

THE COMMUNICATOR

PASTOR'S UPDATE

Summer is moving along rapidly! I know that many of you have been out to do some of those fun summer activities already. That's all good news! We are getting some timely rains, which is really helping the fields turn green and keeping us all busy with our lawns. It sounds as if this may be a little cooler week and we might be picking up a little more rain. That too is good news! I am trying to get a few things done this summer that didn't get done last year so hopefully I will find this year to be a little more productive than the last one. I don't really have any particular trip planned for the summer, but I do have a couple of fun hunting trips lined up for the fall. I know...I shouldn't be saying the word "fall" too soon. I think we are safe for at last a few weeks.

We will be announcing the results of all the interviewing that has been going on this past couple of months. I just want to say this has been a thorough process. The committee went through resumes, rated candidates, interviewed, and made final recommendations. The consistory voted last week and now it is just matter of moving into the next phase of all of this, which is "get going". We all learned so much during all of this and one of those things we learned is just how much education we are all going to need about what is coming. We discovered that many of us have different expectations and ideas about what all of this is going to mean. The Consistory and I are going to have to do a good job of explaining just what we want these people to do and maybe more importantly, what we don't want them to do. If we are not careful we will ask so much of any of them that they will not be able to keep everyone happy. There will be lots said over the course the next few months explaining just what we see as the focus of these new jobs. There is a lot of discovery to be made and we are determined to do it all right. We will be announcing the results of this process on Sunday morning at each service. Be praying for all of this as we continue work at being the church God is directing us to be.

Summer means camps and we have a number of our kids at Inspiration Hills throughout the summer months. Heather is also planning some summer camps at Community. She said there are lots of kids signed up and she is going to need to some help pulling all of this together. So I guess you might say this is a request for helpers. Give the office a call or talk to her on Sunday morning. We have lots of kids!

VBS is coming too and we are asking you to sign up for that as well so we can begin to get some sense of just how many kids we need to plan for. Each year that group has grown and we like to proactive if we can. Heather is pretty good at last minute changes, but if we can do that better it's worth it. If you have questions, call the office!

Sunday we keep moving the series of names along and this week we are going to look at the name Elohim. It is a name that is used frequently as well and though it means a bit of same thing as our first sermon on Yahweh, it will have a little different focus. I have been so amazed at how these names have given so much insight on the big picture of just who God is. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

June 24:: 9:00am—
 Amy Smit
 Linda Zwart
 Lyndee Kamrath
 Lorena Sazama
11:00am—
 Shawn & Lori Blom
 Zach & Jordan Seefeldt
 Randi VanDerSloot

July 1:: 9:00am—
 Charlene Hopf
 Amy Smit
 Barb Niessink
 Linda Zwart
11:00am-
 Jonah & Brittany Nyenhuis
 Becky Hinderks

THE LINK SCHEDULE

June 24:
9:00am— Bonnie Overweg & Bruce Wentzel
11:00am— Mark & Pat Koll

July 1:
9:00am— Dick & Jeannette Jennings
11:00am— Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

COFFEE SCHEDULE

June 24: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
 July 1: Daryl & Char DuBois
 July 8: Steve & Becky Lee

GREETER SCHEDULE

June 24
9:00am—
 Tom & Amy Bosch
 Gerald & Deb Teunissen
 Darrin & Sherri VanBeek
11:00am—
 Bert Roetman
 Ken & Deb Meyer

UPDATE

FROM YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY

Summer brings a shift in activities. It's a good time to find out what we can offer your kids and your family in books, games, and videos.

We are planning our next events in the library. For one of these, **we want to hear from you about podcasts.**

What Christian podcasts do you listen to? What do you love? Let us know.

New items are added each week. If you are a Kingsbury fan, you will want to catch *To the Moon and Back*, the third in the new Baxter series. Other additions include Biblical fiction by Mesu Andrews, the next in the Orphan Train series by Jody Hedlund, and videos including *Let There Be Light*.

We love to help you find your next great read. Just ask any librarian.

Check it out!

Trudi, Lois, Lorena, Merry

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Donna Humme for the recent passing of her sister, Norma VanderMeulen.

Our condolences go out to Nancy Vos and her family on the death of her father, Jim Intveld. (Also, Darin Vos' grandpa.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Finances at a Glance:

Sunday, June 17

General:..... \$15,237
Vision: \$2,415
Missions: \$360

General YTD: \$325,914
Vision YTD: \$87,769

Vision Account Balance: \$86,035

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Connie Evenson**, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- **Pete Valentine**
- **Natalie 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)
- **Harriett Valentine** (hip replacement)
- **Tracee Ellwein** (knee surgery recovery)
- **Dree Mayer** (infection)
- **Heather DeWit**
- Lori Hein's mom, **Joan** (heart)

JOIN US!

UPCOMING DATES:

June 27th: @ 6:30pm **Picnic in the Park** at Cherry Rock Park. Bring food to share and we'll be grilling hot dogs!

July 15th– **National ICE CREAM DAY!** Ice Cream served after all services ☺

July 21st @ 9:30pm– **Outdoor Movie on the front lawn.** Featuring "I Can Only Imagine"

July 22nd @ 3:00pm– **Kid's Drive-In Movie** in the children's wing

Aug 5-8– **VBS** from 6-8pm "Shipwrecked"

Aug. 26th– **Block Party** Noon-2pm

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, August 19 @ 3pm.**

LIZ'S UPDATE

I'd like to thank everyone who prayed us up for our **Sully Peaks retreat**. Everything went extremely well, and the kids had a great time. There were some sizeable thunderstorms that came through both nights we were there, but thankfully, we only received rain. Whew! So once again, thank you so much for praying for us. We appreciate it!

I know many of you are wondering where we are in the job process at church. The good news is that we have some **official news** to share, and the Consistory is going to be sharing that this Sunday morning during the services. Because of that, I'll wait until next week's newsletter to share my thoughts about what's happening next. ☺ God has been so faithful during this entire process, and I'm looking forward to next things!

And lastly this week, I'm writing this on Monday morning, and **today would have been my mom's 65th birthday**. Most often, when I picture my Mom, I see her in Heaven fully alive and fully enjoying the Presence of Christ. She was a powerful prayer warrior on earth, and I believe she is an even more powerful prayer warrior in Heaven because she is able to pray with perfect accuracy in the Presence of God! I know she is praying for Community, and I believe she is also looking forward to the good things God has planned for this body of believers. And although I long to join her, I can say with Paul, "To live is Christ, and to die is gain." Paraphrased, I might say, "It's all good." ☺ What an amazing God we serve!

I think that's it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Hi Everyone!

I don't have a lot of updates for you but I do have a request for volunteers! The response to our summer activities for kids has been AMAZING! We have many kids from Community participating as well as a number of children and families from Sioux Falls that don't attend our church. I can't really explain how exciting that is! I'll take some pictures for those of you that can't stop in to see the kids in action! Here's what we need to welcome so many visitors and to help our own kids have fun:

- **Most Urgent Need:** Volunteers (Adult, High School and Middle School) to help with Science and Building Day Camp. It is only 2 afternoons and will be fun!
June 27 & 28, 12:30—4pm Volunteers will welcome kids, help them as they do activities and help with taking attendance if needed.
- We could also use help for Service Learning Camp July 20 from 10am-4:30pm (particularly with lunch prep and service) and Arts and Crafts Camp July 26 & 27 from 9:30am to 11:30am
- VBS helpers are still needed too but that isn't until August 5-8 6-8pm.

If you can help, talk with **Heather at 336-1475, email Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org** or stop at the sign up table.

Be sure to **sign up your kids** if they'd like to join us for all of this fun! It is going to be a summer to remember and we want everyone there with us!

See you soon!

-Heather DeWit

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THIS WEEK:

Saturday, June 23

7:00 am—Prayer ministry
(Chapel)

Sunday, June 24

10:10am—Adult Sunday School
(chapel)

Wednesday, June 27

5:15am—Crack of Dawn
Connection
6:30pm—Picnic In the Park
(Cherry Rock Park)
7:15pm—Summer Bible Study

KIDS' CAMPS

Science and Building Day Camp:

K-5th grade; June 27- 28th,
12:30-4pm

Service & Learning Camp: July
20, 10am-4:30pm; 3-5th grade

Arts & Craft Camp: July 26-27,
9:30-11:30am; K-5th grade

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

Morning book club Wed., July 11, at
9am at Bagel Boy on MN Ave. Discus-
sion on: *Where We Belong* by Lynn
Austin.

Evening book club Tues. July 17, at
7 pm @ Eastside Panera on Foss Ave.
Discussion on: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
by Smith.

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

CIRCLES

Joy Circle—Monday, July 2—
BIBLE STUDY 9:30am at Community
Reformed. We will be discussing the
word MERCY.

Monday, July 16— 7:30pm at Commu-
nity, Program on "Safe Families"
Everyone welcome!

Senior Citizens

Meet at the E. Pizza Ranch on July 9th
@ Noon.

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the
lobby. It's a place to donate to
local ministries.
We'll highlight 4 each month.

Union Gospel – canned fruit

Mission Haiti– new & gently used
backpacks & shoes

Community's children– used baby
socks– individual or pairs & fleece
(any size)

Safe Families– Nutramigen
formula, size 2 & 4 diapers

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Samaritan's Feet.

VOLUNTEER WANTED

Looking for someone to cut the
wood needed to assemble bird-
feeders at camp.
Contact Heather.