Well, summer keeps moving right along. July is nearly over…can you believe that? We have certainly been feeling the heat of July and of course, with the heat comes storms. I know it at times is not at the best time and certainly in places there is too much, but it sure keeps things looking very fresh. I know a few families are doing vacations still and getting those last weekends done before things get cracking in August. I hope you are all having a great summer. Take those breaks! It’s a good thing to do!

Next Sunday night, we start Bible School. I know that some of our people are doing vacations and it is just hard to know where to put that thing. We are always looking to give everyone the right break and then do VBS well. I guess we can’t hit everyone. For those who are going to be here…this is going to be great. Decorations are already being put up and when you get to church this coming Sunday, you are going to see the results of lots of time and effort. Heather has done an outstanding job of getting things ready and I know the Karen Roetman works all year long collecting things for the décor. It promises to be a great week!

We are hosting the Haiti mission trip fundraiser in August and it looks like my container might be getting the most change. The dunk tank seems like it might be inevitable for me. I think I will start getting my scuba gear ready. I’m thinking a wet suite and mask would be most appropriate for such and occasion. Although, there are still a couple of Sundays left and you never know who may start taking over the lead with all the change. Everyone should be aware that anything can happen at the last minute.

I did manage to get away last week to do a little fishing. The fishing was a little spotty, but the company was good. We always have a great trip to Wisconsin. It was very cool there while we were there, and the guides were telling us it has been a slow year of fishing there. They said it’s about a month behind. I think everything is going that way this year. We were on the boat at 3:30am each day. That’s right, 3:30am. That’s a bit of a challenge as you can imagine. They like to get an early start. It was fun!

The BBQ 4 Classrooms event is August 11. There are lots of things planned for that event. Everyone is welcome, and the cause is great. It will be a fun day and we hope that lots of you will be able to be here for that. Put it on your calendar.

We have a special day planned for this coming Sunday. That’s all I’m going to say!!! It’s a surprise!

This Sunday’s message is one titled “Fan the Flame!” We are going have fun with this one. I want it to be practical and at the same time challenging. Encouragement is a great gift. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, July 24**
- 5:15am– Crack of Dawn
- 6:30pm– Picnic in the Park (Upper Tuthill Park)
- 7:30pm– Summer Bible Study

**Thursday, July 25**
- 6:30 & 7:30pm– Softball games (Field H) Sherman Park

**Saturday, July 27**
- 7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
- 10:00am– Closed AA meeting

**Sunday, July 28**
- 10:10am– Adult Sunday School
- 6:00-8:00pm– VBS

**Monday, July 29**
- 6:00-8:00pm– VBS

**Tuesday, July 30**
- 6:00-8:00pm– VBS

**Wednesday, July 31**
- 5:15am– Crack of Dawn
- 6:00-8:00pm– VBS
- 7:30pm– Summer Bible Study

**FINANCES**

**Sunday, July 21, 2019**

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**PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**
6:30PM
**UPPER TUTHILL PARK**
Please bring food to share and your own chair. We’ll be grilling hotdogs! Water also provided.

**UPCOMING MINISTRIES**

**AA BIG BOOK MEETING**
Every Tues at 7pm at Community– Open meeting. Use east door. Every Saturday at 10am Closed (Addicts/Alcoholics only) meeting.

**THE GIVE**
Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries.
- **Safe Families**– diapers (size 2 & up)/ wipes/ pull-ups
- **Union Gospel Mission**– pasta
- **Mission Haiti**– backpacks and shoes
- **Caring Cards**– used cards

**MISSION OF THE MONTH: **Hope Haven International

**HOPE CIRCLE** The Hope Circle is taking a vacation until September. There will be no monthly meetings until then.

**JOY CIRCLE**
**August Events**
Bible studies:
- August 5 study the word GOODNESS
- August 19 study the word FAITHFULNESS
Meet at 9:30 A. M. at Community

**APPY BIRTHDAY**
**SUNDAY, AUG 11**
MORNING SERVICES
Community will be unveiling a new app! We’ll celebrate with cupcakes that morning!

**SAVE THE DATE**
Tuesday, August 27 for event at Sioux Falls Ministry Center. More details to follow with signup at the Link. Any questions, please call 351-4202.

**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet on Monday, August 19, 1:00pm at church. Liz will lead our discussion on the Bible. Hostess: Dar Keizer
LIZ’S UPDATE

Adult Discipleship/Worship

For those of you who have been keeping an eye out for our next Grief Group meetings, I have good news! We have the dates set for the next session! The Grief Group got its start this past spring. It is a series of discussions led by Laura Maloney and Julie Brown, and it’s for anyone who is traveling through the unfamiliar road of grief. This is not a counseling group. It is simply a group that gets together to discuss different ways people can begin to process and work through their grief. The group is open to both men and women. There are fliers and registrations available at The Link and The Corner. And even if you participated in the first group, you are welcome to participate in this next one too. As always, if you have any questions, please let me know. This is a powerful ministry at Community, and I’m so thankful that Laura and Julie are willing to offer it again!

As I mentioned in last week’s article, I’m already starting to get some ideas together for the adult classes for Mid-Week this year. If you would like to teach a class for adults, please talk with me! I loved that we were able to offer so many great options last year, and I hope to do the same thing this year.

Don’t forget about VBS coming up this Sunday through Wednesday! Heather has done a huge amount of preparatory work for this ministry, and I’m extremely excited to see it all come together. As I keep saying, if you’ve never seen VBS in action, you need to come. I promise you will find it to be a blessing to your heart as you watch kids interact with each other, with adult leaders, and most importantly with God! Lives will be changed next week. I just know it! Please keep everyone prayed up for a great week of VBS!

And lastly this week, I sure had a lot of positive comments about our 90 seconds of silence in church this past Sunday! I still feel kind of silly that it took me all week to realize that God was trying to get us to just be silent and still. But I’m thankful it all made sense in time for church. Many of you said it was absolutely what you needed in that moment, and everyone who caught me after church said we need to do it again. Got it! We definitely will. 😊

I think that’s it for me for now. Have a great week!

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PRAYER REQUEST

- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Cheille McMurray’s dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Bruce Heinen (Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law) lymphoma
- Diane Johnson (liver disease)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Vi Slecta
- Amy Bosch’s mom, Jeannie (hospice)
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Randy Grotenhuis (inner ear nerve damage)
- Al Hoogendoorn (multiple health issues)
- Randy (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn’s son)
- Grace Vanden Heuval (cracked rib)
- Jackie Holleman
- Dave Sells (surgery recovery)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Cleone Groen (difficulty walking)
- Melanie Oden’s dad, David (motorcycle accident)
Hi Everyone,

We are on the final week before VBS and I can’t wait! Get your kids signed up and invite many friends! The decorations are already starting to come together and I think the transformation is going to amaze the kids (and the rest of us!)

For volunteers, we need:

- 1 person to lead the little kids craft (3yo and Preschool) on ONLY the last night of VBS (Wed)
- 1 substitute Crew Leader for 3yo/PS class (walk 4-5 little ones from room to room) to do a night or two when another volunteer needs to be gone.
- Crew Leaders for the Kindergarten, 4th, 5/6 grade classes (we do have one for Kindergarten but wanted one more to make sure we have enough hands to help!)

Many people to come on the last night of VBS to help clean up after all the fun!

Click [https://vbspro.events/p/events/2019](https://vbspro.events/p/events/2019) to sign up
Or Email Heather at Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org
Text 605-212-2793

Please be sure to get your kids signed up and invite many friends. We share that event on Facebook and leave flyers at the table to make it easier for you to spread the word. We’d love to have many visitors again this year. [https://vbspro.events/p/events/2019](https://vbspro.events/p/events/2019) Remember, there is even Sing N Sprout for the little ones!

I’m so thankful for the many, many people at church (including my amazing co-workers) who have already pitched in to make VBS great for the kids. It is pretty amazing to get to watch as God puts all of the pieces together.

On another exciting note, Doyle will be adding our Middle School group to his role at Community. Doyle has been doing our High School Youth Group and is doing a wonderful job! Now he’ll be teaching our Middle Schoolers too. We’ll talk with you more in the next few weeks about what the schedule will be for Wednesdays in the fall but I just wanted to be sure you can join me in congratulating Doyle and the Middle Schoolers on this exciting update!

See you soon!

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Hello again!
As we get ready to head into the new school year, I am looking forward to a little change here at Community. I will be adding the middle school ministry to my role here and am excited for the new partnership with the middle school students and parents. With the role change for me, also comes a schedule change for Wednesday nights. Starting this year, the middle school schedule will change alongside the kid’s ministry. So middle school youth will meet from 6:45 – 7:45 on Wednesday nights. Students are still welcome to come early for supper which begins at 6:00.

The high school youth group will then be pushed back and go from 8:00 – 9:00 Wednesday nights. Again, students are still welcome to come early for supper. They can come as late as 6:45 to grab supper and are still welcome to hang out in the high school room beforehand. Whether they want to play a game of pool or ping pong, finish some homework, or enjoy fellowship with the group. I will be joining them once middle school is finished. With that, high school students could also jump in and help Heather in the kid’s min, the nursery or, for Juniors and Seniors, join me in the middle school room. We will have time set aside when parents meet in August for discussion on this change but if you have any questions beforehand, please send them my way!

I am still working on some details and have started to look ahead at lessons and events for the upcoming year. Hopefully by the start of August I will have a calendar ready to go out for both middle and high school. Again, I am really excited to partner alongside the middle school ministry and to begin building relationships there.

Two things to highlight for this week.
First, in a few weeks the high school youth will be getting together again. On August 8th, from 4-7 we will be meeting at Thunder Road for a night of fun, food and fellowship. This is for students entering 9th grade – 12th grade. If able, please bring $10 to help cover the cost. RSVP via email or text so I know to look for you and can plan accordingly for food.

Second, during the month of August, I will be setting up shop in the high school room between 9:00 and 11:00 services. During this time, I would love to have the chance to connect with the students and parents of our middle schoolers, and with any of those entering 9th grade. High school students/parents, if you have any questions or want to connect as well, feel free to stop in too!

Think that is it for this week!

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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).

For baptism, one of the parents needs to be a member at Community. Next Baptism Service: Sunday, Oct 6 @ 3pm.

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased on a Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our vision fund at church.