

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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## PASTOR'S UPDATE

I'm sitting in my office contemplating all the things that will go on this week. It's going to be one of those weeks for our church family. There are weeks that one can remember, and I believe this will be one of those weeks. The November weather is coming at us now. Cold and cloudy! I don't like that so much and oh, in case you didn't know the wind is blowing as well. Just the way we like it! I'm smiling right now as I write this. Actually, I would prefer a little sun and no wind. I'm sure you would agree. It is going to be a full week. I'm praying God will be here...he always seems to show up at the right time.

I did manage to get back home for a day this week to see my mom and enjoy that good fresh air in those river hills. Unfortunately, it was rather rainy and a little windy. So maybe too much air! It was good to be there. I am hoping to get back that way during that Thanksgiving week. I do hope the weather holds.

Of course, most of us are aware that there are three funerals this week in the span of four days. That is a first for us. Darlene Johnson, Ruby Overwig and John Timmer. Each one their own personal expression of God's amazing grace and each one's life to be celebrated in their own unique way. Many of you are helping with so many things to get all of this done and I am so grateful for those who are stepping up to help and make a difference for these families. Thanks Community!

Also, I would like to thank everyone for the nice cards and gifts throughout the month of October and pastor appreciation month. It was very special for me. I love those hand-written cards! Some of you have been so gracious with your thoughts and words. I had a couple of those story cards too about things going on in your life...I love those! Thank you, Community folks, for being so kind!

The Christmas Choir is working hard on their concert coming up in just over a month. Last week was a very good rehearsal and we needed that for our confidence I think. This is a fine group of singers and once we get them all together they can make some pretty amazing music. You are all in for another great performance and inspiration during the Christmas season. I love that time of year and this is going to make it just that much more special.

Sunday's message will be from one of the most amazing stories in the Bible and certainly will contain probably the most familiar verse. John 3:16 I hope you can see how this verse can "rock your boat". I'm talking in a very positive sense that is unless you are trying to earn your way into the kingdom of heaven and then this verse can "rock your boat" in a more negative way. I think you can see where I'm going with all of this. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**November 11: 9:00am—**

Nathan & Amber Van Roekel  
Mike & Angie Boyenga  
**11:00am—**  
Michelle & Ellie Wigg  
Kate Hansen

**November 18: 9:00am—**

Josh & Molly Kuehl  
Kim Knochenmus  
Juanita Palsma  
**11:00am—**  
Tanner & Abbie Van  
Meeteren  
Leslie Cleveringa

## THE LINK SCHEDULE

**Nov 11:**

**9:00am—** Tom Van Roekel  
**11:00am—** Lance & Robyn  
Niewenhuis

**Nov 18:**

**9:00am—** Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie  
Overweg  
**11:00am—** Grant & Leslie Boltjes

## COFFEE SCHEDULE

Nov 11: Dick & Jeannette Jennings  
Nov. 18: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen  
Nov. 25: Daryl & Char DuBois

## GREETER SCHEDULE

**Nov. 11**

**9:00am—**  
Gary & Connie Parnley  
Dennis & Helen Robinson  
Doug & Sharon Harms  
**11:00am—**  
Bert & Marcia Groenweg  
Dennis & Helen Robinson

**Nov. 18**

**9:00am—**  
Dan & Kathy Carlson  
Gerald & Deb Teunissen  
Wade & Diane Friese  
**11:00am—**  
Donna Humme  
Bill & Dar Keizer



**(NEW)**

## RAKING LEAVES

SATURDAY NOV 10

Morning

It was too wet to rake last Saturday so we are looking for several people to help rake leaves Saturday, Nov. 10th in the morning. Or do you have a truck we can borrow? Call/text Robin Jacobs at 612-730-7754.

## KID'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

PRACTICE: SUNDAYS @ 2PM

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:  
DEC. 2ND @ 4:00PM

**(NEW)**

## THANKGIVING EVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOV 21

7:00PM

Give thanks and join us for our Thanksgiving Eve service.

## FINANCES

Sunday, November 4, 2018

General: .....	\$15,655
Vision: .....	\$3,390
Missions: .....	\$330
Sunday School: .....	\$202
Wed Night: .....	\$163

General YTD:	\$661,631
Vision YTD:	\$177,972

Vision Account Balance: \$106,193

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, Nov 7

6:00pm- ham/cheesy potatoes  
7:00pm- Classes for all ages & Youth groups

### Thursday, Nov 8

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

### Saturday, Nov 10

7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)  
10:00am- Closed AA meeting

### Sunday, Nov 11

10:10am- Sunday School  
3:00pm- Baptism Service  
6:00pm- Choir

### Monday, Nov 12

9:30am- Joy Bible Study  
Noon- Senior @ E. Pizza Ranch  
6:30pm- Moms of Newborns  
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

### Tues, Nov 13

7:00pm- Open AA Meeting

### Wednesday, Nov 14

9:30am- Book Club ( Bagel Boy on MN)  
6:00pm- BBQ  
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

### SAFE FAMILIES INFO MEETING

Monday, December 3, 7-8pm

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

# 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)
- **Sara Van Ruler's dad** (throat cancer)
- **Barb Acheson** (heart stent Nov 7)
- **Diane Friese** (hip replacement Nov 8)

- **Joe Johnson** (cancer)
- Lori Hein's mom, **Joan** (heart)
- Wade Persson's mom (cancer)
- **Michelle Wigg**
- **Arlene Clyde** (health issues)
- Carolyn Hink's sister, **Marilyn Woodden** (hospice)
- **Cleone Groen**
- **Gary VanDenHoek**
- **Rachel Thornton** (cardiac echo 11/8)
- **Randy Grotenhuis** (dizziness)

Our condolences go out to Pete Valentine for the recent passing of his brother, Warren. Our condolences also go out to the families of Ruby Overweg, Darlene Johnson and John Timmer.

Darlene's funeral was on Wednesday morning, Ruby Overweg's funeral is Friday, Nov 9 at 10am and John Timmer's funeral is on Saturday, Nov 10 at 1:00pm.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

## 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.

**Love Lexi & Friends Christmas Closet: gifts for children hospitalized over Christmas— all ages**

**Operation Christmas Child**— stuffed toys, small doll, ball pump

**Union Gospel mission:** Hooded sweatshirts XL-5XL

**The Banquet**— new hoodies & socks

### MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Angel Tree

### UNION GOSPEL MISSION:

Hooded sweatshirts XL-5XL  
Please place in the designated bin at The Give in the lobby.

### 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 CFOpc@sio.midco.net

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### FAITH CIRCLE

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

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

Tuesday, Dec. 18th Christmas Party  
CJ Callaways @ 11:30am  
Please RSVP to Char at 366-1341

### HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle meet on Nov. 13th At 7pm.  
Hostess= Jerralynne. Lesson = Jeanie.

## MOMS OF NEWBORNS

### MONDAYS from 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: Nov. 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17.

# LIZ'S UPDATE

## Adult Discipleship



I'd like to start my article this week by talking just a bit about this new group, "Moms of Newborns." The group has met three times already, and there are several more meetings scheduled before the end of the year. Here's the thing: we know that this group might be a slow-growing kind of group, so we want to make sure that moms out there know they are welcome to join this group at any time, and your baby doesn't have to be an official "newborn" for you to be a part of this group. If this is your 3rd child and he's already 9 months old, but you're feeling like you would like to meet with other moms, please come! I also want to reiterate that this group is open to women outside Community as well. If you know someone who would benefit from this group, please invite them or have them chat with me!

Our choir had a really productive rehearsal this past Sunday evening. Most of the members were able to be there, and we were able to work some especially difficult parts of our music. Choir members, please remember that we are down to only 4 rehearsals before we perform, so every practice is important!

The Corner continues to be a really great meeting place on Sunday mornings! I've had the privilege of enjoying conversations with church people on a variety of topics, and it's been an honor to meet new folks and help with their questions about Community. Friends, remember that The Corner is for everyone. If you have questions about Community, if you want to learn more about any of the ministries or opportunities at Community, or if there's something on your heart that you'd like to chat about, come to The Corner. It's a safe place to connect! Have a great week!

Liz

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## SARAH'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY



Last week was our costume crawl, and it went really well. Some of the poster boards the kids worked on are hanging up in the children's wing if you would like to stop by and check out their work!

This week we are starting a series on media. We hear about the danger of social media and the impact that it can have on students. While much of that is true, it's important to remember that God is way bigger than the social media trend. This week we are going to talk about idols and discuss how our phones and social media can become an idol.

I will be doing challenges each week as we have these discussions. Feel free to encourage or partner with your students should they decide to rise to the challenge. This week I am challenging the kids in our youth group to be on their phones for just 30 minutes a day. The point in this series is not to condemn the use of these things but to get the kids thinking about the power it can have, and discuss how to use it in a way that honors God.

One last reminder that our trip to Air Madness is just a week and a half away! For more information on that please contact me at 605-251-6491 or send me an email at [powell.sarahellen@gmail.com](mailto:powell.sarahellen@gmail.com).

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## HEATHER'S UPDATE



Hi Everyone!

I hope you are all having a great week. I want to take a moment to thank the Middle School students and other volunteers for making the Costume Crawl possible last week. We didn't have a lot of kids join us but for those who did, I think it was a really good evening. We had some kids that were able to bring friends so we were thrilled about that! It was a blessing to see the Middle School students as they shared the Bible with the children.

The 3 Year Olds and Preschool Age kids have been busy practicing their Christmas Program during the Sunday School hour. We made some adjustments to their "script" and switched a song or two so we'll hand out new copies on Sunday for practicing.

For the rest of the Christmas Program kids, you'll practice your songs during Sunday School but please plan to join us for the upcoming practices:

**We DO NOT have practice next week (11/11/18).**

**Our next practice is for ALL K-5 and Middle School PARTICIPANTS on 11/18/18 from 2-3pm. (The band should arrive at 1:45pm to get set up and warmed up before practice.)**

Kids with speaking parts should have their parts memorized before practice.

If your child needs any props (they would know if they do) then you can bring them for this practice.

Kids with costumes (shepherds, Bible people, angels, Mary, Joseph, etc.) should plan to stay a couple of minutes after practice to try on your costume.

We DO NOT have practice on 11/25/18 because of Thanksgiving.

**OUR DRESS REHEARSAL is on SATURDAY, DEC 1 AT 2PM**

Tech helpers, if you can make it for those practices, we will practice the lights and cues as we run through the whole program.

Those are my updates for this week.

See you soon!

Heather

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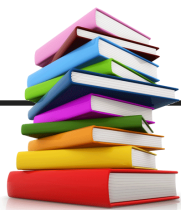


Samaritan's Purse is celebrating 25 years of sending Good News and Great Joy through shoebox gifts! Since 1993, more than 157 million boys and girls in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse works with local churches and ministry partners to deliver these gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

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Don't let postage stop you from filling a box! Some generous donors have given money to cover some shipping costs. Email Heather to find out more info. Heather.DeWit@communityrc.org

**Deadline to turn in boxes is Sunday, Nov. 18th!**



## The Church Library

Christmas is coming (...really soon if you are watching commercials or the Hallmark channel). Watch for our new items for Christmas as we display them in the next two weeks. Favorite authors have added to our Christmas reading list, such as Terri Blackstock and Wanda Brunstetter. New to the library is our new year-round display for Christmas items. This is on one side of a movable shelf in the library near our kids' section.

Also new: new books for youth and kids have a "new" shelf just for that purpose.

Publishers like to push new items in books and videos this time of year. Karen Kingsbury's fourth book in the Baxter Family series has been added to the library as just one of the new items added each week. Watch for new books on creating home from where you are: *Homebody* by Joanna Gaines and *Cozy Minimalist Home* by Myquillyn Smith. Come check it out!

Your librarians,  
Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry

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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](mailto: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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