

THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

THIS WEEK

SEPT 24- OCT 1

Wednesday, Sept. 24

7:00pm- High School Youth Group

Saturday, Sept 27

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Sept 28

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

Worship Services

10:10am- Sunday School

7:00pm- Refresh

(College aged/young adult group)

Monday, Sept. 29

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept. 30

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, October 1

5:30-6:20pm- Meal- Pulled Pork

6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes

for Children, Middle School

Youth Group & Adults

(Nursery also provided)

7:30-8:30pm-

High School Youth Group

MEAL @ 5:30-6:20PM

CLASSES @ 6:30-7:30PM

H.S. YOUTH GROUP @ 7:30-8:30PM

Clyde's Update

It was a very nice weekend. You can feel a little of that fall weather each morning. We spent Saturday, as a family, downtown at River Fest and got to play some music for everyone later in the day. It was a nice change of pace. Once in a while, it is good to do something different from the everyday things of life. It is very easy to get stuck in a work rut and forget that there are other things in life out there as well.

I can give one last report for the parking lot this week. If the weather holds, and that is always not the most certain of things, all the work on the lot could be done for next Sunday. It should look very different Sunday when you all drive up. That's the plan. Those folks doing the work have been so good and keeping the work isolated so we can do the business of the place and they were so mindful of making sure that the parking would not be affected for Sunday morning. I certainly did appreciate that from them. We are nearly finished with that project. It will be a nice addition to things when completed.

I want to also put in a word for our nursery staff this week. I mentioned on Sunday that they are really looking for more volunteers in the nursery. The more volunteers, the less each one of them must do the work in there. I just have all the confidence in the world that people will get it done, so if you can help us, get signed up. I know people don't want to miss church and that is a good thing, but just determine on those days you are in the nursery to spend the morning here...do church and do nursery. It is a plan that will work every time. Go Community Go!

MidWeek is just around the corner as well. I know there are plenty of spots for help there as well. It takes a lot planning and coordinating to get that program to work. From the classes that we offer to the meals that are done each week, it is a big project, but we believe one of the best things we do around here. I have looked at all the classes and I am so pleased with that line up of things for all of us to get involved with. Some new teachers and some new classes! I love that as well!

Choir: It's just about time to start planning for this. We have taken some special care this year in bringing almost all new music to that group. It is just great stuff! I am so looking forward to hearing how all of that will come together. Liz and I are also working out a way to get practice tracks to you all as well. That's a new thing for the year, but we want singers. We always say 80 members and we know that is absolutely possible. We have many good singers out there who we would love to see join that group. I know you are busy, and I know you have to learn to say no to things, but if there is a chance, consider this year. You won't be disappointed.

Sunday the series continues. I hope after this past week, you can now see what the focus of this series is. It really is about making a difference in the life of this church when we gather together each week. Can we all focus on the Spiritual well-being of everyone in that room. Give up ourselves for each other during that time. I think that would be so amazing. Discipleship is more than doing church, it is a commitment to the cross. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

MIDWEEK
WEDNESDAYS

STARTS OCT. 1ST

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name trust in you, for you,
Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.
Ps. 9:9-10

THANK YOU

On behalf of the family of Gary Van Den Hoek, we would like to express our thanks for all the love & kindness the Community family expressed during Gary's final journey home. The church family graciously extended their hearts out during our time of need. Our family is forever grateful.

Glenda Van Den Hoek & families

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.

In need of prayer or want to
share your prayer request?
Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Hen Timmer (surgery recovery)
- Donna Holmgren's brother, Tim
- Dennis Kolb
- Heather Dewit's stepmom, Patty

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ryan Vos' dad (recovery from auto accident)
- Jan Sturing
- 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 friends and family of Kristi Ter Wee, who passed away on September 9th.

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



We are getting so close to the start of midweek for the middle school group. This year, we start in a gospel series on Creation, the fall and redemption. It is a message that we have heard if we grew up in the church. Still, it is the most impactful message as it is the center of everything else we do. More than that, it can often take us 5, 10, or if you are like me, 100 times of hearing the same thing before it actually makes sense. I'm amazed at how God speaks to us in different ways through things we have read or heard so many times. My prayer is that students can experience the message of hope, love and forgiveness during our first month together.

Sunday school is officially underway and I have been enjoying putting together the series for this year. We will be going through different truth claims and themes found throughout scripture. This upcoming week we will be going through the truth claim - You Are Loved. We have a God who loves us, and it is a truth we can find through all of scripture!

This year I will be adding an additional way of communication through a phone app called GroupMe. Many of you may be familiar with this as it is a common texting app used by schools, sports and activities as a form of communication. This will be an additional way I will send out upcoming event info, any last minute changes that need to be made due to weather or other conflict, and an occasional survey to continue to get input and feedback from you as parents. If you were not at the meeting and would like to be added to this group, you can email me with your number you would like to use. I will be setting two groups (one for high school and one for middle school) up this week to hopefully add an additional, helpful form of communication.

That is all for now. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out anytime!

Doyle
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Wednesday, Oct. 1st

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

HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

We continue to have many smiling kids at Sunday School, both familiar and new!

Midweek starts soon and I'd love to have everyone join us. We will be learning about the Bible, having fun together, growing stronger as a community, and some kids will practice for the Christmas program.

We heard some great news from Community's partner school in Haiti. Please read the update below. If you want to learn more about the school, sponsoring a child, or Community's connections with our friends in Haiti, send me an email.
 See you soon!

Heather DeWit
 Community Kids
 605-336-1475

FROM MISSION HAITI



Just wanted to send a quick note of praise as we found out that all the 9th grade students at Frederique School passed their government exam!!! Not only did all of the students at your school pass but all of the students at all of the schools MH operates. This is the first time in history that that has ever happened!! We know this would not be possible without the steady partnership your church has provided, and we could not be more thankful for you. Thank you for all of the ways you have been integral in making this happen and helping impact so many lives. God is so good!!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



The first thing I want to do this week is share a book with you that is quickly becoming one of my favorites. It's called "Let God: Spiritual Conversations with Francois Fenelon" by Winn Collier. This book is actually a collection of letters that Francois Fenelon wrote to different people to help them with a variety of spiritual issues. Fenelon lived in the mid 1600s and was French (of course 😊). Winn Collier has taken the translations of some of these letters and rewritten them into every-day English. These letters are an inspired combination of encouragement along with the cutting work of a double-edged sword. I have found myself convicted, uplifted, challenged, and inspired. I'm a little stunned at how relevant Fenelon's words are for much of what we experience today, and so many of his words are also relevant to what Pastor Clyde has been preaching about recently! The book is easy to read, and the letters break down the writing into manageable bits. I highly encourage you to get your hands on this book and see where God takes you.

Mid-Week gets started next week!!! October 1 is our first night together. I always say this is probably the best way to connect and meet other people from Community. We serve a meal every night starting at 5:30, and then classes for all ages as well as youth groups run from 6:30-7:30. The first night of Mid-Week, we'll invite all the adults into the sanctuary after supper so you can hear more about each of the adult class offerings. You'll meet the teachers of the classes and have a chance to do a soft register for the class you think you'd like to attend. This is really helpful for me as I figure out which groups need which spaces at church, so please plan to attend

I'm thrilled with our adult class offerings for Mid-Week this year. You can find this list on the new Community brochures, which are available at The Link and The Corner. For the sake of convenience, I'll list them here too.

Pastor Clyde – Sermon Continuation Study

Join Clyde for a series of discussions and studies that will be an in-depth continuation of his current sermon series. If you want to take a deeper dive into the topics he is preaching about, this class is for you.

Pastor Liz – What Do You Worship?

Join Liz as she guides her class through Biblical discussions about worship, including what we worship, surprising present-day idols, and how we properly order that which we love.

Pastor John T. – 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.

John Blok – Men's Life

John will be facilitating study and discussion about what it means to live as a man who is focused on becoming more like Christ. Discussions will include topics such as work, supporting a family, marriage, fatherhood, Christian discipleship, personal growth, etc.

Abbie Coffey – Followship

Join Abbie as she teaches on the Biblical concept of "followship." Whether in church or work settings, "followship" works hand in hand with discipleship. Our discipleship to Christ is most effective when we practice excellent "followship."

Grace Collins – The Flower Patch

This group is for women who are looking to nurture their inner gardens in a loving community. Through discussions and shared experiences, you will learn to recognize the value of all growing seasons.

Audrey Hein – Contemplating the Psalms (Fall Only)

Join Audrey for a detailed study in the world of the Psalms. This class will include the context and authorship of the Psalms as well as learning how to use them in your personal spiritual growth. You'll even write your own Psalm!

Ross Larson – A Healthy Life (Spring Only)

Join Ross as he takes his class through a series of Biblical discussions about topics for healthy life in Christ. Lessons will focus on learning about Christ-centered health in multiple areas such as financial, spiritual, personal, and relational health.

Have a great week!

Liz

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CLASSES @ 6:30-7:30PM
H.S. YOUTH GROUP @ 7:30-8:30PM





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

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)

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

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.

FINANCES

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025

General: \$17,351

Vision: \$290

Mission: \$220

Parking Lot: \$400

General YTD: \$657,055

Vision YTD: \$28,238

Vision Account Balance: \$601

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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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