The colors are really popping right now, but I can already see lots of trees starting to drop the leaves. I always wish they could just stick around a little longer, but that never seems to happen. Then if you get a little rain on top of all that it just seems to really speed up the process. Still, it is a pretty time of the year and this year with all the rain the grass is just exceptionally green so we are getting a full view of the colors of fall. We do need some drying time now for those farmers and the harvest that is waiting for them. Maybe the sun will appear a little more yet. We are praying for that.

I will start with an announcement concerning the Men’s Morning on Saturday. We have to postpone that due to Gary’s sister passing away this week. We are not sure of the rescheduled date at this point. The church calendar gets pretty full in the fall. We will sure be letting everyone know as soon as we can get the next time on the calendar. These things can never be planned for. I hope everyone will be patient with us.

Choir started rehearsal on Sunday night and yes, we did have a number of new faces with us. There were quite a number of people missing this week, but I know they are planning on being with us. It appears as though it is going to be one of the largest groups we have ever put together and this year’s concert is full of great arrangements of the old carols. I truly believe our listeners are going to be blessed with the sounds of Christmas. Great job choir!

I’m still waiting for a decorator. 😊 I am getting my tools ready just in case I have to do it myself. 😊 I’m pretty good at those kinds of things. I’m thinking about putting some of my deer mounts in the lobby. I think they would add a nice touch. (Just kidding!)

Gordon Mote will be here with us next Saturday. We have all been pushing that concert pretty hard this year only because we don’t know when we will be seeing him again up this way. I know he’s been here a couple of times, but I just feel like his story and ministry of music is so unique and amazingly dynamic. We just really want you to enjoy this kind of thing and the price is so reasonable. I would grab a friend and bring them. It’s not a long evening and one that will be a true blessing to each of you. We are hoping for a good ticket run this week. We would love to see you all there!

MidWeek is off and running now. We had a great turnout with nearly 300 suppers served. That is really something! Those work-crews are amazing at what they can do and how well all that goes. It’s a fine tuned machine back there in the kitchen. Classes will be starting this week and we have some good choices for that as well. If you haven’t been a part of this, get plugged in. It is well worth your time!

Sunday I start the New Testament questions that Jesus asks. These will be much more personal. That’s really who Jesus is. He is that personal side of God, if you understand what I am trying to say. His questions then seem to probe into the very soul of those around him. We start with Jesus walking through the crowd when suddenly someone touches the hem of his garment. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

Wanting to be baptized as an adult? Meet in Pastor Clyde’s office this Sunday morning, October 15th @ 10:00am.
NURSERY SCHEDULE

October 15: 9:00am—
Corey & Laurel Feenstra
Wanda Houtsma
Nichole Hassebroek
11:00am—
Josiah & Kris Dunlap
Leslie Cleveringa

October 22: 9:00am—
Jodi & Shelby Ackerman
Gwen Amen
Melissa Beek
11:00am—
Jordan & Zach Seefeldt
Grace Maciejewski

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Oct 15: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
Oct 22: Daryl & Char DuBois
Oct 29: Steve & Becky Lee

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Oct 15:
9:00am— Brian & Holli Jans
11:00am— Ross & Jolene Larson

Oct 22:
9:00am— Dick & Jeannette Jennings
11:00am— Bob & Lori Hein

GREETED SCHEDULE

October 15:
9:00am— Brian & Janet Bartcher,
Lyle & Wilma Drenth, Gerald & Deb Teunissen
11:00am— Jerralyynne Tjeerdema,
Willard & Dar Keizer

October 22:
9:00am— Carl Tonjes, Bonnie &
Bruce, Dave & Trish Mayer
11:00am— Carl Tonjes, Bert Roeterman

October Mission of the month is
Gideons

The Gideons International is an
Association of Christian busi-
ness and professional men
and their wives dedicated to
telling people about Jesus
through associating together
for service, sharing personal
testimony, and by providing
Bibles and New Testaments.

The October love gift for the
Union Gospel Mission is caps,
scarves, XXL insulated gloves.
Please place these in the des-
ignated bin in the lobby.

Prayer REQUESTS

Join us for a time of prayer on Saturdays from 7am-8am at church.

• Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
• Marilyn Bosch’s dad (hospice)
• Pete Valentine
• Nataliie Baker (seizure disorder)
• Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
• Jodie Jensen (cancer)
• Chelle McMurrey’s dad (multiple myeloma)
• Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
• Susan Payne (cancer)
• Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)

• Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
• Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
• Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
• Annetta Wiese
• Steve Lee (stomach surgery)
• Jan Melema (wrist surgery)
• William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
• Mike Hilbrands (broken leg)
• Tracee Ellwein’s dad (knee surgery)

Our condolences go out to Gary McCaan for the recent passing of his sister. Please keep them in your
The next activity for the Senior High Youth Group is the Heartland County Corn Maze this Sunday evening, October 15 at 7:30pm. We will meet at the corn maze for this event, and we should finish up by about 8:45 pm. There is no need to RSVP, and you can invite as many friends as you want. The cost is $5 per person. Be sure to wear warm clothes and bring a flashlight!

The first night of choir was this past Sunday! We had a fantastic night of rehearsal! It’s not too late to join, so if you are a singer, I ask you to consider joining us. We meet in the chapel on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30, and child care is provided. Our performances will be December 10 at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. This is such a unique and fun way to get involved at Community. You’ll meet people in choir you might not meet at other events, and it’s a wonderful bonding experience to work together on music for the Christmas concert. Even though we set the bar pretty high for this group, we also want to make sure that everyone is enjoying themselves! Please consider joining us!

I’d like to invite all of the women to another Women’s Retreat hosted by my sister and me! The date for this retreat is October 28, and it will run from 9:00-noon at the church. An RSVP is not required, but it does help us to know how to plan for handouts and food. So if you know you’d like to come, send us an email or simply sign up at the link! We’re looking forward to what God has planned for this morning! Check out the graphic below for more details!

And lastly, don’t forget about the Gordon Mote concert coming up on October 21! Gordon is an exceptional piano player and singer, and his story is deeply inspiring. The cost is only $10 per person, and I know you’ll find the concert to be a blessing. Please consider coming!

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org

Women’s Retreat
October 28, 2017
9am-Noon
Made In the Image of God
@ Community Reformed Church
6800 E. 41st St, Sioux Falls, SD 57110
Free Admission

For handout and snack purposes, let us know you’re coming!
Sign up at the link or email
Liz Teel (youthpastor@communityrc.org) or
Abbie Coffey (abbieteel@yahoo.com),
It’s also fine to just show up that morning! ☺️
Hi Everyone,
Our first week of Midweek was fantastic. We are learning together and getting to know one another in Midweek and in Sunday School. I have really enjoyed meeting some new families and am so thankful for the kids who have continued to come. Community, you should be proud of your kids. God is really doing some amazing things in, around and through them and they are paying attention. Thanks for letting me be here to see that as it happens.

We need a few more people to teach Midweek lessons this year. Would you be willing to jump in for a week? Sign up to help for one week or more: [https://goo.gl/dJSrre](https://goo.gl/dJSrre) I need some help with some other things as well. Please see below.

Christmas Program practices for the Kindergarten through 5th Grade kids start on Sunday. (The 3 year old and PreK kids do their practice on Sunday mornings during Sunday School.) The practice schedule for the K-5 kids is below. I think we’re going to have a lot of fun together.

I’ll see you soon! -Heather DeWit

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**What we’re learning:**

**Midweek: Who does the Bible say I am?**

**Midweek Memory—October 2017**
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
- Psalm 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- Proverbs 12:18 The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.
- 1 Samuel 16:7b The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

**Sunday School Oct 8 and 15**

3 Year Olds/PreK—Noah’s Ark: God takes care of us and a rainbow is a promise

Kindergarten—Adam and Eve and Noah

1st Grade—God as Creator and Lord and God as Infinite

2nd Grade—Life before Jesus and Jesus is born

3rd Grade—The Bible—How was it written and how is it organized? How do we read it?

4th Grade—Jesus visits Mary and Martha and Jesus heals a woman

5th/6th Grade—Our 5th/6th Grade class had a wonderful talk

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**Kids Christmas Program is coming!**
December 3 at 4pm
3 year olds through 5th grade

- The 3 year olds and Pre-K kids do ALL of their practicing during Sunday School.

- Kindergarten through Fifth Grade kids interested in participating in the program will use the following practicing schedule:
  - Oct 15–4:45 to 5:45- Welcome meeting and audition for speaking parts—parents should stay for the first few minutes if they can to help kids fill out a form with contact information.
  - Oct 22, Oct 29, Nov 5, Nov 12–4:45 to 5:45—Practice in Sanctuary
  - Nov 19 Practice IN the Children’s Wing (I may cancel this one but we’ll tentatively plan to do it.) 4:45-5:45
  - Nov 26–4:45 to 5:45–Practice in Sanctuary (with costumes)
  - Dec 2–Dress Rehearsal in Sanctuary 11am
  - Dec 3–All kids arrive at 3:30pm—Parent volunteers needed to help keep everyone calm while we get ready to start. :)

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**WANTED:**
Individual, Family, or Group of Folks to take the lead on the Community Reformed Church efforts for Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection. This would include helping to spread the word, keeping boxes organized and delivering boxes to the Sioux Falls drop off location.

**Do you feel called to do this? Do you want to learn more?** Email Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

**Crafters wanted!**
We need someone to make white snowball pom-poms from yarn. It is very easy but we need a lot of them! Do you have time to make some? The instructions are at: [http://www.handimania.com/diy/2-incredible-ways-to-make-yarn-pom-poms.html](http://www.handimania.com/diy/2-incredible-ways-to-make-yarn-pom-poms.html) Church can give you the yarn and toilet paper rolls so all you need is your hands! :) Talk to Heather

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**We still need midweek volunteers:**
Sign up to help for ONE week or more: [https://goo.gl/dJSrre](https://goo.gl/dJSrre)
Midweek Adult Classes
Wednesday nights @ 7:00pm

1st night- Oct. 4th- All adults will meet in the Worship Center

#OURBEAUTIFULPURPOSE- (Office #5) Oct. 11- Dec. 13
Length: 9 weeks Leader: Andrea Dick
Let’s talk about issues that young women face and work through finding our identity in each issue and ultimately our identity in Christ. Topics include: friendships, our identity, taking care of ourselves, our fears, our calling, our purpose, our self-worth.

Social Media and Internet Safety for Children & Adolescents- (Worship Center) Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Nov 15th
Length: 3 weeks Leader: Zach Seefeldt
If you need someone to pray WITH you, if you need someone to pray FOR you, if you need to PRAY...join us. Everyone welcome- all ages, male & female, friends and families. Come as you are, when you can. We are looking forward to spending time with you and the Lord in scripture based prayer.

Perfect Parenting-(Worship Center) Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1st
(and Other Myths for Middle, Elementary, and Preschool Children)
Length: 3 weeks Leader: J.C. Chambers from Stronghold Counseling
This workshop is designed to encourage parents as they maneuver the territory of raising kids in this complicated and confusing times.

What Does Grace Have To Do With It?- (Chapel) Oct. 11-Dec. 13
Length: 9 weeks Leader: Pastor Clyde
A look into our church doctrines and practices through the eyes of grace. It will be a time to ask the questions you always wanted to ask about “church” things, but maybe were afraid to ask. Why do we do things the way we do? What is behind our doctrines? What does grace have to do with those? We will focus on the big issues of church practice and our positions on various articles of faith. There is no particular book to study, but we will use several different resources as the class moves along. A great study of Biblical influence on church doctrines as well. It may sound complicated, but it is going to be very practical in our weekly approach.
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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH
2017 Future Missions of the month:
Nov.: Angel Tree
Dec.: Safe Families for Children Program (Bethany Christina Services)

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MEET & GREET

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Please welcome Troy and Amy Hartman and family to Community. Troy owns a company called Hartman Technology. Amy is a director of Behavior Health at Volunteers of America. Their children, Tanya and Graham attend the Harrisburg School. It is great to have them as a part of the Community family. And you will see them at the 9:00 am service.

Say hello to Teresa Schotte. Teresa works for an insurance company working in marketing. She lives in Sioux Falls and attends the 9:00 am service. Say Hi to Teresa.

William Vambram who is from Liberia, has joined the Community family. His wife, Cynthia, is back home caring for their children, Serena, Blessing and Wilbert. William is in his last year at Seminary. He is helping again this year teaching Sunday School. You will see him also at the 9:00am service. Make sure you say Hi to William.

We are looking for someone who loves to be with kids. This position is just for you. You would be working from 8:45-12:15 about two times a month plus cleaning one week. You are still able to attend church with your family each time you work. This is a paid position. If you are interested please contact Sheri at 605-261-2153 or sheri.brouwer@communityrc.org.

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We are hiring
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Kids Nursery

We are looking for someone who loves to be with kids. This position is just for you. You would be working from 8:45-12:15 about two times a month plus cleaning one week. You are still able to attend church with your family each time you work. This is a paid position. If you are interested please contact Sheri at 605-261-2153 or sheribrouwer@communityrc.org.
**Wednesday, October 11**
9:00am– Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN)
6:00pm– meal– Tacos
7:00pm– Classes of all ages

**Saturday, October 14**
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

**Sunday, October 15**
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
10:10am– Sunday School
10:10– Adults meeting for Baptism (Clyde’s office)
6-7:30pm– Choir

**Monday, October 16**
1:00pm– Faith Circle
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

**Tuesday, October 17**
7:00pm— Hope Circle
7:00pm— Book Club (E. Panera)

**Wednesday, October 18**
6:00pm– meal– Pork Sandwiches
7:00pm– Classes of all ages

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**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, January 21 @ 3pm.**
Health Concerns / Congregational Needs
All needs should be called into the church. Leave a request with the office or on the office Voice Mail. For prayerline, please contact Susan Bierwagen, 331-3996 or John Thornton, 331-3028 (crcprayerline@gmail.com). For emergencies during non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde or the elder on call.

Oct. 8—Pete Mellema
Oct. 15—Gerald Teunissen

Join us for worship at 8am, 9am or 11:00am. Deaf Interpreting available at 9am service. Check us out on the web: www.communityrc.org or like our Facebook page!