Summer continues to move along at a comfortable pace...well sort of. I know that many of you are getting out and enjoying the warm air. We have had a bit of that “warm” lately, but it is summer after all. Heat and summer go together. I have been staying pretty busy with things as these weeks go by. It seems like there is always one more thing that pops up. I have said over and over, this is a different day for sure, but we will get through it. I don’t enjoy many of these moving parts. I feel bad for people who have to be shut-in pretty tightly. I understand the need and I understand the concern...I just feel bad for the toll it is taking on some of them. That’s a good prayer item for us all. I understand many of these moving parts. I feel bad for people who have to be shut-in pretty tightly. I understand the need and I understand the concern...I just feel bad for the toll it is taking on some of them. That’s a good prayer item for us all.

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Sunday, we had a nice group of people gathered in the room for the three services. It all looked to go pretty well. I guess we are learning the new way of doing things. You have all been so good about being flexible with all of this. It sure is not the same...I don’t think I need to say much more about that.

Our online is working. I am hoping to get some new looks to that but I’m not sure how long it will take to get that all up and going. What I think you will notice is a gradual change. We will add a new piece here and there as we get comfortable with all the new software possibilities. Just know, we are learning new things about online and it is pretty exciting.

Summer is typically a slower time at church, but this year, we are all doing a little more because of trying to stay connected with you all as best as we can. We are starting the fall planning, but we don’t really know how that all will go. We are preparing for whatever that needs to be. That does take a little more effort on our part. I am sure you can all understand that. Please pray for those plans to come together for us.

Sunday is chapter 8 in Hebrews. We are not finished with this priest thing, but the author is going to move us beyond that just a little. Hebrews will use an Old Testament verse from Jeremiah 31 to make a deeper statement about how God has been moving. I know this past week we covered a lot of ground. This week the focus and our direction are going to be about a new promise that God made through Jesus. We want to talk about why that was necessary and why that affects us today. We’ll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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.

Meeting website: https://zoom.us/j/862139432
Meeting ID: 862 139 432
Call Shawn Blom at 605-940-6702 with questions.

Office hours this summer: M-Th 8:30am-4:30pm. Fridays from 8:30am-noon.

Hope Haven International collects, restores, ships and distributes wheelchairs. They help create a custom fit wheelchair for each recipient.
I was able to take a few days off of work last week to finish some tasks I needed to get done. And in true mid-western fashion, I found a few more tasks that will need doing in the near future! Our work is never done, is it? 😊 But I think that’s a good thing. Work is good! My Grandma says so! And speaking of Grandma…

Toward the end of the week, I was able to take a day and head back to Burke to see Grandma Lucy. She still lives in her own house and stays busy with her gardens, yard work, embroidery, quilting, baking, canning, and farmer’s market selling. It was life-giving to be able to share a meal with Grandma (she spoiled me with a “little lunch” of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, and green beans and “cukes” from the garden 😊). We had such a delightful visit about many different things! I think what struck me the most this time is how skilled my grandma is at “work.” She has been retired for 20 years now, but that doesn’t mean she has stopped working. She lives in her own house, and she still does almost all of the same things she did while she worked a full-time job, plus she has added few new ones! Grandma understands the value of a good day of work, and she also understands the value of planning ahead for work that needs to be done. She uses her time wisely. She doesn’t try to finish everything in one day. She simply keeps a steady stream of meaningful work before her. I think that’s one of the secrets to her excellent health, her positive attitude, and her longevity. She acknowledges the value of a good day’s work.

Scripture tells us exactly the same thing. Work isn’t bad. It’s a good thing! And we were actually created to do good work. Colossians 3:23 says, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord and not for people.” What I’m learning is that I want to stop categorizing my work, especially as we’re in a season where our “work” has been modified. I would like to begin to see all of the work I do as work that God has particularized for me to do on earth. And friends, I think each one of us has particularized work that God would have us do. It’s simply our job to do whatever we do with all our hearts, as working for the Lord. If we can begin to do that, I think we’ll view all of our work with very different eyes, and I think we’ll begin to see God in our work in very unique ways. That will be a powerful thing in our lives.

Of course, rest is equally as important, and Grandma had much to teach me about that too. I’ll write more about that next week!

Have a great week of work!

Liz
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, July 26: 8, 9, 11:00am– In-Person and Online services
Tuesday, July 28: 7:00pm– AA Meeting
Wednesday, July 29: 9:00am– Book Club at church

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISM DATE (NEW)
The Aug. 23rd baptism is postponed. There will be a baptism service this fall but that date is to be determined. If that is too long to wait, please contact the church office to determine a date for a private service for you and your family.

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 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.

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

FINANCES
Sunday, July 19, 2020

General: $9,050
Vision: $2,380
Missions: $280
Faith Ave: $250

General YTD: $421,784
Vision YTD: $84,190
Vision Account Balance: $121,644

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.
Hi!

It has been so much fun seeing how many of you requested and picked up STAYcation Bible School kits. I hope you are able to send us some pictures and videos so we can see the kids enjoying the fun!

There is still time to request kits if you haven’t done that yet. For more information and to sign up, click: https://www.communityrc.org/vbs/ The videos for STAYcation Bible School are right there too!

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! That might be 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.

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
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605-336-1475
Kid's Fishing
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH
10AM-NOON
LUNCH TO FOLLOW
AT THE OUTDOOR CAMPUS
TO SIGN UP CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (336-1475) OR RICK HANSEN (201-5135)

We are excited to offer the Community Kid’s Fishing Day this year! Join us on Aug. 29th from 10am-Noon for fishing at the Outdoor Campus. We’ll have lunch provided after fishing.

IMPORTANT: In order to have more than 10 people at this event, we are REQUIRING everyone to wear a mask. This includes kids. Thank you!

Please contact the church office (336-1475) or Rick Hansen (201-5135) to sign up.

New Prayer Requests This Week:
- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
- Jodie Jensen’s brother-in-law, Greg (was in an accident)

Ongoing Prayer Requests:
- Jan McDowell (CT scan 7/14)
- Cal Klein (stent recovery)
- Galen Schoffelman (knee replacement)
- Bob Hein (injured knee)
- Marcia Thornton (sinus surgery recovery)
- Mike Boyenga’s mom, Anita (surgery recovery)
- Susan Bierwagen (broken leg)
- 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)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- 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)
- 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
INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

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.

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: TBD

Temporarily Suspended

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