

THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

Clyde's Update

And now it is September friends! We are off and running into the fall season and the weather has been amazing. I heard some farmers talking on Sunday about how amazing the crop forecast around here seems to be...they are pretty excited about that. It has been a good summer in many ways. I know we still have many warm days ahead, at least I hope so. It doesn't have to be cold yet. We can wait on that for a few more weeks, but we know what is coming. Things are still green and we all like that. God has been extra good to us this summer. Schools seem to all be up and running now. There are plenty of activities going at full speed. It doesn't take long for all of that to get going. I have seen lots of photos of first days of school, as well as move-in day for our college kids. Lots of changes for many of our church families. It is the way life goes. Things seldom stay the same for very long. A person must learn how adapt to all of that or it will get away from you.

We got to spend a little time with my family on Monday. We went out to the river where my sister and her husband have a camper. My brother-in-law, John, fried walleye in the open air for us. Let's just say that was a good day. It is always to see everyone. Those days are gifts that we don't just take for granted. I hope you all had a nice Labor Day weekend.

It's fall around church and we have lots of things planned and hopefully all of that will come together. There are still many places to sign up to help, and I am praying all those things get all the people we need to make it all go. We try very hard to make sure we don't overdo things, but at the same time, we want things to be as good as they can be and that takes people. It's when we go to you and ask for help in building this place where great God things can happen. We all take that serious...I know you do as well. This coming Sunday we are all on the lawn. We have a fine morning planned for everyone and we are hoping for a good morning. **We've had a time change for Sunday! It's going to be a little chilly in the morning so we've changed the time of the service to 11:00am. Pass the word!!** We have a few extra things planned for the worship service that morning. Bring a chair if you can. We have lots of those, but it's a big help if you can bring some. We have never done this out here before, so this is most exciting. We are ready. I hope you are as well. Go God Go!

This Sunday, there will be sign up places at the food lines, and I would highly encourage you to look at those. Friends, if you are looking for a way to get to know each other better or you are looking for a way to give back to God...these are great opportunities to make a difference. I don't say that lightly. It not only helps us, but it truly can touch your lives as well. I hope you will consider those opportunities for us. I'm just asking!

Sunday's message is one that I have put together just for this day. I am not starting the new fall series until the following week. This one is just for this day. It is a day to celebrate what God has done here over the past years, as well as an opportunity to remind us of just how very special this church is. We are going to be hearing that from several of our people this Sunday, as well. I, for one, am really looking forward to hearing what they all have to say. For me...it is a day to speak of the moving of the Spirit in the church, the message of grace, and the meaning of the cross. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

THIS WEEK

SEPT 3- SEPT 10

Wednesday, Sept. 3

7:00pm- High School Youth Group

Saturday, Sept 6

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Sept 7

FALL KICK OFF SERVICE & MEAL

11:00am- One Combined

Worship Service on front lawn

12:00pm-2:00pm-

Free food, inflatables,
lawn games

Monday, Sept. 8

Noon- Senior Citizen's
(10th St. Pizza Ranch)

7:00pm- WD40 Women's Group

Tuesday, Sept. 9

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 10

7:00pm- High School Youth Group

ATTENTION
PLEASE!

TIME CHANGE

FALL
KICKOFF
SERVICE
& MEAL

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 @ 11:00AM

"God is just waiting for YOU to come into His throne room, stand before Him on behalf of others, and see what your prayers will accomplish for His eternal glory." Strategic Renewal

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

SERVING AT THE BANQUET

Community will be serving at The Banquet downtown on **Thursday, Sept. 11th.**

We need 6 people to help prep food from 2-4pm & 20 people for serving from 5-8pm.

Please email connect@communityrc.org if you can help or sign up outside at Kick-Off Sunday!

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

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)

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



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

I am so excited for the Kickoff service this Sunday. I get to help with face painting after the service, and I know there will be inflatables and snow cones too. I am even more excited for the service itself. I can't wait to worship together.

The first week of Sunday School is the following week, September 14. Please invite your friends and come enjoy time together. We still do "graded" Sunday School at Community, which means we divide up the kids by what grade they are in school. Many churches have gone to a large group format due to lack of volunteers, but we have been blessed with an amazing team of people who come teach the kids. That means the kids can share and learn in smaller groups and get to know one another. It also means we get to do crafts, games, and other fun projects to help us learn.

We are getting closer to having our Sunday School needs met for fall, but we still need a few more of you to plug in.

- One more teacher for 4th Grade
- One more Helper for the Kindergarten class- assist the teachers in helping the kids learn
- One more helper for 1st Grade

We also love to have as many substitutes as possible to offer maximum flexibility to regular teachers and helpers.

-We recruit two volunteers for each role so that each person will only serve half of the Sundays. We already have at least one person in every role. With Sundays off for Holidays, that means you are only committing to 15 Sundays per year. You and your co-volunteer will work together to set a schedule that works for you and if neither of you can take a week, we call on substitutes to fill in.

-The lesson plans are in the classroom along with all of the needed supplies. You just need to pray, read the lesson, and show up for the kids. Sunday School is from 10:10 to 10:40, so it is a fun filled half hour.

To sign up, you can call me in the church office, send me an email, or add your name to the clipboard at the link. During Kickoff Sunday, you can sign up on the great big whiteboard! There are many exciting opportunities listed there for everyone. I want to challenge you to sign up for at least one or two areas, if you haven't already.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
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September is here and with it comes the start of several things for the youth ministry at Community. First, our high school youth group is starting up for the fall. We will meet Wednesday nights throughout September from 7:00-8:00 with the chance for students to stay after to continue to connect. We will start, once again, in a Gospel series as we center on the main thing! This is why we get together and everything else we do this year centers on this message. I love the different conversations and moments we have as we explore the hope we have in Christ together.

Then, Sunday school will be starting up next Sunday, the 14th. I am excited about this year as both the middle school and high school will be focusing on different themes/truths from scripture. Last year, we spent time talking about the impact that reading scripture has on our lives. This year, we will be encouraged to continue to build up the habit of reading scripture with a reading prompt each week that will focus on the truth or theme that we will be going through on Sunday mornings together.

Parents, with Sunday School starting up, I also want to invite you to join me Sunday morning the 14th from 10:10-10:40 for a conversation on the youth ministry here at Community. We will be looking into the year ahead, I will share with you a few opportunities for students, and I will be asking for some insight into areas of focus as we move into the year. As parents, you continue to be the most influential people in your students' lives. I look forward to meeting together as we start this year!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle
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Student/ Parent Welcome Morning

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

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Kick-Off Sunday is this Sunday!! On September 7, we'll have one service, outdoors, at 11:00am. **NOTE TIME CHANGE!** We encourage you to bring your own chair if you are able. We will have some chairs set up to assist those who might find bringing a chair to be difficult. We also encourage you to invite a friend or two to church that morning. It will be an excellent day for visitors to attend! The service is planned, and I'm really excited to worship with you all that morning. We'll have some extra music that morning along with a few special worship elements we'll add into the service. I've been praying for no rain. 😊 But even more than that, I've been praying for a huge number of people to join us for worship that day. I would love to see our lawn packed with people who want to praise God for His goodness and glory. Please join me in that prayer if the Spirit leads you!

We will have lots of information available for you on Kick-Off Sunday. There will be fresh brochures with information about Mid-Week classes for adults, church programs for kids of all ages, information about youth groups, service opportunities for everyone, and small group ministries available to adults who are looking to connect outside the normal "church" days of Wednesday and Sunday. We will also have a big sign-up board to check out for those of you who are looking to lend a hand here at church. If you're wondering what goes on here at Community, please come on Kick-Off Sunday. I guarantee you'll find what you're looking for!

Attention WD40 women! Remember that we get started with our gatherings on Monday, September 8 from 7:00-8:00pm in the fellowship hall at church. Normally we meet the first Monday of every month, but since September 1 was a holiday, we bumped to the second week for this month. This group is open to women of all ages who are looking to connect with other women, to grow in their own faith walk, and to support other women in different life stages. We always have wonderful conversations and many laughs when we meet. If you want to come, just come!

And lastly, please don't forget about Christmas Choir. (I know, I know...it's barely September, but we must plan ahead for this!) I've sent out an email to former singers with our rehearsal and performance dates for Christmas Choir! We are doing 6 new songs this year, and we'd love to have you join us in singing. If you're interested in more information, please contact me, and I'll share the details. Choir is open to 6th graders through adults, and we practice on Sunday afternoons. We also provide free childcare for rehearsals. I'm always looking for that elusive number of 80 singers. Might this be the year we hit 80?? I sure hope so!

I hope to see you all on Sunday on the lawn!

Liz

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ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Sept. 8** 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.

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)



**STARTS SEPT. 14TH
@ 10:10AM**

ATTENTION

TIME CHANGE!!!

FALL KICKOFF SERVICE & MEAL

11:00AM

COMBINED OUTDOOR
CHURCH SERVICE
ON FRONT LAWN

AFTER THE SERVICE

FREE MEAL
FACE PAINTING
INFLATABLES
LAWN GAMES

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7 @ 11:00AM

**NURSERY ALSO
AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE**

BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET

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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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