I guess we all survived the first snow of the season. I didn’t really like that so much. The wind is always the worst of it. I know the snow was pretty but I’m just not quite there yet. I am hoping for a little more fall. Actually, I’m hoping for a lot more fall...like through January. Ok, that might be stretching things a bit. I can see the colors have really started to show this week and it seems as though we are going to get some warm days as well. Enjoy that! We do all know how quickly things can change. Go farmers go!

We had lots of singers on Sunday afternoon. Good job Community! We had a little meeting at our rehearsal and we all agreed to move the concert from December 8th to the 15th. We hope that might give some of our busy folks a better day and then they can join us. It is a good group and they do such a wonderful job of singing. You are in for a nice treat. Put it the calendar. It will be here before you know it.

I saw one of our new small groups getting together this past Sunday evening. They were having their meeting here at the church. We have three of those new groups going this year. Liz has brought this all together and we are going to see just how all of this goes. So far, it seems like a really good thing. New people meeting with folks who have been around here a long time...I like the looks of that!

I see there are lots of things on the calendar in the coming days. We have a lady’s luncheon, a Haiti Mission trip informational meeting, the first Christmas program practice for kids, Mission Sunday, and a host of other activities in the coming days. There is a calendar in this newsletter and information about those events.

Take some time to page through and see all what is going on around here. We do our best to keep you informed as best as we can.

We had an even bigger crowd this past Wednesday night for MidWeek! It is going very well. There are lots of people in classes and a nice gathering around the tables for supper. There is a lot of “good church” going on around that meal time. We invite folks to come and be a part of the family. It is still the best way to connect to new faces and for new faces to connect with us. This week is soup night. That is a big one!

I’m going to a conference this week for a couple of days in Iowa for “large church” pastors. I have done this once before, but it has been a couple of years since I have been there. It works for me to go this year. I’ll be back for class on Wednesday night...I don’t want to miss that! I have some hunting to get done in November too...but that is still a few days off. I’m going to sing in the Cathedral choir this year as well. I’ll have plenty to do! I am not complaining a bit! These are things I really enjoy. Amazing how that changes one’s attitude!

Sunday, we will do the Job story...not to focus on his loss...or to cover the same ground we have covered in that story before, but rather we are going to look more at the end of the story and what Job “gained”. That’s right...the gain! Job is certainly a troubling story of pain, misery and friends with great ideas about what he was doing wrong, but it ends with a deeper blessing. Jesus is in that story. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
ALL WOMEN LUNCH
MONDAY, OCT. 21
NOON-2:00PM
Please join us on Monday, Oct. 21 for a salad luncheon and Rebel Hurd, director of Church on the Street. This is a dynamic ministry and you will not want to miss!
12:00pm– Salad Luncheon
1:00pm– Rebel Hurd
Please sign up at The Link. If you are attending the luncheon and can bring a salad, your help would be appreciated. Please note item behind your name. If you cannot bring an item, PLEASE still come. We will be blessed with your presence. Need more info? 3s call Elaine 351-4202

MISSIONS MORNING
SUNDAY, OCT. 27
8:45AM-11:00AM
Check out booths from local missions/ministries that Community supports. Donut holes and coffee also available.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE
SUNDAY, OCT. 27
2:30PM
Ages 3-preschool practice during Sunday School hour.
K-5 kids practice on Sunday afternoons at 2:30pm. Christmas program: Dec. 8th @ 4:00pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct 16
6:00pm– Midweek meal-Soup
6:30pm– K-5th grade singing
6:45pm– K-8th grade classes
7:00pm– Classes for adults
7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Oct 19
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Oct 20
10:10am– Sunday School
4:00pm– Choir

Monday, Oct 21
Noon– Women’s Luncheon
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct 22
7:00pm– AA

Wednesday, Oct 23
6:00pm– Midweek meal-Tacos
6:30pm– K-5th grade singing
6:45pm– K-8th grade classes
7:00pm– Classes for adults
7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

FINANCES
Sunday, Oct 13, 2019

General: $10,383
Vision: $1,640
Missions: $600

General YTD: $608,701
Vision YTD: $151,735
Vision Account Balance: $99,288

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

AA BIG BOOK MEETING
Every Tues at 7pm at Community– Open meeting. Use east door. Every Saturday at 10am Closed (Addicts/Alcoholics only) meeting.

THE GIVE
The GIVE wall in the lobby is a place to donate to local ministries.
Union Gospel Mission– white sugar or powdered cream
Operation Christmas Child– School supplies
LSS of SD– Board Games or Legos
Community Youth Group– old cell phones

FAITH CIRCLE
Faith Circle will join the event on October 21 at noon for a salad luncheon. (See side info about ALL WOMEN LUNCHEON.) Please sign up at the Link.

JOY CIRCLE
Monday, Oct. 21– Church in the street with Rebel Hurd

MISSION OF THE MONTH: The Gideons
Mid-Week is in full swing, and everything seems to be running smoothly! Remember that Mid-Week is a great place to meet new people and connect with each other at an event that is different from Sunday mornings. **It’s never too late to join Mid-Week.** This week, we are serving soup for supper at 6:00, and the adult classes will start at 7:00. Once again, here is the list of locations for the adult Mid-Week classes:

Clyde – Myths of Christianity – Chapel
Liz – The Bible Says What?! – Fellowship Hall
Larson/Jacobs – Becoming Men of God – Sanctuary, west side near the organ
Andrea Dick – Our Beautiful Purpose – The Corner
Kyle Wigg – The Gospels (5 week study) – The Office Area
Pastor John – Marriage (4 week study after Kyle’s class) – The Office Area

One of our church people is trying a new ministry idea. Robin Jacobs had an idea to do a packing party for anyone who wanted to send a care package to a college student. (Think of this as a sort of a “Christmas Cookie Exchange for Care Packages.”) If you are interested in packing and sending a box, contact Robin at robinmjacobs98@gmail.com. The deadline to sign up is October 20, and the packing party is October 24 at 6:30pm.

She’ll be contacting all interested people with information about how much of each item to bring along with suggestions for items. You’ll meet at her house to pack the boxes, and then you’ll be able to take home your box and ship it by the method you choose. If you have questions, you can contact Robin. I love it when church people have a vision and then work to carry it out! I think those college kids will be blessed!

And lastly this week, I have an important announcement to make about church choir. After talking with several people and checking holiday schedules more extensively, we have decided that it would be wise for us to move the date of the performances to December 15. This is one week later than we had originally planned. This way, the children’s Christmas Program will be one week earlier than the Christmas Choir Concerts. And we are able to make it possible for more people to participate in choir. Remember, rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30. We always have free nursery care during that time, and we only rehearse through December 8. The concerts are December 15 at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. It’s not too late to join, so if this is something you think you want to try, please join us!

Have a great week!

Liz

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**PRAYER REQUEST**

- 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)
- Bruce Heinen (Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law) lymphoma
- Diane Johnson (liver disease)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Michelle Carnes’ brother, Mike (cancer)
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Al Hoogendoorn (multiple health issues)
- Dave Sells (surgery recovery)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Melanie Oden’s dad, David (motorcycle accident)
- Jane Klemme (breast cancer)
- Harriet Valentine (knee replacement)
- Brian Bartscher (rotator cuff surgery)
- Carol Long (knee replacement)
- Cleone Groen (surgery)
- Bill Klein (infection)
Hi Everyone!

We’re getting kids signed up for the Christmas Program!

- The 3 year olds and preschool age kids will do their practice during Sunday School so you don’t need to sign them up or go to a separate practice.

For the K-5 kids, practice starts Oct. 27 and is at 2:30pm on Sunday afternoons. The K-5 kids (and youth volunteers) need a registration form or you can sign up online at: https://vbspro.events/p/events/christmas19

I could use some youth and adult volunteers if anyone is willing.

We’ll be praying for the 3rd Graders and handing out Bibles in church at the 9am and 11am services on October 27.

I’m looking for a volunteer or two to cut the fleece to make two fleece blankets. We will purchase the fleece and the kids will tie it to make the blankets for someone in need. It is just easier for the kids if they don’t have to do all of the cutting.

Thanks everyone and I hope to see you soon!

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Well here we are in the middle of October and we have a few things coming up to end it. The next two Sundays youth will be gathering for some fun together as the high school group heads to the corn maze this Sunday (the 20th) at 4:30. Then middle school will be the following Sunday the 27th as we get together at church for a night of escape rooms. We will be starting at 6 and ending at 7:30. I’m looking forward to both events as we continue to build community within the youth groups!

The high school group is halfway through our “You Asked It” series and as always, students have asked some great questions. They also know a lot once the discussion starts. It’s so fun to do these series as students find ways to encourage and challenge one another through discussion. This week we will be getting into a few big “Why does God ____?” questions. I won’t have all the answers, but we will dive into some truths of scripture as we tackle these together.

The middle school group is in the final week of a gospel series. This week we will be going through our need for a savior and diving into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The common joke is that the answer is always Jesus. This week, that will be very true!

I know there has been some change with the schedule as I have taken over for the middle school this fall. As we continue to go throughout the year I will be hosting some parent meals to continue discussion. Not all of the talk will revolve round the schedule, as I will continue to seek ways to partner with parents. The first high school parent meal will be this upcoming Thursday, October 24th at 6:00 pm. Any high school parents who are planning on being there, please RSVP to me so I can plan the right amount of food.

Hope you all have a great week. It sounds like the temp is on the rise this weekend!

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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.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 27**
8:45AM-11:00AM
Check out booths from local missions/ministries that Community supports. Donut holes and coffee also available.

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**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**

Do you have a college student that you would like to send a care package to? Contact Robin Jacobs for more information or see Liz’s article. robinmjacobs98@gmail.com
Deadline to sign up: Oct. 20.
Packing party: Oct. 24 @ 6:30pm.

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**sing n’ sprout**
Growing with God through music & movement
Parents of infants and toddlers are invited to bring their little ones for a class just for you to enjoy together!
Lil’ Sprouts will learn about God’s love as they wiggle, giggle and play instruments!
**SUNDAYS 10:15AM**
Join us in the nursery

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**INFO MEETING & LUNCH for Mission Trip to Haiti!**
**SUNDAY, OCT. 27TH @ NOON**
**TRIP DATES: MARCH 1-7, 2020**
INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service  
FEB 9

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, Feb. 9 @ 3pm.

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.

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