

# THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

## THIS WEEK SEPT 10- SEPT 17

**Wednesday, Sept. 10**

**7:00pm-** High School Youth Group

**Saturday, Sept 13**

**7:00am-** Fresh Encounter

**Sunday, Sept 14**

**First day of Sunday School**

**8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am-**

Worship Services

**10:10am-** Sunday School

**Tuesday, Sept. 16**

**9:30am-** Play Group

**7:00pm-** AA meeting

**7:00pm-** Book Club

**Wednesday, Sept. 17**

**9:00am-** Book Club

(Bagel Boy on MN Ave)

**7:00pm-** High School Youth Group

**STARTS SEPT. 14<sup>TH</sup>  
@ 10:10AM**

## Clyde's Update

September. There is thunder outside my window this morning. (Tuesday) It sounds like a few more showers coming for the morning. It has been a cooler start to this month, which I find very refreshing. The schools, out here, are in full swing with lots of activities all around us. Things are getting busy, one might say. The fall planning is nearly finished now, and it is time to put all of this into action. Time will move quickly as it always seems to go, and before we know it these months will get away from us, so enjoy the fall. It is a beautiful time of the year in our area with many things to do and take in. I am looking forward to all of that.

Sunday was a very nice morning. I know it was not the best that we moved the time to 11am, but we just really felt that extra hour of sun would help with the chilly morning, and I do believe that made a big difference. There are lots of people to thank for all the work it took to get that done; too many for me to name, but you know who you are. There were several different crews of people responsible for various things to be done. It takes a lot to get that all in place. I know for people who love those outdoor things, it was a perfect day to be out there on that green lawn. You about could not have picked a nicer morning to do that. It was nearly perfect in that way. We had no wind...how often does that happen? The birds in the air were a nice touch as well. Thanks to everyone for being willing to be flexible with the change to your morning. We are looking for feedback now as we assess the whole day and make our ongoing plans.

The parking lot is supposed to be started this week sometime. They are very aware of our need to have things available on Sunday's, so don't worry about how all of that will go. It will be so nice to get that all finished because it really is needed. I don't expect there to be any major problems for you when you arrive on Sunday. Just pay attention to things for a couple of weeks.

Choir: I know many of you are planning on singing with us this year, and we are looking forward to starting in a few weeks. The music is almost all new for the year, and we took great care in planning some really nice things for this music day. I am really hoping for a big group again this year and each year I always say I would love 80 voices in the choir. I know they are out there. If you have questions talk to me. I am getting excited to start.

MidWeek is just around the corner. That means kitchen help will be needed. I will just trust that all of that will come together as it always does. I know it takes a lot of people to get that done and for the most part, each of those work groups know who they are and how they get their teams together. Also, we have more classes than ever this year. Some new ones as well. It looks to be a great season. If you haven't done that for a while or maybe never...this could be the year. I encourage people to be a part of this as it is one of the best things we offer. MidWeek...consider joining us!

Sunday, I start the new series. There is a lot to this one. The theme is all about giving yourself up for the sake of the cross and finding a new life in that journey. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

**SUN  
DAY  
SCHOOL**

"God is. God is near. God is love, Longing  
to communicate Himself to you." Andrew  
Murray

## MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

### CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

Celebrating one year in their new facility, CHS is located at 113 N. St Paul Ave- a secured shelter for family safety and crisis intervention.

CHS averages 78 people per day with an average stay length of 21 days. New commercial kitchen serves over 950 meals and snacks a week for guest for total of over 40,000 cartons of milk and 25 tons of food each year. Along with crisis housing, CHS offers 24 hour crisis hot line, free counseling, parenting education, support groups, community ed, and rural outreach.  
[www.chssd.org](http://www.chssd.org).

## THE GIVE

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



#### The Banquet

Ground regular Coffee

#### East River Foster Parent Network

New & gently used kids clothes

#### Community Youth

Empty Ink Cartridges & old cellphones

#### School Team

New or gently used tennis shoes (for kids to use in gym class) (elementary & middle school sizes)

In need of prayer or want to  
share your prayer request?

Email Pastor John at [prayerline@communityrc.org](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

• Jan Sturing

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rhonda Lockwood (bilateral mastectomy)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (hospice)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Ken Stellinga (Pancreatic cancer)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Steve Lee (cancer)
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Joselyn Cleveringa (seizures/testing)
- Daisy Johnston (seizures)
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Steve Zimmerman
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloot
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the family of Joe Johnson.  
Please keep their family in your prayers.

## HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary to  
Jerry & Betty Ackerman on Sept. 10th!

## 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.

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



# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Sunday was great and you couldn't ask for a better day with the weather! It was also a great opportunity to connect with some of you as things start up here at Community. There is a new energy and passion I have for this fall and I think some of that has been coming from the messages Clyde has been bringing Sunday mornings! I'm looking forward to being back together as a middle and high school group!

This week, the high school group opens up our September series Wednesday night. We will meet from 7:00-8:00 and will be going through a series title "What Happened?" It is a series on the gospel as we talk about how we experience the power of Creation, the Fall and Redemption throughout our lives. There is a power to the message that everything else we do centers on.

Then, Sunday morning kicks off our Sunday school time together. This first week will be an introduction into the year as we will be exploring different themes and truths that we find throughout scripture. Along with our conversations on Sunday mornings, I will be putting together a reading guide for anyone who wants to join me in reading during the week. Each day there will be a short section of scripture to read that points to a theme or truth that we will go through that next Sunday. They don't all revolve around that specific theme, but they will remind us that there are consistent things that come up in all of scripture. There is power in reading the Bible. This year we continue to explore God's word while being encouraged to build a habit of doing so throughout the week.

With Sunday's introduction, I am also inviting all parents to join me this Sunday for a parent meeting. We will talk about what is going on this fall and a few opportunities for students here at Community. I will also be asking you as parents for some wisdom into the struggles and issues your students are walking through before we close our time in prayer! If your house is anything like mine, there are some really awesome moments that make your heart jump with joy. Then there are some times where parenting is so difficult. As we walk through this year, I pray we can find ways to partner together to build up a generation that loves Jesus and experiences the Kingdom of God here and now!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the student ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime!

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# HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

I am excited to see you all at the first week of Sunday School!

We do still need a helper for the First-Grade class. We have one helper, so we need someone to rotate weeks with that person. To sign up, you can call me in the church office or send me an email.

On Sunday Morning, here is what you can expect:

- Sunday School is from 10:10am to 10:40am.
- If your child is new to Sunday School or feeling nervous, parents are always welcome to stay in the classroom too.
- Students in Grades K-5 all go directly into their classrooms. We encourage kids to bring their Bibles, but we also have Bibles in every classroom for kids to use.
- 3- and 4-year-old Preschool and Pre-K children both stay in the center room for singing time with Miss Emily. Many parents and family members stay for that part and some families with infants and toddlers join the singing fun too. All are welcome! After they sing a few songs, the Preschool and Pre-K kids go to their individual classrooms for a Bible story, project, and puppet time.
- At 10:40, parents can pick up their kids at the classroom door. Older kids often go find their parents in the lobby. Please let your child know where you'd like them to meet you after class. Preschool children are kept at the classroom door until a grown up arrives.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit  
Community Kids  
605-336-1475

## Student/ Parent Welcome Morning

Sunday, Sept. 14  
@ 10:10am  
Youth Room



## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP &amp; WORSHIP



I'm sure every staff article in the newsletter this week will be discussing Kickoff Sunday, and mine is no different! 😊 We could not have had a better day for that outdoor service. Perfect sunshine, perfect light breeze, perfect cloudless sky, perfect temperatures. I mean, God really outdid Himself with the weather. And of course, that makes everything so much easier! From the set-up to the service, to the meal and activities, I just don't think any part of the day could have gone better! And when that much effort, planning, praying, advertising, volunteering, and money go into an event, it's such a gift to have it go as well as possible. Thanks so much to everyone who came. And HUGE, MASSIVE, MONUMENTAL, ENORMOUS, GIGANTIC thanks to everyone who HELPED. Goodness, our volunteers worked hard on Sunday. Thank you SO much for all you did to give our Sunday an effortless "look," even though it was certainly effort-FULL. 😊

I would also like to say a special thank you to the adults who were willing to share briefly about why Community is important to them. It's a big deal to speak in front of a crowd, and I felt like every single person's words truly contributed to the worship of our service. Thanks so much Seth and Reagan Burchill, Jill Pudwill and Laurel Wolf, and Gary and Linda McCann. You were a blessing to us on Sunday!

Please keep in mind that the new brochures are available at church any time. Those brochures contain the entire staff's (full and part time) contact info, Sunday morning activities, Wednesday/Mid-Week activities, Mid-Week Adult class options, and several other ministry events that happen outside Sundays and Wednesdays. If you want to get connected at Community, grab a brochure and get started!

And lastly this week, I couldn't let this newsletter article go by without mentioning the doves that were circling overhead on Sunday. I almost couldn't believe what I was seeing...Dad was preaching about the Holy Spirit, and then hundreds of doves were overhead. Did you know that several of them even landed on top of the church near the cross?? Talk about a holy moment! I think one of the things I loved most about that experience is that it wasn't lost on those in attendance. SO MANY people were talking about it and were in absolute amazement at what God had done. I often pray that Community would have "eyes to see" God at work and that we would be aware and watching for when God moves. I do believe that you do have "eyes to see," Community. And that is incredibly encouraging for someone like me who works here. I'm excited to see what things God has in store for us as we move into the fall months!

Have a great week, and I'll see you on Sunday. INSIDE the church. Haha!

Liz

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## 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, Sept. 16, at the church. We will be discussing *The Fur Trader's Lady*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave and 33rd St. We will be discussing *The Wind Blows in Sleeping Grass*.

## HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on September 16th at 1:30. Carol is hostess and Donna has the lesson.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Monday Evening Bible study is starting on Monday, September 29. Class is at 7:00pm.

## FINANCES

Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025

General: \$3,636  
Vision: \$675  
Mission: \$190  
Parking Lot: \$750

General YTD: \$624,190  
Vision YTD: \$27,543  
Vision Account Balance: \$7,298



# FALL KICKOFF



## SERVICE & MEAL



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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](mailto: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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