

THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPT 4, 2024

THIS WEEK

SEPT 4- SEPT 11

Wednesday, Sept 4

6:00pm- H.S. Youth Group starts

Saturday, Sept. 7

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Sept. 8

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

Monday, Sept. 9

Noon- Senior Citizens @ E. Pizza Ranch

7:00pm- WD40

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept. 10

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Sept 11

6:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

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FINANCES

Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024

General: \$10,664

Vision: \$710

Missions: \$185

Rock Valley: \$600

General YTD: \$548,627

Vision YTD: \$38,731

Vision Account Balance: \$26,352

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CLYDE'S ARTICLE

And just like that, it's September! Fall has arrived everyone and with that comes a whole new schedule for lots of you. School are all in the swing of things now with all kinds of activities going on. Sports, marching bands, and of course, all the studying that must be done. There are new time slots to keep up with and it seems the whole world changes a bit with the fall. I'm ok with that. I look forward to all the things that we will slowly start to get going around here. It's a good season. I like the fall. I hope it is along one because winter is next and as long as that one is shorter; I do much better. Let's do fall first!

I know Heather is still hunting for a couple of teachers yet for Sunday school. I know that may of our friends have been out for the summer, but I am sure they will get back into the swing of things. If you have never done this teaching thing, I would encourage you to take a look at it. Heather does a very good job in getting the lessons to you and helping with so much of the prep work for you. I know people have full plates, we talk about that here all the time and we don't mean to fill up that already full plate, but in all truth, we do need help to get these things with our kids done. We still need people who will dedicate a part of their life to our kids. Let Heather know, pray it up everyone!

Our event last week called "Seen" was a very good evening. Our Network hub did a great job in putting all of that together and our team here did an amazing job of hosting the event. I believe everyone came away with something positive to use in their own life. The presenters were very impressed with the interest afterwards with so many people wanting to talk to them. It was a good night to be in church. I was very happy with how all of that went. There is a possibility that we will be able to put that on our website. We are still working on the details of that with the speakers. We will let you know.

MidWeek is coming up in about a month. We already have several adult classes being put together and we might even have a couple of new presenters for that as well. Liz works very hard to try to get as many of those classes as we can fit into the place which gives you all a good list of options. The big item for MidWeek is kitchen help. Janet Bartscher will have those signup sheets in the lobby very soon. It is a big part of the MidWeek program here and I have all the confidence that people will step up for that. I am getting excited for all of that to get going. It is still one of the best things we do around here.

I will start the new fall series this week entitled, "What Is God Up To?" It will be a theme that will look at 3 different stories in the Bible and then through the lens of those stories discover more about who God is as he deals with people each and every day. It will all start to make more sense as we get into it. God is always busy. He's busy in your life as well. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Barb Kirkpatrick

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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 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

Praying doesn't come naturally. It is frequently viewed as a chore. It does require effort, but communicating with the Creator is an amazing privilege! Jesus' death opened the way for us to fully and freely commune with our Father-God. Prayer is a glorious, blood-bought privilege.
(Sarah Young)

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

Grandparents Day of Prayer
A day of prayer for our grandchildren.
September 8, 2024

Christiangrandparenting.com
(no event planned just encouraging grandparents to pray)

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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.

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 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, **Sept. 9** 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 (except Sept. which is Sept. 9th) 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 will be starting up on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7 pm. If you have any questions, please call or email John Thornton

H.S. YOUTH GROUP

Official start of High School Youth Group starts Wednesday, Sept. 4th @ 6:00pm. Middle School Youth Group will start Oct. 2.





DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

September is here and with that comes the start of our high school youth group! We are starting this Wednesday. There will be food from 6:00-7:00, a lesson and time of discussion from 7:00-8:00, and finally if students want to stay after for some games and conversation they are welcome to do that as well. This month we are doing a series titled "Built Different" as we talk about the foundation of the Gospel through Creation, Fall and Redemption. Then, building off the gospel, we will work on building up our story in light of the gospel. God has and continues to work in our life. I am so excited to get going this week!

Then, we are only a few weeks away from our first event since school started. On the 15th, the middle and high school group has an event here at church from 5:30-7:30. If you are free, come join me for food, inflatables, games and conversation! It's a great time to build relationships within the youth group!

Finally, I am going to be starting up the youth group's YouTube page again this year. In addition to some fun videos that we will do, I will also be adding all our high school lessons to the page this year. Whether students miss a week and want to go back and see what they missed, or if there was something they were encouraged by that they want to share with a friend, all our lessons will be posted there this year. If you would like to follow along you can find us at @Communityyouth605.

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

Doyle
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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

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.

I encourage you to 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.

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

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

Children's Ministry

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

As I promised last week, I'll share a short update about how the Kingdom Network Seen Workshop event went on Tuesday. We had about 160 people in attendance from all over the region, and that number doesn't include the many children who were in the nursery! We were thrilled at the attendance, and I've had several people talk to me about what a great event it was. The speakers did an excellent job of presenting their information, and boy, was it helpful to people. Special thanks to our downsized band of Nick Sittig, Jacob Hein, Abbie Coffey, and Pastor Clyde. It was awesome to be able to open with a time of worship and help to set the stage for good learning and growth. I encourage anyone who didn't go to be on the lookout for the next Kingdom event. If it's anything like this one was, you'll want to make plans to attend!

We are still looking for 2 more head chefs to help prepare meals for Mid-Week. These people would lead the kitchen groups in preparing, service, and cleaning up the meal for the evening. Head Chefs can be one person or even a small group of people. We have many years' worth of kitchen information that will be helpful to anyone who might be interested in leading a group, so you would not have to recreate the wheel, as it were. Would you please give some thought and prayer to the possibility of leading a kitchen group? You can cook the meal of your choosing, and we are willing to walk alongside you as you get the hang of it. If this is something you might be interested in learning more about, please contact me or Janet Bartscher (605-366-5675) for more information. Thank you for prayerfully considering this ministry!

The women's WD40 group will get started again this coming Monday, September 9 at 7:00pm. This group is open to women of all ages. We meet from 7:00-8:00pm, and I lead discussions a variety of topics during the year. We meet in the fellowship hall here at church, and all women are welcome to attend. Normally, we meet on the first Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00pm, but the first Monday of September is Labor Day. That's why we have that September meeting on the second week. If you're free September 9, I hope you'll join us!

Our Fall Kick-Off Sunday is scheduled for 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, etc. There will be a meal following the late service that day too, so be sure to mark your calendars to join us in person.

I have 7, that's right SEVEN different adult class options all ready to go for Mid-Week this year! In the next few weeks, I'll be sure to highlight each of those classes here in my article, and I'll have brochures printed out with all of that information for you as well. Brochures will be available starting September 15 at Kick-Off Sunday.

Have a great week, friends!

Liz
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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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