PASTOR’S UPDATE

Spring is still finding the path to our front door a bit difficult. It has to be here at some point. I think the early part of the week is supposed to feel like spring, but I’m not sure what later in the week will bring. If I were going to predict, I would put something in there about rain. It has been so cool and damp this year. Things are getting critical in the farming world. I am sure there will be lots of acres that have to be taken care of in different ways. We are so small sometimes in what we can fix or control. I think we know that, but sometimes we just have to be reminded. Let’s hope something changes soon. I would love that!

Sunday was mother’s day. I hope many of you were able to get together with families and do some fun things with those moms. As I mentioned on Sunday, those days are not always the happiest for folks. I wish that were not the case, but life is that way. Community you all do such a great job of understanding that and making everyone feel a part of us no matter where life may have led them. That is truly a gift you have!

Sunday was also “Library Celebration Day”. I guess lots of people where in there looking at new things, checking out books, and, of course, picking up a couple of donut holes. That place is very busy and the staff of workers keeps things very much up to date. It is a well-used ministry and one that continues to grow for us. The library is another one of those things that makes us who we are and helps in so many ways to bring a little extra touch of God to so many. Great job to everyone involved!

Pastor John is doing a class over the summer months on working through the fear of death. He is using a book entitled “Overcoming the Fear of Death”. It sounds like a great read and I am sure it will be a good study. They start on June 5 at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact Pastor John if you have more questions.

Our Annual Kids Fishing day is coming up on June 8 at the Outdoor Campus. There is a signup at “The Link” if you are interested in going. That is always a fun morning for kids and an even more fun morning for the adults who get to watch them. There is a lot of excitement when the fish began to bite. Get your name on that list, as I believe there is a limit to how many we can bring.

There is a Women’s Retreat coming up on June 8. This is another one of those mornings for our women at Community. I have seen the flier and it looks great! Make plans to attend and have another great morning together.

This coming Sunday we move to a very important part of disciple making that being the work of the Holy Spirit. Without it the work that gets done is only the work we can do and we will wind up being short every time. There are many things we can do, but there are so many things we cannot. That will be our focus. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
**Events**

**CRACK OF DAWN CONNECTION**
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**
5:15am
Start your day off on a good foot! Come to church @ 5:15am for a short devotional and then off for a run. All running levels welcome! There will be different distances and different routes runners can take.

**KID’S FISHING DAY**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**
12:00-3:00pm  
@ The Outdoor Campus

Sign up at The Link in the lobby. Please sign up your child only on the list. Space limited to the first 40 kids. Parents are welcome. Noon-1pm Lunch 1-3pm Fishing

**WOMEN’S RETREAT**
**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**
9:00am-Noon. Hosted by Liz Teel and Abbie Coffey. Theme: The Green Grass Grows All Around. Sign up at The Link or email Liz or Abbie.

**BABYLON CAMP**  
**MON. JUNE 11 & TUES. JUNE 12**
1:00-4:00pm  
K-5 Grade  
More info in Heather’s article on page 4.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, May 15**
6:30pm– Grief Class (closed group)

**Thursday, May 16**
8:30 & 9:30pm– Church Softball

**Saturday, May 18**
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)  
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

**Sunday, May 19**
10:10am– Adult Sunday School

**Monday, May 20**
1:00pm– Faith Circle

**Tuesday, May 21**
7:00pm– AA Meeting  
7:00pm– Hope Circle

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**FINANCES**

**Sunday, May 12, 2019**

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**UPCOMING MINISTRIES**

**COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS**

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, May 21 at 7 pm at the Panera on Foss Ave (Eastside). We will be discussing *Pilgrim’s Progress* by Bunyan.

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

**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**

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries.  
Safe Families– diapers (size 2 & up)/ wipes/ pull-ups  
Union Gospel Mission– pasta  
Mission Haiti– backpacks and shoes  
Caring Cards– used cards

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Arise Ukraine

**HOPE CIRCLE:** The circle will meet on May 21st at 7:00 pm. Hostess is Barb A., lesson by Carol.

**FAITH CIRCLE:** will meet on Monday, May 20, 1:00pm at church. Hostess - Florene
LIZ’S UPDATE

Adult Discipleship/Worship

Women’s Retreat
The Happiness Factor: Session 2

The Green Grass Grew All Around
All women welcome!
Invite your friends!
Free Admission

Saturday, June 8
9am-Noon
Community Reformed Church

Sign up at The Link
or email Liz/Abbie

PRAYER REQUEST

- Natallie 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)
- Bruce Heinen (Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law) lymphoma
- Diane Johnson (liver disease)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Lori Hein’s mom, Joan (heart)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Randy Grotenhuis (inflammation of the inner ear)
- Al Hoogendoorn (multiple health issues)
- Randy (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn’s son)
- Rika VanDenTop
- Trentin Kooima’s infant son
HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!
I hope you are all doing well. I’m still trying to get used to not seeing the kids in Sunday School or Midweek. I miss them! I won’t wish away the summer though. I think that time is great for all of us!

We will have some fun opportunities for the kids coming up in June and July. I encourage you to sign up your child, invite some friends, and volunteer if you can. I think we’ll really enjoy our time together.

Heather DeWit
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DOYLE’S UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

The end of the year is officially here as Sunday was our first week without Sunday School and Wednesday nights have been done for a few weeks. May seems to be the calm before summer activities start picking up.

This past weekend was our high school lock-in and we made it through. Spending the night playing games, snacking, telling stories and spending some time in worship is always a great time. The next day or two, or three is when the lack of sleep hits. However, as Clyde reminded me, Oliver has been training me for this for a while now.

Our summer mission trip is now less than a month away. This Sunday between services we will have a meeting for students and their parents who are interested/planning on coming. It will be a time to get registration forms filled out or turned in and I will answer any questions. I am looking forward to a great half week of service with the students here at community.

Finally, our time and days are set for our summer study in the spiritual disciplines. For students interested, we will meet Monday mornings at 9:00 for an hour here at church. Our first day will be June 1st and we will meet through August. I understand that the summer can get busy so there is no need to make every Monday, but having some level of consistency will help with the comfort level of the group. Students, if you are interested but have not let me know or were unable to attend the meeting last week, let me know!!

Tests and end of the year assignments are coming up! Hoping that students continue to be motivated and prepared as they end the year well.

That’s it for this week.

Doyle Burnside
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Just a Reminder
The Adult Sunday School Class will continue to discuss The Sunday School Guide during the summer months in the chapel.

Condolences
Our condolences go out to Terry and Dree Mayer and their family on the passing of Terry’s mom, Rosemarie.

Please keep this families in your prayers.

Thank you
We would like to thank our Community family for the thoughts and prayers for my dad this last 16 months that he was on home hospice. It made the journey much easier for him and our family. Also, thank you so much for the kind words, hugs, cards, memorials and memories of him that were spoken and sent since his passing. You are special people and we will never forget all of your kindness. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Mary & Arlan Burggraaf and our family

John Thornton will be starting a summer class which will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning June 5th at 7:30pm. The class is covering Johann Christoph Arnold’s book, “Be Not Afraid: Overcoming the Fear of Death”. Please talk to John Thornton about getting the book, which is $7. The class will run every Wednesday through August.
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, June 30 @ 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
JUNE 30

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Josiah Dunlap
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