

THE COMMUNICATOR

AUG. 27, 2025

Clyde's Update

We have one more week of August and then we are into that next season. Schools have almost all started now, and with that comes evening activities and all kinds of things that go with it. I am sure the bands are all in full swing and athletic programs along with them. It gets to be a lot on the plate for our young families. I hope you all have a great year! It is still so green. I know I have said it before, but I am quite sure the grass out here has not stayed this green this long since we moved out here all those years ago. The cooler weather these past few days has aided all of that as well. A very nice month thus far. I enjoy those cool mornings.

Sunday's communion service was a very nice morning to be with you all. We had several visitors from around the area on Sunday, with many of them watching us online each week. They were commenting on how vastly different it is to be in that room together as opposed to just watching online. I hear that all the time. I would even offer that I think it is getting better. I believe our focus for each other in that place is growing. It was a very good morning.

Now in two weeks, we are all going to be together on the lawn. We have been working to really do this up right on September 7th at 10am. I do hope you are all making plans to attend that service with us on that morning. We have been encouraging folks who live out away from us, to make that morning one that maybe you could join us and be a part of that celebration. There will be plenty of extras that day with a meal together and all the fun things for the kids. We are going to be adding a couple of nice pieces to the morning worship, as well. I am looking forward to it. We have secondary plans in cases the weather doesn't want to cooperate...we will be ready. Let's be praying that the community around us might even decide to walk over to see what's going on. It should be a wonderful morning. Make some plans to be there and while you are at it...bring a friend or two.

We have been notified as to when the parking lot work is going to begin. That company is going to start the day after our big service on September 7th. I think that is just perfect. We don't have to worry about the work-around for that day which is going to be nice. They will do it with much attention to the fact that we have things here on Sundays. It might be a little bumpy in the parking lot in places, but nothing we can't handle. Just be aware that for one Sunday things might look a little rough, but it sure is going to look amazing when we get it all done. I love that!

This coming Sunday I will finish the summer series on the "Deeper Life". It has been a very good run for all of us. I do think it has really opened our eyes to some of the deeper things of what it means to be Christian. It has revealed in a deeper way just how God is and how we think about that. I was trying to work with you all to get us, as a church, to become aware of the wonder of the power of God in the service, and to think about such things together. It has been a good summer. Now there is one more to do. The final one! I will look back on what we have learned, as well as look ahead to the next series. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

THIS WEEK
AUG 27- SEPT 3

Saturday, August 30

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, August 31

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

Sunday Services

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

Tuesday, Sept. 2

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 3

7:00pm- High School Youth Group

DETAILS ON PAGE 5

**FALL
KICKOFF
SERVICE
& MEAL**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 @ 10:00AM

"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 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.
www.chssd.org

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

- Joan Schouten (shoulder surgery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Judy Van Meeteren (surgery recovery)
- Rhonda Lockwood (bilateral mastectomy)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (hospice)
- 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)
- Jerralyne 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 the family of Gary Van Den Hoek. 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?pwd=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KlhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>
Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

Passcode: 052482

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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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

STARTS SEPT. 14TH
@ 10:10AM

FALL KICKOFF SERVICE & MEAL

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 @ 10:00AM

10:00AM
**COMBINED OUTDOOR
CHURCH SERVICE
ON FRONT LAWN**

AFTER THE SERVICE
FREE MEAL
FACE PAINTING
INFLATABLES
LAWN GAMES

**NURSERY ALSO
AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE**

BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER

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High School Youth Group starts
Wednesday, Sept. 3 @ 7:00pm
Youth Room

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Student/ Parent Welcome Morning
Sunday, Sept. 14 @ 10:10am
Youth Room

Youth & Parents- Meet in the youth room to talk about the upcoming year, a few opportunities for students, and will spend some time in prayer as a group as we start the year off together.

Have questions? Please email me!
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org

Hi Community!

I want to encourage you to mark your calendars for the September 7 Kick Off Sunday and for September 14, which is the first week of Sunday School.

I am so thankful for everyone who has replied to my emails, texts, and calls regarding Sunday School volunteering. Even if your response is "not right now" it is nice to hear from you, and your encouragement is appreciated.

We are getting closer to having our Sunday School needs met for fall, but we still need a few more of you to plug in.

- Helpers for Pre-K and Kindergarten classes- assist the teachers in helping the kids learn
- One more helper for 1st Grade
- One more teacher for 4th Grade

We also love to have as many substitutes as possible to offer maximum flexibility to regular teachers and helpers.

- 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.

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



Fall Dates to Save

Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, Sept. 3

High School Youth Group Starts
7:00pm

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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 your own chair if able.
We'll have a tent reserved for the elderly or young infants who need shade. Nursery will also be available.

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.

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Sunday, Sept. 14

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

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Wednesday, Oct. 1

Midweek starts
5:30-6:20pm- Meal
6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages

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CONSISTORY NOTES

In attendance: Curt Zwart, Jon Harmsen, Harvey Odens, Susan Bierwagen, Dustin Schouten, Darren Ellwein, Lonny Ackerman, Eric Van Donge, Sean Fantroy, Tyler Wolf, Jim Fisher, Justin Hinks

Devotion, prayer, lunch by Jon Harmsen. What's our motivation, as Christians?

MSA minutes of July 10, 2025, Consistory Meeting.

MSA July 2025 Financial Report by Justin Hinks.

Old Business

Concrete work is done. Water bottle fillers are installed.

Parking lot work expected to be done in September.

Discussion of trees on the property. Research of property specs is needed.

New Business

Staff Reports and discussion.

Fall kick-off outdoors on Sept 7, 10:00 AM. The team reported on progress/needs.

We received a request for financial help for attendance at the conference "Passion" in TX for college-age young people in Refresh. Refresh will be asked, by Clyde, for information on how many are going, so we can decide on the amount of our gift at our September meeting.

Property report: Cleaning services costs have risen by 30%. Discussion of possible changes. Tyler will make inquiries. Snow removal budget remains the same for 2025-26 winter season.

Craig Odens purchased the necessary supplies for lighting updates and is proceeding with the replacements.

September we will begin budget prep for 2026.

Closing prayer: Clyde Teel

Respectfully submitted, Susan Bierwagen, Clerk

Next meeting September 11.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



I was able to take some vacation days over the last couple of weeks, and I must say it was a gift to be out of town for a bit and then to come home and get some things done around my house. Time off is just as important as time working! Unfortunately, I'm not very good at scheduling time off. 😊 God was gracious to me in this time of rest though, and I was reminded once again that I need to be as intentional in planning those times as I am in planning my work. But now, after some excellent time off, I'm ready to get back to church work!

Kick-Off Sunday is coming up on September 7th! We'll have one service that morning, at it will be outside. The service will start at 10:00am, and we encourage you to bring your own chair if you are able. We will have some chairs set up to assist those who might find bringing a chair to be difficult. We also encourage you to invite a friend or two to church that morning. It will be an excellent day for visitors to attend! I've been working with Clyde in the planning of that service, and we are going to add a few special elements to worship that day, which I hope you will find an encouragement. There will also be a bit more music. I'm already praying for great weather and that the Spirit will meet Community on the lawn in powerful ways that morning

We will have lots of information available for you on Kick-Off Sunday. There will be fresh brochures with information about Mid-Week classes for adults, church programs for kids of all ages, information about youth groups, service opportunities for everyone, and small group ministries available to adults who are looking to connect outside the normal "church" days of Wednesday and Sunday. We will also have sign-up sheets for those of you who are looking to lend a hand here at church. If you're wondering what goes on here at Community, please come on Kick-Off Sunday. I guarantee you'll find what you're looking for!

And lastly, I want to put a call out to choral singers! I've sent out an email to former singers with our rehearsal and performance dates for Christmas Choir! We are doing 6 new songs this year, and we'd love to have you join us in singing. If you're interested in more information, please contact me, and I'll share the details. Choir is open to 6th graders through adults, and we practice on Sunday afternoons. We also provide free childcare for rehearsals. I'm always looking for that elusive number of 80 singers. Might this be the year we hit 80?? I sure hope so!

Enjoy this gorgeous weather, friends!

Liz

Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

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.

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 16, at the church. We will be discussing *The Fur Trader's Lady*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave and 33rd St. We will be discussing *The Wind Blows in Sleeping Grass*.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY OF PRAYER

PRAYER FOR YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

SEPT 7

Lord Jesus, we acknowledge Grandparents Day by thanking You for the blessing of grandchildren. Our love for them brings us tremendous joy.

We pray You awaken our grandchildren to the truth of the Gospel Message. Please let them understand that Your love for them led You to Calvary, where You suffered and died for their sins; let them grasp the significance of the empty tomb from which You were raised on the third day, having conquered sin and death.

Our heart's greatest desire is for our grandchildren to receive Your gift of grace and salvation. Therefore, we pray they confess and repent of their sin and accept You as their Lord and Savior. Let them "walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4), now and forevermore. After all, we can't imagine eternity without them.

We pray this prayer in Your Name. Amen



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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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