



THE COMMUNICATOR

OCT 11, 2023

Weekly Calendar

OCT 4 - OCT 11

Wednesday, Oct. 11

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

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, October 14

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See details page 2 for details

Sunday, Oct. 15

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

10:10am- Sunday School

4:30pm- Choir

Monday, Oct. 16

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 17

9:30-11am- Play Group

7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 18

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

6:30-7:30pm-

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High School Youth Group

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

I begin this week's newsletter with my mind on so many good things happening in church right now. As I mentioned Sunday, all those teachers and sponsors working with the young people are so valuable to us and I am so thankful for their time and dedication to those programs. We are blessed to have them. It's fall!! I love this time of year with the cool mornings and warm sun. The colors are really beginning to pop now as well. So beautiful. I heard it might be a little wet this weekend and even some snow up in the hills. Yes, it is that time of year. I am still hoping for a long fall season. I have lots of things to get done!

We did Paul DeYoung's life celebration on Monday afternoon. He was a kind gentleman in so many ways. He will be missed by our 8am church folks. He will be missed in the office because Paul used to bring us all kinds of produce from his garden. He always had a kind word to say and was always Paul. It was a good celebration of life. Pray for the family and their loss. There is always a void. Jesus be near!

We had our first MidWeek last Wednesday, and we had a fine turnout for our first one. Again, I say MidWeek is one of the best things we do around here. The meals are always good and the people who do all that work are the best. We have all kinds of adult class opportunities as well. All in all, it is a great program, and I would encourage many more to join us. You might meet a new family! Stop out and join us.

We started choir this past Sunday afternoon and the singers we had are good ones. However, we know there are more of you out there. I know it is a commitment and you are all very busy, but we do need a few more singers. We know lots of people couldn't be there for the first night, but looking at it closely, we are a little short in some areas. I am not going to guilt you into coming, but I might plead a little if that's ok. Come on out folks, these seasons go by very quickly! There are lots of fun people in that group and you can add to the excitement. We are doing a variety of music this year. There are a couple of pieces that are a little challenging, but we know we can do them. Pray about that please. We would love to see you there.

There has been some cleaning up around the church, you might have noticed, and some new painting colors on some of the walls. We have been here now a few years, and we need to keep up with those kinds of things. We did a lot of extra cleaning and painting in the kitchen. It made a huge difference. Take a look if you get a chance.

Sunday's message will take off where we left off this past Sunday. I am going to talk about the people who were our "bringers". Who are those people who made you think about your faith walks. Sunday school teachers, parents, grandparents, a friend, your spouse, your pastor...who are those people. Some of them probably don't even know they did it. Have you told them? Some of them might have only been a one spiritual flash in your life, but the difference they brought was eternal. Our Bringers. That'll preach! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Upcoming Dates

Mark Your Calendar!

Saturday, Oct. 21

DMV- Discipleship Men's Version- Led by John Blok
8:30-10:00am

Sunday, Oct. 29

8:45-10:50am- Missions Morning- See the Good
It's a morning to celebrate the good that's happening around us through local missions. There will be 18 ministries set up in the lobby. (We'll be serving donut holes too 😊)



Attention 3rd Graders (and Parents):

OCTOBER 15
Bible
SUNDAY

Come to the front during the 9am or 10:45am service to receive your Bible. If you don't feel comfortable coming up during the service, you can get your Bible before or after church or in Heather's office any time.

See you soon!

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**

Angel Tree

..... **AA BIG BOOK MEETING**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09>

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

..... **SENIOR CITIZENS**

NOTE DATE CHANGE! Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, October 16 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, Oct. 17, at 7 pm at the church in the back of the chapel. We will be discussing *Long Way Down*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip*.

..... **HOPE CIRCLE**

The Hope Circle will meet on October 17th at 7:00 pm. Wilma is hostess and Barb will lead the lesson.

DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



With October fully here everything is up and running on Sunday's and Wednesday's. It's a lot of fun having everyone back together and I look forward to continuing to see how the changes in each group unfolds. Abby is continuing the middle school series on the attributes of God and has enjoyed the time on Sunday's with the middle school group. The high school group is going through different books, conversations and questions students have brought up each week.

Youth group this week gets into the start of the new series for students. The middle school group will start in the series "You Are Known" as we talk about the gospel in light of God's knowledge and love for us. It is the same way the high school started last month and the different gospel series we do every year are always one of my favorites! The high school group moves into a series this month on "Our Spiritual Journey". We will be talking about God's word, prayer and community, and speak on some practical disciplines we can use to continue to connect with God.

Finally, our date for October's Corn Maze event is set. On Sunday, October 22nd, we will be meeting at the Heartland Corn Maze – south of Sioux Falls on Highway 11 – and enjoy a night finding our way through a maze of corn. This is an event that students ask for each year and I'm looking forward to it. Friends are welcome to join! I ask that you RSVP to me by Thursday October 19th so I can have a number and idea of who to look for as we meet. We gather at the maze between 6:50-7:00 p.m. then will be finished by 8:00.

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

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Kindsey (broken femur)
- Arlan Boersma, Jan's brother

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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 Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)
- Stuart Schouten (Parkinson's disease)
- 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)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- 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

Thanks to all who prayed for me, all the cards I've received, all the phone calls & texts sent during my surgery. God is so good. Chemo is not necessary.

Helen Robinson



THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries.

St. Francis House
New Flip Flops

The Banquet:
New Food Storage Containers

Ronald McDonald House
To-go snacks, hamburger helper, spaghettiios

McCrossan Boy's Ranch:
leather work gloves, twin XL sheets



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

The first midweek was so much fun! Just a reminder- we're changing things up a bit by adding optional Christmas Program practice to the choices available for K-5 kids on Wednesdays. (The Nursery will be open as well with special activities for little ones.)

If you haven't signed your child up for the Christmas Program yet, and they are interested, please email me today.

On Wednesdays through Christmas Break, the schedule will look like this:

5:30pm- Free Meal for anyone interested

6:00pm-6:30pm CHOOSE- optional "Fun Zone" kid fellowship and play time OR practice for the acting/ speaking roles in Christmas Program.

6:30pm-7:00 CHOOSE- Regular Midweek lesson and/or project OR practice for Christmas Program DANCE

7:00-7:30 CHOOSE- Regular Midweek lesson and/or project OR practice for Christmas Program BUCKET DRUMMING

If kids don't want to actually be in the Christmas Program, but wish they could learn the dance or drumming, that's fine too. If your kiddos aren't available for the lesson/ project time and come only for their practice times, that's ok too. We're flexible!

The rest of Christmas Program parts (group lines and two songs) will be practiced during Sunday School on Sunday mornings and at home. That information is at: <https://communityrc.org/children>

REMINDER for parents of 3rd graders about Bible Sunday on October 15. If you have a 3rd grader, you can come to the 9am or 10:45am service and we'll give kids their Bibles in front of church. If we missed it when they were in 3rd grade and they still want to come up, that is ok too. If kids don't want to be up front, they can get their Bibles before or after church as well.

See you soon!

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We had a wonderful opening night of Mid-Week last week! We served 220 for the meal, and we had over 150 adults register for our adult classes. It's not too late to join us! If you'd like to connect with others from Community, Mid-Week is an exceptional option. The meal is served from 5:30-6:20pm, and classes for all ages run from 6:30-7:30pm. There's always room for more!

As Clyde and I announced last Wednesday, we'll be gone this Wednesday and will have to miss the first night of classes. But I know all of the other classes are open to accepting the overflow for this week. 😊 For class locations and info, check out the list below. As always, if you have any questions about Mid-Week, please let me know!

Clyde – The Reason for God – starts October 18 and will meet in the chapel.

Liz – What the Heck, God?! – starts October 18 and will meet in the fellowship hall.

Kyle – The Gospels – starts October 11 and runs for 5 weeks. On October 11, Kyle's class will meet in the fellowship hall to hold any overflow people. Then on October 18, Kyle's class will meet in the sanctuary until the class is finished.

John – The Wired Word – starts October 11. On October 11, John's class will meet in the chapel to hold any overflow people. Then on October 18, John's class will move to the Office Area Meeting Space.

Grace – The Flower Patch for Women of All Ages – starts October 11 and will meet in The Corner.

Susan – Cooperating with Grief – starts October 11 and will meet in Pastor Clyde's Office.

We had our first Christmas Choir rehearsal Sunday afternoon, and friends, the number was pretty small compared to past years. I know many of you who are planning to sing couldn't be at our first practice, and that's ok. For this week, I would ask those of you who are planning to sing to please try to be at the next rehearsal so we know if we can pull this off. And if you absolutely can't be there but plan to sing, drop me an email so I can count you as singing. 😊 I just want to honor everyone's time and commitment in the best way possible.

Remember, our church choir only sings at Christmas time. We rehearse Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00pm in the chapel. Childcare is provided for free for anyone who might need that. Our concerts are Sunday, December 10 at the 9:00 and 10:45 services. Choir is open to any singers who are middle school aged and up. And as previously mentioned, due to popular demand, one of the songs the choir will be performing this year is the Christmas song I wrote several years ago for one of the children's Christmas programs I lead. So, we'll need a group of children to sing the children's part with the adults. If your kids are willing to learn that part and sing with the adults, please contact me, and I'll add your kids to my list. We'll only have a couple of Sunday rehearsals with the children, so it's not a big commitment for you or for them. If you have any questions, please contact me!

Have a blessed week!

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FINANCES

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023

General: \$6,567
Vision: \$300
Missions: \$155
Wednesday Night: \$333

General YTD: \$722,877
Vision YTD: \$56,307
Vision Account Balance: \$26,045