



THE COMMUNICATOR

JANUARY 10, 2024

Weekly Calendar

JAN. 10 - JAN. 17

Wednesday, Jan. 10

5:30-6:30pm- Meal (BBQ)

6:30-7:30pm-

**Midweek Classes for Children,
Middle School Youth Group & Adults
(Nursery also provided)**

7:30-8:30pm-

High School Youth Group

Saturday, Jan 13

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

1:00-3:00pm-

Open House For Liz's Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 14

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

10:10am- SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 15

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Jan. 16

9:30-11am- Play Group

7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, Jan. 17

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy)

5:30-6:30pm- Meal (Ravioli Lasagna)

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CLYDE'S ARTICLE

And just like that...it's winter! We knew it was going to happen at some point and it came with a significant bang. A lot of snow and now some cold air that is coming in from Canada. I guess we are ready. I could have used a few more weeks of that just regular winter weather, but we can do this. We have snow piled everywhere out here, but the guys did an amazing job of clearing the snow. It looks great! We are into it now so, we might as well hunker down and get through it. Stay warm everyone!

We had a nice Sunday with the snow holding off and folks getting off to a new year's pace. I know there were still some Christmas things going on last weekend, but I think most of them are finished now. I know we have some families who take those "going to warmer air" vacations and I can see why you go, but just so you all know, when you come back it is really going to feel cold. Just sayin'.

MidWeek is starting and we have already got one under our belts. It is a new semester now and we have plenty of good things to check out. I know Liz is doing a more Bible focused class. I am continuing with the same book as before. Although now we are really into the individual ideas of the book and those are really fun to discuss and teach. John's class is still meeting in the office area and Grace is in the Corner. We have lots to do and that's not to mention what goes on in the children's wing and nursery...and let's not forget the youth things. It's a busy place! And yes...we have food! Really great meals! You can't go wrong! God is going strong! Join us!

Saturday Liz turns 50. Whew...where did those years go? I was really young when we had her. 😊 We are having an open house for her on Saturday from 1-3 weather permitting. We aren't going to cancel for the cold...just so you know. She's had lots of parties for her birthday that were cold. January can do that. Abbie is doing the party stuff, so it should be a good one. Stop in and say hi! We'll be around. You can't play golf! Come out here and we'll feed ya!

I am looking for a couple more volunteers to do sound at 10:45am. It is pretty user friendly, but having some skills does help. I can do the training just let me know. It's always nice to have a few extra people who can do that. Let me know if you are interested.

This week, the series "Set Us Free" will continue. Our focus will be on "fear". It is not an easy subject to take apart and yet we all know well how very paralyzing fear can be. We can also integrate anxiety into this discussion, as well. Our society is struggling with this right now. People are troubled and the world around us doesn't seem to help much. We hear so much negative and so many faces shouting warnings to us. It is no wonder we get trapped. What does God say about setting us free from fear. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JAN. 21**

TO APPROVE THE 2024 BUDGET

DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Radix Retreat Registration Open

February 23-25

We are partnering with a few additional churches this year so I do know the numbers are going to be up a little. We are heading back to Inspiration Hills this year and our theme is Unlocked. We have a lot of things planned for the retreat and I can't wait for it! Radix Retreat will be February 23rd-25th. It is an event for both middle and high school students and goes from Friday night to Sunday afternoon.

Doyle
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Livestream Volunteers

There are many people who watch online on Sunday mornings! We're looking for people to help run our Livestream during the 10:45am service. Interested? Contact Josiah (josiah.dunlap@communityrc.org)

Sound Volunteers

We are looking for a few people who might be interested in learning how to monitor the soundboard for the 10:45am worship service. Interested? Contact Liz (liz.teel@communityrc.org)

Nursery Volunteers

Come play with the kids at Community!
You'll serve only 4 times throughout the year!
Sign up at The Link or go to 605.church and fill out a form to volunteer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease- recovery from procedure)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jeris VanZee (Mantle Cell Lymphoma)
- Henry Collins (continued healing)
- Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Jan Mellema (fall recovery)
- Mike Graanstra's dad (GI bleed)
- Justin & Sandy Heimdal and family (house fire)
- Dalton Coffey (shoulder surgery recovery)
- Darla Moulton's son-in-law, Neil (cancer)
- Jerry Ackerman (carotid surgery recovery)
- Joanne Avery (broken arm)
- Ann Munce (shoulder surgery)
- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic cancer)
- Joyce Tarrell (recovery from car accident)
- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloom
- Angie Bonnema's dad
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad

FINANCES

Sunday, January 7, 2024

General: \$6,640
Vision: \$450
Missions: \$205
General YTD: \$6,640
Vision YTD: \$450
Vision Account Balance: \$44,951

Suppers 6

Note Changes

Thank you to all who participated in Suppers 6. We had a good response and a fun night making new friends.

However, due to a lack of hosts for January gatherings, we are postponing the January event and asking you to consider being a host in February. Sign up is at The Link.

Hosting would include organizing a time for a group of 6 to meet at your home, church or a restaurant. As the host, you can provide a meal, eat out, or bring in take out.

Those who have already signed up for the event, will remain on the list and will be informed as to the status of the even and future plans. Thank you.

For additional info call:
Elaine D. 605-351-4202
Deb. T. 605-359-6375
Cheryl W. 605-941-8413



ONGOING MINISTRIES

..... FRESH ENCOUNTER

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.

..... MISSION OF THE MONTH

Church on the Street

..... AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA will be meeting via Zoom on
Saturdays
at 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09>

Please contact Tom Jacobs
(tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

..... SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, Feb. 12 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

..... BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, January 16, at 7 pm at the church.
We will be discussing *Mind of Her Own*.

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, January 17, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.
We will be discussing *Being Mortal*.

..... HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on January 16th at 7:00. Carol is hostess and Jeanie has the lesson.



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

And here's winter! I hope you all have been staying safe and warm this week. Let's take a look at what we have coming up for ministry opportunities at Community.

Mid-Week will meet Wednesday evening with the meal served from 5:30-6:20pm and classes for everyone from 6:30-7:30pm. Everyone is welcome! If you are looking for an effective way to meet and connect with others from Community, Mid-Week is an excellent option. If you have questions about specific things regarding Mid-Week, please feel free to contact me.

And here's a little reminder of the Mid-Week classes we are currently offering adults:

- Pastor Clyde – Book study of "The Reason for God" by Tim Keller. This class meets in the chapel.
- Pastor John – The Wired Word, which is a weekly study on current issues from Biblical perspectives. This class meets in the office area.
- Pastor Liz (Me!) – Old Testament Apologetics. This class focuses on basic apologetics (you'll learn what that is) and how we can share the truth about God's word in our current culture with our friends and neighbors who do not know Jesus personally. We meet in the fellowship hall
- Grace Collins – Women's group focusing on growing their personal "Gardens of Faith" through daily events, life's challenges and celebrations, and their spiritual walks with Jesus. This group meets in The Corner.
- Susan Bierwagen – Cooperating with Grief. This group is working through a series of discussions about grief and how to cooperate with it to heal through it. They meet in Pastor Clyde's office.


As I mentioned on Sunday, I'm looking for a few people who might be interested in learning how to monitor the soundboard for worship. You would be scheduled for the 10:45 services according to what works in your schedule, and we will have a training session for you. I promise it's not that hard. 😊 Mostly, it involves monitoring things and learning the basics for how to run sound. If you are interested in this or simply want to learn more before committing, please contact me.

And as my sister mentioned on Sunday, I have a rather big birthday coming up on Saturday of this week! I've been anticipating this birthday for a while now and look forward to celebrating 50 years of life. I have more to say about this, but I want to let my birthday come and go before I share what's on my mind. If you're free and willing to brave the cold without putting yourself in danger, feel free to join us this Saturday, January 13 (my *actual* birthday) for a cake and punch Open House at the church from 1:00-3:00pm. 😊

Have a lovely week, friends!

Liz

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A photograph of three children playing outdoors with many bubbles floating around them. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a lush green field with trees.

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hello Everyone!

As I look out my window, it seems like I'm inside a snow globe! Strangely, in my line of work, that means it is time to think about summer!

CAMP: Community has seen the impact that Christian Summer Camp can have on kids, so Community makes camp more accessible to families by paying half of the early registration cost for students interested in camp. Most of our kids go to Inspiration Hills, although we have had a few kids attend other camps in the area as well. High School and Middle School students should chat with Doyle about any camp and summer options he plans to offer as well.

When you sign your child up for camp, it gives you the option to have church pay part of camp. Just divide that early registration rate in half, and that's the amount you can tell camp to bill to Community. Then send me an email so we know to watch for your child's invoice to come through. Here is the Inspiration Hills link: <https://www.inspirationhills.org/summer-camp/>

They offer day camps and overnight camps, all the way through high school age. There are specialty camps like Saddle Up and Wilderness Camp. There are also camps for families and grandparents to attend with children. The early bird deadline isn't until April 15, but some of the camps fill very quickly.

VBS: While you are working on summer plans, save the date for Vacation Bible School from July 22-25, 2024. Our VBS is in the evenings and this year our theme is "Found!"

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Children's Ministry
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EVENINGS, JULY 22-25, 2024
AT COMMUNITY

early childhood weekday
PLAY GROUP
free. 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
or 605-336-1475

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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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