PASTOR’S UPDATE

We have had some very nice fall days here lately, I do love those! I did get out last week and spend a little more time in the saddle. I sure do enjoy that. It puts my mind in a different place. Thanks Denny and Sue for the opportunity to get out into the fall air and soak up a little of that. I want to get into my hunting things as well. The time is now…so I hope I can get away to do more of that too. Fall is my favorite season and I don’t want to let it get away from me. I did hear that maybe November is going to be a nice month. I know we are all hoping that is true. Enjoy everyone!

We have a lot of folks doing hospital things now and family members fighting difficult battles. I guess it is one of those seasons. You never know what life is going to bring and now we see it. My heart does go out to those folks and I pray that God will be strong for them. I sure do enjoy the Operation Christmas Child gift box display in the lobby as well. We encourage you to pick up a box or two and go make a difference the life of a child. The directions are easy to follow. We need to get those back here by November 20th. Last year you all did an amazing job with that ministry and I am counting on the same thing this year. Go Community Go!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Saturday, Oct 26
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Oct 27
MISSIONS MORNING
10:10am– Sunday School
12:00pm– Haiti Lunch
2:30pm– Kid’s Christmas Program Practice
4:00pm– Choir

Monday, Oct 28
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday, Oct. 29
7:00pm– AA

Wednesday, Oct 30
6:00pm– Midweek meal-Italian Night
6:30pm– K-5th grade singing
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7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

FINANCES

Sunday, Oct 20, 2019

General: ....................... $15,865
Vision: .......................... $1,965
Missions: ....................... $299
Wed. Night: ..................... $324

General YTD: .................... $624,566
Vision YTD: ..................... $153,700
Vision Account Balance: $93,860

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.

HAITI MISSION TRIP LUNCH
SUNDAY, OCT. 27
12:00PM
Interested in the mission trip to Haiti?
(Trip dates: March 1-7, 2020)
Come to an info meeting and lunch at noon on Oct. 27th.

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

JOY CIRCLE
Bible Study-Monday, Nov. 11th @ 9:30am at church. Word: Kindness. NOTE DATE CHANGE.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: The Gideons
Last week, I was able to head to Burke for a quick daytrip to see my Grandma Lucy. The weather was nice, I was all caught up on my work, and I was in need of a little break. Even though it was only for one day, I was pleasantly surprised at how refreshing it was to get out of town and do something out of the ordinary. As I have considered my time at Grandma’s house, I have been convicted about the many times I don’t do something fun or out of the ordinary because I feel like I need more time to do it well, or I need to plan it better, or it needs to be more impressive. I don’t know if this relates to you (some of you are pros at spontaneity!) but if I’ve just described your tendency to put off times of rest, then I encourage you to be open to thinking outside the box on this issue. Sometimes God will give us unexpected open times in our schedules to take a walk, write a letter, sit outside and appreciate nature, read a book, have coffee with a friend, go fishing, do some woodworking, or take a daytrip. Anything that takes us out of the ordinary routine of our days can be used as a time of rest and refreshment. All we have to do is recognize the opportunity for it as a gift from God, and then take Him up on His offer. I hope this makes sense. As someone who is highly structured and planned, this is really challenging for me. But I want to get better at it because I think I miss gifts of rest from God. So that’s my challenge for you this week. And since my Grandma reads this newsletter, I want to say, “Thanks for hosting me and for the peach pie! 😊”

This will be the last week I’ll share the locations of the adult classes for Mid-Week. Remember that it’s never too late to start Mid-Week, and you are welcome to try different classes each week!

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 (ends Nov. 6) – The Office Area
Pastor John – Marriage (begins Nov. 13) – The Office Area

And lastly this week, don’t forget that we have decided to move the date of the choir performances to December 15. This is always a fantastic Sunday to invite a friend to church, so mark those calendars! Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30. We always have free nursery care during that time. 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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Hi Everyone!

This week:

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE STARTS THIS SUNDAY, Oct. 27 from 2:30-3:30pm for Kindergarten through Middle School.** You can sign up online at: [https://vbspro.events/p/events/christmas19](https://vbspro.events/p/events/christmas19)

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

Here’s what we’ve been learning:

**Sunday School:**

3 year old and PreK Classes: On 10/20 we learned that God takes care of us and met Baby Moses. Next week we’ll learn about the 10 Commandments.

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade: We found out about a teeny weenie true king and now we’ll learn about a giant and a boy with a sling and stones. We’re connect those Old Testament stories with Jesus!

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade: We’re learning about the end of the world and God’s promises.

**Midweek:** We’re learning about Moses this week and how God had a plan for Moses and has a plan for us too! It is an acting week this week. Next week is a science week and we’ll learn about Daniel and trust.

HELP WANTED: I’ve got some sewing projects for Christmas Program if any of you want to help create some costumes.

See you soon!

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**DOYLE’S UPDATE**

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

October is winding down, but there are still two Wednesday’s left as this month we get 5 nights for Wednesday. Before getting into the recaps for the student ministries, I just wanted to take a moment and thank everyone for making the schedule change work. While there are still conversations taking place for the long term, this year has started out great and so I thank you all for your flexibility. We have some great sponsors who have also stepped up to make this happen as well.

The high school group will be taking a break from our normal Wednesday night routine this week as shake it up with an outing. If you know your student is going to be late this week let me know! We also had a pretty good group out at the corn maze this last Sunday. It was the final night of their regular maze of the year so it was well worn in with paths that were made by being well traveled. We had one group done in 20 minutes with all the answers and hidden booths, and others were searching up to the last minute!

One final reminder for the high school ministry that is all for parents. This Thursday, Abby and I will be hosting the high school parents for meal as we continue conversation on the ministry at our house. I’m looking forward to the meals throughout the year, and this is a great way to continue to stay connected and provide me with valuable input for the year. If you’re reading this and haven’t let me know if you can make it, there is still time. Send me a text by the end of the night so I can plan food for the night.

For middle school, we will be having our next event this upcoming Sunday at 6:00 here at Community. I will be putting together an escape room/church for the night and everything sounds awesome in theory! This Sunday we will put it to the test. This Wednesday, we will have a conclusion to our first series together as we go through an illustration of God’s great love for us. We have been focused on the story of Creation, Fall and Redemption the last three weeks, and tonight we wrap it.

As we get further into the year, I’m looking forward to the way the groups will continue to grow and take shape. If there are any questions, please feel free to send them my way anytime!

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**COMMUNITY KIDS**

Christmas Program
DEC. 8TH @ 4:00PM

HIP, GROOVY, RAD, COOL
INFO MEETING & LUNCH
for Mission Trip to Haiti!
SUNDAY, OCT. 27TH
@ NOON
TRIP DATES: MARCH 1-7, 2020

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BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS
THIS SUNDAY
WE’LL PRAY AND HAND OUT THE BIBLES THIS WEEK

IT’S SHOEBOX TIME
Boxes due Nov. 20
Check out the table in the lobby for all you need to know about packing a box for a child. Don’t let postage stop you from filling a box! Some generous donors have given money to cover some shipping costs.

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 instrumentally.
SUNDAYS 10:15AM
Join us in the nursery
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.**