Off we go into summer! It almost doesn’t even seem like I should be saying that. I think we lost spring. I guess spring was that one day back there somewhere. It has been a very unusual kind of spring that is for sure and now summer is here. Summer brings a lot of travel for many of our people at Community. June is typically the big month to do family vacations and that sort of thing. Those are great things to do! I can remember how important that was to our family when the girls were little. We would do the Black Hills trip nearly every summer. We had our favorite camping spot. It was spot number 44 with the table shelter and the bathroom right close by. We have lots of pictures over the years in that spot. Memories from the past...those are valuable things. Make some yourself this summer. Oh and by the way, stop in to see us out here. We do miss you when you are away.

Our interview team has been working very hard to get things done for job listings. That process is getting nearly finished now. They will be making their recommendations soon and we will be announcing all that in the near future. I believe we have all learned a great deal going through this. It is not easy work that is for sure, but we are praying all the right pieces will be put in place and that what we do will set a good foundation for our future. We are expecting continued growth in our church and this is our way of trying to keep up with that as well continue growing this family deeper. Be praying!

The kids fishing day is coming up this Saturday morning. I haven’t checked the list, but I’m sure there will be lots of kids. It is a nice event and one that brings always some new faces together. We need that as we grow. The same thing goes for the picnic in the park coming up on June 27th. Those are ways we work to stay connected and to provide opportunities for some of our new families to connect with us. I also want to mention that Pastor John is doing is summer bible study as well. They are going to be working through the books that Peter wrote in the New Testament. That class was very good last year and I would expect the same this summer. There is lots going on!

Liz will be taking the youth out to Sully Flats this weekend. It will be her last trip with them. Pray that their time together that they have safe travel and that the weather cooperates with them as well. I’m sure they will have a great time and one that may have a deeper meaning than in past years.

On June 18 at 1:00pm we are hosting an afternoon hymn sing. Joyce Tarrell is going to be putting that program together. So if you have a little time that afternoon and want to join in the singing, stop out. It will be a good time.

The summer sermon series is off and running now. I will be choosing a different name for God each week and then looking deep into what those names mean about God. The week the name El Shaddai is our focus. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week.
NURSERY SCHEDULE
June 10: 9:00am—
Nick & Abbie Langrock
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands
11:00am—
Matt & Kristi Mauw
Robyn Niewenhuis

June 17: 9:00am—
Melinda Kissell
Chris & Brian Behrens
LaDonna Freiburg
11:00am—
Shawn & Debbie Hubbard
Kristi Olson

COFFEE SCHEDULE
June 10: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
June 17: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
June 24: Jim & Kathleen Ludens

THE LINK SCHEDULE
June 10: 9:00am– Gerald & Deb Teunissen
11:00am– Jerralynne Tjeerdsmo

June 17: 9:00am– Stan & Elaine Deelstra
11:00am– Darren & Tracee Ellwein

GREETER SCHEDULE
June 10
9:00am— William VamBram, Dennis & Helen Robinson, Chad & Diane McKe
11:00am— Jean Nollmann, Ross & Jolene Larson

June 17
9:00am— Gail Babock, Jeris & Maylene VanZee, Randy & Gayle Grotenhuis
11:00am— Jean Nollmann, Ken & Susan Vos

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Samaritan’s Feet.

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MONTHLY MISSION

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COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, June 13, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing Constellation of Vital Phenomena by Marra.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, June 19, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera on Foss Ave. We will be discussing A Man Called Ove by Backman.

Both book clubs welcome new participants. Contact Trudi Nelson at 371-3512 for more information.

Hope Circle— June 19th. Lesson—Jeanie. Hostess—Donna

Joy Circle— Last sign up for the Day in the Country outing in Monday, June 18th. Specific details and signup at The Link. $10.00 lunch payment due at the time of sign up.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

- 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)
- Phylis DeHaai (lymphoma)
- Lori Blom’s relative, Mark (sepsis)
- Dean Kruen (cancer)
- Joe Johnson (cancer-surgery 6/13)
- Harriett Valentine (hip replacement)
- Tracee Ellwein (knee surgery recovery)
- Dree Mayer (infection)
Hi Everyone!

Summer is sure in full swing now! One of the things I wanted to mention is that I’ll have two kids camps happening during the day this summer. These camps are free and a good way for kids to connect and learn. Please follow the Community Kids Facebook Page to check for dates as we schedule the camps. Please consider volunteering for VBS this year. I don’t think I can effectively explain how blessed I am for the time I get to spend with the kids at VBS each year. Watching the way God speaks into the lives of kids for 4 nights is a life changing time for me each year. Don’t miss out! We’ll put a sign up table at church in the next week or two. Be sure to invite folks to join us for VBS. It is free, fun and full of opportunities to learn about the love of God.

I’m still looking for a few volunteers to help with Sing ‘n Sprout during Sunday School and/or Midweek next year. Do you feel a little tug at your heart when you think about toddlers and their parents? Send me a quick email and I’ll get you more information so you can decide if it is a good fit.

We also have a ton of kids going to camp at Inspiration Hills this year. Please take a moment to pray for them each week. Their theme is “Be the Light.” We have kids at Lodge Camps, Wilderness Camps, Horse Camps and many others.

One last note from me for this week. I’ve gotten the opportunity to play on the Community Reformed Church softball team a couple of times this year. While I think my complete lack of athleticism shows, I am certainly having fun and meeting new folks from Community so I’m glad they keep me around! Do me a favor and bop out to a game or two to cheer. The schedule is in the Communicator. We have two teams this year and they each play two games so if you want, you could come to the two middle games and see both teams. I’ll see you soon!

-Heather Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

Spring Cleaning?
We may be able to put your unused items to use!

Does anyone have gently used couches or chairs that we could use in the Middle School room? We have so many kids we are wearing them out and ready for more seats. Yay!

Vacation Bible School
August 5-8, 2018
Sign up your children or to volunteer at:
https://vbspro.events/p/community

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life’s storms.
-Children entering grades 1 to 6: 6-8pm
-Children age 3 – entering Kindergarten: 6-7:30pm
-Sing N’ Sprout from 6:30 to 7:30 for parents and their little ones (younger than 3) in the nursery following the opening in the sanctuary each night. You’ll sing and play instruments with your little one while they learn about God’s love with you! :)  
-Children under 3 or those that aren’t ready to use the restroom independently yet are welcome to join the nursery while parents are busy doing VBS activities as well.

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Jesus Rescues!
I think it’s safe to say that summer is in full swing! I know many of you take off for vacations and trips with your families, **but be sure to periodically check in with us either at church or online for some really amazing summer opportunities!** I know we have some fantastic things planned!

**The Sully Peaks Retreat is coming up this week!** We’ll be leaving on Thursday and coming back to town on Saturday. We have a sizeable group going this year, and I’m really looking forward to being out on the prairie with the kids. **Once again, please keep us prayed up, Community.** Please pray for good June weather, pray for safe travel, pray for those who will be hosting us (Robyn, who owns the lodge, and my Grandma Lucy, who will be hosting brunch at her house), and pray for the adult sponsors and the kids; that they would grow in relationship with each other and with God. The people going are:

- Colton Bultje
- Sage Bultje
- Joel Christensen
- Trey Reindl
- Alex Ludens
- Evan Rasmussen
- Brooklyn Petersen
- Sydney Halling
- Mady Hanson
- Makayla Watts
- Katie McKee
- Seth Halling
- Jenna Christensen
- Max Jacobs
- Slader Niewenhuis
- Jacob Hein
- Abbie Coffey (Adult)
- Nick Bolton (Adult)
- Liz Teel (Adult 😊)

I thought it might be a good idea to give a quick update on a few “**job things**” at Community. This week, the search committee will be wrapping up their interviews for all of the jobs. My interview happens to be Tuesday evening. It is my hope that the Consistory be able to make official announcements after the monthly meeting next week. So hang in there, Community! You should know official decisions soon!

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz

youthpastor@communityrc.org
What’s Happening @ Community

Thursday, June 7
See Softball Schedule

Saturday, June 9
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
Noon—Kid’s Fishing Day (Outdoor Campus)

Sunday, June 10
10:10am– Adult Sunday School (chapel)
10:10am– Elders meet for membership

Monday, June 11
Noon– Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

Wednesday, June 13
5:15am– Crack of Dawn Connection
running group @ church
7:15pm– Summer Bible Study

Thursday, June 14
7pm– Elders
8pm– Consistory

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Monday, June 18
1:00 pm

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Refreshments will be served.

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Church Softball Schedule

All games played at Sherman Park

D League
June 7
6:30pm
7:30pm
Mid season tournaments June 14 & 21

C League
June 7
8:30pm
9:30pm
Mid season tournaments June 14 & 21

Collecting Cards

Community is collecting used greeting cards for local daycares and nursing homes to use for projects and artwork. Please leave your cards in the basket at the Link.

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Join our nursery Team...

Nursery Coordinator works 2-3 Sundays a month, some special services and Wednesday nights during midweek. Coordinator needs to be 18 years old. If you are interested please contact Sheri at 605 261 2153.

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Kid’s Fishing Day

Saturday June 9th
At the Outdoor Campus

Sign Waivers & Hotdog lunch at Sertoma Park @ Noon; Fishing from 1:00-2:30pm. Sign ups at The Link or email connect@communityrc.org to reserve a spot. Limited to the first 40 kids.

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Picnic in the Park

June 27th @ 6:30pm
Cherry Rock Park

Bring your family to the park! Grab a dish to share & a lawn chair. We’ll provide the hotdogs & drink.

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Summer Bible Study

STARTS JUNE 13

This summer, John Thornton will be leading a Wednesday evening Bible study called, "What in the world is Peter talking about?" The class will begin on June 13th and run for 9 weeks. It will be an in-depth study of both 1 Peter and 2 Peter, and maybe even a week on Jude.

Class will begin at 7:15 pm and last for an hour each Wednesday until late August. Discussion and participation is expected and encouraged.

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Finances at a Glance:

Sunday, June 3

General: $13,372
Vision: $3,220
Missions: $467

General YTD: $298,240
Vision YTD: $84,459
Vision Account Balance: $82,725

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Congratulations

Congrats to Ross & Kara Wickman on the birth of their son, Evan Bennett on May 4. Grandparents are Chris and Marsha Avery, Great Grandma Meier, and Great Grandma Avery.

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Join us for worship at 8am, 9am or 11:00am. Deaf Interpreting available at 9am service. Check us out on the web: www.communityrc.org or like our Facebook page!