



THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPT 13, 2023

Weekly Calendar

SEPT 13 - SEPT 20

Wednesday, Sept. 13

6:00-8:00pm- High School
Youth Group

Saturday, Sept. 16

7:00am- Prayer Ministry
10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)
See details page 2 for details

Sunday, Sept. 17

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service
10:10am- Adult Sunday School

Tuesday, Sept. 19

9:30-11am- Play Group
7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, Sept. 20

9:00am- Book Club
6:00-8:00pm- High School
Youth Group

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

This week will mark the middle of the month of September. I know, it is going way too fast. The weather has cooled down a bit and there is a hint of fall in the air. I love the fall as you all know, but I do know what comes after. We'll just enjoy this nice weather and pray for a little rain as well. I know the crops are now starting to be taken out of the fields, but a little rain would sure be nice. Those hot days a week ago, really dried things up. South Dakota is like that, but change can come at any time.

Sunday was our annual Block Party Sunday, and we did have a nice turnout for all of that. The weather was perfect for the kids to tear up the inflatables on the lawn and the food was very good. Good things seem to happen around here when we put food on the table. I always say some very good church can happen around tables, and indeed it can. There were lots of sign up sheet on the center tables in the lobby and people were looking all of that over. There are many things to get involved in this fall friends. I hope you will all take part in some of them. If you are new, these are great ways to connect to our church family.

MidWeek signups are out now as well. We need some big help to make those evening meals on Wednesday night work. The size of that project is not small, and we, who are a part of that night, know how very special all of that is. There are going to be several adult classes for us to choose from and of course, there is youth and kids' night as well. It is a family night by design. I know that life is busy and finding time to put one more thing on the plate is getting more and more difficult. However, maybe the busyness of the lifestyle makes something like MidWeek even more important. We are trying to make that a valuable time for everyone. Signup to help with the meals and if you have questions, ask any one of us and we can give you some good information.

Signup sheets: Heather is still looking for help in the Sunday school area. We are getting close, but we still need some help there. It's a wonderful way to make a difference. The class prep is very easy, and you will find it most rewarding. I mean that. Teaching kids is something that can change hearts and a changed heart can do amazing things. Pray about that everyone. We need your help.

The new series of messages is off and running. It is one that I truly believe will be challenging and informative as well. "Be A Bringer." The theme speaks for itself, but it is going to go in some directions that you might not be expecting. As I mentioned on Sunday, I too, found this theme to go in a place I hadn't expected. I love that! This week we will look at the story of the friends who tore the roof off a house to get a weary soul in front of Jesus. Their passion and hope could not be denied. They were going to do whatever it was going to take to get it done. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



**This Sunday, we'll be celebrating our Youth Pastor, Doyle.
He completed his seminary degree! Congrats Doyle!**

Fall Dates to Save

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, Sept. 24

Sunday School Starts
10:05am

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Midweek Starts

Saturday, Oct. 7

DMV- Discipleship Men's Version
8:30-10:00am

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HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JERIS & MAYLENE VANZEE
ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**

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NEW

SUPPERS SIX

Join us for a new twist on an old favorite. Suppers Six is a group of six adults- couples or singles- coming together for a night of good food, fun, and fellowship! It's a time to reacquaint with long time friends and make new ones.

A host will be selected who would be willing to:

- 1) Invite 2 persons to the event outside of those who are signed up.
- 2) Set a date for the event.
- 3) Provide a home meal, meet at a restaurant, or meet at church. Take out is totally fine too!

The month for the events will be October, January, and February. Each group will be responsible for their own date and times.

For more information contact:
Cheryl Weerheim- 605-940-8413
Deb Teunissen- 605-359-6375
Elaine Deelstra- 605-351-4202

Sign up at the table out in the lobby or by contacting one of the above people.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

..... PRAYER MINISTRY

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.

Join via phone: (346) 248-7799

Meeting website:
<https://zoom.us/j/862139432>
Meeting ID: 862 139 432
Password: 853781

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

..... MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Gideons

..... AA BIG BOOK MEETING

For the summer months, AA will be meeting via Zoom on Saturdays at 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09>

Please contact Tom Jacobs
(tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

..... SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, October 9 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

..... BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Sept 19, at 7 pm in the back of the chapel at church. We will be discussing And Then We Laughed.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing The Dutch House.

..... HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will resume meeting on Sept. 26th at 7:00 pm. Barb is the hostess and Marjie will lead lesson 7.

MIDWEEK

Adult Classes

Midweek starts Wednesday, Oct. 4

Pastor Clyde – The Reason for God

In a culture where the existence of God is often questioned, and the necessity of God is downplayed, the reason for God is of immense importance. In this study, Clyde will be using a book written by the late Tim Keller as a guide to discussions on this vital topic. You do not have to read the book to participate in the class.

Pastor Liz – What the Heck, God?!

Liz will be leading Biblically based discussions about why bad things happen to good people, the problem of suffering in the world, and how we live with hope in the midst of pain. She'll be using several books as resources and guides for this study and hopes to facilitate honest discussions about these pertinent issues.

Pastor John – The Wired Word

John will be leading discussions that correspond to current events happening around the world. These topics will change every week and will be discussed with Scriptural influences.

The Flower Patch – facilitated by Grace Collins

This group is focused on young women who are looking to nurture their inner "garden" selves in the context of a loving community of other young women. Through these discussions and shared experiences, these women will learn to recognize the value of all growing seasons in life; whether they are in blooming or pruning seasons.

Cooperating with Grief – facilitated by Susan Bierwagen

Susan will be leading this group for those who have lost a loved one and are looking to join in conversations about working through and understanding the changing stages of grief. Conversations will focus on varied tools and methods for maneuvering through grief.

History and Purpose of the Gospels – taught by Kyle Wigg

Kyle will be leading this study. He will cover questions such as "Why do we have four Gospels?", "Where did they come from?", and "How can we trust they are even true?". This 5-week course will cover the origins, authors, history, and purpose of the Gospels through reading, discussion, and multimedia.

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Glenda VanDenHoek (hand surgery)
- Mary Warner (shingles)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Judy Van Meeteren (hip surgery recovery)
- Dalton Coffey (broken arm)
- Carolyn Odens (foot surgery)
- Chuck & Joyce Tarrell (recovery from car accident)
- Clarideth Kingsbury (cellulitis)
- Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)
- Stuart Schouten (Parkinson's disease)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Kathy Klein
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Leah Reuwsaat's mom, Marie
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloom
- Angie Bonnema's dad
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad


CONGRATULATIONS

Chris and Bekah Mehrens welcome Cole Durham Mehrens September 7th. Joining big sisters Hazel and Alyda along with big brother Reid.

THANK YOU

Our heart felt THANK YOU for your support with prayers, cards, words of comfort with the passing of Dorland's mother.

Dorland & Shirley Schuld

A photograph of three children playing outdoors with many bubbles floating around them. The children are smiling and reaching out towards the bubbles. The background is a lush green field with trees.

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

I need your help. Could you please pray about if God is asking you to volunteer with Sunday School this year? If not you, could you think of a handful of people you could ask to consider this need? We have at least one teacher and helper for every grade, but we need the rest of the team:

- We also need another co-teacher for the Kindergarten grade class, as well as another assistant for that class.
- We need many substitutes so that the regular volunteers have all of the flexibility they need.
- We have some new volunteer roles this year. One of those opportunities: I need someone to hang out in the Kids Wing to be available for things like running to make copies for a teacher, grabbing supplies from the closet, answering questions for teachers, welcoming parents, etc. so that I can help in a classroom more often this year. Some weeks, you would just hang out in the Kids Wing as a friendly face. Other weeks, a teacher might need something from you like popsicle sticks from the supply closet. If that sounds like you, could you please send me an email?

Sign up and see what we still need at: <https://tinyurl.com/49t5tkw4> or contact me.

See you soon!

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**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
STARTS
SEPTEMBER 24**



WE HAVE CLASSES FOR EVERYONE:

- 3yo through Pre-K start with singing in the Kids Wing.
- K-5 Grade go to their classrooms in the Kids Wing.
- Middle School and High School go to the Youth rooms.
- Adult Sunday School is in the Chapel overflow.
- Parent Connection Group meets in the Chapel.
- The Nursery is open during Sunday School.

JOIN US AT 10:05AM



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

It's that time of year when we spend a great deal of effort trying to get information out to all of you about upcoming ministries at Community. If you missed the Fall Kick-Off on Sunday, here are a few things to keep in mind moving forward.

If you want to sign up to help with Mid-Week, Sunday School, Suppers Six, or any of the other ministries you might be familiar with, please contact the office or look for the sign-up sheets on Sunday in the lobby.

If you are looking for information about Mid-Week, please check at The Corner or The Link. We have informational postcards describing Mid-Week as well as an entire pamphlet listing the adult classes and descriptions.

If you are looking for information about other Adult Education options at Community, check out the Adult Education pamphlet which can be found at The Link or in The Corner. You'll find information about book clubs, men's and women's studies, adult Sunday School, and lists of Mid-Week classes. (I already mentioned that pamphlet. Did you see it in the previous paragraph? 😊 I'm just making sure we cover all the bases!)

If you want more information about Children's Ministries, head to The Link or The Corner where you'll find info sheets and postcards to help guide your understanding of what's available, or you can contact Heather with any questions you might have. Heather.DeWit@communityrc.org.

If you want Youth Group information, contact Doyle to get on his emailing list. Doyle does a great job of connecting with parents and making sure they are well aware of all the Middle and High School youth opportunities. Doyle.Burnside@communityrc.org.

Our seasonal church choir gets started October 8 at 4:30pm with concerts being performed on December 10. If you want to join us for choir, just make plans to attend rehearsals in the chapel. I've ordered almost all NEW music this year, and I'm so excited to get to work on it with you! I'll be announcing more about this on Sunday mornings as well, but get that first rehearsal on your calendars, friends!

And if there are other things you'd like more information about but you can't find it here, please contact Holli in the office. She'll make sure to get you connected with the right people!

Whew! I can tell it's going to be a full fall at Community, but my hope is that by offering many different kinds of ministries, we can find a place for everyone at Community!

Enjoy this beautiful fall week, friends!

Liz

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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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