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# The Communicator

GOD IN, AROUND AND THROUGH US.

## Pastor's Column

Another week of summer is gone. They all seem to move along far too fast, and the month of August is just around the corner now. I am looking ahead to the fall now and all the things that I need to get done before that busy time gets here. However, I have noticed that summer has not brought much of a slow down for the office stuff I need to do. I keep thinking that summer is a time to ease back a little, but I am learning this is not true. It is just lots of other things that take the place of mid-week and program planning. I guess we all discover that in our lives don't we? I hope your summer is going well and once again that you have gotten some time with your families. Enjoy it, for I know the time will soon be passing by and then we'll be into all those fall activities with school events.

I am sitting in my office this morning (Monday) watching another rain cloud coming up from the southwest. It sure can rain easy this year, and everything is so green. I do like green much better than brown. I know there have been some bad storms in places too and that hasn't been a good thing for those people. My mom has even been out storm chasing back home as I mentioned on Sunday. I don't know if I would be advising that for our retired folks, but it is good to know she is staying active.

Our wedding season this year has been very full and I have gotten to meet some of the nicest people at these events and spend some time with some great families. These are always great connection points for our church and wonderful opportunities to really reach out and be the best host we can be. I have discovered that in many ways the extra things we do here touch many lives outside the walls of our building. I never see weddings as ceremonies we have to perform for couples, but rather opportunities to share who we are here to, so many who are not a "regular" part of our church family.

I have been working on a couple of ideas for our fall "growth" classes we have been talking about. If you need a little reminder, they are classes that will run four weeks, evenings and maybe Saturday mornings, covering a range of subjects, designed to give our church family a time to grow deeper, and to provide another opportunity to connect each other. You will be hearing so much more about them in the coming weeks. We are really hoping this idea takes root here. I think there are lots of opportunities on this one.

The concert tickets continue to be sold at a slow but steady pace. I want to encourage you to pick up a poster and post that in your place of work (if that is possible) and simply help us get the word out. We can certainly see that the little bit of advertising we are doing is getting some attention. We do plan to do some in the paper and send out mailing to our church friends as well. We have received such nice compliments from people about hosting this event. I do think it is going to be a good event for us. I have been asking a number of people to help with some of the duties for that event. It is going to take some effort for us to do... but it is our chance to do something for others. I think there is something very good about that in the life of any church.

This week's message is about the greatest resource we have for lives that are full, free, and life changing for us and for those around us. Much of what I do as a speaker is to bring a word that makes us aware of what is available in God's kingdom and then to seek to encourage each of you to consider how that may affect your lives. This week is another word in that direction. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week.

*Clyde*

## Upcoming

Pick up your Ricky Skaggs Concert Tickets from the office. We still have some left for the Saturday evening concert, September 25, 7pm—\$20. Tickets for the Sunday, September 26, 3pm concert are \$25.

August Calendar Insert




# Events and Updates

- Family Camp at Inspiration Hills August 6-8. For those who have signed up, please submit your \$30 registration fee and mark on the check "I.H. Family Camp". Thank you.
- Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, August 9, 6pm at the Fryn' Pan. Church afterward. Mildred serves.
- Women's Book Club meets August 11 at Bagel Boy, 9am. They are reading *23 Minutes in hell* by Bill Wiese for the month of August.
- Elders will meet on Thursday, August 12, 7pm. Consistory meets at 8pm. Ken Vos serves.
- Those who have met with the Elders the in the last three months to join Community are: Bob Caswell, Jacob & Mindy Schroedermeier, Keith & Rebecca Coacher, Amy Smit, Tom & Sara Schuster, Loren & Laurie Long.  
**A BIG Welcome to you from your Church Family!!**  
 Baptism requests received are for Beckett Alan Dreisen, Kinsley Grace Schroedermeier, Aliah Lynn Weiler, Audrey Marie Punt, Thomas Conrad Schuster, Claire Marie Marcus.



**BAPTISM**—In August we will begin a Special Baptism Service on a Sunday afternoon instead of during worship services. The church family is encouraged to come and celebrate this special day with these families. **The dates for the Baptisms are:** August 15, 3pm, October 2, 3pm, and December 19, 3pm.



## FROM THE OFFICE

- Lost & Found—we have a box in the office with Lost & Found items.
- There is still time to **call the office with your updated address/phone number**. The directory will be run next week. We know some of the numbers in the directory are wrong so please call us.
- Please submit your articles in the office for the August 10 newsletter by August 9, noon. There will be no Communicator on the 18th of August.
- Liz will be back in the office on August 5 as she has a three-day seminar August 2-4.
- Labor Day weekend is LifeLight. We will have one service on that Sunday. Time yet to be determined.

### Finances at a Glance:

July 25, 2010

General	\$ 9,065.77
Vision	\$ 2,085.00
Missions	\$ 330.00



### YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS

2010 Weekly Goal:	\$ 8,917.00
Year-To-Date Offering:	\$ 280,384.19
Year-To Date Goal:	\$ 263,017.71
Ahead/(Behind):	\$ 17,366.48
Vision Fund Balance:	\$ 101,170.43

### Gift Cards:

Hy-Vee and Sunshine gift cards are available each Sunday at church. The church receives 5% of each sale toward our Vision Fund. These gift cards can be used for groceries, gas, pharmacy, etc. This is an easy and painless way to make this fund grow! Please consider purchasing cards. Thank you!

Offertory Envelopes—If you would like to have a box of offertory envelopes, please contact the office. You can pick them up from the office (on bar by the computer). It makes it easier for the deacons to enter your contributions by number. Thank you!

# Women's Ministry

## SMALL GROUPS MEET

- Hope Small Group and Joy Small Group will not meet the month of August. Hope the rest of your summer is great!
- Peace Small Group meets Thursday, August 5, 7pm at the home of Jolene Larson, 1817 S Ashton Tr. In Brandon. They will be discussing Chapters 12 & 13 of CATCHING FIREFLIES by Patsy Clairmont. Everyone is welcome!
- Faith Small Group meets Monday, August 16, 1pm at the church. Leader—Sharon Brink; Hostesses: Ruby Overweg & Cleone Groen.

**WOMEN OF FAITH—ST. PAUL, MN**—First Reformed Church of Sioux Falls would like to invite you to a spirit filled, fun filled, carefree weekend. Plan to attend and invite a friend, sister, mother or daughter. Reserve your spot now.

Package includes: Conference ticket (includes Friday day and evening sessions and Saturday session, bus transportation to St. Paul (conference and mall), choice of attending Friday day conference or shopping at Mall of America, Evening meal at hotel between Friday day and evening sessions, hotel accommodations at the Hampton Inn Suites (one night), Continental breakfast Saturday morning, box lunch Friday and Saturday noon at conference (lunch on your own Friday noon if you choose to shop at Mall), and Salad for Saturday evening meal on bus ride home.

Total package cost: 3-4 people per room \$190 or 2 people per room—\$210.

Bus leaves Oct. 22 at 5:00 AM SHARP! Arrive back to Sioux Falls October 23, approximately 10:00 PM. \$90 deposit due upon reservation. Please send to First Reformed Church, 4800 Tomar Rd, 57108. ?? 338-1553.

Check made out to First Reformed Church, 4800 Tomar Road, Sioux Falls, SD 57108.

**If you have any questions, Lisa Drenth @ First Reformed will be happy to answer them—338-1553.**

## Prayer Pocket



### Keeping you in our prayers!

#### Concerns:

- Jan Mellema remains in Avera McKennan. She is off the ventilator and doing much better. They request no visitors yet at this time.
- Max Voss
- Lora Sayler's brother, Leo Bos
- Continue to pray that God will open a door to full-time employment for Ellen Nelson.
- Paul Logan & runners for the 1,072 mile trek in the Ukraine—Torch Run.
- Ken Klay, SIM, in Nigeria.



#### Cancer Patients:

- Brian Mettler
- Char DuBois' brother, Bob
- Heather DeWit's close friend, Pat
- Betty Almas
- Dave Meyer's father, Carl, has end-stage cancer. He is now in home hospice.

#### Celebration:

Jennifer Patrick & James Bauman were united in marriage on July 24.



#### Community Prayer:

"Father, we're on our knees, asking for Your Spirit's power to make us inwardly strong; praying that we will be rooted and unified in Your love; asking to understand how massive is Your love; to be filled up with Your nature. You can do far more than we ask or imagine and we glorify You forever. Amen." (from Eph 3)

The Leadership of Community

# News From *Connie's Desk*

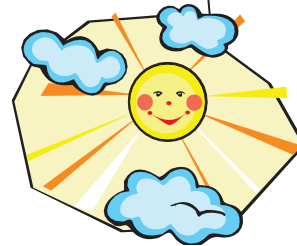
We had sixteen youth and one adult attend camp at Inspiration Hills this summer. Inspiration Hills is a year around retreat and camp facility located on over 350 acres in deep Northwest Iowa, a few miles SE of Canton. They provide eight weeks of Summer Camp for well over 1,000 campers, provide a variety of Programs and host a wide variety of Groups and events in their well-kept facilities.

Those who attended Inspiration Hills Camp this summer were:

Lauren Alpers	Sophie Larsen
Ava Ammann	Anna Roetman
Emma Bosch	Rachel Thornton
Isabel Bosch	Abbie Van Meeteren
Courtney Graanstra	Kalie Raye Wielenga
Michala Graanstra	Sheridan Wilson
Madalynn Hanson	Morgan Shonrock-Vetch
Rebecca Koehn	Tammy Uithoven
Lily Larsen	

Liz, Karen, sponsors and the senior high kids are at Camp Judson this week. Pray that each one will receive a blessing and safety in traveling home. (See last week's Communicator for names).

I look out the office window and see trees, beans, corn, newly laid sod, & blue sky with a few clouds. What more could one ask for to enjoy the beauty of summer God has created, while you are at your computer. This is just my way of saying to you, "Make time for yourself and enjoy the beauty around you." We are all so busy these days we don't take the time to stop and smell the roses as the saying goes.



Gary & I lost a very dear Aunt (the last of the five sisters) this week. We got back from CA on the 17th. We were able to tell Aunt Frannie how very special she was to us and to say our good-byes. We reminisced, laughed and cried sometimes at the same time—wonderful memories. You know what I am talking about. We all have been there at some time or other. How thankful we are to know we have a Savior who gets us through all of these times.

This is the last week to submit your new addresses/phone numbers for the new directory. Please e-mail or call the office.

Enjoy the rest of the summer while you can. Fall is coming quickly.

See you Sunday.

*Connie*

## Youth Events:

The youth, sponsors & Liz are at Camp Judson this week.

### Coming up in August:

Senior High lunch  
August 10, 11a.m. at  
Pizza Ranch.

Senior High Bingo @  
Stoneybrook on  
Wednesday, August 18.

Enjoy the  
rest of your  
summer!

# MISSIONS

The August mission offering is for St. Francis House. The St. Francis House is a homeless shelter in Sioux Falls SD, showing the love of Jesus Christ through its ecumenical ministry to the homeless. People of all races, genders and creeds are welcome at the St. Francis House for temporary overnight lodging. The offering will be taken on August 8.

Union Gospel Mission Love Gift for July is regular coffee.



## LIFELIGHT

LifeLight needs 5000 new Bibles for this fall. So Community has a collection box in the library for NEW MODERN VERSION BIBLES. (They need teen and children's versions the most.) If you could donate a new Bible, please place it in the box in the library.

Thank you.

Watch for more information on volunteering, etc. for the LifeLight Labor Day weekend event.

# NURSERY NEWS

## Kindness!

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ." Ephesians 4:32



This month we are talking about being kind to one another. There are many Bible stories about kindness that we will be sharing with the children in the nursery this month. The first story we will be sharing with them is the story of Joseph and how he was able to forgive his brothers even after they had sold him, hatefully as a slave. The next story we will be sharing is the one of the Good Samaritan that went out of his way to help a needy stranger.

These acts of kindness are the kinds of things we want to be teaching our children. Not just to be kind when it is rewarding to them, but to always be kind because it is how God wants us to be. Kindness is a fruit of the Spirit and when you do kind things for others you will receive a blessing from God that is a lot better than what anyone else can ever give you.

Along with sharing these stories of kindness, the nursery coordinators will be modeling kindness and talking about the way that it makes us feel to be kind to one another.

As always we hope you can join us in the nursery this month!!

If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery during one of the services, please stop in and talk to one of the coordinators!

*Angie Bares, Spiritual Growth Nursery Coordinator & Nursery Team*

## BIBLE LEAGUE

**SAVE THE DATE!** Invite a friend and plan to come to a unique retreat—designed to glorify God through music and great speakers, and to renew and uplift all who attend. This exciting event is being planned for you on September 14, 2010 at the First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa and is sponsored by Bible League International Volunteers. Pick up a brochure from the table in the Gathering Room or call Joyce Christians at 338-5285.

Featured Guests are: Dr. Carolyn Johnson, the Vermeer Family Singers and Janice Sneller, well known song leader and musician—For the past 27 years, she has been directing the Northwest Iowa Senior Saints Choir as well as Music Director for the Adult Bible Conference.

Costs: Registration, coffee & cookies, banquet, concert & all sessions—\$50; late afternoon sessions (men & women combined), Banquet & concert (husbands & friends invited) - \$25.

## INSPIRATION HILLS NEWS

Construction will begin soon on the Eaglecrest Lodge as soon as we can get the plans finalized and the bidding process complete. The Board made the decision to begin because you, our donors, have been faithful. With your help, we are making an investment in ministry that will impact lives for years to come.

Eaglecrest Lodge will set on the ball field across from the pool, just east of the new playground. This location will serve us well with ample parking and open space, yet convenient to our existing facilities. Plans for the Lodge include ten private rooms with two queen beds and private bathroom; four rooms with 3-5 bunks; three meeting rooms and two or three kitchens

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## August 1, 2010 Worship

**Health Concerns/ Congregational Needs**  
All needs should be called into the church. Leave a request with Connie or Voice Mail. For prayerline, please contact Susan Bierwagen, 331-3996. For emergencies in the non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde or the Elder On Call.

### This Week

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Worship  
11:00 Worship

**Nursery Care—9am & 11am**

### Next Week, August 8, 2010 Mission Offering for St. Francis House

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Worship  
11:00 Worship

**Nursery Care—9am & 11am**

### Elder on Call:

25th—Ken Vos  
1st—Curt Zwart

**Check us out on the web!**  
[www.communityrc.org](http://www.communityrc.org)

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