November continues to be a cold month. I was hunting Monday and Tuesday… I can’t believe I was out in that. It was two below on Tuesday morning. Sitting was a little chilly. I do think that was the coldest day I have been hunting in long time. Did I mention the wind? It was windy too. Then by the afternoon it had warmed to 40 degrees back home. Only in South Dakota! I will just say… I love it! When I go back and do that my mind just goes to a different place. I don’t think church things much at all. I focus on what it in front of me. I watch nature “go”. It is so life giving for me. I’m back now… the newsletter is short… I was hunting. I be going next week to Nebraska. It was a hunt you all gave me for my 20 years here. I am going to enjoy that too. I have heard we might get a little rain next week. Now that could be interesting. I am sure I will enjoy all of it. I hope you have something in your life that does that for you. If not, find something. It matters.

We continue this week with the third in the boy Jesus series we are calling “Behold the Lamb of God!” This week we get down to the exchange that Jesus has with Mary and Joseph. Those are the first recorded words of Jesus. I don’t know if you have ever thought about that. I think they are very...
KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE SUNDAYS
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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES
DUE BY NOV. 20th
Check out the table in the lobby for all you need to know about packing a shoe 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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH
ANGEL TREE

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27
7:00PM
Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service. No midweek meal.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Wednesday, Nov 13
6:00pm– Midweek meal-BBQ
6:30pm– K-5th grade singing
6:45pm– K-8th grade classes
7:00pm– Classes for adults
7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

Thursday, Nov 14
9:00am– Book Club @ Bagel Boy on MN Ave.
7:00pm– Elders
8:00pm– Consistory

Saturday, Nov 16
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Nov 17
10:10am– Sunday School
2:30pm– Kid’s Christmas Program Practice
4:00pm– Choir

Monday, Nov 18
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov 19
7:00pm– AA
7:00pm– Book Club @ E. Panera Bread

Wednesday, Nov 20
6:00pm– Midweek meal-Taco/ Chicken Salad
6:30pm– K-5th grade singing
6:45pm– K-8th grade classes
7:00pm– Classes for adults
7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

FINANCES
Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019

General: $17,871
Vision: $11,500
Missions: $315
Wed. Night: $215

General YTD: $675,416
Vision YTD: $173,793
Vision Account Balance: $106,338

UPCOMING MINISTRIES
BOOK CLUBS
The morning book club will meet on Thursday, November 14, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing A Lesson Before Dying. NOTE the change in meeting date. This book club will now be on the second Thursday morning each month (instead of Wednesday).

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, November 19, at 7 pm for a book-connection event at a different location. Please check with Trudi or Lois in the church library for information.

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

JOY CIRCLE
Christmas Party: MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 Fellowship Hall at Community
10:45 Cooking demonstration
12:00 Noon Lunch
Please sign up at the Link

SENIOR CITIZENS: Seniors will meet on Dec. 9th at Noon at the Eastside Pizza Ranch.

FAITH CIRCLE
No Faith Circle in November.

HOPE CIRCLE
Hope Circle will meet on Nov. 19th at 7:00pm. The hostess is Donna and the lesson is Barb A.
As I write this on Monday morning, I feel like I should probably mention the weather because my dad is hunting this week, and he won’t be addressing it in a newsletter article! 😊 The cold air has settled in, and I am reminded that the winter season is getting closer every day. As most of you know, I’m a fan of winter, but I also don’t like it to arrive before Thanksgiving. So, I’m hoping we get through this little cold snap and move into continued late fall-appropriate weather conditions! But after Thanksgiving is over, be warned that I may start adding Floodgate to worship again. 😊 Just kidding!

I’d like to give huge praise to the choir for working so hard at every rehearsal. We’ve been setting some pretty high standards for our music this year, and the choir has met each goal we’ve set so far. Agreeing to sing in the choir is a pretty substantial commitment, and I’m incredibly thankful for each and every person who has sacrificed their time on Sunday afternoons to work up the music for the concerts. I’m getting excited to be able to share this with everyone in December. Choir members, this Sunday, I would really like to place everyone in their positions for choir. So, if it’s at all possible for you to be in attendance on Sunday, please come. We’ll get all of the sections placed, and you’ll know where you’ll be standing for the performances.

I’d like to remind the adults that Pastor John will start his 4-week study on marriage this Wednesday at Mid-Week. He’ll be meeting in the office area, so if you’re interested in taking that class, plan to come Wednesday at 7:00pm.

And lastly this week, today (Monday) is Veteran’s Day. As I said on Sunday, I have a special place of thanks in my heart for all of the Veterans who serve and have served this country. You are doing something I literally could not do, and yet I get to reap the benefits of your hard work and sacrifices. I hope that you feel especially loved and cared for during this entire week as we acknowledge what you have done for our country.

God bless you!
Have a great week!

Liz
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DOYLE’S UPDATE

Last week was a lot of fun as both middle school and high school students joined the children’s ministry to help with the shoe boxes. It was fun seeing everyone together working toward one goal. It was also a good week of introducing our new series for November. I’m excited to get into each of those this month! Also, I am a week late on this, but I want to send out a thank you to everyone who gave me a card in October. Both Abby and I are blessed to be here, and we continue to feel loved and supported here at Community. What a blessing it is to work alongside you all!

Our high school group has our retreat November 22nd - 24th. The weekend is free for students, but I do need a registration form sent in by this Sunday so that I can let the staff at Swan Lake know numbers for the weekend. Our series in November will lead us into our theme for the weekend - Fearless. We are diving into a series this month on Abiding in Christ which I am really looking forward to.

The middle school group is going bowling this upcoming Sunday, the 17th. We will meet at Eastway Bowl at 12:30 for pizza and bowling. We will be finished right around 2:00. Please RSVP by the end of Wednesday so I can plan lanes and food. If students are able, please bring along $5 to help cover the cost. Our series this month is a You Asked It series, and students have asked so many great questions. As we dive into the month, I’ll be passing along the questions discussed to parents as well so they can continue conversation. It is a great way for parents and students to continue on in conversation about questions students have.

I think that is all for this week. As we continue to move along here in November, please feel free to reach out with any question you may have.

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HEATHER’S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!
Christmas Program practices are going pretty well so far. Parents, please help your child practice their lines/songs and remember to let me know what you’d like help with for your child’s costume.

We had a great time on Wednesday evening packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child. That is a fun project to do as a family as well so feel free to pick up a box this week. They are due on 11/20/19 here at church. Here are some pictures of the kids packing in action.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
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### THE GIVE

The GIVE wall in the lobby is a place to donate to local ministries.

- **Union Gospel Mission** – caps, scarves & gloves
- **Child Protection Services** – stuffed animals & blankets
- **Community Nursery** – 2T-5T clothes (used for kids if they spill or have an accident)
- **Lexi’s Christmas Closet** – books, toys, electronics & gift items (items given to children/parents that in the hospital over the holidays) See below for more details.

### A STUFFED ANIMAL & BLANKET DRIVE

**Benefiting Child Protection Services**

Drop your donations at The GIVE

### 2019 Holiday Wish List for Lexi’s Christmas Closet

**At The Castle**

- **Infant/Toddler**
  - Wub-A-Nubs
  - Hardcover books
  - Infant rattles, links
  - Infant musical toys
  - Infant clothing
  - Bath Toys

- **School Age**
  - Lego Sets
  - Playdoh packs
  - Trains, tractors, matchbox cars
  - Crayola Coloring Sets
  - Board Games
  - Barbies
  - Fisher Price Medical Kits

- **Teen/Adults**
  - Gift cards (gas, restaurant, retail, groceries, Visa/MasterCard)
  - Adult coloring books
  - Cellphone accessories, ear buds, speakers
  - Sports caps or clothing
  - Activity kits (cars, jewelry, science, etc.)
  - Card Games

### Boxes due Nov. 20

**Help us bring smiles to children spending the holidays in the hospital**

**Bring gifts to “The Give” in the lobby**
COMMUNITY LOGO WEAR

ONLINE STORE:
https://bit.ly/2CsSwix

MANY, many more items, colors & variations available at: https://bit.ly/2CsSwix

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10% of purchases will be used to pay travel costs for members of Community heading on the mission trip to Haiti in March 2020

ORDERS DUE 11/17
PICK UP 12/15/19

WRITE CHECKS TO COMMUNITY MEMO: LOGOWEAR
CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Michelle Carnes for the passing of her brother Mike. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

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.

TREE MOVERS

Volunteers needed to move the Christmas trees from the garage to the worship center after the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, Nov. 27th. Contact Joel Blankers if you can help 366-7826.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING HELP NEEDED

NOVEMBER 29TH @ NOON

We have ornaments and hooks - but now we need help getting the ornaments on the eight trees that will be assembled in the sanctuary. If you have time to hang a few or more, please give Brenda Thornton a call @ 605.484.3142.
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.**

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.

INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Baptism Service
FEB 9

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