

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

It's October everyone! This is one of my favorite months of the year. I like the colors and weather and hunting...all of it! I am hoping for a nice long fall as many of you are as well. It's supposed to warm up this week and then get colder and maybe a little rain as well. It can sure stay wet this year. I do hope we can get a little drying for our famer friends. This is going to be a busy month around here so I'm going to get right with it today.

This week will be our first MidWeek of the year. We are trying to plan ahead for growth. We never know on that first night just how many new people will be coming. I know for the meal groups, this is big challenge. Last year, there were nights when we would do over 300 hotdogs. Think about that for second! I am looking forward to all this getting going. We have a number of new adult classes this year as well so hopefully everyone will find something to get involved in. Here we go Community!

The prayer list is long again and there are lots of challenges going on for many of church family. Lift them up in prayer! Also, look for other ways to help because sometimes there are opportunities to help. It means so much to those folks!

Christmas Choir: We start this coming Sunday night at 6:00pm. We have all the music selected for the concert; however, many of you know once in while we do adjust that concert list depending on how things come together. We have set the Hallejah Chorus in the list for the year. We have been trying to

get 80 singers in this group for the last two years. We have not hit that number yet, but we know we can. To pull off these big numbers we need singers. So, if you haven't done it before, or if you have sat out a couple of years, maybe this is your year to join us. There is child care. See you all Sunday night!

I mentioned on Sunday morning that for those of you who have been a part of church for long time, we are encouraging you to use that new east parking lot. There is plenty of room in that one and that leaves a little extra room in that first one for a new guest who might be arriving for church. Those lots can get pretty full at 9am. Let's be the most accommodating we can be. Little things make big differences!

This coming Sunday morning is World Wide Communion Sunday and we will be doing ours as well. We are going to be doing that sitting thing again. I do think that seems to work the best for us. I know not everyone likes it as much as coming forward, but for some it's better. I guess we all have ideas about that. We are just trying to do the best we can. I will be a good Sunday to be in church!

Sunday we do another one of those boat messages. This time the disciples are out in a boat and they are doing what they have done for most of their lives. They are fishing. It's not been a very productive day for them on the water. Jesus shows up and rocks their boat again. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

October 7: 9:00am—

Eric & Jamelee Van Donge
Amy Smit
Linda Zwart
11:00am-
Jonah & Brittany Nyenhuis
Andrea Fisher

October 14: 9:00am—

Nick & Abbie Langerock
Charlene Hopf
Lyndee Karmrath
11:00am-
Arlan & Mary Burggraaf
Jordan Lipp

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Oct 7:

9:00am- Dick & Jeannette
Jennings
11:00am- Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

Oct 14:

9:00am- Brian & Holli Jans
11:00am- Karen Roetman

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Oct. 7: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
Oct. 14: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
Oct 21: Daryl & Char DuBois

GREETER SCHEDULE

Oct 7:

9:00am-
Carl Tonjes
Dennis & Helen Robinson
Wade & Diane Friese
11:00am-
Carl Tonjes
Dennis & Helen Robinson

Oct 14:

9:00am-
Ron & Juanita Palsma
Denny & Sue Brunsting
Chad & Diane McKee
11:00am-
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Ken & Deb Meyer

weekly ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDWEEK STARTS

OCT 3 | 6-8PM

6:00pm-6:50pm- Meal

7:00pm
Classes for K-5
Middle School Youth 6-8
High School Youth 9-12
Adult Classes
Nursery for infant-Pre-K

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

OCT 7 | 6-7:30PM

CHAPEL

It's the most wonderful time of the year...Christmas Choir is starting! Join us for practices every Sunday evening starting Oct. 7th . Child Care provided.

HYMN SING

OCT 14 | 3:00pm

CHAPEL

Join us in the chapel for a time of singing some of your favorite hymns. Hass Harmony (Joyce Tarrell and her sisters, Irene, Marlene and Carol) will be leading the singing and also providing special music. Invite your friends and family for an hour of musical worship. Refreshments to follow.

(NEW)

WOMEN'S RETREAT

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, October 3

6:00pm- Midweek meal-BBQ

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

Saturday, October 6

7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)

10:00am- Closed AA meeting

Sunday, October 7

World-Wide Communion

10:10am- Sunday School

6:00pm- Choir

Monday, Oct. 8

Noon- Senior Citizens @ E. Pizza Ranch

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tues, Oct 9

7:00pm- Open AA Meeting

7:00-8:00pm- Journey Group

Wednesday, Oct 10

9:00am- Book Club @ Bagel Boy on MN

6:00pm- Chicken Salad/ Taco Salad

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

Thursday, Oct 11

7:00pm- Elders/ 8:00pm- Consistory meeting

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 10th @ 9:00am at Bagel Boy on MN Ave. We will be discussing *All the Light We Cannot See* by Doerr.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7pm at the E. Panera. We will be discussing *Lip Reading* by Kraus.

New participants welcome. Book Club
Contact Trudi Nelson 371-3512

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.

MIDWEEK ADULT CLASSES

JUST ASK

LIZ TEEL

This will be the first in a series classes Liz will teach during the Mid-Week year. "Just Ask" is a class for adults where participants will be encouraged to "Just Ask" any questions they many have about God and their faith.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

JOSIAH DUNLAP

This is a 9 week course on financial planning which will cover giving, saving, and debt reduction from a Biblical perspective. Sign up online at <http://www.fpu.com/1073352>

ADULT BIBLE AND BOOK STUDY

PASTOR CLYDE TEEL

Pastor Clyde will be teaching these classes during the Mid-Week year. This year he will be focusing on leading studies on particular books of the Bible as well as offering a study on one or two Christian Books.

OUR BEAUTIFUL PURPOSE

ANDREA DICK

This class will focus on issues that young women face including identity, friendships, self care, fears, calling, purpose, and self worth.

THE BIBLE FOR 3RD GRADERS...FOR ADULTS

TRUDI NELSON

There always seems to be surprises about the Bible (and in the Bible). The kind that leap out and make you say, "HOW COME I DIDN'T KNOW THIS?!" Things like the books of the Bible not being in order...What?! The books of the prophets are major or minor because of...what?! How did I not learn this in 3rd grade? Here's an opportunity to explore the Bible together...as adults...but like 3rd graders.

TREE SWEATERS



Please contact Sue Brunsting if you would like to help put the "sweaters" on the church trees this year. You may call/text me at 605-366-7303 or send an email suebtnt@yahoo.com. No experience necessary, flexible hours and on the job training provided.

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.

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.

FINANCES AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Sept 30

General:.....\$18,632
Vision:\$7,809
Missions:.....\$175
Sunday School:\$8

General YTD: \$590,628
Vision YTD: \$153,636

Vision Account Balance: \$95,859

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Pete Valentine**
- **Natalie 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)
- **Katie Sell Colson**
- **Darlene Johnson**
- **Cleone Groen**
- **MaryAnn VanderBeek**
- **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: regular coffee

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

The Gideons

UNION GOSPEL MISSION:

Regular Coffee
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.

FAITH & JOY CIRCLE

Faith & Joy Circles will meet on Monday, October 15, 1:00 pm at the church.

Sue Brunsting will do a presentation about the Clothesrack Boutique. She will have clothing along and would like to encourage you to buy something for someone who has a difficult time getting out to shop. All items are \$1.00, and you are also welcome to shop for yourselves.

Refreshments will be served by Sharon and Bert. All women welcomed!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Now I know that many of you are probably reading this newsletter on your phone, so please don't immediately dismiss what I'm about to say. ☺

I remember the first time I got a cell phone. I was teaching school in Burke. My family had moved to Sioux Falls so my dad could attend seminary, and I made several trips back and forth from Burke to Sioux Falls to visit. I was 24 years old when I got that first cell phone. And the first cell phone call I made was on Hwy 44, driving west, between Parker and the Freeman turn. It was an incredible feeling to make that phone call in the middle of nowhere, and to hear my mom's voice on the other end. It gave me such a sense of peace knowing that even though I was traveling alone, I could easily contact my family if something happened.

Fast forward 20 years to the smart phone. I've been deeply convicted recently by how much time I spend on my phone.

Are they handy? Absolutely. Do they keep us safer? Sure. But the fact that my phone is almost always within grabbing distance is a problem. My first cell phone did one thing. It made phone calls. But today, my smart phone allows me to call, text, watch movies, play video games, check social media, deposit money, pay bills, keep a schedule, take pictures, read maps, and more things than I can even list here.

I'm going to boil all this down to one thing; my phone keeps me away from true relationships-my relationship with God and my relationships with people. We *think* it makes life easier, but what it really does is isolates us and causes anxiety and depression in record numbers.

Friends, I don't have a perfect solution. But I can tell you that I am making a conscious effort to spend less time on my phone. Period. Anyone want to join me?

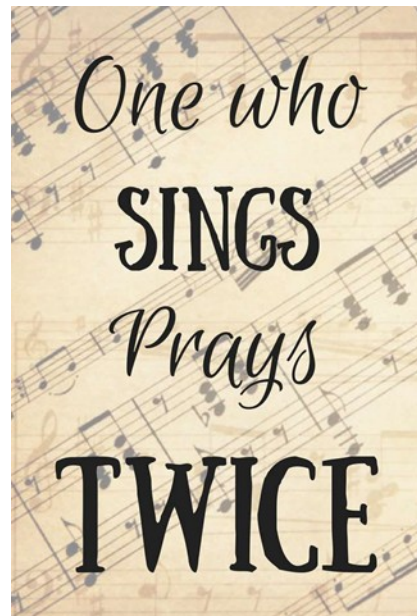
WORSHIP



SINGERS!!! WE NEED SINGERS!!!

Christmas Choir starts this week, and I am hoping we can get 80 people to join us! We meet from 6:00-7:30 on Sunday evenings, and our concerts will be December 9 at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. We take singers of all ability levels, and we have a fantastic time making music together. Come sing!!

Do you enjoy worship? Would you like to sing with a small group to help lead worship? Then please contact me! I am still looking for more people who would be willing to join the group of worship singers on Sunday mornings. I'm hoping to get enough people involved so we don't need to create a schedule. Being gone wouldn't be a problem, and when you are around, you can sing. I want to make it as easy as possible to serve in this way. Let me know if you're interested!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

I missed you all on Sunday. It feels so strange to be away, even if it was just for one Sunday. I enjoyed some family time and some rest. I am so ready to see everyone on Wednesday! K-5 kids, you aren't going to want to miss Midweek this year! We're going to kick off with a human Hungry Hungry Hippos game to learn some new Bible verses and books of the Bible. Then, we're diving into the Epistles. I've already learned so much in preparing for our year together and I'm just getting started! I think we'll learn a lot together. Adults and Youth, you aren't going to want to miss it either. As I hear about what is to come for all age groups, I think it is going to be a wonderful Midweek year.

We do still need one more teacher for some of the weeks in October and November. You can sign up to teach weekly, monthly, quarterly or just once. To sign up you can go to <https://goo.gl/djrlqP> or visit the clipboard in the lobby at the Link. You can also call or email me if it is easier for you.

I want to highlight a reminder for parents of 3rd graders to sign up for their Bibles this week! We'll be giving them out in church later in October. I'll get you that date as soon as we have it. See you soon! -Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org
336-1475

**THIS SUNDAY, OCT 7, IS THE
LAST CHANCE**

**FOR PARENTS OF 3RD GRADERS TO
ORDER A BIBLE WITH YOUR
CHILD'S NAME PRINTED TO BE
GIVEN TO YOUR CHILD IN CHURCH**

Community believes kids need access to God's word, so we give Bibles to each 3rd grader. If your child is in grade 3 or older, please let us know how you'd like his or her name printed on the Bible.

**VISIT [HTTPS://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/EVENTS/BIBLES](https://vbspro.events/p/events/bibles)
OR STOP AT THE LINK IN THE LOBBY AT CHURCH**

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

October is here, which means all of midweeks starts up this week. It has been great having high school going already, and we have been so blessed to have people volunteer to serve our meals for the month of September. So, thank you again Joel and Lisa Blankers, Robyn Niewenhuis, Mary Burg and Jamelee Van Donge for serving the high school ministry!

I am looking forward to the month of October as we move into a "you asked it" series. Starting next week, we will be going through questions that the students have asked about faith, God, religion, and/or the bible. In school, when you struggle in a certain subject or don't understand something, you ask questions or get help. This series will be an opportunity to do the same when it comes to our faith.

There are several things going on this month for the high school group. First, October 21st we have a full day as we support the Love Lexi 5K which starts at 3. Student can come run, walk, or cheer as a way to support this event. You can sign up by going to allsportscentral.com and looking for the Love Lexi 5K. Following the run we will get together for a meal and some games, before finally heading out to the corn maze to end the night. Students are welcome to come for the whole day, or a part of the day. Whatever their schedules allow for. They can RSVP by contacting me anytime!

This month will also be the month to get signed up for our high school retreat in November. We will be heading to Swan Lake for a weekend away from the distractions and in God's word together. The weekend will be November 9th – 11th. We will leave Friday evening around 7:00 and return home around 12:00 on Sunday. There will be a postcard sent out to students for both of these this week as well giving some more details about the events and how to RSVP for them. As always, if you have any questions about the high school youth ministry, feel free to contact me anytime!

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REGISTER HERE

To Register to run the Love Lexi 5K Challenge go to allsportscentral.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

We had a fantastic weekend with our color bash kick off on Saturday! We spent a lot of time playing games and getting to know one another. I am always impressed by the way these kids include each other and naturally involve everyone in our games and activities. God has got a hold of these kids and I am excited to see what He is going to do this year.

On Wednesday, we will talk about what God can do when we are vulnerable and honest with Him. We will look at the stories of healing Jesus does in Matthew chapter nine and the response of the Pharisees. The people that go to Jesus are willing to be honest with God about their need. We are going to think about what we bring to God and what can happen when we let our guards down in His presence.



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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

FALL SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK STARTS
OCT 3

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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