

THE COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 22, 2025

THIS WEEK OCT 22- OCT 29

Wednesday, October 22

5:30-6:20pm- 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, Oct. 25

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Oct. 26

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

8:45-10:45am- Missions Fair
10:10am- Sunday School

4:30-6:00pm- Choir

7:00pm- Refresh

Monday, Oct. 27

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 28

9:30am- Play Group
7:00pm- AA meeting

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Clyde's Update

Our fall colors are awake now. I know how quickly that will all be over as those leaves don't last very long. As I was driving down my street yesterday, with sun hitting those colors it was just spectacular. I do love the fall and all that color. The morning sunrises and sunsets this time of year are also so amazing. It is God's handiwork in full display. He's a very good artist. I love the fall. I have some hunting get-aways coming up in the near future which, as you all know, is my relaxing time with my mind and heart on something different than what I normally do. I am looking forward to that. Fall is here that is for sure.

This coming Sunday is our annual Missions Fair. When you come into the lobby there will be all kinds of tables and people there. They represent many of the yearly mission groups and organizations that we support. The list is long. This church has always been committed to being involved with so many different groups with a vast array of different mission's focus. It will be many local, but also international. You will find some that are individuals and still others that are large organizations. We do them all. It is the overwhelming sense that we are not alone in spreading the good news. These are our partners in that work. Stop by a table and say hello. Get to know them on personal level.

MidWeek continues to grow in numbers. Each week we are gaining. I love it. I still want to encourage you to join us for those great evening meals and seeing the heart of the church in that place. I am so encouraged by the number of new people who have chosen to join us on Wednesday nights. That is still the very best way to meet people and get more connected to the life of this place. Join us! It is a blessing we all get to share together.

Sunday night's choir rehearsal was so much fun. We are starting to get a sense of just how many are in the group and it looks to be somewhere around 50 members which is very good. The best part of the group is that this bunch of singers can really sing...it is so much fun. We are doing lots of different music this year, but it is very Christmas. You will recolonize every single song which makes the season of Christmas come alive. We are so pleased with these folks who give of them time to do this for everyone. They are a blessing. It's going to be a great concert friends. Choir members, keep up the good work. You are doing a great ministry! Thank you!

Sunday is scheduled to be the last message in this series, but I may have to extend it a couple of weeks. We shall see. There is just so much more to do with this subject of the "Paradox of Surrender". As we share that time together, we are all realizing how true to our lives this subject has been. It brings out the real inner struggle of how we do this Christian walk. It is not a formula, and it is not a simple set of ideas that we hold to. It is a daily surrendering of what we want in our lives and what God blesses us with each day. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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



A Meal Train is in place for Jon and Gracia Harmsen's family to help them through Gracia's recovery from her recent surgical procedure. Here is the link for anyone who would like to help with a meal or a gift card. Please also continue to pray for Gracia's healing and for Jon and Ezra as they care for her.
<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/dngv8v>

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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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

- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Al Price
- John Schubert (muscle biopsy)

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)

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=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KlhbfdoMWC2Cb.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



October is flying by and it has been so great to have everyone together on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights this month. We get 5 Wednesday nights in October so this week we will be finishing our series for both the middle and high school groups. Then, the 5th Wednesday we will be having some fun with a little challenge between the high school and middle school group that we will keep going throughout the year.

Next month, both middle school and high school will be going through a "You Asked It" series on Wednesday nights. Over the next few Wednesdays and Sundays, students will be able to ask questions they have about faith and how that impacts their lives. I will sort through the questions submitted and work on answering students' questions throughout the month of November. Each year we do a series like this and allowing space for questions has been a great way to allow students to connect with God's word in a unique and impactful way.

Final item for this week. Our high school youth will be having a fall retreat coming up **November 21st-23rd**. We will be heading back to Lost Timber Bible Camp near Chandler Minnesota. Our fall retreat is just students and friends from here at Community and it has become one of the favorite events of the school year. We will leave Friday evening and get back to church Sunday morning close to the Sunday School time. Our theme will be "Follow Me" and will be a time to reflect, be reminded and be encouraged in the messages from Clyde's series he is in now and our Wednesday night series we are doing currently. Registration is open now! You can email me for the form or students can pick them up at church Wednesday or Sunday.

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

Doyle

HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

Thank you for your kindness and care this week as my family mourned the loss of my step-mom, Patty. I am especially thankful for the staff here at church and the way they took good care of me and the rest of my family during a tough time. They repeatedly offered the right words, right help, and right support at just the right time.

I want to give one last reminder for 3rd Graders that Bible Sunday is coming on **October 26**. 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. I've already heard from some families who will be out of town this week, so some kids will pick up their Bibles on a different day. 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 pick up.

As Liz announced on Sunday, I've sent home Christmas Program information with all of the Pre-K through 5th Grade kids. You can find all of the Christmas Program information at:
<https://communityrc.org/christmas>

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
Community Kids
605-336-1475



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



I cannot believe we are past the midpoint of October already. These days are flying by! It feels great to have all our fall ministries running at full speed. Here are two quick highlights for things you can be involved in at Community, along with an upcoming special service:

Mid-Week is Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30pm. Remember we always serve a meal from 5:30-6:20, and classes for all ages run from 6:30-7:30pm. It's never too late to come to Mid-Week. You'll meet new people and have multiple opportunities where you can learn and grow your faith. Our class schedule is posted on signs in the lobby. You're welcome to jump into any class at any time!

Christmas Choir has had 2 wonderful rehearsals, and it's not too late to join us if you'd like to be a part of that group. We meet Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00pm in the chapel. Our concerts will be December 14th. We offer free childcare during our rehearsals, and we'll take singers from 6th Grade through adult. The music is challenging, but the singers are already impressing me with their ability to read and learn the new music! If you'd like to join us, please come!

And lastly, we've set a date for our next Immersion Baptism service! After our last service this summer, we had several people mention that they were interested in being baptized, but that date didn't work for them. So, our next baptism service will be Sunday, November 23 at 3:00pm in the sanctuary. If you'd like to be baptized that day, please contact me, and I'll add you to my list. Last time we baptized several kids as well as adults. If you've given your life to Jesus and you want to be baptized, please let me know! We'll make it happen. 😊

Have a great week!

Liz

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OCTOBER 9, 2025

CONSISTORY NOTES

In attendance: Karen Van Holland, Dustin Schouten, Mike Boyenga, Harvey Odens, Curt Zwart, Doug Harms, Darren Ellwein, Susan Bierwagen, Lonny Ackerman, Sean Fantroy, Alex Hoogendoorn, Eric Van Donge, Jim Fisher, Justin Hinks, Jordan Lipp, Tyler Wolf, Tom Weerheim

Lunch, devotion, opening prayer by Alex Hoogendoorn. Meditation on temptation.

MSA minutes of September 11, 2025, meeting.
MSA September 2025 financial report by Justin Hinks.

Old Business
Parking lot work is completed. Discussion of missing handicapped markings. Clyde will call to have them add those lines.

Tom Weerheim reports that the neighbors to the east will put in 3 deciduous trees in the spring of 2026.

New Business
Review of staff reports.

Budget proposals submitted to Justin Hinks by team leaders.

Pastor Clyde Teel presented a proposal for streamlining the consistory nomination process. Emails will be sent out October 10, 2025, for consistory review. A vote will be taken at the November 2025 consistory meeting.

Pastor Clyde Teel presented a proposal for additional signage on the building. Four options were reviewed. The cost of the signage is already in the 2026 budget proposal.

MSA to accept the bid from Final Cleaning Company for 2025-2026.

Discussion of replacement of indoor and outdoor lighting. Appreciation expressed for the anonymous volunteer who proposed and completed the project.

Closing prayer by Susan Bierwagen.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bierwagen, Clerk

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.

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.

REFRESH

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



FINANCES

Sunday, October 19, 2025

General: \$60,415
Vision: \$485
Mission: \$335
Wednesday night: \$270

General YTD: \$773,350
Vision YTD: \$33,252
Vision Account Balance: \$3,220

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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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