

THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 16, 2025

Clyde's Update

We are passing the mid-point of July now as the summer moves along. The rain does seem to keep coming. I know we are all good with that. Sunday was such a beautiful morning out at the church. I love it when the wind isn't blowing. I think we know all about that. I know that many are still doing lots of summer things, and do see there are lots of softball tournaments around the area as well. Lots of summer camps for kids sports and all the other things that people do during this fun season. It is good to see the activities and it is good to see the nice crowds in attendance on Sunday mornings. I really like that, and if you have been coming to those in person, I am sure you are seeing several new families as each month passes. We are in a community out here now and those people are finding their way to us. I love it. 8am service is growing as well. Pretty awesome! I hope you are having a great summer. It is going fast!

I want to highlight VBS again this week, and put out the word that we can always use more help. It is right on top of us now, so it's time to commit friends. It is only 4 nights, and that time goes so fast. If you want to be a part of something very special around here, take the time to jump in and help us. The theme this year is "Created". There will be lots of animals around for the week. We have the Zoo Mobile coming on 2 of the nights, as well as lots of games and fun events for the kids. The lessons are ready, the music is set, we just need people to join in on the fun. Pray for the week that is ahead that God will plant lots of seeds and lives will be touched...not just the kids, but all of us who are a part of it as well. It's a great week! It always is. Go God Go!

This week is our annual church picnic. I think when this newsletter comes out, it is on this very evening. Last year we had some trouble with the weather, and we had to reschedule. This week as I was looking forward looks like a cooler day...rain? Not sure on that yet, but we will see how it goes. One has to be flexible on these weather-related things.

I am looking forward to hearing back from the mission trip the youth were on last week. I know Texas isn't the most comfortable place for heat in the summer, so I'm sure that was an adventure. There were nearly 20 kids involved including sponsors, so a good work group. There will be more info coming. They are all back safe and sound and probably a little tired. It can be a good tired though. I think many of you know what I mean.

Sunday is part 2 of what we started last week. As I mentioned on Sunday morning, I knew early in the week I had way too much information for one message, but I wrote it all out as it was coming to me. The subject of trusting God is a big one and I think we would all agree, one that can make such a great impact on our daily lives. If we are walking through our days with a consistent mindset that God is there with us. He knows all the outcomes. He knows what we need when we need it. He is a great gift to us. However, we all know that life can get in our way sometimes and we get nervous and worried. Our trust wavers...what then? We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

THIS WEEK JULY 16-23

Wednesday, July 16

6:00pm- Picnic in the Park
(Upper Tuthill Park)

Saturday, July 19

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, July 20

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

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

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

Monday, July 21

6:00-7:45pm- VBS

Tuesday, July 22

9:30am- Play Group

6:00-7:45pm- VBS

7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, July 23

6:00-7:45pm- VBS

Refresh
SUNDAYS @ 7:00PM

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Wes Hinks (surgery 7/11)
- Ken Stellinga (Pancreatic cancer)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Cory Carlson-Himes' mom, Brenda
- Steve Lee (cancer)
- Daniel Burlingame (infection)
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Joselyn Clevering (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)
- Jerrilynne 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)

"God is looking for a hungry heart that seeks after Him in praise, gratitude and surrender with readiness to pray, think, and live like Jesus." Daniel Henderson

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MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA

Our Backpack Program ensures that children who rely on school meals do not go hungry over the weekend so they can return to school on Monday ready to learn.

BackPack units are filled with non-perishable ingredients that provide at least three nutritious meals. Food for this program is purchased so that the items are nutritionally balanced and kid-friendly.

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

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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.

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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

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





HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Vacation Bible School starts on Monday!

VBS is July 21-24 in the evenings. If you are interested in helping, just show up and we'll put you with a group or email me at Heather.DeWit@communityrc.org and I'll get you the information.

We still really need many more people willing to stay for about an hour after the last night of VBS to help put away the decorations. This could be families with kids, youth, or anyone. It isn't all heavy lifting. We do need a few people to take down some backdrop stands and big decorations, but more than that, it involves folding backdrops, stacking cardboard, deflating toys, and tucking items away for donation and future use.

Please be sure to sign-up kids and invite friends! VBS is free and we have plenty of supplies for your friends, family, and neighbors. We want to make some new friends next week!

You can sign up online or using the paper forms in the lobby at church. You can register at the door as well.

Please pray that our VBS will bring glory and honor to God and that the kids and families who will be joining us grow nearer to Him.

Together We'll Learn:

- Monday's Big Idea: We are created by God.
- Tuesday's Big Idea: We are created for a purpose.
- Wednesday's Big Idea: We are created for community.
- Thursday's Big Idea: We are created to worship.

The Zoomobile from the Great Plains Zoo is coming this year! The ZOOMOBILE will replace the GAMES station on the following days:

Monday- Preschool and Kindergarten

Tuesday- Grade 1-2

Wednesday- 3-6 grade

I also want to say thank you to everyone who is praying for the kids as they go to various camps this summer. Community paid to help 33 kids go to camp at Inspiration Hills this year! There are still a few kids going in the weeks to come, so please keep praying throughout the summer.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
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Picnic in the Park

**Wednesday, July 16
6:00pm**

3500 S Cliff Ave
Upper Tuthill Park

Potluck picnic- Bring a dish to share if you can. Community will provide hotdog/buns & water.

Bring your own lawn chair.

Yard games are also welcomed!



VBS- Created

**Monday, July 21-
Thursday, July 24
6pm-7:45pm**

See Heather's article for details!

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

We are home from Waco! It was a great trip with a lot of work, fun and time in a car! For all of those who prayed for us on the trip, thank you! We had smooth travels and the time at service sites went really well. We served at three different ministry's in Waco while we were there. Monday and Thursday we all served at the Salvation Army. The team was split into groups that were sorting new donations, clothing, electronics, bric-a-brac, and blankets/sheets. The piles were high and as soon as you get through a stack, there was another one waiting there for you. They have a huge operation and the staff was very thankful for the work students got done. Then, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the group was split into two. One group served at Caritas and another at Family of Faith Worship Center. Both of these sites were set up as an open market feel with a lot of fruit and vegetables, some bread, meat, canned foods and more that guests could come and take as needed. Students worked to restock and help those coming through. Again, the volunteers and workers were a lot of fun to work alongside and by the end of our time at each site, there was a lot of joy and appreciation for the group that was serving.

In all of it, the help was appreciated. Even more than that, it also serves as an encouragement and reminder that we can continue to serve here in Sioux Falls as well. So many of the highlights were about the people who we got to interact with while serving. The challenge and encouragement was that we can become those volunteers for others! Yes, there were differences between Waco and Sioux Falls, but there are a lot of similarities as well. As we hopefully are catching up on some much needed rest, I pray that the work God had for the group continues to encourage, challenge and work in us as a way to bless those in our path.

Summer keeps on rolling on here at Community. This week, the middle school, high school and families are invited to join the church for a picnic in the park. We will be at upper tuthill park here in town. As long as the weather holds up, we will be meeting at 6:00 for food and fun as a congregation. If you are free come join us!

The TEC weekend is coming up in a few weeks right after VBS! For students going into 9th-graduating seniors, if you are free this is the final week to get signed up. Registration is all online so if you have not received that information, you can reach out and I will send that to you. The dates are July 25th-27th and it is held right here at Community. If you have any questions about TEC please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



VBS starts MONDAY! Please check out the registrations for students and helpers. It's never too late to sign up for VBS. Remember, we offer VBS for 3-year-olds through kids going into the 6th grade. We even have sing-n-sprout for the under 3 age group! We meet Monday-Thursday next week (July 21-24) from 6:00-7:45pm. I hope to see you all there!

I received an email from Ryan Smit on behalf of the Christian Reformed Churches in Sioux Center to invite any interested choral singers to come together for a Siouxland Christmas Choir Cantata Service at Dordt on Sunday December 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm. They will be singing a 40-minute choral cantata, that will be accompanied by a full orchestra and includes arrangements of familiar Christmas carols and newly composed songs. Interested singers can sign up to be a part of the choir using this Google form link. If you are interested in further details, please email Ryan at Ryan.Smit@dordt.edu.

And I'd like to also remind you of our own Christmas Choir that will start rehearsing on Sunday afternoons starting in October. I've ordered some fantastic new music for us. Please check out our rehearsal and performance dates below, and if you'd like to be a part of the choir, just let me know. It's open singers who are middle school aged through adults, and I would love to hit 80 singers this year. The pertinent dates for our Christmas choir rehearsals and concerts are as follows:

Sunday Afternoon Rehearsals 4:30-6:00pm

- October 12, 19, 26
- November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- December 7

Saturday Afternoon "Dress" Rehearsal 4:00-5:00pm

- December 13

Concerts

- Sunday December 14 at 9 and 10:45 Services

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.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle is taking the summer off for family time. Watch for the September Communicators for restart information.

CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Come cheer on the Community co-ed softball team Monday nights at Sherman Park by the Zoo

Monday, July 21

6:30pm- Diamond B
7:25pm- Diamond D

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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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