

THE COMMUNICATOR

PASTOR'S UPDATE

Can you believe next week is the 4th of July already? I know, I can't. And how about all this rain? It has sure been an interesting year. We didn't really get any spring and now it's acting more like spring than summer. I guess we must take what we get. I do know that many of you are getting some time away this summer and I want to encourage you to do that. Those are special moments you get to share. Make the very most of that time!

Russ Robers announced the results of all of our search committee's work over the past couple of months. The outline of their findings is in this week's newsletter so if you want to read through that, it's there for your reading. I want to say, once again, a word of thanks to that committee on a job well done. We did have many applicants for the positions and the task proved to be a challenge as we sorted through all of the applicants.

I believe we reached a good decision and the Consistory unanimously approved the recommendations of the search committee. Now it's time to put all of this into motion and get busy doing what we hope will be a good next step in the process. Take time to read the final paragraph from the committee on moving forward. We will be talking more about that in the coming weeks.

It has been most evident to all of us that educating and informing folks through the coming weeks and months is going to be most important as we do the next step. We all need to be aware of what is expected in these new positions. We want all of them to be successful because that means a healthy church and when the church is healthy, the kingdom is going to be imparted to those who join us and grow the people deeper who are already a part of this place.

I hope you will check that calendar through the summer, as there are a number of fun activities scheduled. Heather has some kid camps, Holli has some fun night activities and of course VBS is coming as well. We need help with several of these events and I would highly encourage you all to get involved in them. Bring a friend and lend a hand!

Sunday's message is another one of those names and this week's name is Jireh. Now this might be one of those you are not familiar with, but it is a very powerful name with an amazing meaning. As my "preacher teacher" would say, "That'll preach"...indeed it will! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!



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

NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 1: 9:00am—

Charlene Hopf
Amy Smit
Barb Niessink
Linda Zwart

11:00am-

Jonah & Brittany Nyenhuis
Becky Hinderks

July 8: 9:00am—

Bob & Katie Deelstra
Sue Harms
Val Huber

11:00am-

Arlan & Mary Burggraaf
Andrea Fisher

THE LINK SCHEDULE

July 1:

9:00am- Dick & Jeannette Jennings

11:00am- Karen Roetman

July 7:

9:00am- Marshall & Angeline Lavin

11:00am- Karen Roetman

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COFFEE SCHEDULE

July 1: Daryl & Char DuBois

July 8: Steve & Becky Lee

July 15: Deny & Sue Brunsting

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GREETER SCHEDULE

July 1

9:00am-

Gary & Connie Parmley
Rich & Carolyn Odens
William Vambram

11:00am-

Donna Humme
Willard & Dar Keizer

July 8

9:00am-

Jeris & Maylene Van Zee
Denny & Helen Robinson
Ron & Juanita Palsma

11:00am-

Bert Roetman
Larry & Gloria Smyrak

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)
- **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** (headaches)
- Lori Hein's mom, **Joan** (heart)
- **Mike Maloney** (Keith Maloney's dad) open heart surgery 7.12
- **Carl Tonjes** (bladder cancer-surgery 7.9)

CHILDREN'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

By the time you are reading this, we'll be having a great time at Science and Building Camp! We'd love some prayer. I'll share some pictures and tell you all about it next week. Check out the Community Kids Facebook Page if you can't stand the suspense. ☺

- I've asked for some volunteers to help with a class for toddlers and parents next fall either for the Sunday School hour or during Midweek but I haven't found enough yet. I really want to jump into buying that curriculum but I want to be sure we have volunteers to do it! If you are willing or want to learn more, please let me know.
- We could 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: 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! I think that our Bible lessons will be the kind that stick in their minds and I'm hoping their hearts too. It is going to be a summer to remember and we want everyone there with us!

Please remember to pray for the kids that are at camp all over the place this summer! We are so thankful for those opportunities.

In addition to camps, if your kids are doing something fun or interesting in the community or on a trip and want to share it with our church, please send me a photo and I can share it on the Community Kids Facebook page. There have already been some fun adventures. As always, I'd love to pray for kids if they have something going on so please feel free to share for that purpose as well.

See you soon!
-Heather DeWit

Finances at a Glance:

Sunday, June 24

General:\$14,363
Vision:\$4,625
Missions:\$422

General YTD: \$350,278
Vision YTD: \$92,394

Vision Account Balance: \$84,251

JOIN US FOR AN

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE

FEATURING
"I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"

SAT, JULY 21
9:30PM
FRONT LAWN

KIDS JOIN US FOR A

DRIVE-IN MOVIE

FEATURING
"JONAH- A VEGGIE TALES MOVIE"

SUN, JULY 22
3:00PM
CHILDREN'S WING



LIZ'S UPDATE

As I said in last week's article, I wanted to wait until the official announcements on Sunday before I shared a bit about this new job at church. So now, let's talk about it!

First, I'd like to tell you a little bit about Doyle Burnside, the new high school youth pastor here at Community. I first met Doyle about 10 years ago when he was a student in a youth ministry class I was teaching at USF! He was one of the best students I've had over the years. He is very smart, he deeply understands youth ministry, and he has a true compassion for youth. I actually tried to get him to Community two other times to work with our students, but he's always turned me down because God had called him to a different position in a different church. But when Doyle and I had the conversation about my being called away from the youth ministry job here at Community, he simply couldn't get it out of his mind. As it turns out, he felt God was calling him to leave his current position and come to Community to take over for me. Friends, I'm extremely excited that God has brought him to Community. I think God is going to use him in powerful ways here! Doyle is married to Abby, and they have a sweet little baby, Oliver. He is going to be an asset to the youth program here. Yay, God!

And of course, we can finally talk a little bit about the job I'll be doing at Community. When God clearly called me out of the youth ministry program I started to pray about what God wanted me to do next. I must admit that I was pretty surprised to feel the calling to *stay* at Community but in a completely different role. I'm so thankful that the search committee and Consistory were in agreement with that calling. I'll be transitioning into Adult Discipleship and Worship Leadership at Community. Part of what that means is that you'll see some slight changes in the worship and music on Sunday mornings. Hopefully what you'll notice is a new intentionality in how we enter into worship and begin to focus on God. I'm excited to be able to take time to purposefully consider our music and the way we prepare our hearts to meet God. I also hope to be able to do a bit more with planning, prepping, and even practicing with our worship bands and singers. These changes will be subtle, but it is my prayer that they'll have a positive impact on our Sunday morning worship.

The second and larger part of my job will involve Adult Discipleship. We are still learning what that fully means at Community, and we're trying to take note of the places where we feel we fall short and have needs that aren't being met within our adult population at Community. Of course, Adult Discipleship involves teaching, and I'll definitely be teaching different classes throughout the year for different groups of people. But we are also choosing to lump things like new members and assimilation into Adult Discipleship. I hope to be a connecting "face" for new people at Community who are looking for where they fit in. I want to create spaces and opportunities for people to find their hands for service. And I'm hoping to be able to assess the needs of specific groups of people. I've already starting praying about this job; what God would have me do, and asking for His eyes to see things the way He sees them. I'm willing to give it my all!

And I'd like to close this week's article by saying thank you to all of you who took time to call, email, and write notes of encouragement to me during this time of waiting. I was deeply touched by your thoughtfulness and your uplifting words. Thank you for helping me to stay faithful to the call! And now onward we go!

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org (This email will be changing soon! Stay tuned!)



Happy 4th of July, Community!
Because of the holiday week, there will NOT be a newsletter next week.
Office will be closed on Tuesday, July 3 & Wednesday, July 4.

Have a great holiday week!

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 9:30am– Joy Bible Study	3 Office Closed	4 Office Closed	5	6	7 7am– Prayer Time
8 10:10am– Elders meet for membership	9 Noon– Seniors @ E Pizza Ranch	10	11 9am– Book Club @ Bagel Boy on MN Ave	12	13	14 7am– Prayer Time
15 National Ice Cream Day – ice cream served after services	16 1pm– Faith Circle 7pm– Safe Families presentation	17 7pm– Book Club @ E. Panera	18	19	20 10am-4:30pm– Service Learning Camp	21 7am– Prayer Time 9:30pm– Outdoor Movie
22 10:10am– Elders meet for membership 3pm– Kid’s Drive In movie	23	24	25	26 9:30-11:30am-Arts & Craft Camp	27 9:30-11:30am-Arts & Craft Camp	28 7am– Prayer Time
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Report to Congregation

June 24, 2018

Staff Search Committee appointed

In March, the consistory appointed a 5-person Staff Search Committee and tasked it with finding qualified persons to fill the following positions.

1. Senior High Youth Director (part time)
2. Director of Discipleship (3/4 time to full time)
3. Worship Leader (part time)
4. IT Coordinator (part time) (not audio/video)

Staff Search Committee Members

Jolene Larson
Lori Blom
Mike Hilbrands
Russ Robers
Randy Grotenhuis

Since then, the Staff Search Committee has met many times and put in many hours to find qualified candidates for the positions.

Job Descriptions

Job descriptions were established including job responsibilities, anticipated time commitment and salary range for each position and were posted on the Community Reformed Church web site.

Advertising of Positions to be filled

The positions were advertised from April 16 to May 14.

Positions were advertised in the following locations:

Community Reformed Church Communicator
Community Reformed Church web site Facebook
University of Sioux Falls
Sioux Falls Seminary
Augustana University
University of Northwestern, St. Paul, MN
Bethel University, St. Paul, MN
Reformed Church Synod of the Heartland
Northwestern College, Orange City, IA
Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA
All RCA churches
All RCA media
Church Staffing .com
Church Job Finder .com

Applications

Resumes were received from applicants in GA, IA, IN, MI, MN, NE, OH, SD, TN, TX, Guatemala, and Africa

Resumes received

10 for High School Youth Director

16 for Director of Discipleship

4 for Worship Leader

1 for IT Coordinator

Interviews were scheduled with the top candidates for each position.

High School Youth Director – interviews were scheduled with 3 candidates

Director of Discipleship – interviews were scheduled with 3 candidates, however, one applicant withdrew his application shortly before his interview

Worship Leader – interviews were scheduled with 2 candidates

IT Coordinator – interview was scheduled with 1 candidate

After interviewing the applicants, the committee found them all to be extremely well qualified, making the selection process challenging. The committee thanks the congregation for all the prayers during this process.

Staff Search Committee Recommendations

The Staff Search Committee submitted its hiring recommendations to the consistory on June 14. The Consistory discussed them and elected to proceed with the committee's recommendations.

The Consistory has hired the following individuals.

High School Youth Director – Doyle Burnside

Doyle is from Sioux Falls. He earned a Bachelor degree in Youth Ministry and Theology from the University of Sioux Falls and is currently taking classes at Sioux Falls Seminary.

Doyle worked as a youth ministry volunteer for 3 years and was the Youth Ministry and Worship Coordinator at King of Glory for the last 4 years.

Doyle will start ministry at Community Reformed Church in mid-July. He will be putting in 20 to 25 hours per week and will be compensated \$_____ per hour. In addition, Community Reformed Church will pay \$_____ per month towards his seminary tuition costs.

Director of Discipleship – Liz Teel

Liz earned a Bachelor degree in Music Education from the University of Sioux Falls and a Master's degree in Worship from North American Baptist Seminary. Liz directed the youth program at Community Reformed Church for the past 16 years.

She will assume her duties as Director of Discipleship in mid-July putting in approximately 30 hours per week and will be compensated \$_____ per hour plus benefits as determined by staff policies.

Worship Leader – Liz Teel

Liz has been the part time worship leader at Community Reformed Church for the past 16 years.

She will assume her official duties as Worship Leader in mid-July putting in Approximately 10 hours per week and will be compensated \$_____ per hour.

IT Coordinator – Josiah Dunlap

Josiah is from Sioux Falls and attends Community Reformed Church. He earned a Bachelor degree in Business Administration / Management Information Systems from Northwestern College in Orange City, IA.

He has worked as a Network Engineer since 2003, the last 6 years at AT&T in Sioux Falls.

Josiah will assume his duties as IT Coordinator in mid-July putting in approximately 20 hours per week and will be compensated \$_____ per hour.

Moving Forward

The Staff Search Committee would like to remind the congregation that these individuals are all new in one way or another to the positions they have been hired for. Additionally, though the positions are part time, the job descriptions for the positions are extensive and addressing all the tasks listed would be a stretch even with a full-time commitment. That being the case, please understand that some of the tasks they are being asked to take on may not be able to be addressed for some time, maybe even a year or more.

Pray for these people in their new roles. Personally encourage them and volunteer to get involved in any way that would help them accomplish the tasks they are being asked to do.

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THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, June 27

6:30pm—Picnic In the Park
(Cherry Rock Park)
7:15pm—Summer Bible Study

Saturday, June 30

7:00 am—Prayer ministry
(Chapel)

Sunday, July 1

10:10am—Adult Sunday School
(chapel)

Tuesday, July 3

Office Closed

Wednesday, July 4

Office Closed

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— 7:00pm at Commu-
nity, Program on "Safe Families"
Everyone welcome!

Faith Circle— Monday, July 16 @
1:00pm at church. Rhonda Niewehuis
will be doing devotions and sharing
about their Kansas City mission trip.
Guests welcome. Audrey & Dolly will
serve refreshments.

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.

Senior Citizens

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