



THE COMMUNICATOR

NOV. 1, 2023

Weekly Calendar

NOV 1- NOV 8

Wednesday, Nov. 1

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

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, Nov. 4

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See details page 2 for details

Sunday, Nov. 5

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

10:10am- Sunday School

4:30pm- Choir

Monday, Nov. 6

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov. 7

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Nov. 8

5:30-6:30pm- Meal (Smoked Pulled Pork
Sandwiches)

6:30-7:30pm-

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High School Youth Group

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

What a difference a week makes! We had winter! Merry Christmas! I am hearing some much more encouraging words for the coming weekend which I am certain most of us are happy to hear. The fall colors are starting to fall to the ground now and that distinct look of empty trees is taking a hold on the landscape. I always wish it would last longer, but life doesn't stand still. The time changes this weekend as well, so remember to set your clocks back an hour Saturday evening. Pass the word, please!

October is "Pastor Appreciation" month and there have been so many nice words and cards sent to me. I find little surprises on my desk almost every week. I am blessed friends! Thanks so much for all the kindness you have shown. I love the cards with the handwritten notes. I read them all! Thanks so much!

I have several things to highlight this week so let's get to it. I want to thank Holli and the mission's team for the mission focus Sunday this past weekend. I saw a lot of action in the lobby on Sunday morning. There was some "good church" going on in that space. I love it! It was great to see our friends in ministry there with us. It is such a great way to highlight all those groups and allow them to meet you and you to meet them. Well done everyone!

I am still working on putting together my "Bringer Bunch Team". I have had a couple of responses thus far, but I am patient. God will provide the right team for this. If you remember, we are trying to put together a team who will strategize how to best connect with this new community that has sprung up around us. I need a group to give some real purpose and thought to those outreach plans. This team is not solely responsible for doing all the things, their focus will be to come with ideas that we all can participate in to make a good connection with our neighbors. I know you have lots going on, but this group will not have to meet that many times. Pray about it friends. We have an opportunity.

This is my hunting weekend. I will be traveling back home on Friday to do a little hunting along the Missouri River. It will be a great time to reconnect with the ranch land, and the people there. I am looking forward to it. I do miss church when I am away, but it is a good thing for me to do, and it is also a good thing for you to do as well. It sounds like the weather is going to be just right. I like the sound of that. I'm sure my mom will be happy to have me around for a couple of days. I'll be having some good treats as well. All in all, it will be a good retreat!

Our church choir continues to prepare for our concert in December. They are doing such a great job! I was telling them at rehearsal on Sunday how much we do appreciate the time they put in on this. They could be doing so many other things on a Sunday late afternoon, but they are there working on music to make Christmas special for others. Our goal is to bring the season to life through music and those sounds that define that season. Traditions can be wonderful things, and Christmas to me is always a wonderful time to let music be the messenger.

Sunday, I'll be gone, but I have a couple of great friends filling in. I'll leave it as a surprise for now. We'll talk more in a couple of weeks. Have a great week!

Upcoming Dates

Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, Nov. 22
7:00pm- Thanksgiving Eve Service

Sunday, December 3
3:33pm- Kid's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 10
9:00 & 10:45am- Christmas Choir Concert

Sunday, Dec. 24
9:00 & 10:45am- Christmas Eve Services
No 8am Service

FINANCES

Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023

General: \$10,503
Vision: \$1,385
Missions: \$969
Wednesday Night: \$299

General YTD: \$795,612
Vision YTD: \$63,093
Vision Account Balance: \$25,359

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

Lunch Is Served

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHlIWk9xZz09>

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

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, November 13 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14 (Notice 2nd Tuesday this month!!), at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Memory Keeper's Daughter*.

The morning book club will meet Wed., Nov. 15, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Long Way Down*.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on November 21st at 7:00 pm. Carol is hostess and Wilma will lead the lesson.

PACK A SHOEBOX



BOXES DUE NOV. 12

Pick up a box in the lobby and return by Sunday, Nov. 12th

DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



November is here and with that comes new series, a fall retreat for the high school group and a week off with Thanksgiving! There is a lot of change going on with schedules for students as some activities are ending while others are starting. As we get into the month, I ask you continue to pray for students as they journey through these middle school and high school years.

Our new series for the month is another "You Asked It" series that we do each year. Students have put together questions they have about the bible, church and faith. So many times we don't acknowledge the questions we have or don't take the time to look into them. This series is a way for students to openly ask and walk through so many different things we ask about our faith.

The High School group's fall retreat is on the calendar for November 17th-19th. We will leave Friday evening and get home Sunday morning before Sunday school. The group travels to Swan Lake for the weekend and is a time set apart to connect with God and with others in the youth group in a space intended to be restful. Registrations are due November 10th so they have our numbers for meals in time. If students have not picked up a form on Sunday or Wednesday, or if you didn't receive the email with the registration attached, please feel free to reach out and I will get that to you.

If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, send them my way anytime!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic cancer)
- Carolyn Odens (back surgery)
- Ty Vuong (motorcycle accident)
- Kindsey (broken femur)
- Arlan Boersma, Jan's brother
- Laurie Long (surgery recovery)
- Linda McCann (surgery recovery)
- Glenda VanDenHoek (hand surgery)
- Dalton Coffey (broken arm)
- Joyce Tarrell (recovery from car accident)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloot
- 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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Darin and Laura Vos who were married in Minnetrista, MN on October 27. They will be making their home in Sioux Falls. Darin is the son of Marv and Nancy Vos.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Doug & Lois Hoff & their families for the recent passing of Lois' dad, Clarence Vant Hul. Please keep their family in your prayers.



Swan Lake High School Retreat

Nov. 17-19th

Registration due Nov. 10

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY



Hi Everyone!

Our Wednesday bunch starts a new theme this week. For Midweek, the Nursery and K-5 crew are all getting into the Autumn vibes with "Be-Leaf" (Believe) in Jesus!

Last week was a unique one for me. For the first time in my life, I went on a solitude retreat. If you are unfamiliar with this type of experience, it just means that I went to a place to be alone with God. It was lovely. On Thursday and Friday, I turned off my phone and just spent a couple of days with my Bible at a cabin at Inspiration Hills. I expected to miss my phone or even get bored or lonely, but I really didn't! I must have needed this time. Inspiration Hills was a beautiful place to walk around, even in the cold, and the small cabin was just right. I spent most of the time snuggled up in the cabin, reading from Psalms, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, but sometimes what I read in those places made me think of another book or story, so I wandered around my little Bible a bit. Like I said, it was lovely. I expected to see a little wildlife, but besides one very cold deer, the rest of the animals must have been staying out of the wind! I'm glad I packed a big pile of blankets. I am so thankful to work at a church that allows me to have time away from the office to do this. Thank you, Community!

This is your reminder to have your kids practice their Christmas Program songs and lines. There are songs for Preschool and songs for K-5. There are also group lines for every K-5 class. If you don't have a copy, they are at: <https://communityrc.org/children>

See you soon!

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Play Group
Tuesdays 9:30-11:00am





LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

This past week, I was working through a study that encouraged the reader to give some thought to the different stages of life that Jesus experienced. The Bible records many details about Jesus' birth, and then skips the growing up years and heads straight to His adult years. But of course, Jesus' growing up years happened too! And although He is fully God, He is also fully human! The study encouraged us to think about what Jesus' life might have been like when he was elementary aged, middle school aged, high school aged, and even a young adult working with Joseph as a carpenter. What might He have been like as a neighbor? What activities might He have enjoyed? Essentially, the study was encouraging us to consider the humanity of Jesus so we could relate to Him in new ways.

What really struck me was thinking about Jesus as a high school kid. What would He have been like? What was His sense of humor like? What activities might He have participated in with other kids? As a former youth pastor, it was *not* hard for me to imagine Jesus in my youth group. And I must say, the thought of Him being a part of that group brought me an unexpected joy! I bet Jesus was what I would refer to as "a good kid." I'm sure Jesus was helpful, thoughtful, funny, and kind. A good kid! And of course, that got me to thinking about other kids in my youth group over the years.

I was a youth pastor for 16 years here at Community, and prior to that I was a music teacher for 3 years. So, in my life, I've spent nearly 2 decades working with kids full-time. Imagining Jesus as a high school kid was no stretch because I know that age demographic pretty well! What surprised me as I considered Jesus' humanity was how often I was blessed to see Him in the kids I had in Youth Group. Read that sentence again. I had never realized how often I had seen Jesus in the kids I worked with every week.

It was humbling to realize how often Jesus made His Presence known *through* those kids in youth group. Of course, I often saw how God was working the **life** of a high school kid. And that in itself is an immense privilege. But I'm not sure how often I recognized, in the moment, how often Jesus was revealing Himself to me through the students. Looking back now, I can see there were countless conversations, experiences, and moments where Jesus was revealing Himself to me through those kids. Man, that is uplifting! Encouraging! Awe-inspiring! And again, humbling. To know that God used those kids to bring me closer to Himself...not the other way around, though I know God did both. 😊

All that to say, parents, if your kids were ever in my youth group, would you please show them this article or at least tell them thank you from me? Tell them thank you for allowing themselves to be used by Jesus for *my* sake. Tell them they mattered to me more than they know. And tell them I am forever changed by their willingness to be a part of that group where God used them in that way to bless their own youth pastor. I always knew it was a gift to be a youth pastor for so long. It's just taken me a few years away from it to begin to understand the fullness of that blessing.

Friends, I encourage you to think about your life's seasons in a similar way. Were there times that Jesus was revealing Himself to you through people or situations where you didn't really think to look for Him? You might be surprised what blessings you find.

Have a great week!

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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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