October is winding down but the schedule is just getting into full swing around here. The colors have been so pretty and I hate to see it all end, but I am hearing the word snow for Friday. I don’t know about that. I’m sure it won’t last long, but it is a reminder of just what can happen at this time of year. Hunting season is going for many and I’m getting pretty excited to get back home to do a little of that myself. So far my bow hunting days have been cut into with schedules and things going on. I’ve got to get past some of that. I can tell the church is growing. It’s getting more and more difficult to get away. I’ll get it done though. Mom is waiting.

This Sunday is our annual fall Missions Fair. There will be some 20 different organizations and individuals in the fellowship hall area with information. You need to walk in there and just take a look at all the ministries we support throughout the year. They are wonderful people with deep passions about what they do. From local things to international organizations, you will indeed be blessed. Make and effort people and go through that area. It will be well worth your time.

We are making a strong push this year for the Shoebox Christmas program. We are not going to set a number goal, but we are just telling people to do it. The boxes are in the back of the lobby and the directions are written on the box. If you need more help, there are plenty of folks who can give you some assistance with that. We always do a great job each with this, but this year we just thought we would make an extra appeal and do even more. It is a wonderful cause and one that makes a difference to so many. We have had a blessed gift to help with the shipping so we feel the call of God to push a little this year. Bless a kid! Go Community Go!

The decoration committee is in full swing. We could use more help, but let me just say I was completely humbled by the number of people who came to our meeting on Monday night and for the many who talked to me already. We are getting this thing going. Right now the progress is to meet and go through the inventory of all that we have and then come up with a working plan. We need even more workers if you would like to get involved. We are putting together an email/phone list to keep in touch with our “crew”. If you want to be on that, sign up at The Link or talk to me. This is great!

I have gotten some wonderful cards and gifts again this month for Pastor Appreciation month. I just smile at some of the clever ideas some of you come up with. I just love it! You have made a guy pretty happy in the last few weeks. I really can’t say much more than that. I am truly blessed!

This week our message question is another great question that Jesus is going to ask one of the women who is looking for him at the tomb. The confusion on that day was so great. The sorrow was at an all time high. Everyone had given up on their hopes and dreams. The promised Messiah had been killed. Then comes the question. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**October 29:**
- 9:00am— Mike & Jolene Hilbrands
- 11:00am— Robyn Niewenhuis
- 11:00am— Sue Harms

**November 5:**
- 9:00am— Kristi Olson
- 11:00am— Andrea Fisher

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**COFFEE SCHEDULE**

Oct 29: Steve & Becky Lee
Nov 5: Joel & Lisa Blankers
Nov 12: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

**THE LINK SCHEDULE**

Oct 29
- 9:00am— Laurie Long
- 11:00am— Bill & Dar Keizer

Nov 5
- 9:00am— Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
- 11:00am— Tom & Robin Jacobs

**GREETER SCHEDULE**

**October 29:**
- 9:00am— Donna Humme, Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink, Tom & Amy Bosch
- 11:00am— Donna Humme, Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink

**November 5:**
- 9:00am— Nic & LaDonna Freiborg, Chad & Diane McKee, Ken & Deb Meyer
- 11:00am— Jerralynne Tjeerdsma, Willard & Dar Kiezer, Donna Humme

**Community Book Clubs**

**Morning Book Club** will be meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The Illusion of Separateness* by Van Booy.

**Evening Book Club** will meet Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7pm at the Eastside Panera. We will be discussing *The Language of Flowers* by Diffenbaugh.

**Both book clubs welcome new participants.** Contact Trudi Nelson at 371-3512 for more information.

**October Mission of the month is**

**Gideons**

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business 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 designated 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
- Natallie 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
- Jan Mellema (wrist surgery)
- William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Tracee Ellwein’s dad (knee surgery)
- Hunter Merkley (broken arm)
Liz’s Update

Last week, I was able to head back to Burke to spend a few days with my Grandma Lucy. What a beautiful time of year to head home! The trees had just turned and were brilliant with color, and since there has been so much rain, the grass was even quite green. The fall always reminds me of those verses in the Bible that talk about how creation itself declares the glory of God. Isaiah 55:12 says “You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.” It isn’t hard to imagine the beautiful fall trees clapping their “hands” in praise to the Creator! What an incredible God we serve!

Speaking of amazing things, how about that Gordon Mote concert on Saturday night! If you didn’t come, you missed a powerful night of worship and music. Gordon’s musical talent is mind-blowing, but who he is in Christ is deeply inspiring. His own story, coupled with his playing and singing created space for God to move mightily. Thanks to everyone who came out! It was a blessed night!

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!

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org
Hi Everyone,
Our kids at Community are learning and having fun together. Thank you for letting me learn with them.
It is truly a wonderful experience. On Sundays each grade is digging into the Bible in ways that will continue to be so good for them as they grow up. On Wednesdays we’re talking about who the Bible says we are and who the Bible says God is.

Our Christmas Program practicing is off to a good start. If your child has lines, please help them get those memorized as soon as you can. That will make our practices easier. Even if you don’t have kids, plan to attend the program and bring friends. The kids have a good message to share. Also, the sheep are pretty funny. You’ll see. :)

We still need some help during the Fun Zone on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7pm. Can you join the fun? Just come in and let me know you are able to help. We just need folks to play games and keep an eye on kiddos as they fellowship.

It is time to start packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. I think that November 12 deadline will sneak up on us so let’s get started! We’ll pack boxes together at Midweek on November 8 so please send some toys and supplies.

I’ll see you soon! -Heather DeWit

Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

Operation Christmas Child Boxes are due: **Nov 12**
The Midweek kids are packing boxes as a group on **Nov 8** and we’d love it if some of you could donate some of the supplies we need for filling our boxes. Then we can pack even more!

Neil Conover has generously volunteered to head this up for Community this year!

If you are packing your **box at home:**
1. Grab a box and brochure in the lobby at church
2. Start with a “wow” toy like a doll or soccer ball with pump
3. Add other fun toys, hygiene items or school supplies
4. PRAY for the child and family who will receive your gift and God’s Word.

If you want to provide supplies for the Midweek kids to pack, please bring:
- Bar soap (our biggest need right now)
- Stuffed Animals
- Dolls
- Ball with Pump
- Brushes and combs
- toy cars
- hair accessories
- solar calculators
- flashlight & extra batteries
- Sunglasses
- Washcloths
- jump ropes
- art supplies
- plastic cup
- Small toys
- Bandaids
- Nail clipper
- Little tools
- Flip Flops
- Garden tools

**No candy or toothpaste this year please.**

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

- The 3 year olds and Pre-K kids do ALL of their practicing during Sunday School on Sunday mornings.
- Kindergarten through Fifth Grade kids interested in participating in the program will use the following practicing schedule: We had our first practices but it is not too late to join the fun.
  - 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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Office Closed

Happy Thanksgiving!

Wedding

VBS starting
Come check out the local ministries Community supports throughout the year. Missions Fair runs from 10:00-11:00am this Sunday, October 29th.

Center of Hope
Community Outreach
Furniture Mission
Inspiration Hills
Angel Tree
Hope Haven
Arise Ukraine
Lunch is Served
Words of Hope
Bethany Christian Services
Pastor Regan Beuchamp
Mission Haiti
Diana Langerock
Family Visitation Center
Samaritans Feet
Feeding South Dakota
Bishop Dudley House
The Banquet
AMONG Foundation
What’s Happening @ Community

Wednesday, October 25
6:00pm – meal  BBQ
7:00pm – Classes of all ages

Thursday, October 26
5:15pm – Serving @ The Banquet (Downtown)

Saturday, October 28
7:00 am – Prayer ministry (Chapel)
9:00 am – Women’s retreat

Sunday, October 29
10:10am – MISSIONS FAIR (fellowship hall)
10:10 am – Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
10:00 am – Sunday School
4:45-5:45pm – Kid’s Program Practice
6:7:30pm – Choir

Monday, October 30
7:00pm – Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, November 1
6:00pm – meal  Soup
7:00pm – Classes of all ages

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Mission Trip to Haiti Meeting
A team from Community is going to Haiti in early March!
If you’d like to learn more or if you are planning to go on the
trip, please join us.
Sanctuary at 10am on November 5th.

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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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Perfect Parenting
And Other Myths for Middle,
Elementary, and Preschool
Children

Wednesday, Oct 25 & Nov. 1
7:00-8:00pm
Presenter: JC Chambers

This workshop is designed to encourage parents as they
maneuver the territory of raising
kids in this complicated and con-
fusing time.

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October is Pastor
Appreciation Month
and is the perfect time to
commit to prayer, love, and
encouragement for our pas-
tors and others in ministry on
a regular basis.

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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.

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Don’t Forget.
If you signed up to help out at the Banquet, it’s Thursday,
October 26th. Prep times are 2-5pm and serving starts at 5:15pm.

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Finances at a Glance:
Oct. 22, 2017

General: ................. $11,955
2017 Weekly Goal: ........ $15,033
Ahead/(Behind): ........... $3,077
Vision: ..................... $9,445
Missions: ..................... $390
Wed Night: ..................... $524
Sunday School: ............. $13

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 10/22/17

Year-To-Date Offering: $632,418
Year-To-Date Goal: $646,423
Ahead (Behind): $14,003
Year-To-Date Vision: $238,081
Vision Account Balance: $110,611
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October 25, 2017

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. 22— Cleone Leistra
Oct. 29— Laura Maloney

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!