



THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPT 27, 2023

Weekly Calendar

SEPT 27 - OCT 4

Wednesday, Sept. 27

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

Saturday, Sept. 30

7:00am- Fresh Encounter
10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See details page 2 for details

Sunday, Oct. 1

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

Monday, Oct. 2

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study
7:00pm- WD40

Tuesday, Oct. 3

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Midweek Starts

5:30-6:30pm- 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

YOU
BELONG
HERE

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We move into this last week of September friends. Can you believe this? The fall is moving along quickly, and this coming Sunday is October first! That's right, October! The colors are in starting to appear a little more now and the mornings have a little crisp in the air. I do love this time of year. The farmers are busy as well as fields have ripened and the harvest is in pretty much full swing. The change of season is upon us. I do hope for a long mild fall, but once again, one never knows how that will go. I have some hunting that I want to get done, but that's another few weeks away. I don't want to rush things because it all goes to fast the way it is.

October means we are getting into full swing the activities of the church. First on my list this week is MidWeek. For many of you reading this letter you all know all about MidWeek, but if you are new the newsletter and new to us, MidWeek is a great way to connect this church. It is night of meals around the tables, classes for kids, classes for adults, and youth night all fit together in the best way we know how. There are groups who do the cooking and the serving. You can sign up for and there are several classes you can plug into as well. It is one of the best things we do around this church for individuals and families. I'm doing a book study in my class this year by the late Tim Keller called "The Reason for God". I am going to use that book to spark conversation about the culture we presently live and the proof that we have that God is real and active! He is not a myth! I am looking forward to it. If you have questions, talk to me about it. Tim Keller has been one of the finest authors of our time and his perspective for Christian thought in our current age is spot on. Join me! Let's do a deep dive on the subject and see where God leads us.

October means choir is going to be starting as well. Each year, Liz and I get a little nervous wondering just how many people will join us. I know that people have so much on their plates and trying to get one more thing plugged into the schedules can be a difficult thing, but we really do try to get it done at the most convenient time we can. Sunday late afternoon, childcare provided, great music to sing, a message to present, and just some awesome people to get to know. It's another way to connect and make a difference. In many ways we become "bringers" because music is a powerful tool in sharing the message of God's work in our lives. Join us October 8 at 4:30pm!

Sunday is Worldwide Communion Sunday. Our story is going to be an interesting one the series on bringing people to Jesus. It is a story you all know very well. Jesus in this story is being betrayed and one of disciples is going to bring the soldiers to Jesus. I don't want to say much more than that, but I am sure you can connect some dots already. It is a contrast of the ages with the innocent Jesus and the guilty church of the day. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Upcoming Dates

Mark Your Calendar!

Monday, Oct. 2

Men's Bible Study - Led by John Thornton
7:00pm

WD40- Women's Discipleship Group- Led by Liz Teel
7:00pm

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Midweek Starts

Saturday, Oct. 7

DMV- Discipleship Men's Version- Led by John Blok
8:30-10:00am

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

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE NIGHT

It's that time again for our annual fall College Care Package night for the 2023 Fall semester students.

Do you have a family member or friend in college this semester? Join us for 30 minutes- to an hour as we gather to assemble boxes of goodies and encouragement, sprinkled with prayers, to be delivered to these students.

No college student? Consider joining us anyway.

Email Robin Jacobs at robinmjacobs98@gmail.com or call/text 612-730-7754 by October 9th to participate or for more information.

When: Tuesday, October 10th, at 6:30pm
Where: Church (kitchen area)

What to Bring: 1 empty box/bag for each of your student(s) and around 2 dozen of single items to be shared in the boxes. Examples are pretzels, 24 packs of gum, meat sticks, cookies, encouraging verses

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!

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7 pm at the church in the back of the chapel. We will be discussing *Long Way Down*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The Extraordinary Deaths of Mrs. Kip*.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle will meet on October 17th at 7:00 pm. Wilma is hostess and Barb will lead the lesson.

DOYLES' UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Sunday School is officially underway! While this time is different than our Wednesday nights, it is still a great time for students to connect with one another and study more about God and His word. Abby is leading the middle school students through the attributes of God to start this year and is really excited to be back with the middle school group on Sundays mornings. The high school group will be working through different questions, topics and books of the bible that students share on Sunday mornings. Students already came up with some great things for us to start this school year with and I am looking forward to the study and conversations that will come from all of those!

It is our last Wednesday night of only high school group this week before all of midweek starts up next week. We are finishing our series "You Are Known" as we look at the gospel message through a different lens this year. There is so much power and freedom in bringing our wholeness before God and letting Him work and move through it all. My prayer as we finish this series is that students can experience the peace, joy and comfort that comes from the love of Jesus. He is so good!

I am working on setting a date for our October event as the high school group has requested we go back to the corn maze again this year. Once I get that all set up I will be communicating that with students and parents. The last few years have included rain – maybe this year will look a little different!

With so much starting up and going on now that fall is in full swing I will stop there. If you have any questions regarding the youth ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Laurie Long (knee surgery 10/2)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Helen Robinson (surgery recovery)
- 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 Sloom (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 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

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby.
It's a place to donate to local ministries.

St. Francis House
New Flip Flops

The Banquet:
New Food Storage Containers

Ronald McDonald House
To-go snacks, hamburger helper, spaghettiios

McCrossan Boy's Ranch:
leather work gloves, twin XL sheets



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY



Hi Everyone!

The first week of Sunday School was wonderful. It was so fun to see the classrooms filled with smiling kids and volunteers. There were some new faces as well. Parents, if you didn't make it to the first week of Sunday School, it is just fine to join any time. There are three pieces of information that went home with kids this week, depending on their grade level.

1. A welcome letter telling you what the theme is for your child's class for Sunday School this year and reminding you that I'm here to help and answer questions.
2. A packet of Christmas Program information. It is also available at: <https://communityrc.org/children> SIGN UP IS DUE OCTOBER 1.
3. A note for parents of 3rd graders about Bible Sunday on October 15. If you have a 3rd grader, you can come to the 9am or 10:45am service and we'll give kids their Bibles in front of church. If we missed your child when they were in 3rd grade and they still want to come up, that is ok too. If kids don't want to be up front, they can get their Bibles before or after church as well.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Children's Ministry
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Attention 3rd Graders (and Parents):

OCTOBER 15

Bible

SUNDAY

Come to the front during the 9am or 10:45am service to receive your Bible. If you don't feel comfortable coming up during the service, you can get your Bible before or after church or in Heather's office any time.

See you soon!

COMMUNITY KIDS *
CHRISTMAS
* **PROGRAM** *

DECEMBER 3, 2023 | 3:30PM

SIGN UP DUE OCTOBER 1
PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 5

communityrc.org/children



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

As I've been saying for the last several weeks, the month of October is when everything really gets moving here at Community. And since Sunday is October 1, let's do a rundown of all the ministry opportunities happening at church the first week of October...which is NEXT WEEK!

Women! The WD40 group will have our monthly gathering on Monday, October 2 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Remember, women of all ages are welcome, and we always meet the first Monday of every month. No need to RSVP. Just come for some meaningful conversation and fellowship and bring a friend!

Everyone! Mid-Week gets started Wednesday, October 4 with supper (I think it's tacos) at 5:30pm and lessons for all ages from 6:30-7:30pm. Adults, we will be meeting in the sanctuary at 6:30pm for introductions of the classes being offered as well as meeting the teachers who will be offering them. I'll have you fill out a card for the classes you think you might like to attend so I can make sure to choose rooms and spaces that will suit the size of each class.

Men! The DMV group is finally getting started! Your first gathering will be Saturday, October 7 from 8:30-10:00am in the fellowship hall. You'll be meeting the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings of every month. John Blok is leading that group again, so if you have questions, you can contact him (or me). 😊 Remember, this group is open to men of all ages. And you're always encouraged to bring a friend!

Singers! Choir will be starting October 8! We meet in the chapel from 4:30-6:00pm on Sunday afternoons. Choir is open to any singers who are middle school aged and up. I'd really love to get 80 singers this year, and I've ordered some new music that I am hoping will be exciting to sing as well as inspirational to hear. Nursery care is provided every week. No need to sign up in advance for choir (or nursery). If you want to sing, just come!

Also, this year for the choir concerts, which will be December 10, I'll be needing a group of children to sing one of the songs with us. We'll chat more about that at our first rehearsal.

And finally, as I mentioned in my article last week, I had the privilege of speaking at a CRU event on the campus of USD in Vermillion. Thank you so much to those of you who lifted that event up in prayer. The power of God was incredibly evident in the room, and the Holy Spirit was clearly at work in that place. As God prompts, continue to pray for college students and ministry workers who give so much time and attention to discipling students for Christ. I was deeply moved by my time there!

Enjoy these fall days, friends!

Liz

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FINANCES

Sunday, Sept 24, 2023

General: \$12,603

Vision: \$620

Missions: \$325

General YTD: \$701,951

Vision YTD: \$55,187

Vision Account Balance: \$24,927

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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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