

# THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 30, 2025

## Clyde's Update

It's the final week of July. It has been very warm and humid as July can certainly be. Summer is moving right along and this morning, I saw some student runners out on the road getting ready for the cross-country season. That means some school things are already getting started. I know there were several of our high school students doing band camps this past week as well. It's coming folks. It just doesn't seem possible. Enjoy the days of summer. They are fast getting away from us.

We had a wonderful week at VBS. Heather said she felt like it was one of the smoothest weeks we have ever done. We had great helpers and such a right spirit in the place for those four nights. Yes, we did have the big rain night on Wednesday with the Noah theme and building rain sticks in the craft room; and don't forget the perfect rainbow in the sky during the closing time with the kids. It was a fantastic week. It is always a good time, but this year just seemed different in a way, and I'm still trying to unpack why that was. God was in the building, that was for sure. I'm sure Heather will write a big thank you in her newsletter this week and I want to say thanks to everyone for the all the help as well. It is a big project to get done from all the decorations, to registrations, to classroom, to games, to managing the flow of kids and on the list goes. We were blessed by it all. You were planting seeds folks. That's what we do. We make connections! We love on those kids, and we pray that God will work through all of that. He usually does. Thanks everyone!

We hosted TEC this past weekend as well. They came in right on the heels of VBS. That is a weekend event with high school students filled with skits, spiritual talks, fellowship, food, and Jesus time. It has been around for a long time in the area, and many who have gone through one of those weekends, will often point to that as being one of the most meaningful things they had ever done in their Christian life. We were happy to host. Doyle was involved in that as well. He was one of the presenters. I heard great things from the kids. The volunteers loved our facility and said they would like to do it again here sometime. I am sure we would be open to that.

I know the concrete work is going to be starting very soon. It might be this week, but I haven't heard the final word on that yet. We will make sure we get that news out to you as soon as we know. It really won't affect anything we do as far as church things go, but I think it would be good if we could let you all know. We like to make sure you are all in the loop on things. I know it's getting close.

Sunday will be August, and we start the final push on this summer series. We now turn to the power of the church and the value of meeting together. We will pick up right where we left off on Sunday, and finish our discussion of "Dwelling with God". I know there has been some very good after-church talk about this series as it has put all of us into the mind frame of thinking our lives through and wanting more of what God can do. I have so enjoyed the study myself. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

## THIS WEEK JULY 30-AUG 6

**Wednesday, July 30**  
M.S. & H.S. Youth Group @ SkyZone

**Saturday, August 2**  
7:00am- Fresh Encounter

**Sunday, August 3**  
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services  
10:15am- Adult Sunday School  
(chapel overflow)  
7:00pm- Refresh (College student/  
young adults)

**Tuesday, August 5**  
9:30am- Play Group  
7:00pm- AA meeting

## 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.

"Prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out."  
Ephesians 6:18 MSG

## 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 Ryan and Brittany Garrels, on the birth of their daughter, Vivian Lynn, on July 17. They live in Omaha, NE  
Proud grandparents are Myron and Kathy Garrels

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jan Mellema's uncle, Chuck

## 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 Shanda Cutler Hay and Chelsea Veurink on the passing of their Uncle Curt. Please keep them all 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=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KIhabfrdoMWC2Cb.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

Hi Community!

After all of these years, I didn't think I could be surprised by something happening at VBS, but God did it again! On our third night of Vacation Bible School, we were surprised by a very heavy rain that even flooded some of the streets in Sioux Falls. Then, during closing worship, God set a beautiful rainbow in the sky. The lesson for night 3 was about God, Noah, the ark, the animals, Noah's family, the flood, and of course the rainbow! I don't think the kids will forget this VBS any time soon. I know I won't.

I can't express enough gratitude to the volunteers that made VBS possible this year. There were more than 65 volunteers during VBS, and we needed every single one. We had more than 175 kids participate this year and the smiles and excitement filled the building. I also need to thank Evita and Karen for coming to decorate before VBS started and the clean-up crew for coming to get the church "back to normal" so quickly after VBS ended. I should also thank my family. My husband and two daughters had a little extra work this year bringing our aquariums and lizard for the kids to see and helping with sound, classes, running errands, filling in as needed, and doing a little work with our ostrich friend LuAnn. Sometimes being the family of a children's ministry professional makes life interesting. LOL.

My co-workers play a huge part in making VBS possible as well. It is an "all hands on deck" sort of situation and the support shown by every staff member is the only reason we can do VBS at this scale and still have so much fun. The amount of prep that Liz does to make worship incredible and create the special details and characters for VBS is such a gift! She already came up with a super cool theme for next year and I'm running with it, so save the date! Not every church gets to have a live worship band for VBS and ours is exceptional and so fun and flexible!

I'm proud of the way the kids of Community treated guests, said thank you to volunteers, participated, dove into Bible lessons, and shared contagious enthusiasm with the rest of us. It never gets old for me.

I'm rambling (possible due to VBS-fatigue. LOL) but I could talk for hours about how well the people of this church respond to God's love in a way that makes VBS a great experience. I'm thankful to get to watch it unfold from beginning to end.

See you soon!

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*Congrats*

Congratulations to the Community softball team on being the co-ed Division B Champions! They went 5-0 in the tournament!

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

## FINANCES

Sunday, June 27, 2025

General: \$7,337

Vision: \$240

Mission: \$205

General YTD: \$440,986

Vision YTD: \$23,654

Vision Account Balance: \$5,806

**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

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



What an incredible week of VBS! I want to start by thanking Heather for her immense planning and preparing for this week. Yes, I know it's her job, but there are many moving parts to a program of that magnitude, and Heather keeps track of them all. She is ready for just about anything you can think of. Thanks, Heather for a wonderful week of learning and experiencing God.

I'd also like to thank everyone who volunteered to teach, play games, lead crafts, lead kids, and just be a part of the week in any way. It takes so many adults and "big kids" to successfully carry out VBS. Thank you for being willing to give of your time and energy for a week of wonderful God experiences for the children of Community.

Of course, thank you to all the adults who brought kids every night. I know scheduling can be a pain, and trying to get kids from home to church after you've had a busy workday can be the last thing you want to fit in. But I absolutely believe that when you make the commitment to bring kids to participate in VBS, the blessings outweigh the challenges. You may not know it, but your decision to bring your kids might have literally changed their eternity. VBS is no small thing. Thank you for making time and valuing VBS in that way.

And lastly, I'd like to thank the guys in the band, Pastor Clyde, Nick Sittig, and Jacob Hein for being willing to show up every night, stay until the end of VBS, and give me an incredible foundation of music from which to lead the worship time with the kids. Your willingness to learn new songs and give of yourselves in this way has immeasurable benefits. I know God moved. I know kids experienced the Presence of the Holy Spirit. And I know God was blessed and worshipped in those moments. Thank you!

And now, church, I ask you to seek the Holy Spirit and ask how you can be praying for these kids in the days and weeks to come. I believe children hold a special place in the heart of God, and I believe our prayers for kids have a profound impact on the work God can do. Please pray for kids. And not just for Community's children, but for children all over the world, that God would make Himself known to them, and that they would come to know Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

VBS is always powerful, but this year was different in the best way possible. It's been hard for me to put words to it, but the best word I can think of to describe VBS is "holy." VBS was holy. These might seem like big words after VBS, but friends, there was a holiness to VBS that is sticking with me. God showed up in magnificent ways, and there was something extra special about the week. I don't want to squander that gift. I want to see it carried into the next things we do at Community.

We saw You at VBS, God. We saw You. And we are still watching...  
Have a great week, friends.

Liz  
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

## 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.

**COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH**  
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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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