The month of June is nearly over. I don’t think I have to say much about that. It has been a full month of things going on out here. My goodness! We have done a lot this month! I am hoping things can slow down just a little bit. I thought summer was supposed to be a time for relaxing. So far, I can’t say that! However, the weather is starting to feel a little bit like summer and if we can trust the weather forecasters, the summer heat is supposed to start getting here late in the week. I think we could use a little of that to get this slow growing season going. It is going to be the 4th of July very soon and we really have not had a hot day yet. I know that many of you have already been taking summer vacations and lake days. I hope all of that is giving you a good break from the everyday wear and tear of life. Enjoy your family!

I have been trying to find a good time to do my next evening of information for you all. The weeks are a bit full. I am looking at next Monday the 1st of July at 7pm for a time to get together if you missed that first one. You can set up a time and just talk to me about it if you would like. I am trying my best to get as much info out as I can.

Doyle got back from senior high camp last week and is reporting that it was a great week for him and all the campers. These are awesome weeks those kids get to spend away from “things” and getting in touch with themselves and God. We all speak of moments we had at a camp in our past. Those days have such an impact on our lives. It sounds like this one did exactly the same. There are kids at Inspiration Hills all summer long as well. Pray for those camps and campers.

Sarah Powell has taken a job in Arizona at a camp for disadvantaged kids. Sarah is in fact becoming a missionary there as it were. The job she is taking literally has the word missionary in the title. She will be working with young girls at the camp. She has been here for a number of years working with our Junior High kids and being a part of this church family. It’s a big step for Sarah and once again Community, we have helped shape the life of one of our young people and they are going off into new callings. We will be having a special morning next Sunday just for her. We will be doing a special commissioning for her during the 9 and 11 services. We wish her blessings as she goes.

Don’t forget that Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! I know we still need lots of help with that and although it might seem like it’s a far away those days tend to get away quickly. Get those kids signed up and while you are doing that, get yourself involved as well. It is always one of best 4 days we have in this place. I don’t need to tell you...it really can be life changing for the kids.

Sunday the messages now begin to move into the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. I guess you might call this next set of messages dealing with just what the Holy Spirit is capable of doing in our lives. This week we are going to look into those “Throne Rooms” in your life. We do all have those places we have set up in our hearts that we want to control. We are in charge there. It’s our castle. We have built walls around that and no one gets in there. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 26
5:15am– Crack of Dawn
7:30pm– Summer Bible Study

Thursday, June 27
8:30pm & 9:30pm- Church Softball (Field H)

Saturday, June 29
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, June 30
10:10am – Adult Sunday School
Noon-4pm– M.S. Youth Group
3:00pm– Baptism Service

Monday, July 1
7:000pm– RCA Update

Tuesday, July 2
7:00pm– AA Meeting

Wednesday, July 3
5:15am– Crack of Dawn
7:30pm– Summer Bible Study

FINANCES

Sunday, June 23, 2019

General: ...........................................$11,734
Vision: .............................................$1,315
Missions ..............................................$200

General YTD: $383,766
Vision YTD: $105,833
Vision Account Balance: $102,362

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, July 10, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing True to You by Becky Wade.

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: Samaritan’s Feet

HOPE CIRCLE The Hope Circle is taking a vacation until September. There will be no monthly meetings until then.

JOY CIRCLE July Events:
July 1– Word to Study “Patience”
July 15th– Word to Study “Kindness”.
We will be meeting at 9:30am at Community. Everyone welcome.

FAITH CIRCLE Will meet on Monday, July 15, 1:00pm at church. Liz will continue our discussion on “HEAVEN” and move on to other questions we gave her. If you would like to join us, you are welcome. Hostess: Shirley Schuld
Early this week, I had the “privilege” of wearing a certain type of medical monitor for 48 hours. (Nothing serious. Just a check-up type of thing). While you wear this monitor, you can’t get it wet, which means you either have to be very careful to only engage in activities where you can’t get dirty (no mud pies) or sweaty (no gym), and you also have to wear it while you sleep. Can you already tell that this is going to get annoying really quickly? 😊

This is not the first time I’ve worn a monitor like this, but it is the first time I’ve worn one during the summer months. What I’ve learned is that during the winter months, it’s a lot easier to keep sticky things stuck to one’s skin! In the summer months, that’s almost impossible.

The first night I wore the monitor, I didn’t get nearly enough sleep because I was up about every half hour to re-stick the monitor pads to my skin because they would move or come unstuck every time I moved! And then it’s not enough to just re-stick them, I had to note it in a chart that goes with the monitor. At about 3:00am, I was tired, frustrated, and feeling some serious anger growing within me. Of course, if you feel yourself getting angry at 3:00am, it’s going to be incredibly difficult to calm down enough to go back to sleep!

Here’s the kicker, and you’re going to have to read this carefully; I wanted to want to not be angry. I’ll type that again. I wanted to want to not be angry. But in that moment, I felt like my anger was justified, and frankly, I wanted to be angry. The technician hadn’t done a smart job of placing the stickers, I wasn’t able to move freely, the whole monitor system was compromised because of those stupid stickers, I couldn’t sleep, and I had every right to be mad about it!

But at 3:00am my anger was doing more harm than good, and I knew it. It made it impossible for me to be thankful for my general good health. I had a hard time being thankful for amazing doctors and the incredible medical technology I was wearing. I couldn’t be thankful for my soft bed, clean sheets, and air-conditioned house. My anger, even though it might have been justified, was serving no purpose whatsoever.

In that moment, I wanted to want to not be angry. Are you following me there? I knew what the best thing was, and I deeply wanted that. But I was in a battle with myself over it. I wanted to not be angry, yet I also wanted to be angry. This is where God’s gracious, loving, and patient way with me made its appearance. I prayed to God that I wanted to want to not be angry, and I asked if He would help me with that. “Lord, I want to want to not be angry.” Did He hear me? Absolutely. Did He remove my anger in that moment? No. 😊 But the point is, He’s working on it! He’s working to change me so that what I desire to happen within me can actually happen.

Are you in a similar place in your own life where there’s something you know needs changing, but frankly you kind of enjoy that part of yourself? Oftentimes, we’ve even learned how to make those flaws in our character serve our own purposes, so we justify them. But deep down, we know it’s not in our best interest, and God keeps nudging us to let go of those things. The good news is that your first prayer can be just what I prayed: Lord, I want to want to not ___________. Or “Lord, I want to want to stop ____________.” I believe that’s a powerful first step of prayer. It acknowledges our brokenness, but it also creates space for the Holy Spirit to come in and get to work in His perfect time.

If this is you, I encourage you to ask God to help you want to want to. I believe He’ll answer that prayer in the affirmative every time.

Have a great week!

Liz
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Hi Everyone,

This coming Sunday is the Middle School Summer Fun Day here at church. The youth can stay at church after the 11am service ends for lunch and an afternoon of fun. As I said last week, our Middle School program will have a little change coming as our wonderful coordinator, Sarah Powell is moving to Arizona. We’ll say goodbye to her during the service on Sunday and send her off with prayer. Sarah has been called to Arizona to work at a camp called Youth Haven. It is a year round camp that serves students that are considered to be at risk ages 7-13. Some are in foster care or are living in poverty. The mission of the camp is to get these kids connected to Jesus and provide them with a safe place where they can be kids. Sarah asks for prayer for the kids attending the camp that she’ll work with and that their hearts would be open to Jesus. She asks for prayer for her in the transition there. She also asks us to pray for the students that are going home. The kids get to attend the camp Sarah will work in for one week at a time during the summer, but then get the opportunity to come back once each season for a weekend camp. We’ll have a basket and table at Community this Sunday if you’d like to drop Sarah a note or leave a card. I am so, so thankful for the impact Sarah has had on many of our kids and their journey with Jesus. She’s been with us here at Community for quite a while and she’ll be missed but we are certainly excited for what God has asked her to do and her willingness to answer that call.

VBS will be here before we know it and we need many, many more volunteers! There is a table in the foyer at church with clipboards asking folks to sign up. We provide all of the materials and lessons to make it easier for everyone to volunteer and maximize their time with the kids. If you have or know kids, please get them signed up as well. We’d love to have many friends invited and VBS is always an awesome time.

Heather DeWit
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PICNIC IN THE PARK  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24  
6:30PM  
UPPER TUTHILL PARK  
Please bring food to share and your own chair. We’ll be grilling hotdogs! Water also provided.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
SUNDAY, JULY 28-WED. JULY 31  
6:00-8:00PM  
Infants-5th Grade  
SIGN UP AT: https://vbspro.events/p/events/2019

BBQ 4 CLASSROOMS  
SUNDAY, AUG 11  
4:00-7:00PM  
Join us for a fundraising BBQ party to build 4 classrooms at the Frederique School in Haiti. Come for some great food, silent auction, bean bag tournament, classic car show and dunk tank.

APPY BIRTHDAY  
SUNDAY, AUG 11  
MORNING SERVICES  
Community will be unveiling a new app! We’ll celebrate with cupcakes that morning!

BLOCK PARTY  
SUNDAY, AUG 25  
NOON-2:00PM  
Best way to celebrate summer! Come for food, inflatables and Dakota Snow will provide snow cones. Invite your friends! Free to all.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY  
WEDNESDAYS  
7:30PM  
This class is covering Johnan Christoph Arnold’s book, “Be Not Afraid: Overcoming the Fear of Death” and will run every Wednesday through August.
CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Lois Vander Maten who lost her sister-in-law, Jolene Vander Maten. Please pray for her and her family.

PRAYER REQUEST

- 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)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (Mayo visit)
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Randy Grotenhuis (inflammation of the inner ear)
- Al Hoogendoorn (multiple health issues)
- Randy (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn’s son)
- Jerry Ackerman (Lonny Ackerman’s dad) open heart surgery
- Grace Vanden Heuval (cracked rib)
- Jackie Holleman
- Dave Sells (surgery recovery)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma’s grandson, Casey
INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service
JUNE 30

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.

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