



THE COMMUNICATOR

NOV. 8, 2023

Weekly Calendar

NOV 8 - NOV 15

Wednesday, Nov. 8

5:30-6:30pm- Meal
(Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches)
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. 11

7:00am- Fresh Encounter
10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)
See details page 2 for details

Sunday, Nov. 12

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service
10:10am- Sunday School
4:30pm- Choir

Monday, Nov. 13

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov. 14

9:30-11am- Play Group
7:00pm- Book Club (@ church)

Wednesday, Nov. 15

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy
on MN. Ave)
5:30-6:30pm- Meal (Tacos)
6:30-7:30pm-
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High School Youth Group

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

Our weather changed again and this time in our favor. We have had some really nice first days of November. We are all enjoying that! I know I am. I was able to get back home and spend some time in the river hills doing a little hunting. I came away with only pictures of those I let walk on by. I am one who is looking for the very oldest in the herd and if I don't find it, I'm just fine. I enjoy the time there so very much. I say every year, the Hertz's have been very kind to me. I love going there are just sitting and watching things move. I never get bored. I seldom think of anything about church (that's a good thing from time to time) and I get to spend time with my mom. There is not much wrong with any of that!

I want to thank Pastor John and Brent Eliason for helping me out this weekend with the preaching task. I know they did a great job! I love being able to go knowing that everything is going to be just fine. Thanks to Jaron Dewitt who does all the "opening-up" and getting the tech things all going as well. I can depend on him for doing that and it's a pretty major task to get it all up and going. I enjoy the Sundays away, but as I have stated before, I do miss being with you all. I'll be there this Sunday...get ready!

I also want to again say thanks for all the kind words and tokens of appreciation over this past month. I am still getting things and it's November. I guess I'm getting spoiled! You are all a blessing to me, and I am most gracious of your generosity. Thanks everyone! This pastor does feel appreciated!

There are plenty of things these days to pray about. I know we have many great prayer warriors in our church family who pray continually. Whether that is personal or worldwide things...prayer is a tool that brings God nearer to us. Yes He listens and we an listen too. Prayer is about listening too! What is God saying to us? Where is He leading? What is His plan for the trouble in the world? Pray...then listen!

MidWeek continues to grow each week. We seem to gain a few each time we get together. I love this. I have said it before...MidWeek is one of the best things we do around here for discipleship and families. The meals are amazing! The work crews are the best! Our adult teachers and youth sponsors are great! We are getting it done in a good way. You might want to think about joining us if you haven't done that, or if you haven't done that in a while. You might meet some nice people there. You might meet some new people in the process. There is no downside to any of that!

This Sunday's message will pick right up on where I started a couple of weeks ago. We are now into that section on the "valley of the shadow of death". I am hoping that the theme of keeping our focus on the shepherd will bring the power of faith evident in our daily lives, and specifically a faith that is completely surrendered to God and trusting in what He can do. Trust that is always in our hearts. This kind of trust/faith will produce things in our lives that are beyond what we can imagine. We can do all things! The apostle Paul had it right! If we keep our eyes on Jesus, the author of our faith we can walk right in through some of the darkest places and not fear. We'll talk more on Sunday. 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

Joy Circle Women

December 14th @ 11:30am

All Day Cafe at the Western Mall

Let's enjoy lunch together to celebrate Christmas!
RSVP to Cleone 261-9504 or Char 366-1341 by Dec. 7

From The Church Library

FREE. The table in front of the library contains withdrawn items free for the taking. Take all you want.

Look for your favorite devotionals in the church library including large print versions and devotions for kids and teens!

Check it out!
Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry



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

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.

DOYLES' UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Our youth group begins new series this week as we make the transition into our first full week of November. The middle school gets into their new series "You Asked It". We do one of these every year, and every year students ask some amazing questions regarding faith, God, scripture and how they relate to their lives as middle school students. I'm looking forward to getting into those questions as we gather on Wednesday nights.

Our high school group will be taking our theme of Esther that we were originally planning for our fall retreat and going through it on Wednesday nights. Sometimes it may not even feel like God is near He is working in our circumstances and the people around us. As we take a look at the book of Esther, we also take a look at the times God is moving when we may not even realize it.

Finally, our fall retreat for the high school group has been postponed. There is not a new date set yet for that but it will be later in the spring this year. This month, we will instead be hosting a youthsgiving event (a sort of friendsgiving/thanksgiving). We will be getting together for a meal, community and games. Students will get more information on that on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

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

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FINANCES

Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023

General: \$10,245
Vision: \$1,240
Missions: \$375
Wednesday Night: \$354

General YTD: \$805,857
Vision YTD: \$64,333
Vision Account Balance: \$26,597

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ann Munce (shoulder surgery)
- Cleone and Elaine's sister, Joanne (surgery recovery)

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)
- Dalton Coffey (broken arm)
- Joyce Tarrell (recovery from car accident)
- Randi Van Der Sloom (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 Sloom
- 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

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sent me cards, gifts, and words of encouragement during Pastor Appreciation Month.

It meant a lot to me.
John Thornton

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Al and Cherri Price and their family on the sudden death of Al's younger brother, David John Price of Fruita, Colorado. Please keep Al and Cherri in your prayers. They are also both struggling with significant health problems.

Our condolences go out to Dawn Halling & Sheila (Dan) Ter Wee for the recent passing of their mom, Jeanne Landegent. Please keep their families in your prayers.



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

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>

I had a humbling Sunday this week. I took a little tumble down a couple of stairs when I was leaving home to head to church. I can have a bit of a stubborn streak, so I thought I'd "tough it out" and head to church anyway. My husband was already at church volunteering, but my daughter was home, so she drove, and I got all the way inside the front door at church before I realized I was not going to be any good at doing my job on a Sunday morning, since I could barely hobble on my quickly swelling ankles and hadn't even made it to the Children's Wing yet.

I want to take a moment to thank the people who jump in to help any time it is needed! This Sunday, I texted a couple of regular volunteers and they were both willing and able to pitch in. It is such a blessing to have a whole crew of volunteers who are excellent at what they do and filled with joy. I could miss a Sunday and not worry about Sunday School one bit.

My husband took one look at me and let me know that I'd be getting checked out by a doctor. By the time we got me into the clinic, I was feeling pretty ridiculous. I have always been clumsy, but this was extreme clumsiness, even for me. To add insult to injury, the security camera in our garage caught the whole fall on video. Not my most graceful moment! By the time they were done with my x-rays and the doctor had diagnosed me with two sprained ankles, one more severe than the other, my ankles were quite swollen and walking on my own wasn't an option or recommended by the doctor. I am independent to a fault, so this experience has already been good growing for me. I have had to let my family help me with even the simplest things, like a glass of water. I don't like to be taken care of. I like to take care of others. I'm having to depend on family and friends to do things I can usually do without thinking. It will heal soon, and I'll be back to my old self, but I'm hoping to learn from this and be changed for the better. We are not made to be independent. I've had other health struggles that have taught me this lesson, but somehow, I never seem to learn it very well or for very long. I know some of you have had challenges that steal bits of your independence for years or decades and you handle it with such grace and kindness.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9, Paul quotes Jesus who said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I need Jesus in every way and every day. He is never overwhelmed by the requests or annoyed. He always has time. There isn't one of us who is able to "do life" without the help of our Savior and I think as we grow wiser, we notice our great need even more and respond in love.

See you soon!

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

This week, I must write about our amazing church choir! Although we did not hit that elusive number of 80 singers, we do have a good-sized group, and they can really sing!! It's been so much fun to give them new music and have them sing it remarkably well the first time through it. We've been continuing to practice and prepare for our concerts in December, and I'm looking forward to our concerts and sharing that time with Community. Remember, that Sunday is a great day to invite friends to church. The date for these performances is Sunday, December 10 at both the 9:00 and 10:45 services.

I'll announce this on Sunday too, but I'll be needing a group of children to sing one of the choir pieces with the adults this year. If you have an elementary aged kid who would be willing to learn one short song, please let me know, and I'll add his or her name to my list for that children's choir. There will only be a couple of quick Sunday afternoon rehearsals (4:30-4:45pm) prior to the concerts in December.

The WD40 group met on Monday night, and we decided to host our annual Lipstick Party in December! This will be our 2nd Annual Lipstick Party, and it's open to women of all ages. Here are the details:

- The party will be on Monday, December 4th from 7:00-8:00pm.
- If you are able, bring a small, wrapped, consumable gift (\$10 or less) for a gift exchange. (examples: chapstick, bag of flour, roll of toilet paper 😊)
- We'll be collecting specific items for St. Francis House. Contact Liz or Holli for more details.
- If you would like to bring a plate of goodies to share, please do so!
- Wear your favorite lipstick! (optional)

Also, the WD40 group will take a break for the month of January and resume meeting again the first Monday of the month starting in February.

Mid-Week has had wonderful momentum this fall! We are serving nearly 250 people for supper each week, and over 150 adults are sticking around for classes! It's never too late to start coming to Mid-Week. If you are looking to connect with other adults from Community, Mid-Week is an excellent option. The meal is served from 5:30-6:20pm, and classes for all ages run from 6:30-7:30pm. Please join us!

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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