It’s been a couple of weeks now for the newsletter, so we are back on line after taking a break over the 4th of July. Summer is really moving along now, and I’m starting to think a little about things for the fall. I know…I shouldn’t get too far ahead of myself as I need to slow things down and enjoy the summer.

It has been a little warm here lately as we see the summer temps begin to climb. It is July, and it gets hot in July. Nothing new! It is very dry in many parts of the state, and I know the folks back home could use a little rain. We too, after a few days of this warm weather, could use a little of that as well. God is in charge of that area, as we all well know. We have certainly learned that over the course of a lifetime. In the meantime…get out and enjoy the summer.

Next week Heather will be doing a science camp for the kiddos. I don’t really know much about that, but she has been writing about it in the newsletter, so check out her page. It is one more opportunity to get the kids involved in something over the summer that has a little “God” attached to it. She has been doing a fine job with all of that, so take advantage of these fun things. Along with that, VBS is just around the corner. There is a table set up in the back of the church lobby. Check out that table and get the kids signed up. Also look over those volunteer sheets. We always need lots of help for those 4 nights, and this year will be no exception. I do hope we can see lots of new faces, and of course see all of the familiar ones as well. These are great opportunities to visit with old friends and make a few new ones along the way. Come on Community!!

I mentioned Sunday that I will be sharing more in the coming weeks about the “Voice of the Martyrs” conference coming on August 12. I want to show a couple of video clips and give you all a little taste of just what to expect from this day’s activities. As I have been saying, it will be like nothing you have ever experienced before. It will be a wonderful day to see how God is working all over the world and to be uplifted by the stories of faith and power of God displayed. I do hope you will make plans to spend the day with us. It will prove to be very worth your commitment. Help us get the word out to other churches as well. We need to fill the place for these fine people.

I’m taking a few days off this week to spend doing very little. We are going to be doing a little music practicing as we have a number of programs coming up during the month of August and later this fall. It is something we had to put on hold for a bit as I was getting back on my feet. It feels good to be getting back at that again. Music is a big part of our family’s life, and it is important for us to get to do that. It is soul filling for me! This will be a good few days…I’ll be back on Sunday…so get ready.

Sunday we move on through the book of Jonah. We have left him last Sunday with a not so good attitude about what God is doing in the lives of the people of Nineveh. I hope you have seen just how persistent God can be when it comes to the salvation of all people. That city was important to him, but God has not forgotten Jonah. There is more work to be done in this story. There is always more to gain in the kingdom. Jonah is about to find this all out once again in this amazing story. We’ll talk more on Sunday—have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
July 16: 9:00am—
  Sherri Van Beek
  Lorena Sazama
  Gwen Amen
10:45am—
  Shawn & Debbie Hubbard
July 23: 9:00am—
  Mike & Jolene Hilbrands
  Becky Hinderks
10:45am—
  Donna DeRuyter
  Heidi Blom

COFFEE SCHEDULE
July 16: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
July 23: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
July 30: Daryl & Char DuBois

THE LINK SCHEDULE
July 16
  9:00am– Dick & Jeannette Jennings
  10:45am– Bob & Lori Hein
July 23
  9:00am– Brian & Holli Jans
  10:45am– Jerralynne Tjeerdsma

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

Find out more about what the Union Gospel Mission means to our community on page 5.

GREETER SCHEDULE
July 16:
9:00am– Donna Humme
  Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink
10:45am– Donna Humme
  Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink

July 23:
9:00am– Carl Tonjes
  Bruce & Bonnie
  Dave & Trish Mayer
10:45am– Carl Tonjes
  Bert & Marcia Groeneweg

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. The group will depart from the church parking lot at 9:00 am. They will visit McCrory Gardens and the SD Art Museum and have lunch before returning to Sioux Falls. Call 359-6690 for more information.

Hope Circle will resume meeting in September.

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.

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

- Juanita Palsma (back surgery)
- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Carolyn Odens’ sister, Colleen (recovering from car accident)
- Kids attending summer camps
- Natalie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Terry Mayer’s mom, Rose (stroke)
- 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)
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
- Annetta Wiese

Condolences to Helen Van Leeuwen & Sheri Brouwer on the death of Helen’s father/Sheri’s grandfather.
August 6-9, 2017

6-8pm for kids going into Grades K to 6
& 6-7:30pm for 3yo to PreK

SING N’ SPROUT from 6:30 to 7:30 for parents & kids under 3! :)

Online Sign Up Available for Volunteers and Kids at church or visit:

[vbspro.events/p/community](vbspro.events/p/community)

Sign up to bring snacks at church or visit: [goo.gl/sJHnPZ](goo.gl/sJHnPZ)

We need volunteers!

Visit: [vbspro.events/p/community](vbspro.events/p/community) or sign up in the foyer at church

Please help with:
- 3 year old/ Preschool Bible Assistant
- 3 year old/ Preschool Crew Leader (Lead a small group from station to station-need many so groups are small :) )
- 3 year old/ Preschool Games Leader
- 3 year old/ Preschool Games Assistant

- K-6 Grade Bible Leader
- K-6 Grade Bible Assistant
- Craft Leader
- Craft Assistant
- Games Leader
- Another Kindergarten Leader
- Another 1st Grade Leader
- 2nd Grade Leader
- 5th/6th Grade Leader

- Nursery Leader
- Registration Coordinators (3)
- Snacks Coordinators (3 more)
Hi Everyone,

Summer is moving fast, and we’ve got a ton of fun coming up! THIS SUNDAY is the Family & Friends Bike Ride. We’ll take a leisurely pace along the bike trail beginning at Cherry Rock Park and return to Cherry Rock Park for some bottled water, cookies and fellowship. This is for anyone at church that wants to ride bike AND those who want to sit at a park and wait for us to return.

MONDAY is the start of Science Camp! It is not too late to sign up. We’ll be getting a little messy and having a lot of fun while we spend some more time in the book of Jonah.

Don’t forget to get signed up for VBS. It is coming soon too! The sign up for everything is at the bottom of this page. Hop on Facebook, click on our event and say you are going so that your friends join the fun too! 😊

I’ll see you soon! -Heather DeWit

Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

Summer Memory Verse: Lamentations 3:22-23

Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Mark Your Calendars for Summer Fun at Community

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 (just click “going” on Facebook)
- **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 now have SING N’ SPROUT from 6:30 to 7:30 for parents and kids under 3! 😊

(We would love to have Middle School, High School and adult volunteers join us for all of these events.)
**What’s Happening @ Community**

**Wednesday, July 12**
7:30 pm—Bible Study

**Thursday, July 13**
8:30 & 9:30—Church Softball (Field I & H)

**Saturday, July 15**
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

**Sunday, July 16**
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
3:30 pm—Family & Friends Bike Ride (Cherry Rock Park)

**Monday, July 17**
10am-noon—Science Camp thru Thursday, 7/20
1:00 pm—Faith Circle (Church)

**Tuesday, July 18**
9:00am—Joy Circle (Meet at church parking lot)
7:00 pm—Book Club (East Side Panera)

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

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**Bakers Wanted**

**Would you 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 20.

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**MISSIONS IN YOUR BACKYARD**

—The Union Gospel Mission—

The Union Gospel Mission assists many individuals in our area by providing meals, lodging, showers, and having Chapel and morning Bible studies. The following table demonstrates the considerable number of people served:

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The women’s auxiliary meets monthly and ask for donations each month—usually food items or clothing items. They are currently requesting canned fruit—pears, peaches, and fruit cocktail. The monthly request is listed in the weekly Communicator. Chris Fedders, a member of the women’s auxiliary and Community’s liaison, encourages us to consider the impact we can have in our own backyard through support of the Union Gospel Mission.

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**Congratulations**

Baby girl Hayden Ann was born June 26th to Stacia & Jeremy Sirovy.

Baby boy Summit Knox was born July 1st to Aaron & Raena Rasmussen.

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**Finances at a Glance:**

**July 9, 2017**

General: $17,043
2017 Weekly Goal: $15,033
Ahead/(Behind): $2,011
Vision: $12,688
Missions: $375

**YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 7/9/17**

Year-To-Date Offering: $407,777
Year-To-Date Goal: $420,926
Ahead (Behind): ($13,148)
Year-To-Date Vision: $177,866
Vision Account Balance: $95,894
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 16—Doug Harms
July 23—Jolene Larson

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!