

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

October! Wow! The last quarter of the year is before us. I am talking about things like Thanksgiving and Christmas. Is that just a little crazy or what? Starting this week, most the fall activities will be in full swing. I do love the fall and so far, it has been a pretty nice one. I have heard that this week is going to start to feel a little more like it as well. I mean, it is October, so we should be feeling by now. I know that many farmers are wanting to get going on some of the harvest. I do hope they get some weather that cooperates, but one never knows this year for sure. I guess that needs to all play out.

This coming Sunday is worldwide Communion Sunday and so we too will be celebrating the Lord's Table with thousands of other churches around the world. I will be praying for a great day of reflection and vision as God moves among His people. I hope you will all be able to attend with us together. It will be a good day to be here!

I know we are still looking for teachers for MidWeek and as Liz explained on Sunday, these are individual lessons that use cooking, science, crafts, and all sorts of other ways to share Jesus with the children. I am most confident that we will fill those blocks of time. We can all make a difference. I hope you are listening to the leading of the Spirit!

Choir: We start on Sunday afternoon at 4pm this week! I know it seems early, but the calendar falls that way this year. We never know from year to year who will show up and just how many we might have, but I do hope it is a large group. We have gone back to the files this year for many of our selections, but we have some great new pieces for you all as well.

We would love to see a few new faces this year, but I do hope that our faithful ones are going to be there. We need you there. It is a time commitment for sure, but we hope this earlier time helps. I know for those who have young children, this should be better...you can get done, get home, and have the whole evening to yourselves. We are certainly trying to accommodate these busy lives that you all have. Join us! It is such a great way to connect the ministry of the church and meet some new faces. Invite a friend and join us! Let's go Community Choir!

I am sure many of you have noticed how the construction is moving along. There is a lot of activity out there each week and as the time passes you can begin to see things take shape. I don't know if you have all noticed, but you can see the street laid out pretty clearly now. They will be working on that more and more and in the not too distant future you will see curbs in for that part of this project. It will be nice to see that part done. Things have sure changed out here haven't they?

Sunday our Old Testament character is King David. I have communion to work in as well, so I'll have plenty to do, but we are going to talk about Kings. Great kings! The greatest king of all. What do great kings do? What kind of qualities do they need to possess? What kind of heart do they have? We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Oct 6: 9:00am—

LaDonna Freiburg
Keith, Laura, Emma Maloney
11:00am-
Mary Burggraaf
Allie Underberg
Randi VanDerSloot

Oct 13: 9:00am—

Tom & Amy Bosch
Tyler Wolf
11:00am-
Andrea Fisher
Jordon Lipp
Zariah Sittig

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Oct 6:

9:00am— Bob & Lori Hein
11:00am— Mike & Angie Hageman

Oct 13:

9:00am— Harlan & Judy
Van Meeteren
11:00am— Bruce Wentzel &
Bonnie Overweg

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Oct 6: Denny & Sue Brunsting

Oct. 13: Dick & Jeanette Jennings

Oct. 20: Joel & Lisa Blankers

GREETER SCHEDULE

Oct 6

9:00am—
Monte & Marlene Van Meetern
Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
Chad & Diane McKee
11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Mark & Pat Koll

Oct 13

9:00am—
Donna Humme
Jeris & Maylene Van Zee
Daron & Sherri VanBeek
11:00am—
Donna Humme
Al & Sherri Price



MIDWEEK LAUNCH

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

First Night of Midweek

6:00pm– Supper

6:30pm– K-5 grade singing

6:45pm– K-8th grade classes

7:00pm– Classes for adults

7:30pm– High School Youth Group

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

4:00PM–5:30PM

Practice runs from Oct-1st week in December. Christmas Choir concert: Sunday, Dec. 8th.

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 com. We will be blessed with your presence. Need more info. ?s call Elaine 351-4202

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct 2

6:00pm– Midweek meal– BBQ

6:30pm– K-5 grade singing

6:45pm– K-8th grade classes

7:00pm– Classes for adults

7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Oct 5

7:00 am–Prayer ministry (Chapel)

10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Oct 6

(World-wide Communion)

10:10am– Sunday School

3:00pm– Baptism

4:00pm– Choir

Monday, Oct 7

9:30am– Joy Circle

7:00pm– Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 8

7:00pm– AA

Wednesday, Oct 9

9:00am– Book Club @ Bagel Boy on MN Ave.

6:00pm– Midweek meal-Chicken Salad/Taco Salad

6:45pm– K-8th grade classes

7:00pm– Classes for adults

7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

Thursday, Oct. 10

7:00pm– Elders/ 8:00pm– Consistory

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on MN Ave. They will be discussing *The Long-shining Waters* by Long.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera. They will be discussing *Those Waves These Are* by Dykes.

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– regular coffee

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. 7– Word for study-self control

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

HOPE CIRCLE

will meet at 7:00 pm on Oct.15. Hostess is Helen and lesson is Wilma.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Join the seniors at the E. Pizza Ranch at Noon on Monday, Oct. 14th.

FINANCES

Sunday, Sept 29, 2019

General:..... \$12,834

Vision: \$1,505

Missions: \$135

General YTD: \$582,354

Vision YTD: \$141,641

Vision Account Balance: \$96,810

Adult Discipleship/Worship



We had over 30 people join us for The Draw last week, which meant that we officially have 3 small groups in our new small group ministry! I'm really looking forward to watching these groups interact over the course of the year, and I'll be checking in with them periodically to see how we can change and tweak things for next year. If you missed The Draw but are interested in being in a small group, just let me know. I will keep a list of people interested in participating, and when we have enough people to form a new small group, I'll let everyone know. Thanks to those who came to the info meetings and asked questions about this new ministry. I certainly appreciated your input, interest, and words of encouragement!

This Wednesday evening, October 2, Mid-Week gets its official start! Remember that we will be serving a free meal from 6:00-7:00, and then the adults will be meeting in the sanctuary for a quick info meeting about the classes we'll be offering. (The kids will already be in their assigned areas by this time. Check out Heather's and Doyle's articles for those details.) After the info meeting, I'll ask the adults to fill out a soft registration form for which class or classes they think they might attend. This will give me a ballpark number for each class so I can know which rooms to assign to each group to accommodate for class size. Then at the end of the meeting, we usually close with a time of prayer.

Don't forget that adults are welcome to switch classes throughout the year, and it's absolutely acceptable to try more than one class! If you have questions about any of this, don't hesitate to ask me.

And lastly this week, Christmas choir will get started this Sunday, October 6 from 4:00-5:30pm. This choir is open to any high school students through adults who are interested in singing, and we even offer nursery care for those of you with kids. I'm especially excited about some of the new pieces we get to perform this year! Our church choir is an outstanding group of singers, and I'm really looking forward to our time together. We'll practice on Sundays to prepare for our concerts on December 8 during the 9:00 and 11:00 services. We meet in the chapel for rehearsal, and you do not have to register to be a part of this. Simply come! I hope we have a huge group this year!

Have a great week!

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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)
- **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)

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KIDS MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

THE FIRST DAY OF MIDWEEK IS 10/2/19.

K-5 Kids! Be sure to come this week using the NEW SCHEDULE!

- **Eating 6-6:30
(or eat until 6:45 if not singing)**
- **Singing with Liz: 6:30-6:45PM
(OPTIONAL)**
- **Class Time 6:45-7:15**
- **Large Group and/or Shepherd Only
Time: 7:15-7:30**
- **Fun Zone: 7:30-8:00 (OPTIONAL)**



We still need more volunteers. Could you be the Shepherd for the 2/3 grade kids, partnering with Keith (he's a pro at this!) That is from 6:45-7:30 (unless you want to stay for Fun Zone and play.)

Could you teach a lesson or lead an activity once or a few times this year?

- I gather all of the supplies and have them in the room for you.
- I email you the lesson or activity so you can review it and pray about it before you come on Wednesday. They are pretty short lessons. You come to teach a group of kids from 6:45pm to 7:15pm. The kids are divided into K/1, 2/3 and 4/5 and you just teach one of those groups. **We have quite a few spots that need filling for K/1 and 2/3.** Their Shepherd volunteers are in the room too so you don't have to worry about knowing what to do. Then at 7:15 you can leave for the night or even head to an adult class because the kids have other things to do with their Shepherds. Your Bible lesson might be art, music, story, service, science, etc. You can even tell me which type you prefer if you want but they are all fun!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CACAA2EABFB6-midweek2>

Parents of 3rd graders (and older): LAST CHANCE 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 by clicking "register" and adding the needed information by October 6, 2019. Click this link to enter the information or just email me with how you'd like the name printed on your child's Bible: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/bibles> We are giving out the Bibles during the 9AM AND 11AM services on 10/27/19 but you can get the Bible after that too.

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CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out the Jodi Ackerman and her family on the recent death of her grandmother, Grace. Please keep them in your prayers.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to our friends at Community for your words of sympathy and kindness. My dad was a very quiet and humble man and for those of you that knew him all expressed what a nice man my dad was. He was just that. He will be greatly missed. Special thanks to John for your visits with my dad and for sharing communion with him. Thank you Pastor Clyde for doing the service. We had numerous compliments on what a great message you gave. Having you there truly meant a lot to us.

Brian and Janet Bartscher and family
Tom and Pam Tille and family

SUNDAY
MORNINGS

PARENT CONNECTIONS Sundays @ 10:00am in chapel

Are you looking for deeper connections to other parents at Community? Meet in the chapel at 10:00am on Sunday mornings. Our goal is to develop stronger relations with other families, with our own family, and with God.



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.

DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Midweek is officially starting this week, although the high school group has been in full swing since the start of September. I am so excited to get going with the middle school group while continuing on with the high schoolers. As we kick the year off, there are a few changes to the schedule to be mindful of.

The middle school group will start up at 6:45 Wednesday nights and will be finished by 7:45 each night. Then from 7:45 – 8:00 there will be time to hang out and play games while waiting for others to finish up. The high school group will start at 7:30 each night and will wrap up at 8:30. Both groups are welcome to come early for a meal and time hanging out before youth group begins as well. The meal will still be served from 6:00 – 6:50 Wednesday nights.

As we get going, the middle school group will be starting the year off in the message of the Gospel – much like the high school group did in September. As we get going, this will be a great reminder and way to set up the rest of the year as we will continually draw back to the message of Jesus. To end the month of October, the middle school group will have an event on Sunday October 27th here at church. We will be doing a personalized escape room at the church from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

The high school group will be moving into a month on a "You Asked It" series. Like last year, students already have a great list of questions they have asked throughout September and I'm looking forward to the discussion this often brings. The monthly event for the high school group will be the corn maze on October 20th. As we draw near, I'll get more information out about that!

As we get this thing going, please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have about the youth ministries here at Community!

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service
OCT 6

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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, Oct 6 @ 3pm.**

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