet with the appropriate amount of space for the class. Those meeting places will be posted the following week, October 9, at Mid-Week. I have always said that Mid-Week is the best place to meet and connect with other people from Community. I hope you all join us!

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!

We had a great response on Sunday for volunteers to help in the kitchen on a few Wednesday nights, but we do still need more people to fill out the teams! Remember, 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 you just 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.

Enjoy this amazing fall weather!

Liz

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QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR CHOIR