

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

The sun is shining again, and snow is almost gone. I really don't have words for that! I know it can do that in October, but I know we were all hoping for a little more fall. It sounds like maybe the next few days might return to a little more fall like weather. I do hope so because I'm not ready for winter yet. I'm sure most of you would agree!

Heather is at Mayo this week doing lots of test and meetings with doctors. We are all praying she gets some good feedback and they can do something to help her with so much that is going on there. She has done an excellent job of preparing us for her absence and many of you have agreed to help while she is away. Good job Community!

As I mentioned on Sunday morning, MidWeek continues to show itself as one of the best things this church does throughout the year. I am so thrilled with the number of adults who are participating in the classes and certainly to everyone who is giving their time to make all of this possible. If you haven't been a part of that evening, I would certainly encourage you to come out and see what is going on. It's pretty awesome!

The Christmas choir is hard at work for their concert in December. We could still use a few more singers that's for sure. The choir is wonderful! They are getting so much done in those rehearsal times and with that comes the promise of a very nice performance. We would still love to see more folks join us. It might seem a bit daunting at first, but if you hang in there it will start to come together. This is a great group of singers. It's exciting to be a part of it!

On Sunday afternoon, a nice group of folks got together in the chapel and sang their hearts out celebrating those great "old" songs of the church. Joyce Tarrall and her sisters led that sing along and they were not alone as the folks really sang. It was a good day to gather in that place and share some great music together. I noticed lots of visitors as well which was so good to see. Thanks to everyone who put all of that together. I'm not sure who you all were but that took some planning. Good job Community!

I want to say thanks to everyone who is bringing treats and fun gifts during this month. I do get a little spoiled during this "Pastor Appreciation" deal, but I don't take it for granted. I am very blessed to be here, and I know it. I have lots of dear friends here and together we have had a pretty amazing journey together. I am hoping for more of that!

I'll be gone this Sunday. I'm leaving on Thursday for Colorado and do a little hunting! I have my good friend Dennis Thum from USF who will be here sharing the morning message. I'm sure you will all make him feel very much at home. I do miss being here on Sunday mornings. I really do! I am most confident he will "rock your boats" a little. I know Dennis quite well, that boat rocking will be very gentle. We'll talk more in two weeks, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

October 21: 9:00am—

Barb, Emma & Lydia Niessink
Jeris & Maylene VanZee

11:00am—

Arlan & Mary Burggraaf
Kelli Fantroy

October 28: 9:00am—

Bob & Katie Deelstra
Val Huber
Sue Harms

11:00am—

Michelle & Ellie Wigg
Heidi Blom

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Oct 21:

9:00am— Marshall & Angeline
Lavin

11:00am— Bob & Lori Hein

Oct 28:

9:00am— Laurie Long

11:00am— Arlan Burggraaf

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Oct 21: Daryl & Char DuBois

Oct 28: Steve & Becky Lee

Nov. 4: Denny & Sue Brunsting

GREETER SCHEDULE

Oct 21:

9:00am—

Jean Nollmann
Tom & Amy Bosch
Daron & Sherri VanBeek

11:00am—

Jean Nollman
Bert & Marcia Groeneweg

Oct 28:

9:00am—

Nic & LaDonna Freiborg
Irwin & Helen VanLeeuwen
Rich & Carolyn Odens

11:00am—

Bert Roetman
Bill & Dar Keizer



MOMS OF NEWBORNS

MONDAY OCT 22

6:30-7:30PM

This is a new group at Community open to any woman who is caring for a newborn. Do you feel overwhelmed? Do you have more questions than answers. Then this group is for you! Hosted by Jolene Larson.

Jmlarson@alliancecom.net

Dates: Oct 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17; January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY OCT 27

9am-Noon

@ Community

Topic: Mind Games. Led by Liz & Abbie. Come as an individual or bring a group of friends. No admission fee. No childcare.

COSTUME CRAWL

WEDNESDAY OCT 31

7:00-8:00pm

K-5 kids join us for the Costume Crawl on Wednesday, Oct. 31st! Come dressed up in costume and go around to Bible themed stations that the middle schoolers are helping with. Prizes at each station. Great alternative to trick or treating.



DRESS ON A DIME

SATURDAY NOV 3

9:30am-Noon

Just in time for the Holidays. Upcycle your wardrobe for little cost. Style show & light brunch. See more details on page 3.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct 17

6:00pm- Soup

7:00pm- Classes for all ages & Youth groups

Saturday, October 20

7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)

10:00am- Closed AA meeting

Sunday, October 21

10:10am- Sunday School

6:00pm- Choir

Monday, Oct. 22

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tues, Oct 23

7:00pm- Open AA Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 24

6:00pm- Taco

7:00pm- Classes for all ages & Youth groups

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on MN Ave. We will be discussing *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States* by Vowell.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7pm at the E. Panera. We will be discussing *Cutting for Stone* by Verhese..

New participants welcome. Book Club

Contact Trudi Nelson 371-3512

SENIOR CITIZENS

Meet at the E. Pizza Ranch on Monday, Nov 12 @ Noon.

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

Every Tues at 7pm at Community- Open meeting. Use east door. Every Saturday at 10am Closed (Addicts/Alcoholics only) meeting.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOVE LEXI 5K CHALLENGE

OCT 21 | 3:00pm

SANFORD SPORTS COMPLEX

To Register to run, donate or purchase race t-shirts go to: allsportscentral.com.

Love Lexi 5K Challenge is raising money for the Sanford Sports Science institute and will be used to provide opportunities for kids with chronic illnesses to safely participate in sports, a goal they couldn't not achieve without the help of the technology and expertise available at SSSI.

GoodtoKnow

Just so you know. The church has some emergency medical equipment in a wall box, near the door from the narthex into the sanctuary, near the kitchen serving window, across from the bathrooms. That is the location of the AED, automated external defibrillator.

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Safe Families
for Children

SAFE FAMILIES INFO MEETINGS

Monday November 5, 7-8pm
Monday, December 3, 7-8pm

At the Bethany Christian Services office
400 S Sycamore Ave, Suite 103-1

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GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Only 40 days until OCC Collection week! Enjoy Communicating, decorating or just "being involved"? The Operation Christmas Child team could use your help! Contact Neil @ 777-9103 or Linda Conover (after 5:30) @ 310-9893 or email CFOcpc@sio.midco.net.

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DRESS ON A DIME



**NOVEMBER 3
9:30am-Noon**

All Women of the church come join us for food, fun, friends and fashion. Just in time for the Holidays. Upcycle your wardrobe for little closet. It's a style show by CRC tots, teens, and others guaranteed to inspire. Let us show you how to create a stunning look for \$25 or less for an entire ensemble. 9:30-10:00am- Light Brunch Daycare Provided.

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PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

and is the perfect time to commit to prayer, love, and encouragement for our pastors and others in ministry on a regular basis.

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MISSIONS FAIR

**SUNDAY, OCT 28
8:45am-11:00am**

Join us for our annual Mission Fair and visit with local ministries that Community supports.

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FINANCES AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Oct 14

General: \$8,431
Vision: \$1,630
Missions: \$467
Sunday School: \$205
Wed Night: \$288

General YTD: \$613,597
Vision YTD: \$159,579

Vision Account Balance: \$101,803

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Pete Valentine**
- **Natallie Baker** (seizure disorder)
- **Clayton Bierwagen** (heart)
- **Jodie Jensen** (cancer)
- **Chelle McMurrey's dad** (multiple myeloma)
- **Ellen Nelson** (chronic airway disease)
- **Lexi Valentine** (auto-immune disease)
- **Jessica Vander Weide** (heart)
- **Lindsey Vander Weide** (heart)
- William VamBram's wife, **Cynthia** (heart)
- **Gloria Wierda**. Laura Maloney's mom (stage 4 breast cancer)
- **Dree Mayer** (infection)
- **Sara Van Ruler's dad** (throat cancer)

- **Joe Johnson** (cancer)
- Lori Hein's mom, **Joan** (heart)
- Wade Persson's mom (cancer)
- **Spring Mayer Wright** (brain surgery 9.19)
- **Michelle Wigg**
- **Arlene Clyde** (health issues)
- **Heather DeWit**
- **Jenny Van Roekel** (kidney complications)
- Carolyn Hink's sister, **Marilyn Woodden** (hospice)
- **Darlene Johnson**
- **Cleone Groen**
- **Gary VanDenHoek** (cardiac angiogram)

**PRAYER GROUP MEETS AT 7:00AM ON SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL.
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

MISSIONS

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries. We'll highlight 4 each month.

Mission Haiti– new or gently used bed sheets (any size) & backpacks

Operation Christmas Child– School supplies

Union Gospel mission: insulated gloves & stocking cap

The Banquet– stainless steel dinner forks, dinner knives and teaspoons.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

The Gideons

UNION GOSPEL MISSION:

Insulated gloves & stocking cap
Please place in the designated bin at
The Give in the lobby.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet Oct. 16th @ 7:00pm.
Lesson: Margie. Hostess: Barb A.

JOY CIRCLE

Saturday, November 3
Dress on a Dime
9:30am-Noon

Monday, November 12 @ 9:30am
Bible Study
Fellowship Hall
Word to Study: Salvation

Tuesday, Dec. 18th Christmas Party
CJ Callaways
11:30am

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

As we move into the busy weeks of the fall season, there are a couple of opportunities I'd like to highlight. These opportunities are particularly for women, but men, we haven't forgotten you! Plans are already being made to get some outstanding men's ministry opportunities up and running after the first of the year. I'll be sure to keep you posted about what's coming up in the very near future!

The first group I'd like to highlight is a brand new group for mothers of newborn babies. This is a group at Community, which is open to any woman who is caring for a newborn. If you feel overwhelmed or like you are flailing a bit in your role, I strongly encourage you to join this group. Moms of Newborns will be led by Jolene Larson, a mom herself and a woman with years of experience raising her own children as well as offering exceptional child care and child development assistance in day cares and school settings. Jolene is a wealth of experience, and she

has some fantastic ideas for this group. You can pick up fliers with all of the information at The Link, The Nursery, or The Corner. Their first night to meet will be October 22 from 6:30-7:30pm at church. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact Jolene at jmlarson@alliancecom.net.

The second event I'd like to highlight is the next Women's Retreat that my sister, Abbie, and I will be hosting! Our topic this time around is "Mind Games," and we are planning to have some special materials printed for this event. We ask that you RSVP either by signing up at The Link, emailing or talking to either of us, or by registering on Facebook. This event will take place Saturday, October 27, 9:00am-noon, at church. And as usual, we will *not* provide child care that morning as we want all who are there to be able to completely focus on God and what He's up to in our lives. If you have any questions, please let me know! Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

WORSHIP

We have a wonderful group of people who have committed to sing with the Christmas choir at church this year! It's not too late to join, but we are getting close to that point. ☺ If you'd like to be a part of the choir, please join us on Sunday evenings in the chapel from 6:00-7:30!

I would still love to add more people to those worship singing groups at the 9:00 and 11:00 services. If you think you might like to be a part of those groups (and trust me when I say the commitment is minimal) please contact me!

For those of you who have been patiently waiting, my worship album is now available on iTunes as well as Amazon! I do have a few actual CDs left along with some t-shirts. There aren't a lot of those things left, but I'll sell them until they're gone. And this is the last I'll say about that worship album for a long time!

And lastly this week, I've been finding it challenging to find new worship songs that would be a good fit for Community. My regular go-to sources seem to be running a bit dry with their suggestions. So, I'm coming to you! Friends, if there is a song you find particularly moving, send me an email about it. I'd love to have some suggestions for new worship songs from church people. You might be listening to these songs on the radio or you may have heard them while visiting another church. I can't guarantee that we'll be able to do every song. Some songs just don't translate well to corporate worship in our setting, but I am on the hunt for new music! (I'm also writing some new songs, but that takes time too!). Anyway, if you have a suggestion, please let me know!

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone,

I am writing to you this week from a waiting room in the Mayo Clinic. To say that God feels close and that all of your prayers are appreciated is an understatement! So far, we are meeting many different doctors and having good consultation visits. I have had a number of tests done and have many still to go before more meetings with doctors.

I can't wait to get back to seeing all of you! I can't describe how thankful I am for all of the kindness shown to me and my family during my health mess. Also, the folks that have stepped in to take care of Midweek and Sunday School if I need to be gone are so generous with their time. Thank you!

We have a few things coming up that I wanted to remind you about.

1- Christmas Program practice for the K-5 kids starts THIS SUNDAY (Oct 21) at 2pm. Nick Sittig has so kindly volunteered to take the lead with our program this year. There are blue forms that went home with kids this week and a pdf on the Community Kids Facebook page. Let us know if your child can join the fun. Middle School Youth are welcome to join the program as instrumentalists too this year.



2- Oct 28 is the day we are planning to give the 3rd grade kids their Bibles in church during 9am and 11am services.

3- On Oct 31 we have a special Costume Crawl event for the K-5 kids that is being put on by the Middle School Youth. It is from 7 to 8pm. Wear a costume that isn't scary or creepy and be ready to learn about the Bible while getting some prizes. It should be a good evening! Bring friends.



See you soon!
Heather
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K- 5 KIDS
JOIN US FOR THE
COSTUME CRAWL
WEDNESDAY,
OCT. 31
7:00-8:00PM
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

The middle of October is already here, which means that our high school event is this Sunday! I am excited for the day as we fill it with a variety of things. First up is the 5k challenge. I will be out at the Sanford Sports Complex by 2:30 for students to have a meeting place for the run/walk. Once the race is finished we will be heading to my house for supper and some games. Finally, the night will finish with the corn maze. If the weather is not great or we need to go to plan B, we will finish at church with a custom-made escape room. I will have a final decision by Wednesday night for that. Students can RSVP via email, text, or on Wednesday night at youth group. Along with that, they are welcome to come to all or part of the day, so just let me know what you plan to come for, so I can prepare and plan accordingly.

This week we are continuing to go through our You Asked It series. Last week we did a general study on Christianity vs other religions and I felt like I was all over the place. So I'm looking forward to this week as we get more specific with students questions about remaining consistent in our walk with Jesus. It is easy to look through our week, month, or even year and see or experience highs and lows in our faith journey. This week we will look at some ways to seek out consistency.

Finally, the high school retreat is coming up quickly. I'm really excited for the weekend as I have been putting together some activities, games, devotions, and worship as the weekend focuses on Freedom in Christ. This is a free weekend for students and will be a great chance to get away from the distractions and enjoy time together as a youth group. October 31st will be the last day to sign up so Swan Lake can have numbers for planning. Students can email/text me to RSVP.

That's it for this week. If there are any question about the high school ministry, feel free to contact me anytime.

Doyle Burnside
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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

The kids have started planning some really great things for our costume crawl. I am excited for them to get a chance to step into a little bit of a teaching role. They are certainly gifted, and I am impressed by the depth of their ideas as they have started planning. I think the little kids will be so excited to have the middle schoolers talking with them and teaching them. Be sure to let us know if your middle schooler will be at youth group that night so we can get them prepped!

I have been thinking about some things I have heard said or referenced in different Christian circles. The one that stuck out to me recently was the phrase "be in the world but not of the world," which comes from John 17. I plan on taking our time with this. We might stay on this for a week, but it wouldn't surprise me if we focus on this for a few weeks.

We are going to talk about why God wouldn't want us to be of the world when He created it. The things we experience right now are not what God originally chose for us. We are functioning in a broken world and we are all effected by it. The only way we can be of the world and not in the world is to be united with Christ and united together through Christ. I am hoping to chat with the kids and see what they think that looks like in their minds.

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

FALL SCHEDULE

Baptism Service
NOV 11

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NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased on a Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our vision fund at church.

REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

If you would like to request membership or baptism, please e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org to set up a time to meet with the Elders (2nd or 4th Sundays of the month @ 10:10am).

For baptism, one of the parents needs to be a member at Community. **Next Baptism Service: Sunday, November 11 @ 3pm.**

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