

THE COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 8, 2025

THIS WEEK

OCT 8- OCT 15

Wednesday, October 8

5:30-6:20pm- Meal- Baked Ravioli

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. 11

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Oct. 12

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

10:10am- Sunday School

4:30-6:00pm- Choir

6:15pm- M.S. & H.S. Corn Maze

7:00pm- Refresh

Monday, Oct. 13

Noon- Senior Citizens
(E. Pizza Ranch)

Tuesday, Oct. 14

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 15

9:30am- Book Club
(Bagel Boy on MN Ave)

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Chili/Chicken Noodle soup

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Clyde's Update

It appears that the warm temps may be taking a break for a few days. I don't think most of us will mind that. It was very warm for this time of year. I know it really helped turn the crops into harvest ready, but it also does a little extra drying that we don't probably need. Harvest around the area is now in full swing for sure. It is amazing how quickly that gets going and then it is full speed ahead until it gets done. Those large machines can make short order of the field. That is one of the biggest changes in farming that I have seen. Those machines are so big and now also so very technological. It is a different day. Fall is here. Let's enjoy the season.

Last week, we did our first MidWeek of the year, and we had the biggest first night gathering that we have ever had. It was amazing. We are really hoping for a great year. We had over 200 adults signed up for adult classes. Because of that number, we are going to have to divide the big fellowship room to accommodate the need for larger classrooms. It was a good start to the season. I want to say it again, if you ever want to really get connected to this place, do MidWeek. It is the very best way to get to know people and feel a part this community of people. I am looking forward to the season.

Choir: Liz mentioned on Sunday that this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30pm is our first rehearsal of the year. We never know how many people are going to join us. It is a little nerve racking in that we have spent some time picking out some great music, but we never know who all is going to show. Every year it is that way. We are really encouraging folks to come and join us. We are also going to be making practice tracks this year for everyone as well. This is something new for us. We hope that might encourage a few more to join us. It is a great group with some great music. I know you are all busy, but we would love to see you on those Sundays. It is a great ministry in lots of ways friends. Join us!

I want to put in a word for our nursery. I know they are always looking to increase the number of volunteers for that ministry. I want to encourage anyone who would like, to help them out. It is a short time, and you only sign up for 4 times for the entire year. That's not a difficult ask and it is means so much to so many. Don't just walk by it, walk in there and see all that they have put together in that space. Those ladies have done a marvelous job of putting that all together. We have a strong tradition of good work that has been done for the nursery and we want to continue that tradition. Get your name on the list...we can do this!

Sunday, the series will take a bit of a turn in the material we are going to talk about. I believe we have set a good foundation for what it means to be a disciple, so now I want to bring us to the see the benefits of this adventure in our lives. When Jesus was teaching this, he always made a point of saying if you want a full life this is what you do. He never talked about this cross-bearing life as somehow a life filled with sadness and despair. It was always about a life that was full and "Fully Alive". How does that work when I am asked to give up my way and take up the cross. What in that kind of life fills our hearts? We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you,
"Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek."
Ps.27.7-8

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

- 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
- Heather Dewit's stepmom, Patty
- 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)

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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=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KlhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>
Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

Passcode: 052482

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





HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

We had a wonderful time at our first week of Midweek and Sunday School continues to go well!

It is never too late to join the fun at Sunday School or Midweek.

If your child is planning to do drumming or dance at the Christmas Program, you'll want to start coming to Midweek asap.

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

As a reminder, 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>

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

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
605-336-1475



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Mid-Week is officially running, and we had a wonderful first night! We served a record number of people for our opening meal (238 people), and we had almost 200 adults register for classes! There will be signs up in the lobby on Wednesday night with the locations of each class. Once again, I encourage you to join us if you're looking for ways to connect with and get to know others at Community.

And if you're interested in growing your faith with others, any one of the classes offered will certainly help with that. Plus, it's absolutely acceptable to try different classes every week. Remember, we have something for every single age group at Mid-Week, babies through adults. I hope you'll join us, and bring friends!

Our Christmas Choir rehearsals get started this Sunday afternoon, October 12, at 4:30pm. Our rehearsals run from 4:30-6:00pm on Sunday afternoons through December 7, with our dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 13 at 4:00. Concerts will be performed on December 14 at the 9:00 and 10:45 services, and then we're done! Honestly, it's a pretty easy commitment. We will take singers aged 6th grade through adults. Our music is challenging, but learnable. And this year, there's a good chance we'll be offering practice recordings for those interested. I've ordered almost all new music again this year, and I'm really hopeful we have enough people to fill out our choir! If you have some choir experience, I'd love to have you join us this year. And inviting outside people to sing with us is also encouraged. The more the merrier! I hope to see a huge group of you this Sunday!

Have a great week!

Liz

Liz.Teel@communityrc.org



DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

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

Wednesday, Oct. 8th

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



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.

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, October 5, 2025

General: \$19,458

Vision: \$1,975

Mission: \$1,725

Wednesday night: \$324

Sunday School: \$35

General YTD: \$706,235

Vision YTD: \$32,342

Vision Account Balance: \$4,703

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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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