

THE COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 15, 2025

THIS WEEK

OCT 15- OCT 22

Wednesday, October 15

5:30-6:20pm- Meal-

Chili/Chicken Noodle 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, Oct. 18

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Oct. 19

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

Worship Services

10:10am- Sunday School

4:30-6:00pm- Choir

7:00pm- Refresh

Tuesday, Oct. 21

9:30am- Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 22

5:30-6:20pm- Meal-

Tacos

6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes

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High School Youth Group

Clyde's Update

This morning feels a lot more like fall. We got a little rain this weekend which was a nice relief from all the dry and dust. Everything seems somehow fresher. It was a lovely morning. I know there are lots of activities going on right now around the area with lots of high school bands and all the sports things going, it is a full plate for a number of our families. It keeps them on their toes that's for sure. I hope you are all enjoying this fall weather as it is indeed one of the nicest times of the year around here.

Sunday was another really good day in church. I know that lots of folks were out traveling because the schools are on a fall break, but even with that we had a great morning together. There are definitely some good things going on in that room. The Spirit is moving, and we are doing some good work together in that place. We are having church! I have really enjoyed that time we spend together. It makes a difference in all our lives...me included. I hope you are all learning how important we are to each other. We can't do this discipleship journey alone. It doesn't work. We gather together and work for each other. The giving of our time and prayers matters friends. Wonderful moments together make for hearts that can hear with a very different sense of comfort and presence of a God who loves us. That's what churches are all about.

Choir: We had a fine number of singers who were there for our first rehearsal Sunday afternoon. We are still hoping for about 10 more...that would be perfect. We had some who couldn't be there, but we still would like a few more. The ones who are there can really sing. We have some great readers in that group. It was a fine first rehearsal. I was impressed. If you would like to join in that fun, please join us. It is just a great ministry in so many ways. We have free nursery care. Join us. We would love to have you!

This coming Sunday we are going to take a little time in each service to offer up a word of celebration for the parking lot fund project. We are going to be ending that project now as we have funds that we can use for things that need attention. I know that many of you were giving to that fund rather than the old "vision fund". You can go back to that one, if you wish. The vision fund is money that we use directly to aid in the mortgage payment from the addition we put on in 2014. I want to say thank you to everyone who made gifts to the parking lot fund. That project took care of the parking lot, fixed the concrete that was starting to age, and also took care of the sky-light water problem. There is also enough in there now, to have a fund that we can use for other things that may need our attention in the coming days. It was a great success. We want to share that with you all on Sunday. Thanks everyone!

Sunday, we will talk about the amazing gift of Spiritual affirmation. I know that sounds very complicated, but it is a simple idea that can bring great joy into our lives. We all are looking for that something which can fill our lives. We look to each other for security and praise. My life can only be full when my spirit is filled by God's Spirit. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- John Thornton (hip surgery recovery)
- Susan Vos (broken leg)
- Hen Timmer (surgery recovery)
- Donna Holmgren's brother, Tim
- Jan Sturing
- Rhonda Lockwood (bilateral mastectomy)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (hospice)
- 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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Wendy Hellenga and her family. Her dad, Alan Ratliff, passed away.

Our condolences also go out to Heather DeWit and her family for the passing of Heather's stepmom, Patty Van Aartsen.

Please keep them in your prayers.

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=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KlhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>
Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

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



Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of
you, But may all who seek you rejoice
and be glad in you; may those who long for your
saving help always say, "The Lord is great!" ...may the
Lord think of me. You are my help and my deliverer;
you are my God, do not delay.

Ps.40.16-17

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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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

I hope your week is going well. Some of you may know that my stepmom, Patty Van Aartsen passed away this week, and she was a special person in my life. I may decide to share more about her later, but if I'm honest, my sadness is pretty big this week and I don't want to dig in too deep as I write this on a Monday morning. I didn't meet her until I was about 16 or 17 years old, yet her impact on my life was profound and sweet. I want to take a minute to encourage those of you who are reading this and are part of a family that includes divorce. My life is evidence that God can do beautiful things in a family impacted by divorce. Divorce can be hard for families, but God can take any hurt and use it for good. The people who became part of my life after my parents divorced are a special gift to me and God has used them and continues to use them to shape and change me in many positive ways. If you are a stepparent, stepgrandparent, etc., please don't underestimate your potential to support the faith development of a child and show love. God is so good.

I want to remind 3rd Graders that Bible Sunday is coming on October 26. This class of 3rd graders have been asking me about their Bibles nearly every week since this summer, so I'm guessing they won't forget. I love the excitement and joy that kids show about having their own "grown up" Bible and spending time in God's word. It is a gift to me that comes with spending time with the kids at Community. All 3rd Graders are welcome to come up to the front during the 9am or 10:45am service to receive their Bible. We'll pray together before they sit down with their parents. If you have a 3rd grader who is uncomfortable with coming to the front or if you have a child who has already completed 3rd grade but wasn't here to get their Bible, please know that we always have Bibles available. We store them in my office, right next to the door, so they are easy to grab when needed. I love it when someone asks for a Bible for their friend, family member, or neighbor. I wish I would have kept a count of how many Bibles have gone through the doors over the years, but since I didn't, you'll have to take my word for it- it is a big thing! In addition to the study Bible that we have given out, we have also given some graphic novel Bibles to children and adults who do better with pictures than reading alone. For those of you who give financially to the church to make giving away free Bibles possible, thank you! God is using those gifts to share His Word and His Love in far reaching ways.

Speaking of sharing God's Word, a flyer was sent home with the kids about options for the Christmas Program this year. Preschool parents, you should have been given a paper that has the words for the songs the kids will sing at the program. K-5 parents, there is a paper that went home with the memory verse for the program that is designated for each grade level, K-5, as well as a verse and two songs that all kids will share together. The K-5 kids can also participate in dance and drumming parts of the program by practicing on Wednesday nights. 4th and 5th graders have the additional opportunity to participate in speaking and acting parts for the program. A form just for 4th and 5th graders went home and I'd like to have that returned this week if possible so I can assign parts soon.

You can find all of the information at: <https://communityrc.org/christmas>

Enjoy some pictures from our Noah's Ark Rainbow lesson.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



We had another record number of people join us for Mid-Week last week! Last Wednesday was the first lesson night for all the classes, so it's not too late to join this fantastic ministry at Community! Remember, we have something for every age group on Wednesday nights. The meal is open to everyone and is served from 5:30-6:20. Classes and groups for all ages run from 6:30-7:30. It really is a wonderful way to meet, connect, and grow with others from Community. If you've been looking to connect with others from church, Mid-Week is your best bet. I hope to see you there this week. Bring a friend!

Christmas Choir got started on Sunday afternoon! We had a wonderful group of singers join us for the first rehearsal. I'm thrilled at how well everyone sang through the new songs. We have work to do, but I know we'll be ready for our concerts in December! Again, if you want to be a part of the choir (and we'd love to have you) here are a few things to note:

- Choir is open to 6th graders through adults
- We rehearse Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00pm in the chapel.
- Childcare is provided during rehearsals.
- The performances will be December 14 at 9:00 and 10:45.

If you'd like to sing with us, just come to rehearsal on Sunday!

And lastly this week, I'd like to recommend another book. I've been reading through a daily devotional by Tim Keller and his wife, Kathy. This devotional is called, "God's Wisdom for Navigating Life: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Book of Proverbs." I started reading this devotional in April of this year and was immediately struck by the depth available in these short writings. In just a few paragraphs for each day, Tim and Kathy expound on Scripture, encourage and exhort the reader, and challenge the reader in his or her relationships with God and others. Each devotional is packed with nuggets of wisdom, which I have found to be especially meaningful as I have worked my way through the book. I've read *many* devotional books in my day, and this one is definitely in my top 3 favorite devotionals of all time. If you are able, I highly recommend that you get your hands on this book and read through it one day at a time. You will be blessed.

Have a great week!

Liz

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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, **November 10** 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.

BOOK CLUBS

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

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, October 12, 2025

General: \$6,700

Vision: \$425

Mission: \$420

Wednesday night: \$257

General YTD: \$712,935

Vision YTD: \$32,767

Vision Account Balance: \$5,128

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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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