July is here! What? That’s right, July! What a ride this has been! Summer is moving along, and we will be talking about the next season before you know it. I know we are all hoping for some good news to come our way with all the messes we hear about, I pray for that as well. We continue as a staff to be very positive and are working to keep you all informed and find new ways to get that done. It is at times challenging though as you can imagine. Churches are collections of people seeking other people...we struggle to make that happen. Sunday, we did a face to face church. I preached three times. Smaller groups, but it all seemed to go just fine. People were asking me if I was tired after three? The answer? Not even close! It was so nice to have eyes to talk to and not a lens. I know lots of our folks are still online and we want affirm that too. As I said yesterday, we are waiting for a new computer so we can change that online thing once again. We want to bring things a little closer and have the option to put the screen info right there for you to see what everyone else is seeing. That is going to get done!

I was pleased with how Sunday went. Plenty of room at 8; 9 was comfortable but full...we are fine for now, but that one could get interesting & 11 was very fine! So...maybe some of you could try 11? I’m just trying to manage the crowd. That will be a challenge, I think, as the summer moves along. All of those numbers will depend on how the state is looking each week. It’s quite a deal to keep on top of things. We are doing our best, but nothing will be perfect.

We decided this week to hold off on Bible school for this year. Heather has been spending a lot of hours preparing for two different looks...so she is ready to do the next thing. We were hoping for a little more “free”, but that doesn’t seem to be coming. So, we decided to not do face to face VBS at the church. As we talked to people, we could tell the numbers were going to be smaller for sure. We weren’t sure about volunteers and we talked to other churches who have either cancelled already or have tried but found it uncomfortable to do. We want a good experience for our kids. Not a forced one! We just didn’t know how to do a potential 300 kids in a room together and keep that “safe”. I know...lots of opinions. We are trying to do our best with this as well. Heather is going to have Stay-cation Bible School. Read her article in this week’s newsletter. She outlines how that will work. Will it be the same? Nope! We know that, but we didn’t think pressing on would have been the same either. This seemed like a better solution all around.

I know many of you are having to make so many changes in your routines through all of this, so you understand the challenge this is for our church staff. They have had to figure out how to make this work in all their areas. That is not easy and it is not always a perfect setting to get the results you seek. I want to give a word of encouragement to each of them as they have figured out how to do the best they can with all the stresses this can bring. It has not been fun for them at all. I think most of you understand.

On Sunday, we are week 5 of this series from the book of Hebrews and now we are going to talk about Jesus as our high Priest. That is language we don’t use much in our church, but it will be an opportunity to talk about the provisions God set up from the beginning and then how Jesus became the ultimate preacher/priest for us. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

Live Prayer

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom video. People can join via video or using the call-in number if video is not an option.

Join via phone: (346) 248-7799
Meeting website: https://zoom.us/j/862139432
Meeting ID: 862 139 432
Call Shawn Blom at 605-940-6702 with questions.

OFFICE HOURS

For the week of July 6-10, please call the church office before stopping out. Thank you!

NO Newsletter for the week of July 8th.
LIZ’S UPDATE

Adult Discipleship/Worship

I have a hard time believing that this Saturday is the Fourth of July!! Seriously, where does the time go! And how can it feel like it’s moving simultaneously fast and slow?? These are certainly crazy times. 😊

It was great to see friendly faces at worship on Sunday. And I also felt like we were able to safely host the number of people who came to worship. If you’re wondering which service you might like to try (if you don’t want to watch online at home), I might recommend the 11:00 service. That one was smaller than the 9:00, so we do have room to host a few more people in person. That said, we were talking at our staff meeting this morning about what we might need to change if our in-person numbers continue to grow. Isn’t that an almost ridiculous conversation to have?? Normally, we would be trying to figure out how to make room for as many people as possible. But again…crazy times.

As Clyde preached about on Sunday, Jesus is the answer to all of this craziness. When we feel uncertain or fearful, or when we are questioning who or what to believe, we can always turn to Christ. He will guide us. He will carry us. He will show us the right ways to move forward. And I believe with all of my heart that we will be together again at the perfect time; not too soon, and not too late. But we will have to wait.

As we move forward, I find myself praying renewed prayers for God to bless the work of the people who are researching treatments and cures. And I’m thanking Him for the good work He has already done in these areas. This is not a static situation, that’s for sure! It is always moving and changing, which is why it’s so crucial to keep our focus on the One who is never-changing. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever! Halleluiah!

Have a great week!

Liz
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Sunday, June 28-8, 9, 11:00am– In-Person and Online services
All other in-person activities suspended until further notice

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISM DATE
The next baptism service will be Sunday, Aug. 23 @ 3:00pm.

AA BIG BOOK MEETING
Every Tues. at 7pm at Community – Open meeting. Use east door. AA meeting via Zoom or in person at the church on Saturday mornings at 10am. Please contact Tom Jacobs (tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

MISSION OF THE MONTH – JULY
Hope Haven International

BOOK CLUBS
The evening book club will meet Tuesday, July 21, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing The Book Thief by Zusak.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, July 29 (note date change), at 9 am at the church. We will be discussing Brain on Fire by Cahalan. Books are available at the church library or you may contact Trudi at 360-1367 to find a pathway to get the book.

JOY CIRCLE (NEW)
Please join us for a planning meeting on July 20. 9:30 A.M. at Community to discuss plans for 2020. We will be discussing possible Bible Studies and events for the remainder of the year. We look forward to seeing everyone if you feel comfortable in a small group setting with social distancing.

THE LIBRARY UPDATE (NEW)
Don’t forget to check out the new kids books in the library window! Feel free to check out something new for your kids!

https://www.communityrc.org/vbs/

FINANCES
Sunday, June 28, 2020

General: ......................... $43,321
Vision: .......................... $5,355
Missions: ......................... $885
Faith Ave ............................ $1,050

General YTD: $352,402
Vision YTD: $51,836
Vision Account Balance: $96,682
Hello Everyone,
VBS decision time is here! We were hoping maybe the Co-vid situation would have changed a bit more before today when we had to decide about Vacation Bible School. However, we aren’t able to have regular VBS just yet so we’ll go with our back up plan instead.

**Introducing.....STAYcation Bible School!** I actually think this new plan could be pretty fun and that the impact could be amazing! We’ll be back to a really awesome VBS next year! For more information and to sign up, click: [https://www.communityrc.org/vbs/](https://www.communityrc.org/vbs/)

We’re going to use the same theme for VBS next year that we use for our STAYcation VBS this year but all of the activities and other fun will be NEW and different next year!

Parents, grandparents, friends, aunts and uncles, babysitters and EVERYONE else, we want you to decide which kids you feel comfortable spending time with (if any) and do Vacation Bible School with them! We’re ALL VBS volunteers this year! I envision neighborhoods gathering in backyards, grandparents with families, groups of friends and individual families doing VBS in whatever way is comfortable and fits in your schedule. I challenge you to find some people to invite. We’re hoping you’ll all share photos and videos with us and we’ll do a compilation video to share with everyone. **WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP so we make enough bags!**

You can request as many kits as you need for your SBS (Staycation Bible School.) You’ll want one for EACH child in your SBS. You’ll just need one leader/ instruction packet for your whole group. If you think you might need an extra for a drop in guest, please request those too. The more, the merrier! We’ll have them ready for you at church starting Sunday, July 19 and will have a few different times you can stop by church to grab your packets. They are free. If you need them mailed, we’ll just ask you to pay shipping. If you have family and friends that aren’t in the area, you can certainly do SBS with them too, you’ll just need to get the kits and videos sent their direction and you can do it “together, apart” using your own technology or a phone call!

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Here’s what comes with each SBS Kit:

- 5 Bible stories
- 5 crafts for each child
- supplies for games for each child
- discussion questions
- links for the videos of Worship songs with actions and words, Bible Buddy Characters and real kid stories that apply to each Bible point
- links to videos that illustrate the Bible story (can be used instead of reading the story or in addition to reading the story.)
- instructions for each activity
- recipes for snack ideas (but not the ingredients so each family can decide what they want)
- coloring pages for each child

**SIGN UP for free at [https://www.communityrc.org/vbs/](https://www.communityrc.org/vbs/)**

On another topic, I also need some volunteers to help me to pick up some decorations that we’ll use for VBS NEXT YEAR so we can tuck them away to be used again when we can use them. We need a BIG trailer because another church is gifting us with their big train for FREE! It isn’t heavy but it is very bulky so we’ll need a few people to help carry it. We will go after their VBS ends at 8:30pm on July 16. I’ll be there with both of my daughters. Please email or text me at 605-212-2793 if you can help so I know that I don’t need to rent a trailer or recruit more help. It shouldn’t take long. I’ll send you the address and details if you can make it.

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org
If you are interested in joining the Wednesday evening Bible study, prayer, and discussion group, which meets via Zoom at 7:30 pm, please email John Thornton prayerline@communityrc.org.

You will get weekly emails with the lesson and instructions on how to access the meetings.

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**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO**

Have you moved recently or changed your email address? Please send your new contact information to connect@communityrc.org. Thank you!

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**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Hope Haven International collects, restores, ships and distributes wheelchairs. They help create a custom fit wheelchair for each recipient.

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**PRAYER REQUEST**

**New Prayer Requests This Week:**

- Marcia Thornton (sinus surgery recovery)
- Mike Boyenga’s mom, Anita (surgery recovery)
- Susan Bierwagen (broken leg)

**Ongoing Prayer Requests:**

- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurray’s dad (Parkinson’s)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law, Bruce (lymphoma)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Jamelee Van Donge’s dad, DeLyle (cancer)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Clazina Van Wyhe (brain bleed)
- Tami Harm’s cousin (colon cancer)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Melanie Oden’s dad, David
- Joe Johnson
- Audrey Landegents’ son, David (cancer)
- Matt Marcus’ dad (prostate cancer)
- Holli Jans’ dad, Milt (prostate cancer)
- Dree & Hawk Mayer’s sister-in-law, Beth (stroke)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Vi Slecta (surgery recovery)
- Al Price (prostate cancer)
- Tami Boyle’s dad (prostate cancer)
- Jean Nollmann’s sister, Joyce
- Dave Sells
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.)

Next Baptism Service: Sunday, Aug 23 @ 3pm.

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?
Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased every Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our Vision Fund at church.

INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

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