

THE COMMUNICATOR

AUG. 20, 2025

THIS WEEK
AUG 20- AUG 27

Saturday, August 23

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, August 24

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

Sunday Services

Communion Sunday

10:15am- Adult Sunday School
(chapel overflow)

Tuesday, August 26

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

DETAILS ON PAGE 5

**FALL
KICKOFF
SERVICE
& MEAL**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 @ 10:00AM

Clyde's Update

We are at the middle part of this final month of what we would normally call summer. There are still plenty of summer like days ahead to be sure, but we know that much of life for many of you is about to change with school just around the corner. It has been a rain-filled summer. I don't think in all the years out here, I have seen the grass this green in August. That is just amazing. Enjoy these warm days.

I am sure you all noticed the new concrete work around the church these past two Sundays. They finished up the work last Thursday. It does look very nice and it sure did improve the look of the front of the church for sure. It is very easy to see the new places. They are rather bright in the sun. Now we are waiting on the next crew to do the parking lot. We are not sure when all of that is going to happen, but we do have some time to get that done. Once again, we will try to give you a heads-up when that is going to take place. I am not sure what the plan is to get that done, if they plan on grinding off the whole thing and then surface or do it a section at a time. Either way, it really should not affect things on Sundays. We can work around all of that. It will certainly be nice when it is all done.

Heather is looking for fall Sunday school teachers. I saw some new names on the list. I liked that. I would highly encourage you to pray about that and really consider taking the time to make that happen. Connecting with those kids in that way is some of the best work we can do for the Kingdom. They are the future of the church. We need to show them just how important our faith is...they are watching. I also know there is great need in the nursery as well. That program is so important. I know...we all like being in church, but if we all take a turn, it won't be that many times. Consider looking at it like this: Go to one service and serve in the other. I know that's a little longer day, but you are here anyway...make a morning of it. We need you! Go God Go!

Plans are being set in place for our kickoff event on the 7th of September. To make all that work for a large group takes some real planning. We are planning on church that morning at 10am. It will be one service for all. We have never done that out here. It is going to be a great day. I want it to be a celebration of sorts to all the things we have seen out here. A morning to really talk about how much we matter to each other and the changes we have seen in the landscape around us and talk about what we have witnessed together as a church. We are trying to make it as easy on everyone as we can. A couple nice big tents and a few other extras. Make plans to be there!

Sunday's message will pick right up where we left off this week. The gathering of the church and how God enters that place with us. I mentioned on Sunday about what I am hoping we can bring to the church in the coming months and that is to continue to bring about this environment of a space that introduces new people to the reality of God's presence, fills each of us with the Spirit's power, and produces disciples who are very aware of each other's value to the Kingdom. Great things can happen in these places we call churches. To put ourselves in a place where Jesus can speak words of transformation into our hearts...and then see that take root. So much to witness. I'm excited to see what God can do. It's a good day to be a part of this place. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

"Prayer replaces worry. Prayer produces a Christ-alignment in our hearts, resulting in unity, trust, and spiritual health."

Daniel Henderson

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

THE BANQUET

The Banquet meal ministry was founded in 1985 starting with just one meal per week. They serve 16 meals per week at two locations. The Banquet is a volunteer-based ministry, which means our meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area.

In 2020 The Banquet served over 200,000 meals, and at least 25,000 of those meals were served to children under 12. We go through approximately 15,000 gallons of milk each year.

new!

SERVING AT THE BANQUET

Community will be serving at The Banquet downtown on **Thursday, Sept. 11th.**

We need 6 people to help prep food from 2-4pm & 20 people for serving from 5-8pm.

Please email connect@communityrc.org if you can help or sign up at The Link in the lobby.

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Judy Van Meeteren (surgery recovery)
- Gary Van Den Hoek (heart arrhythmia)
- Rhonda Lockwood (bilateral mastectomy)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (hospice)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dree Mayer (fracture)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Ken Stellinga (Pancreatic cancer)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Steve Lee (cancer)
- Daniel Burlingame (infection)
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Joselyn Cleveringa (seizures/testing)
- Daisy Johnston (seizures)
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Steve Zimmerman
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloot
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Katie and Nic Koth and their family and friends on the passing of Katie's mother, Laurie. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

[https://bradymartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?](https://bradymartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KIhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1)
[pwd=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KIhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1](https://bradymartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KIhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1)

Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

Passcode: 052482

One tap mobile

+12532050468,87440575632# US

+12532158782,87440575632# US

+1 346 248 7799 US

Call Shawn Blom at
605-940-6702 with questions.



THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby.
It's a place to donate to local ministries.



The Banquet

Ground regular Coffee

East River Roster Parent Network

New & gently used kids clothes

Community Youth

Empty Ink Cartridges & old cellphones

School Team

New or gently used tennis shoes (for kids to use in gym class) (elementary & middle school sizes)

WELCOME

We welcome these new members
to Community!

Allen and Katie Tirrel

Melvin Rozeboom

Mike and Megan McCoy

FALL KICKOFF SERVICE & MEAL

10:00AM
COMBINED OUTDOOR
CHURCH SERVICE
ON FRONT LAWN

AFTER THE SERVICE
FREE MEAL
FACE PAINTING
INFLATABLES
LAWN GAMES

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 @ 10:00AM

BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



It's the first week of school for a lot of students this week! Along with that, a lot of college move in days are taking place this week as well. As students and all those who work in the school district enter this new year would you join me in prayer. There is so much good that takes place, but there is also a lot of stressors and challenges that come along with it as well. Hoping for a great year!

Our high school group will start up in two weeks. The first Wednesday night of September we will meet at 7:00 for youth group as we start our year in a familiar message - the gospel. Like every year, we will take time to discuss and explore the main reason we do what we do! There is joy, freedom and hope to be found in the good news of Jesus.

Finally, Sunday September 14th Sunday school starts for everyone! The first week we will do an introduction for the year. Parents, if you are free that Sunday morning to join me, we will be spending time going through the year, a few opportunities for students, and will spend some time in prayer as a group as we start the year off together. Whether you have a student entering the youth ministry for the first time, or your student is in their final year, I would love for you to join me if able!

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

Doyle
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY



Hi Community!

I hope you are having a wonderful "back to school" season and finding a few moments to slow down and enjoy God's presence and one another. It can't be tricky this time of year, but so valuable.

I am still looking for a number of Sunday School teachers. Send me a quick email to let me know which spot works best for you.

-Helpers for Pre-K and Kindergarten classes- assist the teachers in helping the kids learn
-One more teacher for first grade and one more helper
-Both 4th grade teachers
-We're trying something new with the 3rd grade class this year and dividing those weeks of teaching into FOUR instead of TWO volunteers. That means you serve about 8 Sundays per year and have 3 other volunteers to cover Sundays with you. If you are open to trying this new scheduling method, please join the team. There are already 2 third grade teachers, so we just need two more. We could try this with the fourth grade class too if people would prefer that option.

-In general, we try to recruit two volunteers for each role so that each person will only serve half of the Sundays. With Sundays off for Holidays, that means you are only committing to 15 Sundays per year. You and your co-volunteer will work together to set a schedule that works for you and if neither of you can take a week, we call on substitutes to fill in.

-The lesson plans are in the classroom along with all of the needed supplies. You just need to pray, read the lesson, and show up for the kids. Sunday School is from 10:10 to 10:40, so it is a fun filled half hour.

-If you play piano, we are also seeking volunteers to play during the preschool singing time. We have a song book and Emily V has offered to lead the singing along with any other volunteers who want to serve in that role. We sing songs like "Jesus Loves Me," "Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy" and "Fisher's of Men."

To sign up, you can call me in the church office, send me an email, or add your name to the clipboard at the link.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
605-336-1475
Heather.DeWit@Communityrc.org

Fall Dates to Save

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, Aug. 24

Communion Sunday

.....

Wednesday, Sept. 3

High School Youth Group Starts
7:00pm

.....

Sunday, Sept. 7
Kick Off Sunday

10:00am- Combined Outdoor Service

We haven't done this in years! Come pack the front lawn for a combined worship service!

Please bring bring your own chair if able.

We'll have a tent reserved for the elderly or young infants who need shade.

11:15am-2:00pm

We've got lots of fun activities going on after the worship service! Stay for a free meal (Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips & beans) and snow cones for dessert!

There will also be inflatables, face painting, & lawn games.

.....

Sunday, Sept. 14

First Day of Sunday School
10:10am-10:40am

.....

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Midweek starts

5:30-6:20pm- Meal

6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Sept. 8** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch.

Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030.

Everyone welcome!

AA MEETING (OPEN)

Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the youth room. Use east doors.

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

LOOKING FOR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS!

Come play with the kids at Community!

**You'll serve only 4 times
throughout the year!**

**Email Teresa at
nursery@communityrc.org or go to
605.church and fill out a form to
volunteer.**

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110

AUGUST 20, 2025

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Permit No. 7119

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.**

Pastor Clyde Teel
pastor@communityrc.org

Liz Teel
Director of Discipleship & Worship
liz.teel@communityrc.org

John Thornton
Part-time Visitation Pastor
prayerline@communityrc.org

Holli Jans
Communications Coordinator
connect@communityrc.org

Heather DeWit
Director of Children's Ministries
heather.dewit@communityrc.org

Doyle Burnside
Senior High & Middle School Youth Director
doyle.burnside@communityrc.org

Teresa Lipp
Part-Time Nursery Director
nursery@communityrc.org

Lisa Blankers
Part-Time Financial Administrator
accounting@communityrc.org

Josiah Dunlap
Part-Time IT Coordinator