



THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPT 20, 2023

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

September is marching along, and I can begin to see some colors on the trees right now. Fall is here it appears. The cool mornings have arrived, at least for a while. A little rain would be nice, but we don't have any control over that. I have heard there is a chance later this week. It is a wonderful time of the year in South Dakota for sure. Hunting seasons are coming, and I like those, as you all know. It is a busier time at church as well. We are seeing more programs getting started each and every week. Sunday, we start Sunday school and the 10am hour gets busy. Heather said she is ready. The teachers are in place! Here we go!

A word of thanks to all of you who said yes to being a teacher this year for us. As I mentioned on Sunday morning, teachers are "bringers". You have an opportunity to be one of those people who point a child towards Jesus. It's not how much you know: it's who you know! That relationship you have with Jesus, when it is evident and lived out, becomes one of the most valuable gifts you can share. Thank you all for saying yes.

Sunday morning, our friend, Paul Logan was with us. He introduced us to Nastia his wife for the first time. Paul's passion for what he does, is evident when he speaks. His perspective on the crisis in Ukraine is so valuable for us to hear. He is there! I think he will know things that so many others will not know. It was good to see him and hear Nastia sing for us. Several of our Community folks were with him Sunday evening at the prayer gathering on the USF campus. I would characterize that time as a refocusing our attention on the seriousness of the current situation in that country. It was a time to be reminded to pray for an end to the war and to ask God for a moving in that nation to bring about redemption and new life. It will not be easy. God is bigger than that circumstance. Go God Go!

Attention Community Choir folks: We start in a few weeks. Music has been picked out! It is wonderful! We need you now. Sunday afternoons at 4:30pm. We have child care available. It's a great group of singers. I know it is a lot to ask, but I still believe these small gatherings of people can be such a great way to connect with people and make a personal impact on your life as well as provide an opportunity to touch the lives of others. Please consider joining us! It's going to be a great concert...we need you!

I am in need of a more team members to join on production group on Sunday mooring for the live-stream and sound production. The more we get, the easier it is on everyone. I can do the training. You just need to ask me. There is a certain amount of skill for that, but if you have a heart for that ministry let me know and I'll set up some time with you to get that ball rolling. We are wanting to start live streaming 10:45am again as well. We have heard from our friends who watch that they miss that service. We can do it, but we need folks to help us get that done. It's a ministry. It's an opportunity!

Sunday our message series takes and interesting change. Being a Bringer is not always about what we can do, but rather what God can do through us. Jesus can make the difference. He makes all the difference. He will change the very nature of all that we do. I love that! My steps are guided for the sake of another's life. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Weekly Calendar

SEPT 20 - SEPT 27

Wednesday, Sept. 20

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

Saturday, Sept. 23

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

Sunday, Sept. 24

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Service
10:10am- 1st Day of Sunday School

Tuesday, Sept. 26

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Sept. 27

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

YOU
BELONG
HERE

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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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to come to the Monday evening's men's Bible study group. Starting on Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm the Men's Bible Study will start. It will last one hour and consists of Bible readings, prayer, and discussion. You will be blessed if you attend! Be a bringer and bring yourself out to Bible study! Please contact John Thornton for more information, or just come on out.

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

..... FRESH ENCOUNTER

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!

..... 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

- Helen Robinson (surgery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Glenda VanDenHoek (hand surgery)
- Mary Warner (shingles)
- 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 Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)
- Stuart Schouten (Parkinson's disease)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- 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 Sloot
- 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

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

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Sunday School starts this week! I can't wait to see the kids and volunteers together and watch God move in the Kids wing. If you want to be part of that, I've still got openings for you.

We also need another co-teacher for the Kindergarten grade class, as well as another assistant for that class.

1. I'd love to have one more helper for the Kindergarten class and one more helper for the first-grade class. This is a "be there when you can" role to offer more caring grown-ups for those classes.
2. We still need many substitutes so that the regular volunteers have all of the flexibility they need. We have 3, but I like to have 5-6 subs available.
3. 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 any of those roles sounds like you, could you please send me an email? You don't need supplies or to be a teacher. We give you everything you need. You don't need to be specially equipped. God does the heavy lifting.

I have to share a story about God at work this past week. Finding Sunday School volunteers has been trickier than usual this year so having God bring help in such an obvious way was awesome. One day, I mentioned the name of someone that I was planning to ask if they may be feeling called to volunteer. Within a handful of minutes, that person walked in the office door of the church and when I asked them to teach, they said yes! Then, the very next day, I said another name and again, within minutes, that person stopped by the office to ask a question. The person was standing in nearly the same spot as the person the previous day. I asked and the person responded with a quick yes. Then, in church this Sunday, some people agreed to help with Sunday School as well. God is on the move, and it is going to be an awesome year of Sunday School!

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Children's Ministry
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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

I can hardly believe we are already in the middle of September. In fact, I heard someone this past Saturday say that there were only 100 days until Christmas. Don't start throwing snowballs yet, friends. 😊 Instead, let's talk about choir!

Here at Community, we have a seasonal Christmas choir. All singers (6th grade through adult) are welcome to join us! We meet on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00pm in the chapel, starting October 8. Childcare is provided for anyone who might need that. Our concerts are performed on Sunday, December 10 at both the 9:00 and 10:45 services. I'm especially excited to get started this year because I've ordered several new pieces to sing! As always, these pieces will challenge us, but I believe we'll be able to get them ready for an inspiring concert. We have yet to reach that elusive number of 80 singers, but I live in hope that this might be the year! If you want to sing in an above-average church choir, please make plans to join us on October 8! And as always, let me know if you have any questions.

Also, this year for the choir concert, I'll be needing a group of children to sing one of the songs with us. Please keep your eye on my newsletter for more information about that in the coming weeks.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the start of Mid-Week on October 4. Remember, Mid-Week is one of the best ways to connect with others at Community. We have something for every age, and we'll be serving supper! Please make plans to join us October 4.

I'll be heading to USD in Vermillion this week to speak for a CRU/Campus Crusade event happening there. I'm looking forward to spending a little time with some college students! Prayers appreciated!

It looks like we'll be getting at least one more week of summery type weather, so be sure to get out and enjoy that, friends!

Liz
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FINANCES

Sunday, Sept 17, 2023

General: \$14,907
Vision: \$455
Missions: \$1,050

General YTD: \$689,348
Vision YTD: \$54,567
Vision Account Balance: \$31,700



**Interested in baking some goodies
for the CRU Fall Retreat?**

**CALL THE OFFICE OR EMAIL HOLLI
(CONNECT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG).
GOODIES WOULD NEED TO BE AT CHURCH BY
THURSDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 28TH.**

**COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110**

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Permit No. 7119

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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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