

THE COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 29, 2025

THIS WEEK OCT 29- NOV 5

Wednesday, October 29

5:30-6:20pm- 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, Nov. 1

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Nov. 2

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

10:10am- Sunday School

4:30-6:00pm- Choir

7:00pm- Refresh

Monday, Nov. 3

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

7:00pm- WD40 Women's group

Tuesday, Nov. 4

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

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Joel's lasagna bake

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Clyde's Update

Lots of leaves have already succumbed to the wind or the rain. That pretty season doesn't always last very long. There are still some very pretty red trees around, and we can enjoy them. Fall is moving right along as we will see November arrive this coming Sunday. Can you believe that? With that also comes the change on the clocks. So, remember to "fall back" and set those clocks back an hour. That will give you all an extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning. You'll be all rested up for church.

I'll be in Nebraska on Sunday morning doing a fall bow hunting in a great place with some very nice people. It's a Pastor's retreat which I have done before. It sounds like the weather is going to be a little chilly, but that can be the very best thing for hunting. I just love going and sitting in a blind or a tree stand watching a whole different world do what it does. I find that so relaxing and so filling. I know, it's not for everyone, but for those of us who have fond memories of times like that, it is a great time. It is only a three-day hunting, so I'll be back on Tuesday and be in the saddle for next week's MidWeek activities. I have several days set aside in November to go back home and do a little hunting as well, but I'll be around for all the Sundays. Doyle is doing this Sunday for me, so treat him nice! He will be prepared as he always is. It is good for him to get in front of you so that you get to see him in that space and get to know him better. It's good for him as well! Enjoy your Sunday time together.

We had a great Sunday this past week with all our mission guests in the lobby. We got some great feedback from them as to how their morning went. We never know if they want to keep doing that, but once we get them here, and they meet and talk to people, they always tell us just how much they appreciate that day. It is a great annual event that we do. We also found out that we can sure go through a lot of doughnuts...we set a new record in that area. There were so many people at the 9am service! Lots of new faces...Go God Go!

It was third grade Bible Sunday as well and gave out nearly 30 Bibles to the kids on Sunday morning. That is always such a great morning for them. We get calls from families checking out all of that, so we know just how much that means to the kids. It is a special gift that we can share with them. Again, let me remind you, if you know someone that would like to get a Bible to someone, get in touch with Heather because we love doing that ministry. It is one of places we don't mind going over budget. What a great gift!

Sunday I will be gone. I don't know yet what Doyle is preaching on, but I'm sure it will be a good word. When I get back, I am doing a short series on the opening chapter from the book of Philippians. It will be a continuation of the theme we have been doing this fall. This new series will give us a look into the heart of the apostle Paul to those church folks he had come to know. We'll talk more in a couple of weeks. Have a great week!

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.
Ps.63.1



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Al Price
- John Schubert (muscle biopsy)
- John Thornton (hip surgery recovery)
- Susan Vos (broken leg)
- 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=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KlhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>

Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

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



DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



We are entering into our "You Asked It" series in November for both the middle and high school students. This is a series we do each year and always ends up in great conversations and encouragement as students wrestle with questions of faith. Finding a space to ask questions can be so beneficial (for all of us) and allows us to seek God through our doubts, questions, experiences, and unknowns. I'm looking forward to walking through this series as a group.

This week in Sunday school, we will be talking about the renewal of our mind. So often we walk through life trying to make things on the outside look good while pushing aside or holding onto the struggles we face inwardly - which can be so exhausting. This week we are encouraged to allow Christ to reverse the trend and transform us from the inside out.

Finally, the high school group has an upcoming retreat **November 21-23**. I think this is one of the greatest events we hold each year as we step away from our normal routine to spend time together, time in God's word and hopefully finding some rest! We will be going to Lost Timber Bible Camp near Chandler MN. It's a beautiful place with great spaces for a group to spend both inside and outside. If students are free and interested, please contact me for registration information!

That's it for this week.

Doyle
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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

It was so good to hand out Bibles to our 3rd Graders on Sunday! We had good groups at both services. If you have a third grader or older child who hasn't received a Bible from Community yet or if you or another adult you know needs one, please stop by my office. In the window next to my office door is a stack of Bibles, ready for you to pick up and take home.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
605-336-1475



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



This week I want to write about noticing. Now, this is something I've written about from time to time, but for my article this week, I want to talk about noticing as we head into the holiday season. (Yes, friends. By the time we worship in church on Sunday, it will be November, and the holiday season will be upon us.)

When is the best time to notice something? Before it actually happens! That might seem like an impossibility, but it's not. What I'm driving at here is that we can't notice things if we aren't looking for them.

As the holidays approach, I know the general sentiment for people is that

- 1.The holidays arrive too quickly. There's never enough time to prepare.
- 2.The holidays fly by too quickly. There's never enough time to enjoy them.
- 3.The holidays are full of expectation and wonder, but we never seem to achieve what we'd hoped in all our planning.
- 4.There's a huge letdown after the holidays.
- 5.And for some, the idea of the holidays is that it's just one big depressing season that must be endured until the new year begins and everything goes back to normal.

But what if...

What if you went into this season determined to notice...

What if you entered this holiday season in an attitude of looking for treasures...

- Maybe you look for and notice something small every day and thank God for the little things.
- Maybe you decide to notice something unexpected every day and praise God for His sovereignty.
- Maybe you decide to notice one beautiful thing every day and thank God for the gift of creativity.
- Maybe you look for something that would be easy to miss...and notice it...and lift it up to God for blessing.
- Maybe you look for and notice Jesus in places you never imagined Him. The grocery store, the mall, the bus stop...

Friends, I fully believe that if we enter this holiday season with the daily discipline to open our eyes and notice what God brings into our sight, we will be overwhelmed with all the places we see and meet God and His goodness. And that will absolutely change the way we experience the holidays this season, whether we're looking forward to them or not. The noticing matters.

Blessings as you notice.

Liz

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**BELIEVERS BAPTISM
SUNDAY, NOV. 23
3:00PM**

To sign up for baptism or if you have questions about baptism, contact Liz Teel (liz.teel@communityrc.org).

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**MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR OCTOBER**

LUNCH IS SERVED

Lunch Is Served is a nonprofit organization with the unique mission of delivering simple sack lunches for working men and women who are attempting to break the chains of poverty and hunger.

WELCOME

We welcome these new members
to Community!

Joe & Sherry Dorhout

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.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on November 18th at 1:30pm. Mary is hostess and Barb has the lesson. Don't forget your donation for our special Christmas present.

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Frozen River*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave and 33rd St. We will be discussing *Fur Trader's Lady*.

FINANCES

Sunday, October 26, 2025

General: \$12,436
Vision: \$430
Mission: \$75
Wednesday night: \$270
Sunday School: \$60

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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