Can you say, “Hot?” It has been a little warm the past few days. It is acting just like summer should act I think. The welcomed rain this week was a wonderful gift to us. Summer continues to move right along as the month of July is past the mid-way point now. I had a great time in the hills last week and even took a couple of days to go fishing on Lake Michigan for salmon and walleye. All of those things were good ways for me to not think about church and just be about the business at hand, which was relax a bit. It was something I was maybe a bit overdo for. I think we get busy or things start to pile up, and before we know it, we are getting worn down. My spring wasn’t very much fun this year with all things health-wise, but I have seen a turn now, and I have been enjoying some fun things. The family band is about to start playing now at several events, and I am looking forward to that as well. I hope the rest of you have found some space to get some of that in during your summer. Remember, God took a day off after He created all this, and He told us to do the same. I think I need to be reminded of that every now and then.

Heather has been doing the science camp this week. That is something new for us this year, but having her on staff has made this sort of thing possible. She has a very creative mind when it comes to activities. We are all going to be enjoying her skills in that area as the years go by. Good job, Heather!

VBS is just around the corner now, and I know there are many places we can use help. I realize that summers are busy and many of you are out and about on the weekends, but don’t forget VBS. Each and every year that has been growing, and I am hoping the same thing happens this year. We will need volunteers to do all sorts of things from teaching to treats. There is room for many, so please give that some thought. It is only 4 evenings, and if you are thinking of teaching, Heather has that all written up…it is very user-friendly. We need you folks! It’s for the kids!

August 12th is coming. Voice of the Martyrs! I want to say in this week’s newsletter that this conference will not be only about sad stories, but actually more on the awesome power of God in the midst of difficult struggles. All of us have dealt with that kind of thing on many different levels and hearing the stories of many of our guests that day and the way in which God has worked in their lives will be so uplifting. It is a well-produced event. We are simply the host for these fine people who we will be seeing. I do hope you are making room to attend that event. It will be worth your time! Be praying that God will bring guests to us that weekend who need to be uplifted and challenged in their faith. Together we will all grow!

We have lots of campers and Rocky Mountain High kids going this week, so don’t forget to lift them and their week in prayer. Great things happen at these kinds of events, and we love to see them go. It is a wonderful investment we make in their lives—one that can make life-long differences.

Sunday we will discover the lesson God is about to teach Jonah. It is not a harsh one, but one that will make the point that God is in charge. That may sound at face value rather harsh, but God loves us. That is the key here. We’ll talk more on Sunday—have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
July 23: 9:00am—
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands
Becky Hinderks
10:45am—
Donna DeRuyter
Heidi Blom
July 30: 9:00am—
Tom & Amy Bosch
Robyn Niewenhuis
10:45am—
Tyler & Amber Nieuwsma

COFFEE SCHEDULE
July 23: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
July 30: Daryl & Char DuBois
Aug 6: Steve & Becky Lee

THE LINK SCHEDULE
July 23:
9:00am– Brian & Holli Jans
10:45am– Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
July 30:
9:00am– Laurie Long
10:45am– Bill & Dar Keizer

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

GREETER SCHEDULE
July 23: 9:00am– Carl Tonjes
Bruce & Bonnie
Dave & Trish Mayer
10:45am– Carl Tonjes
Bert & Marcia Groeneweg
July 30:
9:00am– Gary & Connie Parmley
Doug & Sharon Harms
Dennie & Helen Robinson
10:45am– Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Duane & Rhonda Neiewenhuis

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.

Community Book Clubs

Evening Book Club will meet Tuesday, Aug. 15th, at 7pm at the eastside Panera. They will be discussing The Illusion of Separateness by VanBooy.

Morning Book Club will meet Wednesday, Aug. 9th, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing Lip Reading by Kraus.

Copies of both books are available in the church library.

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

Dear Community,

Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers for Lexi and especially those specific prayers for Camp Burke! Lexi had the time of her life, and we couldn't be more thankful to Grant Boltjes for coming up with the idea, his wife Lesley, and Liz for jumping on board and all the others who played an integral role in making it happen! Verle and I really have no words other than thank you, thank you, thank you! God Bless you Community and thank you for blessing Lexi and our family.

With gratitude and love,
Verle, Carrie & Lexi

Community Book Clubs

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

Prayer REQUESTS

- Juanita Palsma (recovering from back surgery)
- Connie Everson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Carolyn Odens’ sister, Colleen (recovering from car accident)
- Kids attending summer camps
- Natallie 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

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

Monthly Mission

July Mission of the month is
Hope Haven International
Liz’s Update

I have just a few things this week, but they are pretty important!

Our group leaves for Rocky Mountain High on Saturday! This event takes place July 22-26 in Estes Park, CO. Please be praying for our kids and leaders who will be attending. Pray for Kyle and Emily Larson, our adults, that they would have wisdom and discernment as leaders, and that God would bless the work they are doing with the kids. And please pray for our students who will be attending. Pray that God would enable them while they are there and grow them in their relationships with Him. Pray also for safe travel for the over 3000 students who will be in attendance, and for the many plans that take place during the weekend! When our team gets back, we’ll be sure to have them share a bit about their experience on Sunday, July 30! Those going from Community are:

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

VBS is set for August 6-9 this year, and Heather is in full planning mode! Be sure to check out her article and this page below for more info about VBS, and be sure to sign up to help! We need tons of people to pull off this week of ministry. But trust me when I tell you that it will be well worth your time. VBS is one of the best weeks ever at Community! You’ll be blessed for helping!

Our Valley Fair trip is just a couple of weeks away! Valley Fair is August 1 and the cost is $20. You can absolutely bring friends on this day trip! We need at least 20 people to sign up before we can make this trip a reality!! Here is my current list of students who will be going to Valley Fair:

Katie M.          Katie’s Pal         Alex L.         Alex’s Pal         Trey         Keaton
Jon W.            Jon’s Pal          Evan             Brooks            Anna         Anna’s Pal         Liz

I think that’s it for me this week.
Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org

Vacation Bible School 2017
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! 😊

Sign Up Available for Volunteers and Kids at church or online visit:
   vbspro.events/p/community

Sign up to bring snacks at church or visit: goo.gl/sJHnPZ (things like strawberries, bananas, tortillas, paper plates, juice boxes, etc)

We need volunteers!
Visit: vbspro.events/p/community or sign up in the foyer at church

Please help with:
- K-6 Grade Bible Leader
- K-6 Grade Bible Assistant
- Craft Leader (instructions and supplies provided)
- Craft Assistant
- Games Leader (instructions and supplies provided)
- 5th/6th Grade Leader
- 3 year old/ Preschool Crew Leader (Lead a small group from station to station-need many so groups are small :))
- Nursery Leader
- Registration Coordinators (3)
- Snacks Coordinators (3 more)
Hi Everyone,

Summer Science Camp is in full swing and we are having a fantastic time! We need a lot of help for VBS so we have a special spot in the Communicator with a list (see page 3). Please take a moment to find where you can help. I’ll see you soon! - Heather DeWit

Pray for Our Campers

(Don’t forget to pray for the High School students attending RMH 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

July 17-21: Chance R, Tara A
July 16-22: Ellie W at Camp Judson
July 24-28: Shelby A, Simon B, Joel C, Mickila D, Emma M, Kai V, Sam F
July 31–August 4: Brynn B, Maesa B, Sawyer H
August 11 week the Blom Family is at Family Camp

Summer Memory Verse:
Colossians 2:6-7—So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were...
What’s Happening @ Community

Wednesday, July 19
7:30 pm—Bible Study

Thursday, July 20
7:00—Elders
7:30—Softball (Sherman Park, Field I)
8:00—Consistory

Saturday, July 22
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, July 23
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Church Picnic
Cherry Rock Park
August 16th
6:30 pm

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

July 20—7:30 (Field I)
July 27—8:30 & 9:30 (Fields H & I)
Aug 3—6:30 & 7:30 (Field G)

Finances at a Glance:
July 16, 2017

General:.......................... $16,746
2017 Weekly Goal:......... $15,033
Ahead/(Behind): .............. $1,714
Vision: ....................... $2,395
Missions: ............... $640

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 7/16/17
Year-To-Date Offering: $429,313
Year-To-Date Goal: $420,926
Ahead (Behind): ($6,646)
Year-To-Date Vision: $182,206
Vision Account Balance: $100,234

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Pete Valentine will celebrate his 80th birthday on July 23rd. Birthday wishes may be sent directly to him at 3901 S. Marion Rd., Room 505, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

Cards and letters may be sent to Connie Evenson (Rika VanDenTop’s daughter) at 7309 Chesapeake Ln, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

Attention Bookworms!
BOOK & MEDIA SALE

August 2-6, 2017
Memorial Lutheran Church
5000 S. Western Ave.
Wed-Fri: 8:00 am—6:00 pm
Sat: 8:00 am—noon
Sun: 11:00am—1:00 pm

Sponsored by
Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls

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
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 23—Jolene Larson
July 30—Bob Hein

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!