



Weekly Calendar

JULY 12-19

THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 12, 2023

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

July is nearing the half-way point as the summer moves along. The rain has been wonderful, and it sounds as though there is a chance of more of that this week. That would be great! I keep saying I know that many of our friends are out and enjoying the summer and indeed they are. I think maybe folks are really enjoying the "lets-just-go-do-things" feeling after feeling so restricted for a period of time. I guess we can't blame them. It is a different day that is for sure.

Heather is still looking for a couple of helps/leaders for VBS. That is coming right up, everyone. I know it feels like we have all this time to get ready and then you turn around and it is right on top of us. She is hoping to get all that lined up in the next week. It is getting close. I do really want to encourage you to be a part of this. Christmas in July is going to be a fun-packed few evenings. Lots of great lesson ideas and some good singing makes for a great week of Bible school.

Doyle is preparing for Rocky Mountain High, as well, in a couple of weeks. That is a big trip to plan and coordinate. As I said before, church camping opportunities are life-changing events. Most of us can remember the difference it made in our own lives. We encourage people to get involved in these kinds of things. It makes a difference.

I have been looking at the fall already and working through a couple of new series of messages for that time which will be here before you know it. I'll hold off on announcing those ideas for a bit, but they are in the works. I am also looking at ideas for a mid-week class because they too, arrive soon. I am also thinking through maybe having some kind of weekend marriage retreat. I am looking for a presenter and some ideas. I have been thinking on this for a couple of years, and I have been looking at things like prayer weekends and other things as well, but this marriage one has my attention. I think that might be a good thing to do for our church family. You can give me a little feedback on that if you would like.

Romans 12 and now verse 11. The summer is fast getting away from us and the series continues to challenge me in many directions. I have certainly enjoyed the study. Last week's message emphasized the Kingdom value we all have together as a family. That idea is very real in many of the sections of this chapter. This week we will take another turn in the text and talk about our desire and passion for spiritual things. That could get challenging. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Saturday, July 15
7:00am- Prayer Ministry
10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)
See details below.

Sunday, July 16
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service
10:10am- Adult Sunday School
4:00pm- M.S. bowling

Monday, July 17
7:25pm- Church Softball
(Sherman Park- Field D)

Tuesday, July 18
9:30-11am- Play Group
7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, July 19
9:00am- Book Club (MN Ave Bagel Boy)
6:00pm- Youth Group

YOU
BELONG
HERE

VBS

JULY 24-27
6-7:45PM



Register Now!

Vacation Bible School



Free- bring friends!
communityrc.org/vbs



FINANCES

Sunday, July 9, 2023

General: \$107,029
Vision: \$705
Missions: \$225

General YTD: \$514,794
Vision YTD: \$36,536
Vision Account Balance: \$28,458

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

ONGOING MINISTRIES

..... PRAYER MINISTRY

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

Feeding South Dakota Backpack Program

..... AA BIG BOOK MEETING

For the summer months, 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, August 14 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 Tuesday, July 18, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing Nightingale by Hannah.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, July 19, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing The Nature of Fragile Things by Meissner.

..... HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will not meet for the summer. We resume in September. Have a great summer y'all!



DOYLES' UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

MIDDLE
SCHOOL
BOWLING

JULY 16
4:00PM

ROCKY
MOUNTAIN
HIGH

JULY 22-26

Questions? Contact Doyle.
doyle.burnside@communityrc.org

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jon & Jane Klemme's son, Josh (heart valve replacement 7/11)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Larry Oostra (heart surgery recovery)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Barb Klein
- Kathy Klein
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloot
- Angie Bonnema's dad
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad



THE GIVE

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




Ben Reifel Middle School:
games & puzzles

The Banquet:
coffee

Lunch Is Served:
Granola bars & applesauce/ encouraging notes

Children's Home Society:
Swimming towels
outdoor sports/rec equipment



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hello Everyone!

We asked and you came through...we've got most of our critical VBS volunteer slots filled. Thanks Community!

If you didn't pick your spot yet, we'd still love to have you. Our biggest need is clean up after the last night of VBS because many hands make light work!

Kids, Please join us and bring friends. Spoiler....there will be something special that happens if we bring friends to VBS.

July 24-27 from 6-7:45pm

VBS at Community is free and all are welcome. We have Sing N Sprout for infants and toddlers as well as VBS classes from Preschool through Grade 6. Older kids and all adults are invited to volunteer. We need many hands to make a great experience for the kids and it is very fun and rewarding.

Our theme this year is Christmas in July, and I can't wait to hear the kids as they worship, see them soak in God's word as they enjoy their games and craft, and learn alongside them in Bible time. If you've never been to VBS before, please join us, even if you want to just watch the kids in action.

On another note, the sermon this week really got me thinking about how blessed I am to get to be at Community. Thank you all for who you are. One thing I appreciate, in addition to the obvious gift of a community of people who love Jesus, is how you are a group of people who love to help. One recent Sunday, someone asked how I'm doing. I shared that I'm sending my oldest off to college this year, and it feels a little like when we sent her to Kindergarten. I don't know for sure what to expect, how to be ready, or what she actually needs to pack and bring to college (because the lists online make me think we're going to have to pack everything including the kitchen sink for her teeny tiny dorm room.) That sweet person has been in my shoes before and she listened, reassured me, and then later that same morning tucked a note in my hand that contained a list of items my daughter will probably need for the dorm but might not think of. If you know me, you know that's exactly what my heart needed. God is good and works through all of you in such beautiful ways.

See you soon!

-Heather

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

I thought I'd report back to you that I did hear from just a few people regarding the Sunday morning worship devotionals. The results were extremely mixed. ☺ So, I don't really have any clear direction for moving forward with those. For now, I think I'll just leave things as they are. If you'd like to hear it again, please keep in mind that the services are all archived online, and you can easily go back and watch and/or listen to any of them that might have caught your ear. I am continuing to be prayerful about it. And if I find God leading in a particular direction, I'll follow His lead and let you know about it. Thanks to those of you who took time to email or chat with me. I sure appreciate it!

Don't forget to make plans to attend VBS this summer! VBS is less than 2 weeks away! Here are the details once again:

VBS is July 24-27 from 6:00-7:30pm.

VBS is open to kids 3 years of age through going into 6th grade.

VBS is FREE!

You can register kids to attend or adult to volunteer online or in the church lobby. We hope to fill up the church with kids and adults that week!

I think that might be it for me this week. Enjoy this beautiful week, friends!

Liz
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday School class will continue to meet throughout the summer months.

Everyone welcome!
Sundays @ 10:10am
in the Chapel