

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

It's a beautiful fall morning (Monday) and I am here in my office typing out my newsletter. I love the morning, but I wasn't supposed to be here. These things happen. I got very sick on Wednesday night and couldn't go to Colorado hunting. The guys were working on all kinds of ways to get me there on a plane even for Saturday, but I knew I wasn't up to it. I have not been that sick in a long, long time. I'm not sure what it was, but it took the soup out of me. I am still tired from it all. Hopefully, I'm on the mend and this will be it because I have some pretty fun trips planned for November and I don't want to miss another one. I was telling all of you not to sick while I was gone and then who got sick? Me!!! Not much we can do about any of that. I'll just enjoy the fall weather here which has been pretty nice the last few days. I do like that.

I watched Dennis on line Sunday. He is a good friend and did a great job of sharing with you on Sunday. Thanks to everyone for being Community to him. He does enjoy coming here and he has directed a number of people to come here in the past. He considers us to be a very healthy church and a place where grace and healing are offered. I would agree. Thanks Dennis!

The choir is working on their concert material and we have an excellent group of singers again this year. We have still not really seen all the group together as there are so many conflicts with people's schedule. I know we are still encouraging folks to join us if you would like to sing. We are a little short of sopranos. Which is interesting because that's usually the section that has the most. Girls...we could use your help. Come and join us!

Liz and Abbie are doing the women's retreat this coming Saturday. I have been listening to some of their ideas for the morning and I think this is going to be one of the best ones they have done. We know there are people coming from out of town once again, so it could be a fine group gathered to share and learn together. It will be a good morning.

Heather is back with us this week and it sounds like she got some good information at Mayo as well as a new plan for working on the "stuff" going on with her health right now. She was very impressed with the care she received there and most encouraged by the direction they are taking. We are all praying that this will bring some good relief from her symptoms and get her back to full strength again.

The kids had their first meeting for the Christmas program this past Sunday. I haven't heard how many kids came for that meeting, but I am sure there are still lots of spots to be filled. It's a bit hard to think about Christmas and snow when you have a day like Sunday, but it will be here before you know it. I maybe shouldn't have said anything about the snow part. We have already seen how that can change.

Sunday I will be back preachin' again. This week we are to get back into our series on "The Boat Rocker". This week Jesus is speaking to Peter once again. This time the word he shares with Peter is rather direct. What Jesus is saying to him would give any of us pause. It would "rock your boat". We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

October 28: 9:00am—

Bob & Katie Deelstra
Val Huber
Sue Harms
11:00am—
Michelle & Ellie Wigg
Heidi Blom

November 4: 9:00am—

Lucas & Lindsey Leloux
Tom & Amy Bosch
11:00am—
Abbie & Tanner
Van Meeteren
Michael Dick

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Oct 28:

9:00am— OPEN
11:00am— Arlan Burggraaf

Nov 4:

9:00am— Chad & Diane McKee
11:00am— Tom & Robin Jacobs

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Oct 28: Steve & Becky Lee
Nov. 4: Denny & Sue Brunsting
Nov 11: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

GREETER SCHEDULE

Oct 28:

9:00am—
Nic & LaDonna Freiborg
Irwin & Helen VanLeeuwen
Rich & Carolyn Odens
11:00am—
Bert Roetman
Bill & Dar Keizer

Nov. 4

9:00am—
Stan & Elaine Deelstra
Denny & Sue Brunsting
Ron & Juanita Palsma
11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands



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.

MISSIONS FAIR

SUNDAY, OCT 28

8:45-11:00am

FELLOWSHIPHALL

Check out booths from local missions/ ministries that Community supports. Donut holes and coffee also available.

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 24

6:00pm- Taco

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

Saturday, October 27

7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)

9:00am-Noon- Women's Retreat

10:00am- Closed AA meeting

Sunday, October 28

8:45-11am- Missions Fair

10:10am- Sunday School

6:00pm- Choir

Monday, Oct. 29

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tues, Oct 30

7:00pm- Open AA Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 31

6:00pm- Taco

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

7:00pm- K-5 Costume Crawl

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.



THANK YOU to all those who ran, gave and supported Lexi through the Love Lexi 5K Challenge. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.

The Valentine Family

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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

Check out the table in the lobby this Sunday about Operation Christmas Child. Deadline to turn in boxes is Sunday, Nov. 18th! 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 cost. 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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HELP NEEDED: RAKING LEAVES

Looking for several people to help rake leaves Saturday, Nov. 3rd in the morning. Or do you have a truck we can borrow? Call/text Robin Jacobs at 612-730-7754.

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FINANCES AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Oct 21

General: \$11,702
Vision: \$9,605
Missions: \$519
Sunday School: \$—
Wed Night: \$233

General YTD: \$625,299
Vision YTD: \$169,184

Vision Account Balance: \$104,999

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

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will attend the Dress on a Dime on Saturday, November 3, 9:30am-noon. See more info on the brunch and style show in this Communicator. We will not meet the third Monday in November. Mark your calendars for our Christmas Gathering on Monday, Dec. 3, 11:15am at CJ Callaways, (500 E. 69th St.)

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

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Don't forget that our **Women's Retreat** is this Saturday morning! As of today (Monday morning) we have 50 women signed up to attend this event. The event is at our church on Saturday morning from 9:00-noon. And we even have a special gift for each woman who will be attending. The cost is free and it's open to any woman. The only caveat to this retreat is that we don't offer child care. We want the women in attendance to be able to fully engage in the morning without having the possibility of being summoned to the nursery. Our topic this time around is "Mind Games." We know that the way we *think* definitely affects the way we *feel* and ultimately *act*. We'll address this topic in a number of different ways, and we will also include significant time in quiet individual time with God. You can RSVP to this event by contacting me at Liz.Teel@communityrc.org.

I've been doing a lot of reading this fall, and I've been introduced to some pretty incredible books. If you're a reader, **I highly recommend considering any books by Dallas Willard**. Dallas passed away about 3 years ago, but he was a prolific writer who was able to convey deeply intellectual ideas to a general audience. His books mostly consist of the Biblical concept that the work of God in a person can actually change/transform the very nature of the person. I have read several of his books over the years, and every time I read Dallas, I am inspired in my faith walk. In fact, I may teach from one my favorite Willard books this spring during Mid-Week. I'll keep you posted!

WORSHIP

It's not too late to join the Christmas choir at church, but we are getting close to the point where it will become more and more difficult to jump in. If you'd like to sing in that choir, please join us! We rehearse Sunday evenings from 6:00 -7:30pm, and we provide nursery care for the rehearsals as well. We are doing some magnificent music this year, and it's always a blessing to be a part of it. If you are interested, please join us!

I've had many nice comments about the small changes to the worship time on Sunday mornings. Worship is certainly a living, breathing part of the church, and I want to be sure that I'm always paying attention to the things God is inviting us to experience as we worship Him. I'm learning so much as I continue to work in the area of worship. Unexpected needs crop up at different times, and I'm even surprised at some of what God

has revealed as we worship together. I'll keep my eyes and ears on the One who guides us in worship every Sunday, and I'll keep trying to help Community bring its best to God on Sunday mornings. Thanks, Community, for being willing to try a few new things as we grow!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Thank you so much for the prayers and kindness while I was at Mayo Clinic. I am so thankful and you are all so kind. It is good to be back in the swing of things. Thanks to Abbie C and everyone that helped make Midweek go smoothly while I was gone, Barb N and everyone that helped make Sunday School go smoothly while I was gone and of course all of the church staff for taking care of things around here and making sure I knew I didn't have to worry about anything. This really is a great place to be and I feel so grateful that I get to work with people who are so thoughtful. I am also so appreciative of all of the people that sent notes, emails, messages and calls and Pastor John who checked in frequently with prayer.

Nick Sitting has been kind enough to take the lead on the K-5 grade Christmas Program this year and I think it is going to be fantastic! He is even planning to add a band. If you know a 4-8 grade youth that might be interested in playing in the kids' Christmas band, please send them our way! We could use a few more instruments to round out our ensemble. We're sending out an email to K-5 kids that are signed up for the Christmas Program with which part they will play and lines if they have any. If you don't see any email, please email me so I can update your address. It is important that you read the email carefully as not all kids have to attend every practice and the

detail on that is in the email. The program is Dec. 2 at 4pm. The 3 year old and PreK kids will practice their part of the program during the Sunday School singing time each week. Practice for the band is at 2:45pm on Sunday and practice for kids with lines is at 2pm on Sunday.

Parents of 3rd Graders, we're hoping to hand out Bibles this Sunday during the 9am and 11am services if the printers are able to get them ready for us by then. If you can't make it or your child doesn't want to come to the front, just catch up with me later and I'll get you the Bible for your child. If your child is older than 3rd grade or you as an adult don't have a Bible, please let us know as we can get one for anyone who needs one.

On Oct 31 for Midweek, the K-5 kids get to have a special "Costume Crawl" where they wear costumes and visit different booths that the Middle Schoolers have created for them with Bible lessons and little toys or treats. Bring many friends! If you are a grown up that is willing to help with this event, could you please send me an email? We could use some more helpers.

Sunday School Teachers- There will not be singing time for the K-5 kids on October 28 because of the Missions Fair. However, you are welcome to bring your class to the Missions Fair if you'd like to do so.

See you soon!
Heather
Heather.DeWit@communityrc.org

K- 5 KIDS
JOIN US FOR THE
**COSTUME
CRAWL**
**WEDNESDAY,
OCT. 31**

7:00-8:00PM
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH



STUDENT MINISTRY

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Our monthly event was this past Sunday and while it was jammed packed it was a great day. I don't think you could have asked for a better day for a 5K! Our plans did change as we ended up not going to the corn maze. Instead, we headed to church and I created an "escape room". Students had to go through four rooms, find each clue and figure out the code in order to move on to the next room. Thanks for everyone who made it out for the day!

We are continuing in our "You Asked It series" this week as we work through questions students have submitted. After trying to cover too much the first week, I switched gears and we have been more focused. This week, we will focus on prayer as we address questions on God listening to us, and us listening to God.

Final note for this week. Our high school retreat in November is getting closer! The weekend is November 9th -11th. We will leave Friday around 7:00 pm and return Sunday by noon. I am asking students to sign up by October 31st so I can coordinate the details with Swan Lake's staff. This will be a free weekend for our students as we head to Swan Lake for a weekend of activities, games, food, worship and devotions. The theme for the weekend is freedom in Christ as we talk through three common traps we find ourselves in. Students can sign up on Wednesdays/Sundays or by texting/emailing me! Parents and students, if you have any questions please reach out anytime!

Have a great week!
Doyle Burnside
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605-310-2561

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Last week we started our conversation about being in the world and not of it. We talked about how the world we live in isn't God's original design. This week we are going to go a little bit deeper in our conversation and talk about how Jesus was the perfect example of that divide. He came into our world but His focus was always on God. We will continue our talk about the ways that the Holy Spirit makes us more like Christ and unites us together.

We have just a week and a half until our costume crawl. If you haven't already, let us know as soon as possible if you can be there so we can finalize some details!

We are going to Air Madness on Friday November 16th from 6:45-8 pm. We will start jumping at 7 but it

is good to arrive about fifteen minutes before jump time so that we can get everyone in and jumping at 7. There is a waiver form that parents need to complete prior to letting your student jump that can be completed online at <https://airmadness.com/waiver.html> or you can complete it when you drop your student off. However, they do have you do it electronically have a limited number of machines available. Students should bring 10 dollars (if possible) for admission and we will cover the rest! If your student plans on attending please let me know. You can contact me via email at powell.sarahellen@gmail.com or you can just call or text me at 605-251-6491. Students are welcome to bring a friend, but make sure their waiver form is also completed before bringing them along. I will also be sending out post cards this week!

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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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