Pastor’s Update

I do hope we can pick up a little rain this week. That would really be nice. It sure doesn’t take long for the hot/dry wind to change things. So far we have been pretty fortunate with that this summer, but once again we could use a little. Praying for rain! Summer does continue to move right along and now that July is coming to a close, we start looking ahead at the things planned for fall. However, I don’t want to miss out on August. There are lots of great things planned for that month. I know how very quickly the time goes, but I’m sure I don’t need to help it along by skipping over an entire month, so I’ll stay focused on August and summer things. I do believe that is wise counsel for myself. I’ll say it again; I do hope you are all having a very nice summer.

On Tuesday this week I went out and did the “sermon” for the Trail Ridge folks. I do those a couple of times a year. To my surprise there was a couple there from my hometown who had just moved in. I stopped by afterwards to have a short visit. They said it just made them feel like they were back home again. I love it when we can do things that bring a smile into people’s lives. They are just wonderful people and it was good to see them. We all have faces from the past that give us a little lift. It’s like specific grace that gets through the next day. It was a blessing to be there for them and for me. I love it when God shows up!

The first item of business for August will be VBS. Now we have not had a lot of people register yet for that, but we know people kind of wait for to the last minute to get it on their calendars. This is year we are looking forward to having great time with the kids. We need help! It is one of the best things we do all year, and I would highly encourage you to come and be a part of the week. It is all about planting seeds of faith in the lives of children. You never know what can happen! Little things can make large differences! Get involved! Go God Go!

The next item will be the Saturday conference with the Voice of the martyrs. I have really been promoting that these last couple of weeks. I will just say once again this is a rare opportunity to look into the work of the Kingdom of God from a completely new perspective. I’m not sure it will all speak to you, but I do know that much of what happens that day will bring a new sense of gratitude and faith perspective to your Christian walk. I believe it will challenge and at the same time strengthen your confidence is what God is doing and can do in the world in which we live. I hope you can all be a part of the day with us. Also…pass the word. Bring a friend.

Then it’s time for the church picnic and of course our annual block party will be coming too. August is a full month of activities and opportunities to connect this great family. Do what you can! I know you’re all busy with life. I see that all the time. All I am saying is take time to grow things for your soul. It matters in very important ways. It is incredibly easy to caught up in the flow of life and then discover that something has gone missing. It’s why we set up all these opportunities. We understand your battles. We understand them because they are the same ones we face. Therefore, we try to encourage! Do what you can Community.

One last week of Jonah! One last chapter! Chapter 5! We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
July 30: 9:00am—
Tom & Amy Bosch
Robyn Niewenhuis
10:45am—
Tyler & Amber Nieuwsma
August 6: 9:00am—
Keith, Laura, Emma Maloney
10:45am—
Jamie Van Sloten
Leslie Cleveringa

COFFEE SCHEDULE
July 30: Daryl & Char DuBois
Aug 6: Steve & Becky Lee
Aug 13: Joel & Lisa Blankers

THE LINK SCHEDULE
July 30
9:00am– Laurie Long
10:45am– Bill & Dar Keizer
Aug 6
9:00am– Gerald & Deb Teunissen
10:45am– Tom & Robin Jacobs

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

COFFEE SCHEDULE
July 30:
9:00am— Gary & Connie Parmley
Doug & Sharon Harms
Dennie & Helen Robinson
10:45am— Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Duane & Rhonda Niewenhuis

Aug 6:
9:00am— Stan & Elaine Deelstra
Tom & Amy Bosch
Donna Humme
10:45am— Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

MONTHLY MISSION
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.

GREETER SCHEDULE
July 30:
9:00am—
Gary & Connie Parmley
Doug & Sharon Harms
Dennie & Helen Robinson
10:45am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Duane & Rhonda Niewenhuis

Aug 6:
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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.

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

FAITH CIRCLE will meet at the Pettigrew House and Museum on Monday, Aug 21, 1:00pm. Reservations are needed by Aug 15 so please RSVP to Connie, 275,0030 or connie.parmley@yahoo.com
The tour will take an hour. There is an elevator available. Dessert and coffee at Falls Park afterwards. If you would like to invite a friend, we would love to have them join us.

SENIOR CITIZENS will meet at the East 10th St. Pizza Ranch on Mon. Aug 14th @ noon.

Prayer
REQUESTS

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

- Juanita Palsma (recovering from back surgery)
- Connie Evenson, 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
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 Volunteers and Kids at church or visit: vbspro.events/p/community

We need volunteers!

- K-6 Games Leader (instructions and supplies provided)
- Nursery Leader
- Registration Coordinators (2 more)
- 3 year old/ Preschool Crew Leader (Lead a small group from station to station-need many so groups are small :) )
- K-6 Craft Assistant (we have one and need 2 more)

- Snacks Coordinators (3 more)
- Clean up crew (for after VBS)- Many hands make light work! :)

Sign up to bring snacks at the table at church or visit: goo.gl/sJHnPZ (strawberries, bananas, graham crackers, go-gurt, juice boxes, etc)

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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
Hi Everyone,

Summer Science Camp was just wonderful. I wish you could all see it. The kids learned about Grace and God’s love and Jonah. They also made slime, solar ovens, rockets and roller coasters! We do have a short video at: https://www.facebook.com/CommunityRCKids/ We had many kids who are new to us at Community that attended Science and Craft camp and the Community kids and amazing volunteers were able to show God’s love. I think we all left with “a little God on us.” God was certainly present and on the move. Thank you Community and especially Community volunteers for making that happen. The idea for a science camp came from a conversation after church with some parents about how I was excited about Craft Camp and thinking about another camp. Thanks for the great idea folks! If you have new ideas for the future, please share them with me and maybe together we can turn them from dreams to opportunities for kids.

We still need a lot of help for VBS. Please take a moment to find where you can help. Check out Liz’s page for our section with all of the VBS info please! There is a table at church to sign up or sign up online.

vbspro.events/p/community

The message in VBS this year is all about how God made us for a purpose and loves us. That’s a message I think we all need to hear so please find a friend to invite, share the event on your Facebook page, put up a poster to invite someone and/or pray for some new friends to join us for the exciting adventure of Maker Fun Factory VBS.

It feels too early to be thinking about Sunday School but I am! If you are feeling the nudge to teach a class, please let me know. I’d love to get started on our list of teachers and substitutes. We do team teaching so you don’t have to commit to every week unless you want to.

Summer Memory Verse: Psalm 33:11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

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 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
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Consistory
July 20, 2017

Attendance: Russ Robers, Pete Mellema, Doug Harms, Randy Grotenhuis, Bob Hein, Mary Burggraaf, Jolene Larson, Mike Boyenga, Nick Langerock, Eric Van Donge, Laura Maloney, Gerald Teunissen, Clyde Teel, Liz Teel

Guest: Bob Weerheim

Jolene gave the opening devotional about grace. God does not dispense grace like a pharmacist. God is the grace we need. He is with us always. The moment we are overwhelmed with complete helplessness is the moment we are ready to receive the grace we need. “Sufficient for you is the grace of Me.” She opened the meeting with prayer.

MSA the June 2017 minutes.

Eric gave the June 2017 financial report.

MSA to approve the June 2017 financial report.

Bob Weerheim was here to report on the new parking lot. There were a few more issues from the city engineers. We have to supply them with a signed letter that says when the street goes in, we will pay for our half. There was discussion about the best ways to pay for this when it does go in and what some extra expenses might be.

MSA to send a signed letter to the City of Sioux Falls to pay our portion of Faith Ave.

Mike gave a quick report on the costs associated with the new parking lot and the old parking lot upkeep.

Clyde handed out the questions for the care teams to ask their staff members. Clyde would like to have these reports given at the Consistory meeting in September.

Liz gave her report.

Heather had her printed report.

Clyde gave a bit more information about the Voice of the Martyrs conference August 12.

Pete suggested we make Lunch is Served the August Mission of the month.

Next meeting August 10.

We closed with an extended time of prayer.

MSA to adjourn.
**What’s Happening @ Community**

**Wednesday, July 26**  
7:30 pm—Bible Study

**Thursday, July 27**  
8:30—Softball (Sherman Park, Field H)

**Saturday, July 29**  
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

**Sunday, July 30**  
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)

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

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

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

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**Finances at a Glance:**  
**July 23, 2017**

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**YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 7/23/17**

- Year-To-Date Offering: $443,800
- Year-To-Date Goal: $450,993
- Ahead (Behind): $7,192
- Year-To-Date Vision: $185,066
- Vision Account Balance: $96,685

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**Samaritan’s Feet**

**Community Shoe Distribution**  
**Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017**  
9am-12pm

Students grades K-5th can receive one new pair of shoes at one of the three locations. Volunteers will spend time with each shoe recipient by washing his or her feet, placing a new pair of athletic shoes and socks on them, and encouraging them. Sign up online or call the church office 336-1475.

- [www.SamaritansFeet.org/WesleyUMC](http://www.SamaritansFeet.org/WesleyUMC)
- [www.SamaritansFeet.org/Hayward](http://www.SamaritansFeet.org/Hayward)
- [www.SamaritansFeet.org/FirstUMC](http://www.SamaritansFeet.org/FirstUMC)

Thank you again for the continued financial and spiritual support we have received from CRC. This is our 5th year of doing a Back to School event in Sioux Falls and we will serve 2,100 children in K-5th at 3 locations across the city (700 each).

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**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: 11:00 am—1:00 pm  

Sponsored by Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls

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I’m back! Thank you Community for all the cards, gifts & prayers while I’ve been on maternity leave. What an awesome support system!

Also, thank you to Lori Hein, Judy Van Meeteren, Jamelee Van Donge, Helen Van Leeuwen, Pat Koll, Connie Parmley, Jan Rames, Jerralynne Tjeerdsma for helping out in the office while I was out. You help is truly appreciated!

Holli Jans
Community Reformed Church
6800 E 41 Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

July 26, 2017

**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 30—Bob Hein
Aug 6—Pete Mellema
Aug 13—Gerald Teunissen

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!