

THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 23, 2025

Clyde's Update

We are moving through this month once again rather quickly. Summer is feeling like summer this week, but this makes the corn grow. There are still lots of days left in the summer, so you have plenty of time to get out and enjoy all of that. I know that lots of school things are already going a bit. I heard some of the kids talking this week at Bible School about camps and that sort of thing, so I know school is just around the corner, especially in the area of activities. Whew...that seems early!

VBS is in full swing right now. We have such a great group once again this year of students and helpers. I love that! There is great energy in that room, let me tell you. Once you get them all going, that's a lot to try to keep track of, but we have wonderful people who give up some evenings to get that done. We are so grateful. It is a lot of fun for me as all I must do is play a little music for them. Heather and Liz have the rest to do. Their jobs are much more complicated than mine. It is a lot of work, but so rewarding. Memories are being made. Seeds are being planted. Jesus is being presented. Lives are being touched. Joy is everywhere. Not much wrong with any of that!

Looking ahead to the rest of the summer, I probably need to think about getting a little time away myself, although for those of you who know me, that comes in the fall with hunting. I enjoy the summer, but the fall is really my time to enjoy the outdoors more. We will do little get away this summer in August, but for now I am focused on moving things in a good direction. It has been a good summer series of messages, and I have had so many folks tell me how challenging these have been. I mean that in a good way. Good thinking and good processing is good for each of us. Let's continue to work on that. Those things make a difference.

I did get a word from the building and grounds guys that the concrete work is being scheduled around the first of August. We will keep you informed as to how all of that is going to proceed, but for now we are on the slate to get things started soon. It sounds like about a 10-day project which means we might see a little mess for one of the Sundays, but I am sure we can all work around that.

Sunday's message, we will continue to dig deeper into the things we have been talking about each week. Last week, and part 2 of the "trust" section, was a good day for us. This week, I want to talk about what God through Christ can do when we engage with our faith in that kingdom. It is more of the same, but with a focus on how Jesus helps us grow deeper. That growing is not just up to us. There is a working of the Holy Spirit that bring about this profound occurring of action within our hearts. It may sound a little complicated, but I will work hard to make sure we all can understand that kind of working. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

THIS WEEK JULY 23-30

Wednesday, July 23
6:00-7:45pm- VBS

Thursday, July 24
6:00-7:45pm- VBS

Saturday, July 26
7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, July 27
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
10:15am- Adult Sunday School
(chapel overflow)
7:00pm- Refresh (College student/
young adults)

Tuesday, July 29
9:30am- Play Group
7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, July 30
6:00- 8:00pm-
M.S. & H.S. Youth Group @ SkyZone

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 or 605-336-1475

"Pray to seek God's face, not just His hand." Daniel Henderson

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

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dree Mayer (fracture)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- 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 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)

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.



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hello!

If you are reading this on Wednesday or even Thursday morning, this is your reminder to come to Vacation Bible School. It is worth your time, even just for one night or part of one night. The joy and excitement are contagious and God is at work in every corner of this building.

Our theme is **CREATED** and on Monday night, kids learned that God created everything, including US! Tuesday night will teach us about God's purpose for our lives. Wednesday we will learn about community and God's plan for us together. On Thursday, we'll learn about worship. Each night starts and ends with worship songs and in the middle, we are enjoying a Bible lesson, games, crafts, and even a visit from the ZooMobile. We've already met a bunch of cool critters, but we'll meet more each night. The kids are loving finding new surprises all around Community. Come check out the aquarium too!

This year, the offering is going to buy goats, chickens, and cattle for families in Haiti to help them provide food for their families and the people around them.

See you soon!

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VBS- JULY 21-24
6:00-7:45pm





DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

There is a week left of July and it has been a busy month. The mission trip went well and the students here are all so great which makes overnight trips a whole lot easier! For the leaders that joined us to allow the trip to happen, thank you! There was a lot of work and a lot of driving! For those who joined us through prayer, thank you! Travels and time in Waco went smoothly for the most part and I know there were people praying for us all as we were away. It is a blessing to work in a place that supports and cares for the students so well. So a final thank you to all here at Community for the different ways you impact the student ministry!

There are two Wednesday nights left before we take a break in August. This week, we will be finishing our series "In His Word". The challenge tonight is to take what we have talked about over the summer and work on building a habit of getting into the Bible. It does make a difference and those habits we form now can continue to create a space where we are connecting with God.

Then next week, July 30th, the middle and high school group will be having a final event to wrap up the summer. We will be heading to SkyZone from 6:00-8:00 for a night of fun and connection! For students who are free, you can RSVP to me through email or calling here at church. RSVP by this Sunday so we can let them know how many to expect!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at church please feel free to reach out anytime.

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

CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Come cheer on the Community co-ed softball team for their end of year tournament at Harmodon Park.

Saturday, July 26

Tournament starts @ 8:00am

Schedule can be found at:
<http://sfcoedchurchsoftball.com/tourneysched.php>

FINANCES

Sunday, June 20, 2025

General: \$13,635
Vision: \$670
Mission: \$210
Parking Lot: \$450

General YTD: \$421,115
Vision YTD: \$21,738
Vision Account Balance: \$3,890

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



I'm writing this article on Tuesday morning, just after the first night of VBS. I'm not sure what the numbers were from last night, but I do know we had a LOT of kids! And we have a LOT of new families joining us for VBS as well! It's exciting to see so many new faces and to get to meet new kids and adults. As I've said many times, if you want to meet new people and get connected at Community, VBS can be a wonderful way to do that! VBS runs through Thursday evening, so, if you're free, I encourage you to join us for one or all of the nights!

Hats off to Heather for all she did to design, plan, and carry out her vision for this year's VBS. Having done my fair share of planning big events for kids of all ages, I know firsthand the tremendous amount of work that goes into the planning and preparing for events of this size. It is exhausting AND rewarding. Thanks, Heather, for a job well done. And huge thanks to all those who volunteer. We literally could not do VBS without you!

As I do every summer, I've been reading and studying books and articles for potential classes and topics for Mid-Week. I've read some wonderfully challenging books, and I'm staring to get an idea about what I want to do for my own class this year. (Hopefully, we will once again have several adult options for Mid-Week.) I want to share one of the quotes from my reading. This comes from Tim Keller, a favorite author of mine. He writes, "What the heart most loves and trusts, the mind finds reasonable, the emotions find desirable, and the will finds doable." Now there is a quote to wrestle with!! I'm quite certain that quote will become the backbone of the class I'll be teaching this fall because once we start to break that down, there are many topics and conversations to tackle. For now, I encourage you to to just chew on that sentence. What thoughts come to mind as you consider each aspect of that sentence? What things do your emotions find desirable? What ideas seem reasonable in your mind? What do you find yourself doing? And what do all of those things point to that your heart is loving and trusting? And goodness, we haven't even talked about the things we don't do but want to do! See? SO much to unpack with that one sentence. Anyway a little midsummer challenge, I invite you to consider with me the depth of that sentence and what God might be inviting us to consider in our own lives.

That's it for me this week. I'm off to prep for VBS tonight! I hope to see you all there at some point this week!

Liz

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.

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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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