PASTOR’S UPDATE

The last week of July is here and next Sunday will be August. That’s right! As August arrives we all start thinking about school getting started and even fall things. We have been going strong this week and so for us, summer is still here because VBS is in full swing this week. The weather this week is supposed to be just perfect and that is such a blessing. I love that 85 degrees and dryer air. So, if you can, get out and enjoy some of that nature stuff this week. Summer is moving right along, so make the most of it.

VBS is going strong this week! We have a wonderful group of children and adults out here in the evenings. I love this week! I so wish that more of you could experience what happens here. The big room is pretty full...we have lots of kids. There are over 80 three and four-year olds. They are a handful for sure, but what a wonderful adventure they are having. I’ll say it again next week, but thanks again to all those people who are helping out. It is just an amazing thing to watch. Heather has put together another fine team for this year and she does a great job of “fanning their flames”. We are teaching that God Is Goooood! Something is just right about that!

Pastor John’s day went very well. I do believe we surprised him with the plan. I’m pretty happy about that. John has been here longer than I have, and he has done a lot of great things for us in those 20 plus years of ministry. He has done funerals, weddings, taught Bible classes, Sunday school, and of course all the hours of calling.

He has been a gift to us and for that I am grateful. He changes the load of my job very much. I would quickly be overwhelmed with all the calling without him. If you see him this week or next, say thanks. Send him an email. Let him know...fan that flame! Thanks for the years Pastor John. I would also like to include Marsha in all this as well. These ministry jobs involve lots of different scenarios that include spouses. Marsha, too, needs to be recognized as a part of the team and a valuable part of all that John does. Thanks Marsha!

If you haven’t been out to the church for a few days, you will notice it looks different out here. The ground work is being done for the new school next door. The sound of engines moving dirt is what we hear these days. The town is coming to us now and change is right in front of us. It is an exciting time and I still believe we are going to see many more people and many more opportunities in the coming years. We are no longer alone. They are being very good about not getting in our way out here. I am sure this will have challenges, but I do have complete confidence that those will be small and few. The folks working, and planning have been so good to work with. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Sunday’s message is one that will give us time to consider just how much we give God of our lives. Is God a part of our lives? Is God our life? Maybe...somewhere in the middle? We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**Saturday, Aug. 3**
- 7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
- 10:00am—Closed AA meeting

**Monday, Aug. 5**
- 9:30am—Joy Circle

**Tuesday, Aug. 6**
- 7:00pm—AA

**Wednesday, Aug. 7**
- 5:15am—Crack of Dawn
- 9:00am—Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN)
- 7:30pm—Summer Bible Study

**UPCOMING MINISTRIES**

**BOOK CLUBS**
The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, August 14, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing *Everything I Never Told You* by Ng.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, August 20, at 7 pm at the Panera on Foss Ave. They will be discussing *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* by Stradal (a One Book South Dakota).

**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:** Feeding SD Backpack program

**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

**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

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**FINANCES**

Sunday, July 28, 2019

- General: $11,630
- Vision: $1,360
- Missions: $30

General YTD: $447,569
Vision YTD: $116,673
Vision Account Balance: $100,286
Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law—lymphoma

Diane Johnson—liver disease

Gary Jensen—cancer

Vi Slecta—difficult walking

Adult Discipleship/Worship

Liz’s Update

Things are rocking around here as we are working through our week of VBS! As expected, things have been absolutely incredible all week long! We have a huge number of kids, (I’m guessing Heather is going to report on the numbers) I’ve met several new adults who are volunteering their time, and the Spirit of God is clearly present and on the move with these children. It’s been a huge blessing! If you’d like to check out our last night of VBS, feel free to swing by on Wednesday night anytime from 6:00-8:00pm!

I’d like to say a special thanks to the guys in the band who make it possible for me to lead music the way I do at VBS. Not every church is able to have an actual live worship band for VBS, but we wouldn’t have it any other way at Community! Thanks to Pastor Clyde, Nick Sittig, and Kyle Wigg for giving up their time every evening to come and play for the worship time at VBS. Since these guys do all the playing, I am free to sing and do the actions with the kids, and that makes a huge difference in the way we are able to enter into worship. Thanks, guys!

I also would like to give some special recognition to Heather DeWit for all of the work she does to get VBS ready and then to keep it running smoothly. Yes, I know this is part of Heather’s job. Yes, I know she gets paid to do it. But friends, Heather is accomplishing things at VBS that go way beyond basic planning. Her vast experience with kids and volunteers creates an atmosphere where everyone feels joyful and loved. There are very few, if any, problems that arise during the week, and if any do arise, she takes care of them with integrity and professionalism. The details she must pay attention to are vast, and she also has to be able to think on her toes. She is simply one of the best Children’s Ministry pastors I’ve ever had the pleasure of working with. We are extremely fortunate and blessed to have Heather on staff at Community. The next time you see her, be sure to say thank you!

And lastly, I’ll be taking several days of vacation starting next week. My plan is to be out of the office from August 5-August 15, and I’ll even miss church on August 11. (I haven’t missed church since July of 2017…I think it’s about time I took a Sunday off!) If you email, text, or otherwise try to contact me, you’ll have to wait until August 19 for a reply. I’m looking forward to having some time off. 😊

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

Liz
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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

- 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)

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Hi Everyone,

VBS week is finally here! We really do have amazing volunteers and kids at Community and I’m so thankful. GOD is GOOD! It takes a small army to make VBS happen for well over 170 kids and you all do it so well. You are patient, welcoming, energetic, kind and point the kids right to Jesus!

Together, we are learning that:
When life is unfair… **God is good!**
When life is scary… **God is good!**
When life is sad… **God is good!**
When life is good… **God is good!**

The kids are kicking off our fundraising to build classrooms for a school in Haiti called Frederique. We’re hoping will finish off that fundraising effort on August 11 with a BBQ fundraiser with food, a dunk tank, car show, bean bag tournament and tons of fun. Please help us spread the word on that. We’re hoping to make quite a splash! 😊

We are still looking for auction items and inviting cars to the car show as well as signing up folks for the bean bag tournament so join the fun.

See you soon!

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Consistory Meeting July 18, 2019
Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Attendance: Mark, Curt, Pete, Clyde, Tom, Jolene, Gerald, Dustin, Mike H., Michael D., Matt W., Rick, Jim, Russ, Chad M.

Russ opened with prayer.

MSA of the June 2019 minutes. Additional assignments to 2019/20 Task Forces are as follows: Michael D.: Education, Jim: Youth and Russ: Finance

MSA of the financial reports for June 2019 given by Chad M.

Old Business:
Clyde shared an update from Bob W. on Faith Ave. Work will start soon. The construction company is planning to give us a secondary entrance to church just east of Faith Ave. Sarah has made it to Arizona and has started her new job.

New Business:
Clyde and Heather had a productive meeting with the nursery staff. Information and ideas were shared as we continue to plan for growth in this area.

Heather shared her monthly children’s ministry report. She also shared a detailed written report on the possibility of adding a preschool and/or daycare program at Community. Copies of her report will be kept at The Link for anyone interested in reading her findings.

Doyle gave a report on the high school youth group. Camp was a high light for several students. Doyle is leading a class on spiritual disciplines and several social activities have happened so far!

Liz gave her report. She will continue to teach the Faith Circle lessons through September 16th. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The Corner continues to be a busy place on Sunday mornings. Liz is working on rolling out a new small group ministry. Informational meetings will be held September 11 & 18. Preparations for Mid-Week classes are underway. Liz hopes to have a list of adult classes by our next consistory meeting. VBS plans are underway. The Christmas Choir concert has been planned and Liz will be picking music soon. Liz will be teaching a class at USF this fall and plans to take some vacation days in August.

Consistory spent time addressing Doyle and asking questions about his desire to add middle school ministry to his current job description. MSA for Doyle to add this ministry.

Tom gave us a report on the BBQ 4 Haiti event. Plans are coming together and preparations are going well!

Next Meeting: August 15, 2019.

MSA to adjourn.

Clyde closed with a time of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jolene Larson, Clerk
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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Baptism Service  
OCT 6

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**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.

**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.**

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