Welcome November! It’s been a little chilly so far this month and it doesn’t sound like a change is coming very soon. Maybe the end of the month will be nice. I guess we can hope. Most of the trees have lost all their leaves now and fall is starting to look a little like that season that follows. I’m not sure I’m ready! It has certainly been a different year that is for sure. Lots of cold and not even that warm of a summer. Maybe the winter will be nice. We can hope.

November is my “hunting month” so I am really looking forward to getting out and doing that. I will be putting on some miles as I drive back and forth to home. I do really enjoy this time of year. So, I’ll be working to get our church choir is doing well. We have had some great rehearsals these past couple of weeks and I think you are all going to be very happy with what we can bring to you. I love Christmas! Choirs and music are such a major part of that “tradition”. I just sang that word. If you were in church on Sunday, that just made sense. If not, then you might have to go watch it online. Christmas is coming, and we are going to be ready!

I am sure many of you can see how large our prayer list has been getting. It’s simply a matter of a growing church and outreach to so many who are hurting. Pastor John does an amazing job of keeping all that together and keeping us informed. It’s a big job and one that is done very well. Pray for the hurting ones. It’s a long list…Jesus be near!

Don’t forget our prayer group that meets on Saturday mornings at 7am. They are here each week. It’s a small group, but they are dedicated to that gift. If you get a chance and would like to join them, just know you are most welcomed.

Our MidWeek program continues to move right along with great numbers and participation on all levels. Once again, I want to say thanks to everyone who shows up. I know there are lots of others doing all kinds of extra things to put this all together. It’s going to be a fun show! You won’t want to miss it!

This new series has been a very enjoyable study for me. I do hope I can continue to unpack them in such a way as to bring a good word for you all on Sundays. I take what I do very seriously and dig deep when I can. It’s a good story with lots of interesting things to share. This week we continue to move down through the story a little farther. Jesus comes up missing this week. Where could he be? We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
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.

SENIOR CITIZENS
MONDAY, NOV 11 NOON
Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, November 11 at noon at the 10th Street Pizza Ranch.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Saturday, Nov 9
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

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

Monday, Nov 11
9:30am– Joy Circle
Noon– Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov 12
7:00pm– AA

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

FINANCES
Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019

General: $14,234
Vision: $5,950
Missions: $275
Wed. Night: $278

General YTD: $657,545
Vision YTD: $162,293
Vision Account Balance: $94,838

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.

THE GIVE (NEW)
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

Lexi’s Christmas Closet— books, toys, electronics & gift items

(Jamie given to children/parents that in the hospital over the holidays) See page 5 for more details.

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

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Angel Tree

FAITH CIRCLE
No Faith Circle in November.
I’d like to start my article this week by sharing an update about the care package boxing party that Robin Jacobs organized. Robin had the idea to gather people together to share in the packing and praying over of boxes to be sent to college students. Seven people from Community met at the Jacobs home to pack 14 boxes for kids they know and love. They began the process by praying for the students to whom these boxes were going to be sent, and then they filled the boxes with hot cocoa, candy, jerky, gum, granola bars, Kleenex, encouraging messages, Bible verses, and much more! Each box was filled with over 3 pounds of goodness and was then shipped by the person who packed it. Every student received more than 20 items, which filled a flat rate medium box from the post office! Everyone had such a fantastic time that they are already planning their next packing party, which will be held in March. Keep an eye on my article and The Communicator for more information as it becomes available. Thanks, Robin, for following that gentle nudge from the Spirit to do this good work. I know it’s been a blessing all the way around!

Mid-Week adult classes have been a huge success so far this year! I have heard a lot of positive feedback about every single class offered. I’d like to take a little space in my article this week to say thank you to those people who have made the commitment to teach and lead adult groups on Wednesday nights. The fact that you are committing to being at church every week to lead discussions or teach lessons, and the fact that you are giving up your own opportunities to take classes yourself is a pretty sizeable sacrifice. Thank you, Pastor Clyde, Ross Larson, Tom Jacobs, Andrea Dick, Susan Vos, Kyle Wigg, and Pastor John for being a huge blessing to so many!

If you haven’t already tried Mid-Week, it’s not too late to join in. Dinner is always served at 6:00, and adult classes start at 7:00. Mid-Week is a wonderful way to connect with other Community people outside of Sunday morning. Join us!

Have a great week!

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**PRAYER REQUEST**

- 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)
- Bruce Heinen (Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law) lymphoma
- Diane Johnson (liver disease)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Michelle Carnes’ brother, Mike (cancer)
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Al Hoogendoorn (multiple health issues)
- Dave Sells (surgery recovery)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Melanie Oden’s dad, David (motorcycle accident)
- Harriet Valentine (knee replacement)
- Carol Long (knee replacement)
- Cleone Groen (surgery)
- Bill Klein (infection)
- David Landegent, Audrey’s son (cancer)
- Char DuBois (knee replacement)
DOYLE’S UPDATE

As we begin November, I’m excited to get into a few new series with both middle and high school youth. It is also going to be the month for some summer calendar checking! I know that seems crazy as winter isn’t here, but with some planning that’s the way it goes.

The high school group is going to be starting a series in abiding in Christ. We will be using John’s Gospel to lead the conversation. Some of the conversations will continue to build on some of the questions asked in October as well.

Then there are two things open for registration. First, the high school retreat is this month, November 22-24. The theme will be Fearless as we wrap the month up talking about being bold in our faith. Second, registration for the mission trip will be this month as well. We will be heading to Denver, Co as we partner with Youth works. The dates are June 7th - 12th. Both trips have a registration form students can get from me or I can email over!

For middle school, we will be doing a You Asked It series. I was originally planning on doing this later in the year, but there were so many good questions tonight up this first month that I pushed it ahead. The middle school group will also be going bowling for our activity this month. On November 17th we will be heading to Eastway Bowl after second service for pizza and bowling. For students planning on going, please RSVP to me so I can plan accordingly!

I think that’s it for this week! I’m looking forward to the month! Please let me know if you have any questions!

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HEATHER’S UPDATE

Hi Everyone! Christmas Program practices are going well! Parents, please remember to let me know what you’d like help with for your child’s costume.

This week for Midweek we’ll be packing the Operation Christmas Child boxes! Please feel free to send items for those boxes and we’ll pack as many as we can during our time together. The youth are helping us with that this year which I’m really excited about. Some ideas:

- Doll
- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be inflated.)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Toy truck or boat
- Small toolset
- Flashlight or lantern with extra batteries

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COMMUNITY KIDS
Christmas Program
DEC. 8TH @ 4:00PM

HIF. Q2007, ZAD. COO!
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

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

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

More info and sponsorship packets in the lobby

Email JaronDeWit@GMail.com with questions

$125 PER YEAR
$250 PER YEAR

This provides education, daily meal, and health basics!
(Amount changes to $250 in Grade 7)
Opportunities annually to purchase special student gifts

Sponsor a Child Today
More Info and Sponsorship Packets in the Lobby

Tis the Season of Giving
'Tis the Season of Giving

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/2OULULY

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MANY, MANY MORE ITEMS, COLORS & VARIATIONS AVAILABLE AT: HTTPS://BIT.LY/2OULULY

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

NAME: _____________________________________________
PHONE OR EMAIL: ____________________________________

WRITE CHECKS TO COMMUNITY MEMO: LOGOWEAR

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

Our condolences go out to Jodi Ackerman and family for the recent passing of her brother-in-law, Michael Kraayenbrink.
Please keep them in your prayers.

THANK YOU

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Bless you all!
Diane Johnson

Looking for someone to write cards from the church to those who are sick or hurting. Interested?
Talk to the church office 336-1475 or connect@communityrc.org.

Are you volunteering for the nursery or The Link?
Community is now using a software system called Church Community Builder (CCB) for scheduling. If you are a volunteer, you will receive a text or an email from https://ccb.ms/3JH1-5B3V2W. It’ll be named: “Check out your new serving opportunities.”

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I GET THE TEXT OR EMAIL?
1) Click on the link
2) Click Serving Requests
3) Click on the specific serving request
4) Click on a response:
   A: Accept– I’ll be there!
   B: Swap with Someone– this is where you would pick a date that works for you and then a text will go to the volunteers on that date. They would respond if they can or cannot swap with you.
   C. Message Scheduler– This would notify the scheduler that you cannot serve.

DO I GET A REMINDER OF WHEN I’M SERVING?
Yes! You’ll receive 2 text reminders during the week that you serve. Please make sure your scheduler has your cell phone number and provider.

Questions?
Contact Sheri Brouwer (sheribrouwer@communityrc.org) or Holli Jans (connect@communityrc.org)

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IT’S SHOEBOX TIME

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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, 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.