



# THE COMMUNICATOR

OCT 4, 2023

## Weekly Calendar

OCT 4 - OCT 11

### Wednesday, Oct. 4

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

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 7

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

8:30-10:00am- DMV-

Discipleship Men's Version

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See details page 2 for details

### Sunday, Oct. 8

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

10:10am- Sunday School

4:30pm- Choir

### Monday, Oct. 9

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, Oct. 10

9:30-11am- Play Group

### Wednesday, Oct. 11

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

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## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

And just like that...it's October! Fall is here, but for a few days one would not know that. The temps have been up and it feels like summer once again. However, the end of the week is going to change all of that as the cool air moves in. I am hearing maybe some rain with all of that as well. I think most of us would be just fine with that. Harvest is in full swing, and you can see the dust from the big machines as the farmers are working to get out the crops now. The trees are really turning, and the colors are once again spectacular. It is such a pretty time of the year, but those colors don't seem to last very long. Fall is a wonderful time...I hope it last a good long while.

This week will bring the first MidWeek of the season. There is kids things, youth things, and of course the adult classes will all be starting. Our first night is more of an introduction prayer night, but then we are moving ahead the very next week. The food is always so good, and I think we can still use a little help with some of that, so if you are willing to help make some treats, I would highly encourage you to do that. MidWeek is great and I am looking forward to it!

Sunday's communion was a good day for us. There are still lots of activities going on in the area and now with school things, it is a busy time for our families. Weekends are not restful anymore. Seasons run one right after another and then there are all the extra things. It's a lot for everyone to keep up with. I guess it is just the way things are. Opportunities take time and there always seem to be more opportunities than time. Stay healthy everyone! It's a lot of pressure on your lives.

Sunday school is going as well. Heather reports lots of kids and great volunteers back in the wing. Lots of good church happens in that place. It's not always visible because of where it all happens, but that is a busy place for about an hour on Sunday mornings. There are lots of "Bringers" back there. Go God Go!

Choir: We start Sunday afternoon at 4:30pm. Free childcare provided. Lots of new music this year! We are really hoping for a great turnout. I know you're busy! I know it's one more thing. If you can find the time, I think you'll enjoy the journey! See you then!

Sunday's message is a unique one in the series. Each one has been a different kind of message in many ways. This week will be one of those as well. This week it's about the children coming to Jesus and the disciples being a little protective of Jesus and his time. Jesus had to remind the disciples that the Kingdom belongs to "such as these". What does that mean? And what about our children? Bringing children to Jesus! That'll preach! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

OCTOBER IS  
**PASTOR**  
APPRECIATION  
MONTH

# Upcoming Dates

## Mark Your Calendar!

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High School Youth Group

### Saturday, Oct. 7

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



## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE NIGHT

It's that time again for our annual fall College Care Package night for the 2023 Fall semester students.

Do you have a family member or friend in college this semester? Join us for 30 minutes- to an hour as we gather to assemble boxes of goodies and encouragement, sprinkled with prayers, to be delivered to these students.

No college student? Consider joining us anyway.

Email Robin Jacobs at [robinmjacobs98@gmail.com](mailto:robinmjacobs98@gmail.com) or call/text 612-730-7754 by October 9th to participate or for more information.

**When: Tuesday, October 10th, at 6:30pm**  
Where: Church (kitchen area)

What to Bring: 1 empty box/bag for each of your student(s) and around 2 dozen of single items to be shared in the boxes. Examples are pretzels, 24 packs of gum, meat sticks, cookies, encouraging verses

## 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](mailto: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' UPDATE

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Midweek is fully here and with that comes a change for the high school group now that they don't have the entire place to themselves! It also comes with a different energy and excitement as the year starts off here. I am looking forward to getting together with the middle school group weekly again! Middle school and high school students, come join me for supper between 5:30 and 6:30! Then the middle school group meets from 6:30-7:30 and the high school group from 7:30-8:30. For high school students who come to eat, feel free to bring your homework and hang out as a group during that gap hour!

This month, the middle school and high school group will be heading back to the corn maze. The last few years have been a little chaotic with one year being cancelled and the other ending in some stormy weather. Hopefully this year we find a great fall night! I will be sending an email out to all our parents once the date is confirmed for our group! Speaking of emails parents – if you read through the newsletter, but do not receive emails from me (through CCB) please reach out so I can get you added to that group. That is how a majority of the communication takes place for the youth ministry here at Community.

That's it for this week! If you have any questions about the youth ministry please feel free to send them my way!

Doyle  
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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Laurie Long (surgery recovery)
- Linda McCann (surgery recovery)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Helen Robinson (surgery recovery)
- Glenda VanDenHoek (hand surgery)
- Mary Warner (shingles)
- Judy Van Meeteren (hip surgery recovery)
- Dalton Coffey (broken arm)
- Carolyn Odens (foot surgery)
- Joyce Tarrell (recovery from car accident)
- Clarideth Kingsbury (cellulitis)
- 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

## 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





A photograph of three children (two boys and one girl) jumping and playing with many bubbles in a grassy area. The bubbles are in the foreground, creating a sense of depth. The children are smiling and looking towards the camera.

HEATHER'S UPDATE

# KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Our first Wednesday night of Midweek is here AND 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 from 10/11/23 until 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  
(This week will be an intro week so our schedule will start and end at the same time, but I'll spend a few minutes at the beginning explaining options and plan to the kids.)

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 your child 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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Children's Ministry  
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## 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!



LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

This is a big week of fall activities! Read on, friends!

Mid-Week gets started Wednesday, October 4 with supper (with tacos for supper) at 5:30pm and lessons for all ages from 6:30-7:30pm. Adults, we will be meeting in the sanctuary at 6:30pm for introductions of the classes being offered as well as meeting the teachers who will be offering them. I'll have you fill out a card for the classes you think you might like to attend so I can make sure to choose rooms and spaces that will suit the size of each class.

The DMV group (Discipleship Men's Version) is finally getting started! Your first gathering will be Saturday, October 7 from 8:30-10:00am in the fellowship hall. You'll be meeting the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings of every month. John Blok is leading that group again, so if you have questions, you can contact him (or me). 😊 Remember, this group is open to men of all ages. And you're always encouraged to bring a friend!

And let's discuss a few of the details for choir this year. Our church choir only sings at Christmas time. Our first rehearsal is this Sunday, October 8 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. My goal is to have 80 singers in our group! I know that's a big goal, but I know we have that many people who can sing! This year, I've ordered some new music, and I'm excited to get working on it with everyone. No need to sign up in advance for choir (or nursery). If you want to sing, just come!

And as I mentioned in my previous articles, 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 led. 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!

I hope to see a huge group of you a Mid-Week AND choir!

Liz

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## FINANCES

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023

General: \$14,359

Vision: \$820

Missions: \$650

General YTD: \$716,310

Vision YTD: \$56,007

Vision Account Balance: \$25,745

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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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