



THE COMMUNICATOR

OCT 18, 2023

Weekly Calendar

OCT 18 - OCT 25

Wednesday, Oct. 18

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

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 21

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

8:30-10am- DMV -

(Discipleship Men's Version)

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See details page 2 for details

Sunday, Oct. 22

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

10:10am- Sunday School

4:30pm- Choir

Monday, Oct. 23

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 24

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Oct. 25

5:30-6:30pm- Meal

(Chicken Salad/ Taco Salad)

6:30-7:30pm-

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High School Youth Group

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

October is half finished! I know I say this all the time, but where is the time going? Fall is getting away from us so quickly. We had some great rain last week and you can see the results. The fall colors are just amazing right now! We have a little sunshine today and that combination is just beautiful. I am looking forward to some time back home in November. Hunting in those river hills! I'm looking forward to that. First, we have things to do around the church. There is a lot of things going.

Our second MidWeek was a success with more people than the first week... we are growing. I love hearing that. I was missing on that second one, but I'm going to be there this week and looking forward to it. We have some great things happening there friends. If you haven't tried it out, you might want to consider joining us. It's a great place to be on a Wednesday evening.

Church choir on Sunday was great! We gained lots of new faces and that was great! There is still time...if you would like to join us, but that window is fast closing. 😊 That concert day will be here before you know it. We have lots of hard work ahead of us, but there are some good voices in that group. It should be a wonderful morning of music for our Christmas season. Great job choir! Let's stay focused on some good work together!

Operation Christmas Child and the shoebox ministry is up in the lobby. I know that many of you in the past have picked up a box or two and made a difference in the life of child. That table is up, and you are invited to participate once again this year. The deadline for getting them back is November 12th. The window of time is short, so you must get right at it. It's a wonderful thing to do. Pick up a box...make a difference. Pretty straight forward in the blessing department!

We are also looking ahead a couple of Sundays to our annual Missions Fair with all our guest visiting with us from various mission and para church organizations. I believe we have nearly 20 different ministries who will be represented here that morning. They are representing all the missions we support as a church throughout the year. It is a special day for certain. That's coming up in two weeks!

Sunday we are going to finish this "bringer" series. I am stunned that it is over. It has been a wonderful series to share. Lots of new perspectives on some bible stories, as well as just good practical living-your-life-in-Jesus kind of sharing. I have heard some awesome stories of people sharing with each other. I love that! Did you tell you bringers yet? This week we are going to focus on our callings as bringers. It is going to be straight forward with some good application at the end. Bringing people to Jesus. 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 😊)



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**

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!

DOYLES' UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



The week of the corn maze is here! The middle school and high school group will be meeting at the Heartland Country Corn Maze from 7:00-8:00. For those who will be bringing your students out to the corn maze you have a few options during that hour we are there. First, you are more than welcome to join the group in the maze and have fun with it - even if your student doesn't want you to go with their group. If you don't want to go into the maze and don't want to drive back out, there is a small shelter there with tables to sit at (or if its cold your car!). They have a small snack/hot chocolate booth you can grab something from. Students who find the hidden station in the maze get a punch and will be able to get something from there as well. If my phone's weather prediction holds true it looks like it will be a really great weekend to be out there!!

For midweek we continue on in the October series for the two groups. Our middle school group is going through "You are Known" which is a new take on our gospel series we do. This week, we look at the depth of God's knowledge and how we are transformed by that knowledge. The high school group moves into a conversation on prayer. Sometimes prayer can become overwhelming, confusing, mindless or overlooked. I pray that students can gain some new practical ways to engage in a life of prayer as we continue to connect with God on this journey we are on.

Looking forward to a great week! If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Carolyn Odens (back surgery)
- Ty Vuong (motorcycle accident)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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)
- 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 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

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, cards and phone calls during my recent surgeries.

We thank God for my healing.

Judy Van Meeteren

PACK A SHOEBOX



BOXES DUE NOV. 12



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

This past Sunday was quite special with more than 20 kids getting their new Bibles and many more connecting with plans to get them later. We have more Bibles available if you need one and can order more when we run out. We've already heard an amazing God sized story about the destination of one of the Bibles.

"I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work." GOD's Decree. "For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think. Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth, Doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry, So will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them.

Isaiah 55:11 MSG

As a reminder, any kids hoping to be in the acting, dancing, or drumming part of the Christmas program should come on Wednesdays. The schedule is below. We are having fun!

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 AND 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>

Sunday School continues to go very well. We had big attendance and big smiles this past Sunday. The pictures are from the 3rd grade class. They were doing a skit. Notice the ram stuck in the bushes! Also, check out our new "Fearless" wall art. It is one of the new pieces of art that has really brightened up the rooms. It was so nice of our 2nd grade teacher last year to buy the first couple of decorations so we could see how great it looks. It inspired us to add more, and it makes the rooms look cleaner and more updated, plus they have great messages! Check it out sometime.

See you soon!

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LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Do you feel it?

Do you feel that uncomfortable pull and tightness when you realize we are already past the midline of October?

Do you feel the twinge in your gut when you realize there was no stopping the hectic, frenzied pace of summer and that it continues right on through to today? Do you see that your calendar, which you thought at the very least would become more scheduled and doable, has actually *increased* in intensity?

Do you feel the temptation to **not** live in the present, where you could see the beautiful changing of the trees, *smell* the cooling ground, *hear* the birds preparing for and migrating south for the winter, *feel* the crispness of the morning air, and *taste* the bounty that comes with this fall season, but instead you have found yourself living in the future by planning for an already over-committed Christmas season?

Have you stopped long enough to consider what living like this is doing to you?

To your spouse?

To your kids?

To your friends?

To your work?

To your relationship with God?

Mark 8:36 says, "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

Another translation says, "What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

I'm all for being involved in programs and activities and for participating in events that are meaningful and life-giving. But if any of those things come at the expense of your relationship with God, if any of them take away from your time with Him, if any of them tear down your soul rather than build it up, then they are simply not worth it. You might think that's a pretty stiff test for deciding whether or not an activity is worth your time, but I have a sneaking suspicion that our wise, Jesus-loving friends who have lived many decades would say life is too short to be spending time on things that don't have some kind of eternal Kingdom significance.

It's not too late, you know.

It's not too late to reclaim your life.

It's not too late to say no to certain things.

It won't look the same for everyone, but I know that if you give your daily life and all its commitments to the One who cares the most about you, He'll help you plan it in a way that is life-giving to everyone.

It won't be easy, but I guarantee it will be worth it.

Blessings friends,

Liz

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MISSIONS SUNDAY

See the Good Around Us

Donut Holes this Sunday!

SUNDAY, OCT. 29TH

Join us, next Sunday, as we celebrate 18 local, regional & international ministries.

They will have tables set up in the lobby. Please take some time on Sunday to welcome them and learn more about their specific mission. SEE THE GOOD HAPPENING ALL AROUND!



The operation Christmas Child table is set up in the lobby!
Grab a box, fill it, and bring it back by

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

MISSIONS ATTENDING THIS YEAR:

- Arise Ukraine
- Center of Hope
- Children's Home Society
- Community Outreach
- Hope Haven
- Words of Hope
- Mission Haiti
- Conda DeVries-CRU
- Jon Harmsen- CRU
- Family Visitation Center
- Bishop Dudley House
- The Banquet
- Gideons
- LSS mentoring
- Call to Freedom
- McCrossan Boys Ranch
- Union Gospel Mission
- Operation Christmas Child
- Lifeline Children Services
- Volunteers of America

CONSISTORY NOTES

OCTOBER 12, 2023

Attendance: Pastor Clyde Teel, Darren Ellwein, Ken Hartzell, Tom Bosch, Russ Hoogendoorn, Mark Theisen, Corey Feenstra, Eric VanDonge, Lyle Pudwill, Harvey Odens, Mary Burggraaf, Doug Harms, Grant Boltjes, Tom Van Roekel, Ross Larson, Stan Deelstra, Tyler Wolf

Opening Scripture and Devotion – John 3:30 and opening prayer - Tyler Wolf

MSA the September 14, 2023 consistory meeting minutes.

MSA the September financial report. November 15, 2023 to work on proposed 2024 budget.

Painting and flooring projects completed.

Reports were reviewed from Liz, Heather, and Doyle.

Fall programs have started up and going well.

Three stops signs will be ordered and placed at the parking lot exits. Trees in the retention area need to be cut down.

Next meeting will be November 9.

Closing prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Burggraaf, Clerk

FINANCES

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023

General: \$9,418

Vision: \$1,500

Missions: \$75

Wednesday Night: \$373

General YTD: \$732,295

Vision YTD: \$57,807

Vision Account Balance: \$20,153

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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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