

THE COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 1, 2025

THIS WEEK

OCT 1- OCT 8

Wednesday, October 1

5:30-6:20pm- Meal- Pulled Pork

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, Oct. 4

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Oct. 5

COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am-

Worship Services

10:10am- Sunday School

7:00pm- Refresh

(College aged/young adult group)

Monday, Oct. 6

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 7

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 8

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High School Youth Group

Clyde's Update

It is October friends. Fall is upon us. The weather feels like August, but it is October. The area is now filled with the harvest in full swing. I am not sure where September went, but it is now in the past. I am still hoping for a long fall. We will have to see how all of that unfolds. Enjoy the warm weather because that will change, and we all know how that works.

This week we started our first MidWeek night. Liz is actually making up a chart of just how many people it takes for that program on Wednesday nights to run. That number will be amazing. Every work group, all the sponsors, all the class presenters, and everyone else who pitches in to make that happen is very special. We are hoping for a good season again this year. There are new teachers and new classes this year as well. We are running out of space for places to hold classes for adults. That's such a great problem. I want to again encourage all of you if you haven't been to a MidWeek, consider doing that this year. Stop out and just watch all of that in motion. It is a well-oiled machine. It's October and time for MidWeek!

I am sure for those of you who drove into the parking lot on Sunday noticed the change. It sure does look nice and fresh. That was a good project with all the concrete and blacktop refinishing. It was time to get that done and because of the generosity of you all, that got finished. Thanks for all the work of the building committee folks as they put in some extra time for us getting that all lined up. Great job Community! It looks very nice!

Choir: We are just about ready to begin our rehearsals. I get nervous about just how many people are going to get involved each year. I know that so many of you have so much on your plates already and you really don't need one more thing to do, but we sure do love it when you decide to take time and be a part of this Christmas choir. As I mentioned before, Liz and I took some real extra care this year in working out some new songs and put together what we believe is just some great music for this group of fine singers. If you haven't been a part of this, I would encourage you to join us and for those of you who have always stepped up and make this a part of your Christmas season, we are looking forward to seeing all again. Go Community Go!

Sunday the series continues. The words have been challenging to me as I have heard for so many of you as well. The idea is to begin to walk in the way of the cross. To see the world as Christ did and to understand what is going to give us lives that are abundant. It is what we all desire. Jesus came to bring that kind of life to us. He was a great Savior of the world. He knows what he is talking about. I trust we can hear that voice of the good shepherd who gave his life for the sheep. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

MIDWEEK
WEDNESDAYS

STARTS OCT. 1ST

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.
Ps.24:5-6

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

ANGEL TREE- PRISON FELLOWSHIP

One in 49 children in the U.S. has a parent behind bars. Angel Tree Christmas gives incarcerated parents a way to provide a Christmas gift and a personal message, delivered by caring, local volunteers, as a tangible representation of their love. Every Angel Tree family is also given access to a free, easy-to-read copy of the Bible.

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Let's take some time to show our appreciation to our pastors for the time, energy, and resources they give time after time!

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In need of prayer or want to share your prayer request?
Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- John Thornton (hip surgery)
- Susan Vos (broken leg)
- Jocelyn Clevering (MRI 10/2 for seizure follow-up)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Hen Timmer (surgery recovery)
- Donna Holmgren's brother, Tim
- Heather Dewit's stepmom, Patty
- Ryan Vos' dad (recovery from auto accident)
- Jan Sturing
- Rhonda Lockwood (bilateral mastectomy)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (hospice)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Ken Stellinga (Pancreatic cancer)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Steve Lee
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

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FRESH ENCOUNTER

SATURDAY MORNINGS
@ 7:00AM

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.

<https://bradymartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMNRb0Xcg9KIhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>
Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

Passcode: 052482

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Call Shawn Blom at
605-940-6702 with questions.



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Corn Maze 2025

October 12th
6:15-7:15

Heartland Country Corn Maze



Middle school, high school,
friends and family are
invited to join us for
another year in the maze!

We will meet at the Corn
Maze (off highway 11).
Please RSVP with Doyle
through GroupMe or email
by October 10th

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Wednesday, Oct. 1st

6:30-7:30pm- Middle School Youth Group
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group
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Hi Community!

The start of Midweek has arrived, and I can't wait to connect with the kids again. We have some staff returning and some new faces volunteering and on staff as well. We will be learning from a variety of parts of the Bible and doing many different projects and activities. The schedule is:

Fun Zone opens at 6:00- kids can come to the Children's Wing after they get done eating to play and connect with friends.

Class starts in the center area of the Children's Wing at 6:30. We do a lesson, then an activity by age group, and then kids can choose from drumming, dance, or other activities.

We wrap up at 7:30pm

Parents, a flyer was sent home with the kids about options for the Christmas Program this year.

You can find all of the information at:

<https://communityrc.org/christmas>

If your child is interested in a speaking part, acting, drumming, or dancing, be sure they come to Midweek.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
605-336-1475



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Mid-Week gets started this Wednesday! So much planning goes into this ministry at Community. And it takes dozens and dozens of volunteers to make each little cog function. I hope to see record breaking numbers of people at Mid-Week this year. It's truly one of the best ways to meet and connect with others from church. October 1 is our first night. The meal will be served from 5:30-6:20. All of the groups and classes will run from 6:30-7:30. Nursery care is available too. I hope to see you all there!

Once again, here's a short reminder of the adult classes we'll be offering this year:

Pastor Clyde – Sermon Continuation Study

Pastor Liz – What Do You Worship?

Pastor John T. – The Wired Word
(Please note that the start of John's class will be postponed until his hip surgery and recovery are complete.)

John Blok – Men's Life

Abbie Coffey – Followship

Grace Collins – The Flower Patch

Audrey Hein – Contemplating the Psalms (Fall Only)

Ross Larson – A Healthy Life (Spring Only)

On the first night of Mid-Week, the adults will meet in the sanctuary to hear introductions and descriptions of the classes and the instructors. After that, I'll ask the adults to do a soft register for the classes they plan to attend. This helps me plan which spaces would be most suitable for each class. So, please come and register for the class you want to attend! I would really appreciate it. 😊

And lastly this week, I saw a wise saying come across one of my social media feeds that I think might be a helpful for some of you. The saying was, "Only consume as much as you can pray for." And it was regarding media and the infinite feeds we can watch, hear, and read every day. The saying makes an excellent point. It's possible in today's world to consume so much information from media sources of all types that we can become absolutely overwhelmed with what we see. We have no way to process all that information. Overconsumption of media can lead to anxiety and depression, among many other things. However, if we limit our consumption to what we feel we can adequately pray for, we acknowledge that we can't do it all. But then we can pray, and in doing that, we acknowledge that God *can* do something! We can't pray for it *all*. We can't carry it *all*. We were never meant to! Only God can do that. But we can participate in *doing* something about it by praying over it. Putting limits on what we consume is a way to humble ourselves and admit that we are not God, and praying about it also allows God to be God. So, if you find yourself in a position where you're feeling overwhelmed by the state of things, or you feel helpless to make a difference, you might want to think about that quote. Turn off the media for the day, pick something (or things) to pray for, and leave it at that. "Only consume as much as you can pray for." And leave the rest in God's hands. He's more than capable. 😊

Have a great week!

Liz

Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

MEAL @ 5:30-6:20PM
CLASSES @ 6:30-7:30PM
H.S. YOUTH GROUP @ 7:30-8:30PM





COMMUNITY KIDS

LOOKING FOR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS!

COME PLAY WITH THE KIDS!

You'll serve only 4 times throughout the year!

LEARN MORE



early childhood weekday

Play Free Group

All are welcome

TUESDAYS
9:30-11:00AM

Parents/ Grandparents/ Caregivers and Kids younger than Kindergarten age will join together for open play time in the Community Nursery as they enjoy time together.
Questions? Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org or 605-336-1475

THE GIVE

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



The Banquet

Ground regular Coffee

School Team

New or gently used tennis shoes (for kids to use in gym class) (elementary & middle school sizes)

Bison Pantry

Shelf stable low sugar and/or high protein snacks individually packaged for kids who are at school until later in the evening

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

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

AA MEETING (OPEN)

Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the youth room. Use east doors.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Monday Evening Bible study is starting on Monday, September 29. Class is at 7:00pm.

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the church. We will be discussing *Mad Honey*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave and 33rd St. We will be discussing *Killers of the Flower Moon*.

REFRESH

Weekly gathering of college students and young adults every Sunday at 7pm.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet at 1:30 on Oct. 21st. Jerralynne is hostess and Helen has the lesson.

FINANCES

Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025

General: \$12,085

Vision: \$400

Mission: \$260

General YTD: \$669,140

Vision YTD: \$28,638

Vision Account Balance: \$1,001

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6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110

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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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