It got a little cooler this past weekend, but I am hearing about some warm weather at the end of this week. It might actually feel a little like summer. I’m not sure we are all ready for that yet, but it is sure going to make that grass grow. It is a time of year when lots of things are going on with graduations and family gatherings. Enjoy those special times. They are moments that pass so very quickly. I am always amazed at just how quickly the time does get away from us. Each year really does seem to move faster. I see the graduates from this year and can still remember them as just little kids running around the church. That seems like yesterday. Enjoy the moments. The coming weekend is Memorial Day weekend, and that too, brings about a lot of travel for many of you. Please drive careful and if you are out and about you can always tune into the live feed. I know it’s not the same as being here, but it does keep us all connected.

The year is winding down around here too, and summer activities are just around the corner. Vacations are being planned and that means a very new look at Community. We can tell when the weather gets nice and the summer starts. Folks around here go! I am getting more used to that now. All the churches in town talk about that very same thing, so we are not alone. I have a great series planned for the summer and one that is easy to keep up with if you are traveling around. Our series is focused on all the old testament names for God. I was surprised at how many there really are. I think it will be a great study for all of us.

We are starting the interview process now for all of the job openings. We are just getting started at this point with those. The team has been very thorough in their search. They have read through a number of resumes and have chosen a nice group of people to interview. It has all been done very professionally. We should have those results in a couple more weeks. In the meantime, be praying for all of that. God needs to choose the right person and the committee has to be discerning that direction.

I am actually working this week on things for the fall. I’m always looking ahead and praying that God will give me a look into what we all need to be about this coming fall. I know that many sound like over planning, but to me, God is already there. I love taking the time to enter into His world and seek His voice right now. I don’t always want to be swayed by what is going on around me…that I find, can be distracting to the message God wants us to hear. He already knows what we all need to hear this fall. I love that! We are going to use the idea of Jesus being a boat rocker for our fall theme. I really like the sound of that.

We are coming to the end of the Ezra series this week. There is one more piece of the journey for the nation of Israel back in that day. They need to rebuild the wall. We’ll talk more on Sunday.
**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

May 27: 9:00am—
Corey & Laurel Feenstra
Jeris & Maylene VanZee

11:00am—
Angie, Ali & Justin Cable

June 3: 9:00am—
Corey & Laurel Feenstra
Matt & Erin Weerheim

11:00am—
Josiah & Kris Dunlap
Jordan Lipp

**COFFEE SCHEDULE**

May 27: Steve & Becky Lee
June 3: Denny & Sue Brunsting
June 10: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

**THE LINK SCHEDULE**

May 27:
9:00am— Laurie Long
11:00am— Bill & Dar Keizer

June 3:
9:00am— Harlan & Judy
Van Meeteren
11:00am— Ross & Jolene Larson

**GREETER SCHEDULE**

May 27
9:00am— Nic & LaDonna Freiborg,
Denny & Sue Brunsting, Lyle & Wilma Drenth
11:00am— Bill & Dar Keizer, Myron & Kathy Garrels

June 3
9:00am— Stan & Elaine Deelstra,
Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen, Wad & Diane Friese
11:00am— Mike & Jolene Hilbrands,
Duane & Rhonda Niewenhuis

**Monthly Mission**

May Mission of the Month:
Arise Ukraine— Paul Logan.

**Community Book Clubs**

The morning book club will meet
Wednesday, June 13, at 9 am at the
Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing Constellation of Vital Phenomena by Marra.

The evening book club will meet
Tuesday, June 19, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera on Foss Ave. We will be discussing A Man Called Ove by Backman.

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

**Prayer Requests**

- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- 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)
- William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Gloria Wierda, Laura Maloney’s mom (stage 4 breast cancer)
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Phylis DeHaai (lymphoma)
- Lori Blom’s relative, Mark (sepsis)
- Dean Kruen (cancer)
- Joe Johnson (cancer-surgery 6/13_)
- Harriett Valentine (hip replacement)
- Tracee Ellwein (knee surgery recovery)
- Dree Mayer (infection)

Our condolences go out to Dave & Trudi Nelson for the recent passing of Trudi’s dad, Calvin Hofer. Please pray for their family.

Join us for a time of prayer on Saturdays from 7am-8am at church.
Hello Everyone!

I hope you are having a great week. I miss seeing Community kids on Wednesday nights! It seems like such a long time between Sundays. The break is good though. I hope you are all finding some time to enjoy your family and friends. Sioux Falls School District kids have a little bit more school left before summer officially begins but it is fun to hear that kids are out playing and having fun in this gorgeous weather. VBS will be here before we know it so I want to remind you to mark your calendars and sign up your kids. We need many volunteers so I’ll be asking you all for help over the next couple of months. If you want to help with decorations, let me know and I’ll connect you with Karen. That team is already rolling to be sure we have a shipwreck theme going. I’ve got the lessons written and the crafts chosen. I’m working on the games. I know the kids will connect with this year’s theme of “Rescued by Jesus.” I’m sure loving being immersed in it as I work on the plans.

Another project I’m excited about is trying to add Sing n’ Sprout to our options for families here at Community. I am on the search for some volunteers for this fun new ministry opportunity and I’d love to talk with some of you about what volunteering might look like. Sing n’ Sprout at Community will be for toddlers and their parents. We certainly have plenty of folks here that fit that description but I also think it will be a great outreach to others. I want to order this curriculum but I want to be sure we have the volunteers first! Our first 8 week class would be GOD IS LOVE. If we find 6 people, then each volunteer would serve 1-2 times per month. Would you be willing to pray that the right people jump in on this one? I’ll see you soon!

- Heather

Email Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

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**Vacation Bible School**

**August 5-8, 2018**

Sign up your children or to volunteer at: [https://vbspro.events/p/community](https://vbspro.events/p/community)

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life’s storms.

- Children entering grades 1 to 6: 6-8pm
- Children age 3 entering Kindergarten: 6-7:30pm
- Sing N’ Sprout from 6:30 to 7:30 for parents and their little ones (younger than 3) in the nursery following the opening in the sanctuary each night. You'll sing and play instruments with your little one while they learn about God’s love with you! :)
- Children under 3 or those that aren’t ready to use the restroom independently yet are welcome to join the nursery while parents are busy doing VBS activities as well.

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**Volunteers Needed!**

**I’D REALLY LIKE TO OFFER**

**sing n’ sprout**

Growing with God through music & movement

**NEXT FALL BUT I NEED TWO TO SIX PEOPLE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

(2-3 volunteers for Sunday 10:10am-10:50am and 2-3 for Wednesday 7 to 7:45pm)

Outreach and Ministry for the children under age 3 (or not quite ready for Sunday School) & their parents.

Sing n’ Sprout curriculum has everything we need and will help train our teachers.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, LOVE TO LEARN (YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE A GOOD SINGER!)
My goodness. What a Sunday!

First I want to thank Heather and Holli for everything you did to plan and set up for the “Shindig” for celebrating 16 years of youth ministry at Community! I am totally humbled by the work you did, and the gorgeous flowers you gave me are incredible. My office smells like a flower shop, and I love it!

Secondly, I want to give special thanks to Emily Larson for sharing during the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Your words went right to my heart. Thank you for being willing to share about youth group on behalf of so many who have been a part of the youth group over the years. Your words were a blessing!

And last but certainly not least, I also want to thank all of the people who came to that celebration during the 10:00 hour. Your notes of love and encouragement have overwhelmed and filled my soul, and I’m deeply thankful for your kind words and hugs! As we were visiting, the number of kids and families I’ve had the pleasure of working with in my time as a youth pastor really surprised me! What a blessing to be able to be able to walk alongside so many, and to grow in our relationships with Christ together. Ministry is a very different kind of work, so to celebrate it on Sunday with all of you was a gift. Thank you, Community!

Several of you have been wondering what is next for me. As many of you are already aware, I do feel that God has called me to apply for the new Adult Discipleship and Worship positions at Community, so I have been faithful to His request. I have submitted my application for these positions, and I know the committee is in the process of setting up interviews even as I type this. I truly want what’s best for Community, and I’m trusting that God will lead the committee and the Consistory to that as well. Hopefully, by the end of this month, those decisions will be official, and we can move into next things together!

Graduates, don’t forget about the graduation table set up in the lobby! The table is filled with books that are intended to be a gift for any graduate in honor of his or her graduation. If you are a high school, college, or even graduate school graduate, Community encourages you to pick up a book as a gift of congratulations from Community. The table will remain in the lobby through the first weekend of June. We are proud of all our graduates!

Attention parents of high school graduates: it’s not too late to share your son or daughter’s graduation information. You can email me a picture of the graduate and include the school, his or her name, and what his or her plans are after graduation. We ran the slide show last week, and we’ll run it again this week. It is not required to participate in this, but if you’d like to share about your son or daughter, please send me an email! My email address at church is youthpastor@communityrc.org.

The Sully Peaks Retreat is coming up June 7-9. Postcards were mailed last week. Also, the Youth Group Sweatshirts are in and organized in the corner office of the church. I have sent a text everyone who placed an order. Just let me know if you have questions!

And lastly this week, thanks to everyone who prayed me up for speaking at the Baccalaureate service at Harrisburg HS. Everything went really well, and I’m so thankful for your prayer support!

I think that’s it for me this week.

I hope you all have a truly blessed Memorial Day weekend.

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org
Nursery Coordinator works 2-3 Sundays a month, some special services and Wednesday nights during midweek. Coordinator needs to be 18 years old. If you are interested please contact Sheri at 605 261 2153.

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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!