Pastor’s Update

The month of October will end this week. November is here! Our fall turned out to be rather short thus far. I am hoping that maybe there will be a number of those days left in this new month that is about to start. I have seen some very nice Novembers and I would not be sad if we got another one. I did see the farmers in the fields now, finally. They are in high gear now trying to get those crops out of the field. This year the weather has not been on their side. It doesn’t take them long once they get going so let’s hope they can finish up. The air does indeed feel like fall. I have really enjoyed the past few days with the sun being warm and then just that hint of chill in the air. That’s the best!

I am hoping to get a few days of hunting in back home. Some of that is having to change with some of the scheduling that happens, but I am going to get that done. My mom needs me to get home too. Just because I don’t get back there enough and because I need the time away, I won’t tell you all to not get sick, but I am hoping I don’t. November needs to be nice to us all!

The shoe box ministry is now full swing. Lots of folks took boxes on Sunday morning and we would love to see even more. We are hoping for dozens and dozens of those to come back with all kinds of wonderful surprises inside. This is a fantastic ministry and I do want to highly encourage you all to take not just one but pick up a two or three of them. What you do there makes such a difference to kids all over the world. You always do such a great job with Community and I know you will this year as well.

The “Missions Fair” is behind us. I think it is good for us to see all of those ministries in one place like that. So often we hear from those folks that one of the reasons they like coming for that event is that they get to see each other. It is always so good to touch base with the many area ministries that we support throughout the year. I enjoy just going in to say hi to many of the good friends who give so much to these places and events. It is the church working outside the walls. It is amazing how much this town does for so many different groups. I think that says a lot about who we are. I like that!

The choir has been working hard the music for our concert. We had a rehearsal on Sunday night that opened our eyes to the fact that some of this music is going to take a little more work that we first thought. I do want to encourage folks to make a push to get to rehearsals because the time is getting close. I know that so many of you are doing so many different things and it’s hard to get in all in. We need you! Rather, the music needs you! Our concert is closer than you think. See you all on Sunday!

Sunday’s message is around the story of Jesus healing the blind man in John 9. I love this story and the rather funny moments in the text, but there is a moment at the end of the story where Jesus gets rather firm with some of his critics. It is story that will “rock your boat”. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

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. Thank you all for who you are and how you serve our church!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct 31
6:00pm– Pork Loin
7:00pm– Classes for all ages & Youth groups
7:00pm– K-5 Costume Crawl

Saturday, Nov 3
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
9:30am– Dress on a Dime
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Nov 4
10:10am– Sunday School
6:00pm– Choir

Monday, Nov 5
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

Tues, Nov 6
7:00pm– Open AA Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 7
6:00pm– ham/cheesy potatoes
7:00pm– Classes for all ages & Youth groups

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on MN Ave. We will be discussing Lafayette in the Somewhat United States by Vowell.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 7pm at the E. Panera. We will be discussing Cutting for Stone by Verhese.

New participants welcome. Book Club
Contact Trudi Nelson 371-3512

SENIOR CITIZENS
Meet at the E. Pizza Ranch on Monday, Nov 12 @ Noon.

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

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFE FAMILIES INFO MEETINGS
Monday November 5, 7-8pm
Monday, December 3, 7-8pm

At the Bethany Christian Services office
400 S Sycamore Ave, Suite 103-1

COSTUME CRAWL
WEDNESDAY OCT 31
7:00-8:00pm
K-5 kids join us for the Costume Crawl on Wednesday, Oct. 31st! Come dressed up in costume and go around to Bible themed stations that the middle schoolers are helping with. Prizes at each station. Great alternative to trick or treating.

DRESS ON A DIME
SATURDAY NOV 3
9:30am-Noon
All Women of the church come join us for food, fun, friends and fashion. Just in time for the Holidays. Upcycle your wardrobe for little cost. It’s a style show by CRC tots, teens, and others guaranteed to inspire. Let us show you how to create a stunning look for $25 or less for an entire ensemble. 9:30-10:00am– Light Brunch. Daycare Provided.

RAKING LEAVES
SATURDAY NOV 3
Morning
Looking for several people to help rake leaves Saturday, Nov. 3rd in the morning. Or do you have a truck we can borrow? Call/ text Robin Jacobs at 612-730-7754.

KID’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
PRACTICE:
SUNDAYS @ 2PM
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:
DEC. 2ND @ 4:00PM
PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pete Valentine
- Natalie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurray’s dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Gloria Wierda, Laura Maloney’s mom (stage 4 breast cancer)
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Joe Johnson (cancer)
- Lori Hein’s mom, Joan (heart)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Michelle Wigg
- Arlene Clyde (health issues)
- Heather DeWit
- Carolyn Hink’s sister, Marilyn Woodden (hospice)
- Darlene Johnson
- Cleone Groen
- Gary VanDenHoek
- Rachel Thornton (cardiac echo 11/8)
- Randy Grotenhuis (dizziness)

MISSIONS

THE GIVE
Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries. We’ll highlight 4 each month.

- Mission Haiti – new or gently used bed sheets (any size) & backpacks
- Operation Christmas Child – School supplies
- Union Gospel mission: insulated gloves & stocking cap
- The Banquet – stainless steel dinner forks, dinner knives and teaspoons.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:
Angel Tree

UNION GOSPEL MISSION:
Insulated gloves & stocking cap Please place in the designated bin at The Give in the lobby.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
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PRAYER GROUP MEETS AT 7:00AM ON SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL. EVERYONE WELCOME!

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

FAITH CIRCLE
Faith Circle will attend the Dress on a Dime on Saturday, November 3, 9:30am-noon. See more info on the brunch and style show in this Communicator. We will not meet the third Monday in November. Mark your calendars for our Christmas Gathering on Monday, Dec. 3, 11:15am at CJ Callaways. (500 E. 69th St.)

JOY CIRCLE
Saturday, November 3
Dress on a Dime—9:30am-Noon

Monday, November 12 @ 9:30am
Bible Study—Fellowship Hall
Word to Study: Salvation

Tuesday, Dec. 18th Christmas Party
CJ Callaways @ 11:30am

MOMS OF NEWBORNS
MONDAYS from 6:30-7:30pm
This is a new group at Community open to any woman who is caring for a newborn. Do you feel overwhelmed? Do you have more questions than answers. Then this group is for you! Hosted by Jolene Larson.
Jmlarson@alliancecom.net

Dates: Nov. 5, 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17; January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11; March 4, 11, 18, 25;
Community Consistory
October 11, 2018
Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Attendance: Jim Fisher, Mike Boyenga, Eric VanDonge, Chad Odens, Michael Dick, Chad McKee, Nick Langerock, Liz Teel, Russ Robers, Doug Harms, Mark Koll, Jolene Larson, Bob Weerheim, Gerald Teunissen, Laura Maloney, Bob Hein, Pete Mellema, and Clyde Teel

Bob Weerheim read a devotion based on American Pickers, Parable of the Lost Sheep and a daredevil raccoon.

MSA the September 2018 minutes

MSA the September 2018 finance report given by Russ Robers

New Business:
Liz gave the following reports:
Heather will be leaving for Mayo tomorrow. Community continues to pray for answers to her health concerns. She has worked very hard to get everything in order for Sunday school & mid-week while she’s gone. She also has volunteers in place to help on Sunday and Wednesday, not know how long she’ll be at Mayo. Doyle is starting a new series in October called “You Asked It”. The high school youth group has a busy day planned for October 21st. Activities include supporting Lexi and her Love Lexi 5k challenge, a group meal and trip to the corn maze. Doyle is also planning a retreat for the high school youth group.

Liz’s VP3 group is going well. There has been a lot of activity in The Corner, this has been a great way for Liz to help people connect. There are several classes being offered during mid-week and Liz is working on a list of new classes to be offered for the 2nd half of mid-week. She is also working on plans for a men’s ministry group. Worship groups have been going well. Nick Sittig has agreed to host a bass clinic sometime next spring. Christmas choir has started. Liz was invited to speak to a group of worship majors at USF. She spoke to them about working in a church, planning worship and writing music.

Care team reports were given by each team following their meetings with staff members.

Russ handed out information on the RCA retirement plan and asked that we read and be prepared to discuss possible changes to the matching program at next month’s meeting.

Clyde will work with Curt, Chad M. and Russ on salary figures for 2019

Clyde closed the meeting with prayer.
Respectfully Submitted, Jolene Larson, Clerk

Dear Community Reformed,

Thank you so much for the thoughts, prayers, and gifts you have given to me during pastor appreciation month. It has been super nice. Marcia and I so appreciate what you did. Thanks again!

John Thornton

FINANCES
Sunday, Oct 28

General: ...................... $13,724
Vision: ......................... $3,275
Missions: ...................... $330
Sunday School: ............... $3
Wed Night: ........................ $311

General YTD: $645,897
Vision YTD: $174,582

Vision Account Balance: $110,397
**LIZ’S UPDATE**

**Adult Discipleship**

The Women’s Retreat went very well on Saturday. We had over 70 women in attendance! Women from several different churches were in attendance, and it was powerful for them to connect with each other. I’d like to give special thanks to Joel Blankers for baking caramel rolls and setting up all of the coffee and juice for the morning. And thanks to Pastor Clyde for running sound for us! We couldn’t do it without the help of several key people! And lastly, I’d like to specifically thank my sister, Abbie Coffey. Abbie does the preparation and speaking for that event, and frankly, she does a lot of other behind-the-scenes work at Community, so much so that she’s had people ask her questions as if she works at church! But of course, she doesn’t work here. She simply serves here. Anyway, Abbie, I want to say thanks for an outstanding job on Saturday, and for everything you do at Community!

Our adult Mid-Week classes continue to show record numbers of adults participating every week! I’m thankful for those who responded to God’s leading to teach classes, and I’m thankful to all of you who are making the commitment to come every week as students! It’s truly a blessing to be able to enter into good conversations about the work God is doing, and to learn more about Him, His Word, and His good plans for every person at Community. I’ve been encouraged by all God is doing on Wednesday nights!

**Worship**

The one thing I want to focus on this week is choir. For those of you who are in choir, you may want to note that we will do sectionals this coming Sunday. The men and women will separate, and we’ll work out those tricky parts in all of the music. I know it’s been challenging for people to make rehearsals this year, but it would be great if most of you could be here this Sunday. And if we do happen to have at least 80% of the choir on Sunday, we’ll do the seating placement as well! Hope to see you Sunday night, choir!

Thanks to those of you who sent songs as suggestions for worship! I hope to be listening and assessing during the next week or two. In case you were wondering, here’s the process for what has to happen when choosing new music for worship. I first have to listen to the song in terms of whether or not it will work as a corporate worship song. Very often, great songs don’t make great corporate worship songs because the range is too wide, or the melodies/lyrics are too difficult for large groups of people to sing at the same time. I also have to listen for compatibility to Community’s worship style and the skill level of our bands. We have great musicians, yet we also have a “style.” All of that matters in choosing successful worship songs for specific groups of people. Once I’ve found a song that I think might work in our corporate setting, I have to learn the melody, words, and chord progressions by listening to it, decide which musical key would be the best for the most people to sing, write out the music charts for each section, and then plan how to teach it to the bands and the congregation. It’s probably a longer process than you expected, but that’s what it takes! I mention all of this in case you send a song that we aren’t able to incorporate into worship. I might love the song, but it might not work for our setting. Don’t take it personally. 😊 I still appreciate all of your suggestions! I simply have to choose music that works best for Community in this season. I’ll be listening!
Hello!

Sunday was a good day. I love it when the 3rd graders get their Bibles each year. If you or your child (any age) don’t have a Bible, our church would love to give you one. Just send me an email, call the church office or catch up to me at church and we can get your name engraved on the cover.

Nick led another great rehearsal for the Christmas Program kids on Sunday. We have one this Sunday at 2pm for all kids with speaking parts and at 2:45 for the band/orchestra. By the way, those instrumentalists are talented! Between the acting, singing and instrumental music, we’re in for a treat this year! Let me or Nick know if you have any questions.

This Wednesday night is our Costume Crawl for the K-5 kids. They can come in costumes (nothing scary or gross please) and we’ll have some fun stations for them to visit. Adults, we could use a few more adults to help with a couple of the stations. Is anyone interested in joining the fun?

It seems a little silly to be thinking about next summer already but I wanted to toss out a “save the date” for those of you that like scheduling in advance. We are looking at July 28-31, 2019 as our possible dates for VBS. “ROAR- Life is Wild. God is Good”

See you soon!
Heather
Heather.DeWit@communityrc.org
DOYLE’S UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2022

SARAH’S UPDATE

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As always, if there are any questions you have for me regarding the senior high ministry, let me know anytime!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

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SARAH’S UPDATE

Last Wednesday the kids spent so much time and hard work on the poster boards for our costume crawl that we didn’t have time to get to anything else! There will be a small group of kids helping but all of the kids have had a hand in the night. It was good for them to spend some time thinking about what they wanted to share with the younger kids about who God is and what He can do in our lives. On Sunday, we explored the mission fair. The kids walked around and asked questions about what each ministry does. This coming Sunday, we will talk about the different ministries they saw and what they connected with.

Please remember to put our Air Madness trip on your calendar. We will be jumping from 6:45-8pm Friday, November 16th. We ask students to bring ten dollars along if possible and we will cover the rest. Please note there is a waiver required by Air Madness! If you have any questions or would like to RSVP you can email me at powell.sarahellen@gmail.com or call at 605-251-6491.
Sarah Powell
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**November 2018**

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- **9:30am** – Joy Bible Study
- **10am** – AA Meeting
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- **1pm** – Class for all
- **2pm** – Kid’s Program Practice
- **3pm** – Baptism Service
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Sioux Falls, SD 57110

October 31, 2018

INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

FALL SCHEDULE

Baptism Service
NOV 11

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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, November 11 @ 3pm.

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