By the time most of you get this letter, it will be June. May is already in the books and the summer is now upon us. I know that changes a lot of things around the church, as vacations and weekend getaways always will be the norm for many of you. Take care of yourself throughout the summer and certainly get out and enjoy your family. It is still taking a long time to warm up, but I’m sure it will be coming along as the days pass. There will be plenty of days ahead of us that we will be wishing for a little cool air...so enjoy that right now.

This past weekend was a very good one to be sharing in church. It wasn’t the easiest for a number of our people, but it was a good time to remember those who have gone on before us. I had so many compliments about the décor in the church. Rhonda always does such a great job with the themes of the day and this one was exceptional. I saw so many posts on Facebook about what people were experiencing with some of the displays. It all makes a difference. I hope you were all able to enjoy the nice weekend and get out with your family. It is a good thing to pause and give a moment of our time to consider those loved ones and what they meant to so many and to give a moment to honor the fallen soldiers for their sacrifice.

Many of us have been saddened by the passing of Mat Timmer this past week. His battle with cancer is finally over, but the hard days for the family have just begun. Mat would be the first one to remind us that it is not just about him, but for so many others who are fighting battles as well. His passing is a reminder of the fragile nature of life and the challenge to enjoy every good gift to the fullest. Life has few guarantees. Moments like this are opportunities for people to step up, and Community, you are certainly doing that. Thanks so much church family for being there for people in tough times and continuing to do what you always do so very well.

There are some great activities coming up here in the coming weeks. On June 10th we are planning another “Kid’s Fishing Day.” There is a sign up at “The Link” and we would encourage you to get your name on that list. I do believe there is a limit on the number of people we can take for that, so please be vigilant in getting your name on there. There is also a kids’ craft camp coming in June as well. I’m sure there is more information on that in the newsletter. These are great opportunities for the kids, and we would highly encourage you to get involved in those. It’s going to be a great summer!

Sunday morning I will be starting a new series for the summer. If you remember back a few months ago I had done a message on Jonah, and when I was doing the research and study for that message I realized just how “big” that story really is. It seemed like a good idea to tackle it in more detail and do an entire series about Jonah’s story. So Jonah is our subject for the summer months. I love doing those long series in the summer. That way if you happen to be gone for a few weeks you are still somewhat connected. This week is the introduction to that series. We’ll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
June 4: 9:00am—
Matt & Kristi Mouw
Sue Harms
11:00am—
Angie, Justin & Ali Cable

June 11: 9:00am—
Jeris & Maylene Van Zee
Emily Van Deraa
11:00am—
Jeremiah Spaniol
April Van Leisburg

COFFEE SCHEDULE
June 4: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
June 11: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
June 18: Daryl & Char DuBois

THE LINK SCHEDULE
June 4
9:00am— Marshall & Angeline Lavin
11:00am— Lance & Robyn Niewenhuis

June 11
9:00am— Gerald & Deb Teunissen
11:00am— Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

Union Gospel Mission love gift for June is canned fruit. Please place your gifts in the designated bin by the main lobby doors.

GREETER SCHEDULE
June 4:
9:00am— Stan & Elaine Deelstra
Willard & Dar Keizer
Dave & Trish Mayer
11:00am— Donna Humme
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

June 11:
9:00am— Gary & Connie Parmley
Dennis & Helen Robinson
Dennis & Sue Brunsing
11:00am— Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Dennis & Helen Robinson

WOMEN’S MINISTRY
Faith Circle Hymn Sing—June 19th, 1:00 pm—See Page 5 for more details!

Morning Book Club will next meet on Wed., June 14, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will discuss The Hunger Games by Collins.

Evening Book Club will next meet on Tue., June 20, at 7 pm at the east side Panera. They will discuss The Zookeeper’s Wife by Ackerman.

MONTHLY MISSION
June Mission of the month:
Hope Haven International

Hope Haven manufactures and distributes wheelchairs to children and adults worldwide. Currently over 121,000 wheelchairs have been distributed to people in 108 countries. This ministry is continuously working to help people with disabilities reach their full potential. They do this by developing opportunities to improve the economic position, social welfare, and independence of people with disabilities. They work closely with relief and development organizations, mission groups, and individuals in various countries to deliver wheelchairs to those in desperate need.

Hope Haven’s 22nd Annual Gospel Music Festival
Central Park
Sioux Center, Iowa
June 16—1:00 pm to 9:30 pm
June 17—11:00 am to 9:30 pm

The Gospel Music Festival is a benefit for Hope Haven and free-will offerings will be taken each day. A lunch stand will be open both days. Currently 20 different groups from 5 states are scheduled to provide continuous music. (In case of inclement weather, the Music Festival will be held at the Rec Center on the campus of Dordt College.)

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

- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Julie Dobesh (surgery recovery)
- Jill Hansen’s aunt (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Terry Mayer’s mom, Rose (stroke)
- Chelle McMurrey’s dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Susan Payne (cancer)
- Gerban TeSlaa (hospice—Helen Van Leeuwen’s dad; Sheri Brouwer’s grandpa)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart testing)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
- Annetta Wiese

Our condolences to Megan, Ava and Derek Timmer on the passing of husband and father, Mat, on May 28th.
Liz’s Update

I hope everyone had a meaningful Memorial Day weekend. I think, as I get older, Memorial Day becomes one of my favorite holidays of the year. There is something special about walking through the cemetery in Burke to read the names of so many who are no longer with us and to remember the lives they lived. Both of my grandfathers served in the military, and I’m deeply thankful for their service. And I also think of the many men and women who are no longer with us, who served to give us this unmatchable freedom we have here in America—well, there are no words to express that kind of gratitude. And of course, walking through the cemetery to see the graves of my family members, and to consider the history of each life, reminds me of the great sense of purpose and plan for each of us that comes from the hand of God. I do love Memorial Day. And again, I hope yours was a blessed one!

Remember: Parents, we’d be happy to include a picture of your graduating seniors in our morning announcement slides, so if you would email me a picture of your graduate and include his or her name, high school, and post college plans, we’ll add them to our slide show. Just send the information to youthpastor@communityrc.org. If you have questions let me know.

You may have noticed the graduate table set up in the narthex. Graduates, (this includes high school, college, and even graduate school!) please feel free to take a book off of the table as a gift from Community! We congratulate you on your hard work and accomplishments!!

As I mentioned in my article last week, we had planned some recording time for my worship album. By golly, we did get a sizeable part of it recorded! We still have much to do, but we’re steadily working on it, and I’ll keep you posted on its progress. I know many of you are praying over that project, and I’d like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart!

I think that’s it for me this week. ☺

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

3 YEAR OLDS- GRADE 6
AUGUST 6-9, 6-8PM

VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/COMMUNITY
Hi Everyone!
I don’t have a lot to say this week but I DO have a lot of notes and reminders so please check out my notes below. CRAFT CAMP starts June 12! I’ll see you soon! -Heather DeWit

Summer Memory Verse: Philippians 2:13 For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Mark Your Calendars for Summer Fun at Community

Please be sure to invite friends and neighbors!
We’ll also have paper registration forms at The Link. KIDS AND VOLUNTEERS CAN REGISTER NOW!

- **CKC (Community Kids Camps)**
  - **Craft** June 12-15 **THIS ONE IS SOON!** 1-4pm, K-5! vbspro.events/p/craft and **CKC Science** July 17-20, 10am-12, K-5 vbspro.events/p/science
- **Family Bike Ride**— July 16, 3:30pm
- **VBS** vbspro.events/p/community
  - August 6-9 evenings, 3yo-6th grade
- **VBS Sign up for bringing snacks:** http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4caca2eabfb6-snacks

(We would love to have Middle School, High School and adult volunteers join us for all of these events.)

**COMING SOON!**

CAMP

Inspiration Hills- Camp Sunday -June 4th, 3-5pm
This is for families to come out for the afternoon and swim, meet the counselors and see where the campers will be spending their time. If your child is going to camp or you want more information, this is a good opportunity to check it out. Bring swimsuits and towels. https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1XRTETLPeOMeE01Zm1JTm14Uzg/view

Please let Heather know if your kids have signed up for camp. We are keeping a list of kids who are going to camp from Community. This way, if we have kids from Community hoping to go with kids that might be familiar, we have an idea of who is going and when. Also, we use that list to pray for kids while they are at camp!

**ATTENTION ALL SEWERS!**

We need your help. Please let Jan Mellema or me know if you’d be willing to help sew some aprons for VBS this year. We’ve got fabric and a nice simple pattern so it should be a fast project.
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Community Reformed Church
Minutes of Consistory Meeting
May 18, 2017

In Attendance: Russ Robers, Pete Mellema, Jolene Larson, Randy Grotenhuis, Gerald Teunissen, Laura Maloney, Doug Harms, Jim Fischer, Jaron DeWit, Darin Van Beek, Eric Van Donge, Nick Langerock, Mark Van Meeteren, Aric Blom, Mike Boyenga, Cleone Leistra, Mary Burggraaf, Bob Hein, Clyde Teel, Liz Teel

Laura gave the opening devotional about nurturing and care giving and the importance of silence and solitude to be able to hear the still small voice of love. She took us through a time of Taize prayer. It’s a time of silence and prayer. She gave some guidelines for this silent prayer. We opened with this time of silent prayer.

MSA to approve the April 2017 minutes.

Eric gave the April 2017 financial report.

MSA to approve the April 2017 financial report.

MSA to do away with the “bridge” portion of the capital campaign.

Hopefully the parking lot (additional 76 stalls) will be done by fall.

Liz gave her report.

Heather wrote up a report for the consistory to read.

We had discussion about moving Sunday morning worship times. The times would be 8:00, 9:00, and 10:45.

MSA to change the worship times to 8:00, 9:00, and 10:45 this summer.

Clyde told the Consistory that they will need to choose their service task force at the next meeting.

Next meeting we will draw for Consistory members to be on care teams for each staff member.

Nominations for Clerk: Mary Burggraaf.

MSA nominations cease.

Mary Burggraaf is the Clerk.

Nominations for Assistant Treasurer: Russ Robers.

MSA nominations cease.

Russ Robers is the Assistant Treasurer.

Nominations for Vice President: Gerald Teunissen

MSA nominations cease.

Gerald Teunissen is the Vice President.

MSA to make Gerald Teunissen, Vice President, Eric Van Donge, Treasurer, Mary Burggraaf, Clerk, and Russ Robers, Assistant Treasurer, signers for the church’s bank accounts.

MSA to pay $130,000 toward the principle balance of the older of the 2 loans.

Next meeting June 8, 2017.

MSA to adjourn.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Thursday, June 1**
6:30 & 7:30 pm—Church softball

**Saturday, June 3**
7:00 am—Prayer Ministry

**Wednesday, June 7**
7:30 pm—First night of Summer Bible Study

**Thursday, June 8**
7:00 pm—Elders Meeting
8:00 pm—Consistory meeting

**Monday, June 12**
Noon—Senior Citizens at Pizza Ranch on East 10th St.

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**CRC KIDS FISHING DAY**

6th Annual CRC Kids Fishing Day
Saturday • June 10th • 9:45 am
Outdoor Campus
Details and sign-up sheets are at The Link
Or contact Rick Hanson: 201-5135

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**Craft Camp**

Who: Community Kids, grades K-5
When: June 12-15, 1-4 pm
Where: Community Reformed Church

Find more info and register online at: vbspro.events/p/craft

...or contact the Community office.

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**SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Chapel Adult Sunday School class will continue to meet throughout the summer on Sunday mornings at 10:10.

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**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY**

John Thornton will be leading a Wednesday evening Bible study this summer on the Gospel of Mark. This class is open to everyone and will begin on Wednesday, June 7th. Class will be each week from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. No books are needed except for a Bible. Come out for a verse by verse study of the entire Gospel of Mark.

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**Finances at a Glance:**

May 28, 2017

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**HYMN SING**

Join the ladies of Faith Circle June 19th at 1:00 pm for a time of singing some of your favorite hymns. They will meet in the chapel with Joyce Tarrell and her sister, Irene Thielvoldt, leading the singing. Joyce and Irene will also provide special music. All are welcome! They encourage you to invite spouses, friends and neighbors. Refreshments will follow. Contact Connie, 275-0030, or Dolly, 371-1480, if you need more information.
Community Reformed Church
6800 E 41 Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

May 31, 2017

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 (crcprayerline@gmail.com). For emergencies during non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde or the elder on call.

June 4—Pete Mellema
June 11—Gerald Teunissen

Join us for worship at 8am, 9am or 11am. Beginning June 11th: 8am, 9am or 10:45am. Deaf Interpreting available at 9am service. Check us out on the web: www.communityrc.org or like our Facebook page!