Pastor’s Update

I am loving this weather right now! The summer has really been nice, and that extra rain in the last few days has completely transformed the world. The church lawn is all green again, and the cornfield continues to grow taller each day. I think we are going to be way past knee high by the fourth. Remember that old phrase? The evenings have been spectacular as the wind usually goes down, and you can just drink in the warm yet cool air. If you live in this region, you know exactly what I mean. Enjoy it! You never know what next week may bring. If you live in this region, you know exactly what I mean! 😊

I got a little emotional at 10:45 church on Sunday. I got a little overwhelmed with things and especially how God was speaking to me during the music. I couldn’t believe the songs we were singing and how they were directly applying to the message…Liz would have had no idea what the message was going to be about 2 weeks earlier when that list of songs was placed on my desk. God is far ahead of us! I know that, but sometimes I just get blown away by the magnitude of what He is doing. It was a long week for sure, but things are looking better. I think a few of you thought on Sunday I wasn’t feeling the best when in actuality on Sunday I felt just fine…no pain…no tummy stuff…just a little concerned that all those issues need to stay away now. So far…so good. Like I said Sunday, if you see me there this coming Sunday, you’ll know I made it! I’m praying for that! Come on Jesus!

Sunday will be July. July already…the summer is going fast. There will be a lot of things coming in just a few weeks. A reminder of the conference here on August 12th—The Voice of the Martyrs. I am really going to encourage you to come to that. Put it on your calendars and spend the day with us. It will be a day of special guests and internationally known speakers. There is a message to be shared on that day that we all know just a small bit of those stories. I really believe you will be richly blessed by this experience. We are about to discover some deep water.

VBS is coming in August too. I love that! I know this is all in the beginning stages of planning, but please be encouraged to get registered. We will be needing lots of help, as we believe the numbers are going to be high again this year. Remember, it’s only 4 evenings. That’s not that much of a commitment, and the opportunity to make a difference is off the charts.

Our Senior High Campers shared a little with us on Sunday morning. It sounds like they had a terrific week. Great weather! Great God time! Great food! Connections with friends…and they made the Burke paper. What else could you possibly want? Thanks for all the work there and the volunteers who spent a week of their summer with those kids. Michael Dick, Grant & Leslie Boltjes, Laurel Feenstra, Kelly Hoff, Abbie Coffey, Adam Sieff (their pastor), and of course the gal in charge…Liz! Good job, Community!

Sunday we will hit Chapter 3 of Jonah. Now Jonah is on the seashore and the Lord will speak a second time. Nineveh is there. This lost city had no idea a message was coming. They had no idea there was a God in Heaven who was working on their behalf. There is a message there somewhere. We’ll talk more on Sunday—have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
July 2: 9:00am—
  Wanda Houtsma
  Becky Hindrenks
  Nichole Hasselbroek
  Kristi Olson
  Andrea Fisher
July 9: 9:00am—
  Corey & Laurel Feenstra
  Jolene Larson
  Open—Contact the church office if you can help

COFFEE SCHEDULE
July 2: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
July 9: Joel & Lisa Blankers
July 16: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

THE LINK SCHEDULE
July 2
  9:00am– Open
  10:45am- Pat & Mark Koll
July 9
  9:00am– Daryl & Char DuBois
  10:45am- Karen Roetman

Union Gospel Mission love gift this month is canned fruit. Please place your donations in the designated bin by the main lobby doors.

Monthly Mission

July Mission of the month is
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.

Women’s Ministry

Faith Circle will meet Mon., July 17th at 1pm at the church. Marilyn Rensink will be speaking on the topic, “Prodigal.” Marilyn Brink will host.

Joy Circle will take a day trip to Brookings on Tue., July 18th. They will visit McCrory Gardens and the SD Art Museum/Harvey Dunn Collection. More specific info coming soon.

Hope Circle will resume meeting in September.

Morning Book Club will meet on Wed., July 12th, at 9 am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will discuss Gilead by Robinson.

Evening Book Club will meet on Tue., July 18th, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera. They will discuss Angel Song by Walsh and Cushman.

Updated Church Directories
Pick up the 2017 Community Directory at The Link or stop by the office during office hours.

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

- Henry Thesenvitz, grandson of Pete & Jan Mellema (brain embolization surgery)
- Carolyn Odens’ sister, Colleen (injured in car accident)
- Kids attending summer camps
- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jill Hanson’s aunt (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Terry Mayer’s mom, Rose (stroke)
- Chelle McMurray’s dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Gerban TeSlaa (hospice– Helen Van Leeuwen’s dad; Sheri Brouwer’s grandpa)
- Susan Payne (cancer)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
- Annetta Wiese

Condolences to Jill Hanson on the death of her aunt, Jean.
Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who prayed us up while we were at Camp Burke!!! The week could not have gone better, and literally every single detail was perfect. God moved powerfully while we were there, no kids got hurt or sick, and lives were definitely changed. It’s always such a privilege to be at camp and see how God moves among us. It was a wonderful week! Thanks so much, Community!! Now I need a nap! 😊

**Rocky Mountain High is the next big event for high school youth group.** This event takes place July 22-26 in Estes Park, CO. You can be praying for God to move among this group and for safe travel for the over 3000 students who will be in attendance. Those going from Community are:

Anna Roetman  Slader Niewenhuis  Sheridan Wilson  Courtney Saxlund  
Colton Bultje  Kyle Larson, leader  Emily Larson, leader

Even though it’s a month away, these weeks leading up to RMH will go quickly! Please pray for everyone involved!

**VBS is set for August 6-9** this year, and Heather is in full planning mode! Be sure to check out her article for more info about VBS!

This week, I will send out postcards to all of the high school kids about our Valley Fair day trip, which is scheduled for August 1. The cost is $20 per student, everyone can invite one friend, and I’ll take names until the bus seats are filled. Please let me know if you are planning on going!

And lastly this week, **I plan to take some significant time off during the month of July.** Lord willing, my family will be doing a couple of different vacation trips, and I plan to use some comp camp time as well as vacation time to rest and break from youth ministry. So if you swing by the office in July, you may not find me there! But I’ll be back in the full swing of things in August. 😊

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 of updates but I DO have a lot of upcoming events, so please be sure to check out the boxes below.

I need to thank the Hein family for all of their help with construction and painting of Grace the Big Fish! While I’m on that topic, Clyde didn’t give himself enough credit! He really did a lot of the hard work on that project too! I’m also grateful to my husband and kids (and nieces and nephew) for coming to help with construction and painting.

I thought it was so good to hear about Camp Burke on Sunday. Liz does such an amazing job of planning that camp and ensuring that things go smoothly and the people that go with her to camp are awesome. I loved what Abbie said about the youth and how our future is in good hands. I totally agree! We have awesome kids here.

I’ll see you soon!  

Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

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**ATTENTION 2nd and 3rd Graders!!!**

Karen Roetman has invited any of you that were in her class for Sunday School or Midweek and learned the BOOKS OF THE BIBLE to play and eat a treat at the Harvey Dunn/Morningside park next to her house on Sunday, July 30 at 2pm. Please be sure to RSVP to Heather at Heather.DeWit@gmail.com or tell Karen if you see her.

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**Pray for Our Campers**

*(Don’t forget to pray for the High School students attending camp too!)* We have a few campers at Inspiration Hills in the weeks to come. Please pray for them!

If you want to write a letter or post card to the campers, address envelope with: Child’s name & camp name & week #, Inspiration Hills Camp, 1242 280th St., Inwood, IA 51240

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July 10-14: Morgan D, Addison DeWit, Emma L, Trey R, Karlee S, Aliah W

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**Summer Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 5:10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

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**COMMUNITY KIDS SCIENCE FUN BIBLE CAMP**

**JULY 17–20, 2017 10AM–NOON**

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
COMMUNITYRC.ORG
FREE FOR K-5 KIDS
(LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE)
VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/SCIENCE
LEARN ABOUT JONAH AND GET MESSY WITH SCIENCE FUN!

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**Mark Your Calendars for Summer Fun at Community**

Please be sure to invite friends and neighbors!

We also have paper forms at the link. KIDS AND VOLUNTEERS CAN REGISTER NOW!

- **Science Camp** July 17-20, 10am-12, K-5  
  Sign Up: vbspro.events/p/science

- **Family Bike Ride**– July 16 3:30pm

- **Vacation Bible School** August 6-9, evenings, 3yo-6th grade  
  Sign Up: vbspro.events/p/community  
  VBS Sign up for bringing snacks: https://goo.gl/uyfa1h

(We would love to have Middle School, High School and adult volunteers join us for all of these events.)
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**July 2017**
Consistory Minutes
June 8, 2017

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

Doug gave the opening devotional in lieu of Aric Blom being gone to a family event. He spoke a bit about Mat Timmer’s life celebration service. He read a devotional by Rick Warren based on Romans 12:15. When others weep, we need to weep with them. When others celebrate, we need to celebrate with them. The church is a sort of safety net of others who will walk along side you in support. He opened with prayer.

MSA the May 2017 minutes.

Eric gave the May 2017 financial report.

MSA to approve the May 2017 financial report.

The parts are in for the safety doors for the nursery. Arlan will install them.

**Task Force Assignments:**
Technology – Jaron DeWit, Jim Fisher
Education – Aric Blom
Fellowship – Jolene Larson, Nick Langerock
Missions – Pete Mellema, Cleone Leistra
Property – Mark Van Meeteren, Mike Boyenga
Worship – Bob Hein, Mary Burggraaf
Youth – Randy Grotenhuis
Nursery – Laura Maloney
Pastor Relations – Doug Harms, Gerald Teunissen

**Staff Care Teams**
Clyde Teel — Gerald Teunissen, Jaron DeWit, Mary Burggraaf
Liz Teel – Russ Robers, Randy Grotenhuis, Nick Langerock
Holli Jans – Laura Maloney, Pete Mellema, Mark Van Meeteren
Heather DeWit – Daron Van Beek, Mike Boyenga, Aric Blom
Jon Thornton - Doug Harms Jolene Larson, Bob Hein
Sheri Brouwer – Eric Van Donge, Jim Fisher, Cleone Leistra

Liz gave her report.

Heather sent a written report for the Consistory.

Mark reported that the parking lot will get started the last 2 weeks of June or the first 2 weeks of July weather permitting.

Mark reported that we need signs to say “No Loitering” in the parking lot. We’ve had some people hanging around in the parking lot loitering and doing illegal burnouts in their cars. We love sinners but not that much.

Cleone mentioned that the mission task force has an open month and can consider suggestions for a mission to support during that month. They encouraged the board to consider non-profits who might benefit.

Next meeting July 20, 2017.

We closed with an extended time of prayer.

MSA to adjourn.
What’s Happening @ Community

Wednesday, June 28
7:30 pm—Bible Study

Thursday, June 29
8:30 & 9:30—Church Softball (Field H)

Saturday, July 1
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, July 2
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)

Monday, July 3
Church office closed

Tuesday, July 4
Church office closed—Happy 4th!

Save the Date...
Aug. 16—Annual Church Picnic

Bakers Wanted
Do you want to bake cookies for the Family Bike Ride?
Just call the church office at 336-1475 or email Heather at Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org to let us know how many dozen you want to make. Any kind is great. Drop cookies off at church by July 16th at noon.

The Voice of the Martyrs
ADVANCE CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Community Reformed Church
6800 E. 41st St., Sioux Falls, SD 57110
Register for FREE at: VOMAdvance.com
800-747-0085

Finances at a Glance:
June 25, 2017

General: ......................... $9,048
2017 Weekly Goal: .......... $15,033
Ahead/(Behind): ........... ($5,984)
Vision: ......................... $1,240
Missions: ....................... $160

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 6/25/17

Year-To-Date Offering: $377,289
Year-To-Date Goal: $390,860
Ahead (Behind): ($13,570)
Year-To-Date Vision: $161,540
Vision Account Balance: $87,163

Ruby Overweg will celebrate her 80th Birthday on July 7th. Her family invites you to help her celebrate with a card shower. (Good Samaritan - Sioux Falls Center, 401 W. 2nd St., Room #250, Side A, Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2399).

Cheer on the Community Softball Team at Sherman Park On Thursday nights.

June 29—8:30 & 9:30 (Field H)
July 6—6:30 & 7:30 (Fields E & G)
July 13—8:30 & 9:30 (Fields I & H)
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.

July 2—Randy Grotenhuis
July 9—Mary Burggraaf

Join us for worship at 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!