Pastor’s Update

It’s October now and a couple of new things are going to be starting in the next few days. I can’t believe how quickly this all happens. October is one of my favorite months of the year with the fall colors and those cool/chilly mornings and warm sunny afternoons. I hope we get lot of those before this changes to that other season that will be following. I want to get back home a couple of times this month to maybe do a little hunting. I hope the schedule makes room for that. In some ways I suppose that is mine to control, but we all know how quickly that can change. In the meantime, enjoy the fall.

Choir starts Sunday night at 6pm. I have been hearing that a number of new folks are giving this some serious consideration. We are hoping to have a nice group! The music is all chosen now and it is going to be challenging, but we all know how quickly that can change. In the meantime, enjoy the fall.

Gary McCann made a great appeal to all of the men on Sunday morning. He has worked very hard to put together a program for the year that will bring some good material to us. We will be meeting once a month. This first meeting might seem like a long one, but the time will go fast. We have a number of things to accomplish that morning so we felt it needed to be longer. We are also looking for a lot feedback from you. This is a work in progress so we can make changes as the year moves along. This is a starting point for us. I hope you can join us. We need to have an idea of how many might be coming so if you could sign-up at the link.

Gordon Mote. Ticket sales are a little slow folks. Now I know that many of you have heard him before and will agree with me that he is an amazing singer/song writer/musician. I know I have said this before, but he is an A list player in Nashville. Gordon Mote is the best there is at what he does. I’m not overstating that! You can see him in a couple of weeks for $10. That’s a pretty special deal. Buy a couple of extra tickets and give them away to friends. For those of you who have never seen him…if you can make it work…make it work. It is a great concert and a great message. Gordon is a wonderful person!

Sunday message is the last one of the Old Testament Questions of God. This week we move to the book of First Kings and find God asking, “What are you doing here?” I suppose that question could be asked of many of us. We can all get caught up in some moment and then wonder what we are doing. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

October 8: 9:00am—
   Doug & Sharen Harms
   Jolene Larson
   Becky Hindreks
11:00am—
   Zach & Jordan Seefeldt
   Grace Maciejewski

October 15: 9:00am—
   Corey & Laurel Feenstra
   Wanda Houtsma
   Nichole Hassebroek
11:00am—
   Josiah & Kris Dunlap
   Leslie Cleveringa

**COFFEE SCHEDULE**

Oct 8: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
Oct 15: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
Oct 22: Daryl & Char DuBois

**THE LINK SCHEDULE**

Oct 8: 
   9:00am— Daryl & Char DuBois
   11:00am— Karen Roetman
Oct 15: 
   9:00am— Brian & Holli Jans
   11:00am— Ross & Jolene Larson

**GREETER SCHEDULE**

October 8: 9:00am— Dennis & Sue Brunsting, Monty & Marlene Van Meeteren, Wade & Diane Friese
11:00am— Josh & Molly Kuehl, Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

October 15: 9:00am— Brian & Janet Bartcher, Lyle & Wilma Drenth, Gerald & Deb Teunissen
11:00am— Jerralynne Tjeerdsma, Willard & Dar Keizer

**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.

**COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS**

**Morning Book Club** will meet Wednesday, October 11th @ 9:00am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing *The Fault in our Stars.*

**Evening Book Club** will meet Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera. We will be discussing *The Light Between Oceans.*

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

**Hope Circle** will meet Oct 17th @ 7:00pm. Lesson : Margie. Hostess: Barb.

**Joy** November meeting will be Monday, November 13 @ 7:00pm.

**Faith Circle** will meet at church on Mon. October 16 @ 1pm. Devotions & Program: Audrey. Hostess: Dolly

**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
- Steve Lee (stomach surgery)
- Jan Mellema (wrist surgery)
- William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
The Senior High Youth Group had a fantastic time at our traveling supper on Sunday night! We traveled to 3 different locations for appetizers, the main course, and desserts. I’d like to give special thanks to Joel and Lisa Blankers, Duane and Rhonda Niewenhuis, and Verle and Carrie Valentine for hosting and providing the food for our event! It was delicious, and the atmosphere you created for us was fun and welcoming! Thank you!

The next activity is the Heartland County Corn Maze on Sunday evening, October 15 at 7:30. Postcards went out last week with a few more details about this event. There is no need to RSVP. If you are able to come, just show up at the maze with $5 if you’re able! Be sure to wear warm clothes and bring a flashlight!

The first night of choir is this Sunday! We are hoping to have 80 singers in the choir this year, so if you are a singer, I ask you to consider joining us. We meet in the chapel on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30, and child care is provided. Our performances will be December 10 at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. This is a You won’t regret it. J

And lastly, 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,
I have so much to tell you about this week! I’ll put it all in the boxes below. Don’t forget to let me know if you have any questions.

I’ll see you soon! -Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

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Midweek starts October 4– Join us! Come once or every week. We also need more volunteers!
Sign up to help for ONE week or more: https://goo.gl/dJSrre
6pm– Meal is served
6:30-7pm- “Fun Zone” in the Children’s Area for K-5 grade kids. This is a chance for kids and volunteers to play, laugh and connect with one another before class.
7-8pm– Our weekly K-5 Bible lesson is a great way to learn about how much God loves us while we are having fun. We ask questions and jump into the Bible with science, art, cooking and service learning lessons.

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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:
-Oct 15– 4:45 to 5:45- Welcome meeting and audition for speaking parts– parents should stay for the first few minutes if they can to help kids fill out a form with contact information.
-Oct 22, 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– volunteers wanted.
-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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WANTED: Individual, Family, or Group of Folks to take the lead on the Community Reformed Church efforts for Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection. This would include helping to spread the word, keeping boxes organized and delivering boxes to the Sioux Falls drop off location.

Do you feel called to do this? Do you want to learn more?
Email Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org
Midweek Adult Classes
Wednesday nights @ 7:00pm

1st night- Oct. 4th- All adults will meet in the Worship Center

#OURBEAUTIFULPURPOSE- (Office #5) Oct. 11- Dec. 13
Length: 9 weeks Leader: Andrea Dick
Let’s talk about issues that young women face and work through finding our identity in each issue and ultimately our identity in Christ. Topics include: friendships, our identity, taking care of ourselves, our fears, our calling, our purpose, our self worth.

Social Media and Internet Safety for Children & Adolescents- (Worship Center) Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Nov 15th
Length: 3 weeks Leader: Zach Seefeldt
If you need someone to pray WITH you, if you need someone to pray FOR you, if you need to PRAY..join us. Everyone welcome - all ages, male & female, friends and families. Come as you are, when you can. We are looking forward to spending time with you and the Lord in scripture based prayer.

Perfect Parenting-(Worship Center) Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1st
(and Other Myths for Middle, Elementary, and Preschool Children)
Length: 3 weeks Leader: J.C. Chambers from Stronghold Counseling
This workshop is designed to encourage parents as they maneuver the territory of raising kids in this complicated and confusing times.

What Does Grace Have To Do With It? - (Chapel) Oct. 11-Dec. 13
Length: 9 weeks Leader: Pastor Clyde
A look into our church doctrines and practices through the eyes of grace. It will be a time to ask the questions you always wanted to ask about “church” things, but maybe were afraid to ask. Why do we do things the way we do? What is behind our doctrines? What does grace have to do with those? We will focus on the big issues of church practice and our positions on various articles of faith. There is no particular book to study, but we will use several different resources as the class moves along. A great study of Biblical influence on church doctrines as well. It may sound complicated, but it is going to be very practical in our weekly approach.
With the start of school and Sunday school, I would like to do a couple housekeeping reminders for the nursery. With the nursery averaging about 20-30 kids per service we need to keep our little kid’s safe. So, in doing so we are asking for a little help.

1) When dropping off your child, we ask that you go to the correct side for drop off. We ask that infants-2 year old’s are on the little kid’s side and that the kids 3-5 are on the preschool side.

2) Also, please do not use the door in-between the nursery rooms as this is only for staff. Our volunteers and coordinators need to know how many kids are in the nursery and we can’t have adults or children going back and forth.

3) When dropping off and picking up kids we ask that only parents or anyone on the pickup list drop off and pick up the kids. Older siblings are only allowed in the nursery if parents are volunteering. We ask that you please hand your check in and check out sheets to your child’s volunteer or coordinator.

4) Please don’t bring snacks into the nursery due to kids having different allergy concerns.

5) If you are interested in helping and volunteering one Sunday every 3 months we would love for you to stop by the nursery and fill out some information. If this doesn’t work for you we are also looking for people to be an on-call person.

Thank you for helping us maintain the safety of the young children of our church. If you have any questions please let me know.

Sheri Brouwer, Nursery Director
Sheri.brouwer@communityrc.org

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.

They spend a tremendous amount of time behind the scenes preparing sermons, visiting, and implementing various programs and activities which are designed to enrich our lives through God’s word and more importantly, to further His kingdom.
Wednesday, October 4
6:00pm—Midweek meal—Ham/Cheesy Potatoes
7:00pm—Classes of all ages

Saturday, October 7
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, October 8
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
10:10am—Sunday School
6:30pm—Choir

Monday, October 9
Noon—Seniors @ E. Pizza Ranch
7:00pm—Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, October 11
9:00am—Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN)
6:00pm—meal—Tacos
7:00pm—Classes of all ages

You’re invited to meet with the ladies from Faith Circle on Monday, Oct. 16th @ 1:00pm at church. Audrey will lead our devotion/program on prayer. “Just A Little Talk with Jesus Makes it Right.” Our hostess will be Dolly. She makes a great cup of coffee. See you on Monday the 16th!

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MEN’S MINISTRY

NEW Coming this fall…
Saturday Men’s Ministry—October 14th from 9am-Noon.
Led by Gary McCann.
Focuses on the Five Responsibilities of Every Man.
1. His Walk with God.
2. His relationship with his wife
3. His relationship with his children
4. His personal Finances
5. His Health

Gordon Mote, talented musician and pianist, is coming to Community on:
Saturday, October 21st @ 7:00pm
Tickets are $10 and can be purchased through the church office or on a Sunday morning at The Link information desk.

Design Your Own Fresh Flower Handpicked Bouquet

WHO: Joy Circle & Others

Finances at a Glance: Oct 1, 2017

General: ......................... $16,315
2017 Weekly Goal: ........... $15,033
Ahead/(Behind): ............ $1,283
Vision: ......................... $4,935
Missions: ..................... $335

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 10/1/17

Year-To-Date Offering: $591,847
Year-To-Date Goal: $601,323
Ahead (Behind): ($9,475)
Year-To-Date Vision: $220,986
Vision Account Balance: $97,915

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.
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. 1—Bob Hein
Oct. 8—Pete Mellema
Oct. 15—Gerald Teunissen

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!