I guess it’s summer.  Wow…it was a weekend of change.  I do hope maybe it will cool down a bit and give us a little more of a taste of spring before we have to do that right away.  Memorial Day is usually the kick-off for summer activities, but the heat was a little much.  I know that many of us were traveling out of town last weekend and June is typically the vacation month for many of our families.  I know the Sioux Falls Schools are still in session this week and graduations around here are this Sunday.  It sure does seem late for that.  There will be lots of parties and things going on this weekend as well.  Enjoy those family times.  Those are gifts!

It was a very busy Memorial Day Weekend here.  That is just the way things go.  I know for many, it is a weekend of very mixed emotions.  We love the time with family and friends, but memories are not always without a few tears.  We pray for all of you who are going through the hard ways of life right now.  We also want to give special attention to those who gave their lives for us.  When we got back to Burke on Monday and drove out to the cemetery…there were all the flags…which is an amazing sight in their cemetery.  It sure does bring back a lot of memories.  I’m sure you all know that feeling.  It was good to back home for a bit, but then the week must go on.  I do hope you all spent a little time “remembering”.

We are in the middle of all the interviews right now.  That process should be getting done very soon.  We are finding lots of great people to visit with, but we are sure discovering it is not an easy thing to do.  I hope all the prayer warriors are praying for God to be near those who are making these choices.  We all learn very quickly we can’t do this alone.  These are some very important moments in the life of this church.  Pray it up, Community!

I’m getting ready to start a new series of messages that will go through the summer months.  As I mentioned on Sunday, I was very surprised at just how many different Old Testament names there are for God.  I knew there were many, but won’t get close to covering all of them.  Each name is there to reveal who God is.  So when God is merciful, he has a name for that.  When He is all knowing, there is a name for that.  I think it will be a good series and we are all going to learn some new “words”.

I know a number of our kids will be going to Inspiration Hills this summer as well.  Be praying for all the campers as the weeks draw near.  We always seem to have a good number going each year.  In the past I have spoken to the point of just how powerful these can be in the spiritual lives of children.  So often these are places where kids make a big spiritual decision for Christ.  There is just something about being away from home and in that environment that brings that out.  Lift them up and all the counselors there as the summer months roll by.  It is a wonderful place.

Sunday we start with all the names of God.  We will start with one that almost can’t be spoken because it is so special.  We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
June 3: 9:00am—
   Corey & Laurel Feenstra
   Matt & Erin Weerheim
11:00am—
   Eric & Jamelee Van Donge
   Jordan Lipp

June 10: 9:00am—
   Nick & Abbie Langrock
   Melinda Kissel
   LaDonna Frieborg
11:00am—
   Doug & Sharen Harms
   Kate Hansen

COFFEE SCHEDULE
June 3: Denny & Sue Brunsting
June 10: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
June 17: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

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

June 10:
   9:00am— Gerald & Deb Teunissen
   11:00am— Jerralynne Tjeerdema

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

June 10
9:00am— William VamBram, Dennis
   & Helen Robinson, Chad & Diane
   Mckee
11:00am— Jean Nollmann, Ross &
   Jolene Larson

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

The Union Gospel Mission love gift
for May is creamed soups. Please
put in designated bin in the lobby.

Senior Citizens meet on Monday,
June 11th at noon at the E. Pizza
Ranch.

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 par-
ticipants. Contact Trudi Nelson at 371-
3512 for more information.

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Prayer Requests
Join us for a time of prayer on Saturdays from 7am-8am at church.

- 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)
- Phyllis 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)

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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.
We are wrapping up graduation season, and I want to remind all of the graduates to grab a book from the table in the lobby as a gift from Community! The table will be up through June 3rd. Congratulations to all of you on your accomplishments!

The Sully Peaks Retreat is coming up June 7-9. I’ll be sending out one final postcard toward the end of this week with a few reminders and pertinent information. Community, I ask that you begin to pray for us on this retreat. Please pray for good June weather, pray for safe travel, pray for those who will be hosting us (Robyn, who owns the lodge, and my Grandma Lucy, who will be hosting brunch at her house), and pray for the adult sponsors and the kids; that they would grow in relationship with each other and with God. This is always such a powerful retreat, and it’s amazing to watch how God moves among us while we are there. It’s good to get out of Sioux Falls for a time of rest, and I’m thankful that kids still want to take time for this retreat!

I actually started this retreat the very first year I was a youth pastor back in 2002-2003. That year, we went during the month of January for a winter retreat. I wasn’t sure what the kids would think, but they were willing to try it. And every year after that the kids made sure that we were going to do that retreat! What is a little strange about the retreat this year is that this will be my last retreat with high school kids, and it will be my last official duty with kids as well. All of this just makes me stop and think over the years about those trips with kids. It’s been quite a journey. It’s definitely been a life-changing blessing for me.

I thought it might be time for a short update on my worship album. It’s very close to being finished. We will be sending it off to be edited. Then the editor will send it back to be mixed. After that it must be mastered. And finally, it can be printed. Making an album is a pretty labor-intensive process, especially if one wants to do it well. I’m really hoping it will be finished by the end of the summer so I can do a release concert early this fall. I’ll be sure to keep you all posted!

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz

youthpastor@communityrc.org
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June 2018
Current events:

**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.

**Summer Bible Study**

**STARTS JUNE 13**

This summer, John Thornton will be leading a Wednesday evening Bible study called, "What in the world is Peter talking about?" The class will begin on June 13th and run for 9 weeks. It will be an in-depth study of both 1 Peter and 2 Peter, and maybe even a week on Jude.

Class will begin at 7:15 pm and last for an hour each Wednesday until late August. Discussion and participation is expected and encouraged.

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**Vision Account Balance**

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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 (prayerline@communityrc.org). For emergencies during non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde.

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!