

# THE COMMUNICATOR

AUG. 5, 2025

## Clyde's Update

It is August! I still enjoy all the green. It has been a good summer for that. I know many are still getting those last weekend things done before all the school things get into full swing. All that is coming. It is hard to believe we are at that point in our summer, but it goes fast. This week promises to be a full one around the church with lots of things going on around us. We are planning fall things as well, because we know how quickly all of that will be right on top of us. I like to be early for everything because it always seems like something pops up at the last minute and if you don't leave time for that, it will get you every time. I am an early person...just ask my family.

They are working hard on the concrete part of our summer projects and this morning (Monday) they are right outside my window going at it. This weekend, they should have all the concrete poured in the front of the church so you might notice a little change in where you can maneuver things, but it should be all wrapped up by Sunday. Just pay attention to the cones. Those red cones are your friend. They will tell you where you can go, and where you can't. We should be used to those things this year as we see them all over town. By now, you should all be professionals at handling those things. It is good to see all these projects underway. The paving will start after all this concrete has time to cure up. That will happen soon. We will keep you informed.

We are planning a new adventure for the kickoff event this fall. We are going to do one service that day on the lawn. It takes a good deal of planning to get all that done. The first thing that one must consider is the weather and we don't have any control of that. We'll just have to wait and see what the day brings. The rest of it we can plan. Holli has been working with all kinds of different groups to help put together what we are calling a kind of fall celebration as much as a kickoff event. There will be some new things planned for this year's event. Some of those we are still working on, but we should know all that information very soon. Then we will start advertising. I think it will be a great event to invite a friend or two. We are making a grand effort to make this day special. Be praying that it all comes together in a best way for everyone. There will be lots of ways many of you can get involved to help with setting up and moving things around and just the general needs that arise when you do outdoor events like this. It's pretty exciting.

Sunday will be our second in the final chapter of this summer series. I have received so many nice comments on this series already, and Sunday's message seemed to touch a lot of hearts. I believe we are doing some very good heart work in that room on Sunday mornings. I hope we can continue to do more of that as these weeks move along. This Sunday we are going to look at moments when God moved among his people. Where were they when that happened? What did they need from God? Did God disappoint? What does that all mean for us as the church of today? There are lots of good questions we can focus on. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

## THIS WEEK

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### Saturday, August 9

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

### Sunday, August 10

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

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

7:00pm- Refresh (College student/  
young adults)

### Monday, August 11

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

### Tuesday, August 12

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

### Saturday, August 16

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

### Sunday, August 17

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

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

7:00pm- Refresh (College student/  
young adults)

### Tuesday, August 19

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

NO  
NEWSLETTER  
NEXT WEEK  
AUG. 13

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for His is Good; for His steadfast love endures forever!" 1 Chronicles 16:34

## 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.

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

Email Pastor John at [prayerline@communityrc.org](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John and Marcia Thornton on the birth of their newest granddaughter, Esther, on July 29!

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## 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
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- 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 and friends of Grace Vanden Heuvel.

Our condolences also go out to Jan Mellema and her family on the passing of her Uncle Chuck. 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.



## 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](mailto:nursery@communityrc.org) or go to  
[605.church](http://605.church) and fill out a form to  
volunteer.

early childhood weekday

## Play Free Group

All are  
welcome

**TUESDAYS**  
**9:30-11:00AM**

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](mailto:Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org) or 605-336-1475

## FINANCES

Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025

General: \$11,083

Vision: \$265

Mission: \$445

General YTD: \$450,069

Vision YTD: \$23,919

Vision Account Balance: \$6,071

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7TH | 10:00AM OUTDOOR SERVICE | FREE MEAL | INFLATABLES & MORE!

Kickoff

SUNDAY

SEPT. 7  
@ 10:00AM  
OUTDOOR  
SERVICE

SAVE THE DATE

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



# HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

August is here and with it comes a break from meeting as a youth group. Both groups will have some time off now until September when High School midweek starts again and Sunday School for both middle school and high school starts. This month gives me a chance to look ahead at the year and begin planning for Sunday's and Wednesdays as well our events we will have throughout the school year. While this month is very different, it is so great to have the time to create, dream, and plan before starting back up for the fall.

While planning is just underway, one thing that will for sure be added to our time together for both groups will come from our summer series "In His Word". We have had lot of conversation over the impact that reading scripture can have on our life and how forming habits can be a powerful way to finding the time to read in our daily lives. Each week, there will be a reading plan that students can join me in. It will be a good way to be reminded of what we talked about the week before and lead us into our next week's conversation. While this will not be something students will need to do to connect Sunday or Wednesday, it will be a way for us as a group to be encouraged to be in scripture daily. Whether students join me in the reading or work through things on there own, my prayer is that our desire to get into God's Word grows and habits can be formed that will go with us beyond youth group.

Dates to mark on the calendar as the fall draws near. September 4th will be our first Wednesday night back for high school. Then, Sunday School will start September 14th for both middle school and high school. Finally, Wednesday October 1st all midweek will be starting! While I will enjoy this month preparing, I am looking forward to being back together this school year! Until then, I hope you enjoy the final few weeks of summer break and that the transition back into the school year goes well for you!

Doyle  
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Hi Community!

It is that time of year again! I'm looking for Sunday School teachers, helpers, and volunteers.

Quite a few of our volunteers from last year are serving again this year, but we still have many slots open.

Here are the details:

-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!

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## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP &amp; WORSHIP



It's the month of August, and I am starting to gather information for all of our fall programming. By the time Kick-Off Sunday rolls around on September 7<sup>th</sup>, I hope to have a full pamphlet of all the adult classes and groups we'll be offering this year at Community. If there is something you would like me to include in that pamphlet, please send me an email with a short description. I can't guarantee I'll have space for everything, but I'd like to include as much as possible.

And speaking of Kick-Off Sunday, we are trying something a little different this year. On September 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll have one combined worship service, which will be held outside (weather permitting) on the church lawn. That service will be at 10:00am and will be followed by lunch and kid-friendly activities. We're asking people to bring their own chairs that day to help with seating, but we will have some chairs set up to assist those who might find bringing a chair to be difficult.

I also want to mention that September 7 would be a great Sunday to invite visitors to church. Clyde and I have been working on the service itself, and we hope to include a few different elements in our worship time that day. It will still feel like regular church at Community, but it will be slightly different since we'll be outside. I hope you'll all make plans to join us that day!

On Sunday evening, I was able to meet with the young adult group, Refresh, and share in some wonderful conversation. Refresh has been meeting on Sunday evenings during the summer months, and it's been going so well that they are planning to continue meeting through the year. If you are a young adult and are interested in being a part of this group, please keep an eye on the Communicator for more info or simply attend one of their meetings on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm. They will be adjusting their schedules as soon as classes start at the colleges in the area, but they will continue to meet. I know they'd love to include new people! If you need further information about this group, you can contact any church staff member, and we'll get you connected.

And lastly this week, I'm planning on be out of the office from August 11-August 22. So, if you email me and don't receive a quick response, you'll know why. 😊

Have a great week!

Liz  
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## ONGOING MINISTRIES

**SENIOR CITIZENS**

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Aug 11** 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.

**REFRESH**

Weekly gathering of college students and young adults every Sunday at 7pm.

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SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110**

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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](mailto: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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