PASTOR’S UPDATE

With August moving along, we start thinking about things coming for the fall. We still have some summer things coming our way, but fall is approaching very quickly. I’m not sure I’m ready for all of it, but when it gets here...I will have to be ready. I do feel bad about summer getting away from us though. I’ve said a number of times that I’m hoping for a long fall, but for right now I just want summer to hang on as long as it can. We still have lots of families doing weekends at the lake or last-minute vacations, so it still seems a bit like summer. I’m just fine with that!

I had lots questions about Burke last week. It was nice that people ask. I was amazed at just how many there were. The town got tore up for sure. There was building damage of course and some of that damage was very serious. There are lots of old trees that just plain got pulled up out of the ground. Those don’t replace in a few days. I feel bad about that. Certainly, some folks are going to feel the hurt more than others and certainly some were hit harder than others. My mom really came out pretty well. Those summer storms can do a lot of damage and there is not a thing you can do about it. You find a way to pull together and make a difference right now. I am from that place, and I have a good kind of pride of being from there. They are good folks out there and they will get through this. I have been praying for little miracles to show up each and every day for them. Thanks everyone for asking. I really mean that!

The Haiti Classroom fundraiser was a huge success. They are right at their goal of $8,000. Heather was still working on the final numbers, but they are going to be very close. A big thank you to the team that put all of that together. I’m not sure who they all are, but you did great!

For those of you who came out to the event...thank you. Your participation made it all go so well. There were cars, inflatables, food, silent auctions, bean-bag tourneys, seed spitting contests, and of course, some water fun as well. It seemed to me that Doyle and I set a bit of a trend and by the time we had both gone under about a dozen times the line to get dunked was longer than those wanting to dunk. Interesting how that went! It was a good day. Thanks Community!

The Block Party is two weeks away. That happens right after church on the 25th. I hope all of you are planning on making that day a success as well. That is a very good Sunday to invite a friend to join us. There are lots of things being planned for that as well so be watching for details as the time draws near. We are doing communion in church that Sunday as well. It will be a full day. It seems like there is always something going on.

Lots of new people downloaded the app this Sunday. It was a good “Appy” Birthday. Thanks to Josiah and Holli for putting the working into the new design and function. I am sure the rest of the tech team was involved in that as well...thanks to all of them.

Sunday we are going to talk about another function of the spirit within. This week we are going to tackle “pride”. Not a fun subject is it? We are going to look at religious pride and as we have all noticed, the Pharisees seemed to be caught in this place all the time. To them they were the chosen ones of God. True, but is chosen enough? We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
**Calendar of Events**

**Wednesday, Aug. 14**
- 5:15am– Crack of Dawn
- 7:30pm– Summer Bible Study

**Thursday, Aug. 15**
- 7:00pm– Elders
- 8:00pm– Consistory

**Saturday, Aug. 17**
- 7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
- 10:00am– Closed AA meeting

**Monday, Aug. 19**
- 9:30am– Joy Circle
- 1:00pm– Faith Circle

**Tuesday, Aug. 20**
- 7:00pm– AA
- 7:00pm– Book Club

**Wednesday, Aug. 21**
- 7:30pm– Summer Bible Study

**Finances**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General YTD</td>
<td>$478,343</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vision YTD</td>
<td>$121,389</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vision Account Balance</td>
<td>$98,958</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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 7 pm at Community—Open meeting. Use east door. Every Saturday at 10 am 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**

Bible study; August 19 study the word FAITHFULNESS
Meet at 9:30 A.M. at Community
Join us on **Tuesday, August 27** at Noon at Sioux Falls Ministry Center—225 E. 11th St. (former Stewart Building). Please meet at the church at 11:30 am to car pool to the Ministry Center. Sign up at The Link.
Any questions, please call 351-4202.
Sioux Falls Ministry Center is a non-profit organization providing a facility for Christian Outreach Ministries including: Center of Hope, Community Outreach, Compassion Child Care, CruCity, Destiny Clinic, New Haven, New Roots, Tapestry and Call to Freedom.

**Faith Circle**

will meet on Monday, August 19, 1:00 pm at church. Liz will lead our discussion on the Bible. Hostess: Dar Keizer

---

**Church Softball**

**Thursday, Aug 15**
8:30 & 9:30 pm (field F)
It’s the last game of the regular season! Come out to Sherman Park (by the zoo) to cheer Community on!

**Block Party**

**Sunday, Aug 25**
NOON-2:00PM
Best way to celebrate summer! Come for food, inflatables and Dakota Snow will provide snow cones. Invite your friends! Free to all.

**#ThisisCommunity Morning**

**Sunday, Sept. 8**
MORNING SERVICES
Want to find out what going on this fall at Community? Check out the booths set up in the lobby for more info about classes, volunteer opportunities & ministries you can be a part of at Community.
PRAYER REQUEST

- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle 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
- Bruce Gebauer (surgery)
- 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,
Wow! It has been quite a summer. I’m ready for the routine that the school year brings and the exciting “beginnings” here at church, but not ready to give up this gorgeous weather quite yet!

Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered to make the event for the school in Haiti a success. There are some really special people who poured a lot of time, energy and heart into that because they know what an impact it will have on the kids in Haiti. That makes me just overwhelmed with thankfulness! So many people came to support and give on that day and we are getting very close to funding the school completely. I can’t wait for the photos of kids learning in those finished school rooms to start coming to us from Haiti. Speaking of Haiti, a team is going in March of 2020 and we welcome you to join that team. Let me know if you have questions about that and I’ll get you connected.

We are off to a great start on filling in our list of needed Sunday School teachers. This commitment is a way to make a big impact on the lives of kids. Typically folks work as a team for a particular grade level so you can work out a schedule as a team to come every other week or even every other month. We try to take care of supplies and putting together materials so you don’t have a lot of prep with paper and supplies to take care each week. This helps teachers be able to spend a bit of time praying and reading up on the lesson before Sunday. If God is nudging you in that direction, please email me. If you aren’t sure, we can chat about what that might look like.

We still need teachers for:
- Sing N Sprout
- PreK
- Kindergarten

We need helpers for:
- 3 year old class
- Pre-K

We also like to keep a nice long list of substitute teachers available to make it easier for the Sunday School teachers and helpers to find someone if they need to be away. If you’re willing to be on that list, please let me know.

Parents of 3rd graders (and older): Community believes kids need access to God’s word, so we give Bibles to each 3rd grader. If your child is in grade 3 or older, please let us know how you’d like his or her name printed on the Bible by clicking “register” and adding the needed information by October 6, 2019. If you miss the deadline, don’t worry. We can still get a Bible and add their names. It just may take a little longer. Feel free to forward this email to help spread the word if I missed anyone. Click this link to enter the information or just email me with how you’d like the name printed on your child’s Bible: https://vbspro.events/p/events/bibles. We are giving out the Bibles during the 9AM AND 11AM services on 10/27/19 but you can get the Bible after that too.

We’ve got some schedule updates for this Fall. I thought it might be good to give you a heads up as the days start to get shorter and the school supply lists get longer. We’ll talk about it more as we get closer to Midweek time.

For Sunday mornings, the younger kids WILL still sing as part of Sunday School but the 1-4 grade won’t have singing time anymore on Sundays. They’ll have a singing option on Wednesdays instead. We’re going to try a new schedule for Midweek for the K-5 kids.
- Eating 6-6:30 (or 6:45 if not singing)
- Singing with Liz: 6:30-6:45PM (OPTIONAL)
- Class Time 6:45-7:15
- Large Group and/or Shepherd Only Time: 7:15-7:30
- Fun Zone: 7:30-8:00 (OPTIONAL)

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
(605)336-1475
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org
It was a successful “Appy Birthday” on Sunday! Thank you to Melanie Sittig for making over 1,000 mini cupcakes for the occasion!

SHOE DISTRIBUTION THROUGH SAMARITANS FEET
SATURDAY, AUG. 17
9:00AM– NOON
VOLUNTEERS REPORT @ 8AM

It’s back to school for many kids in August and to get families ready for this time of year, Samaritan’s Feet will distribute over 2,000 pairs of shoes at 3 locations. (Wesley UMC (east side), First UMC (central), Hayward (west side).

We could use your help, Community! Please consider volunteering at one of these 3 locations. It’s only a few hours and it makes a huge difference in the lives of these kids!

SIGN UP BY GOING TO THIS WEBPAGE:
www.samaritansfeet.org/siouxfalls

We welcome Justin & Kristy Goodwin to Community! They transferred here with their 2 sons, Ben & Cash. Justin works at Midco and Kristy is a float nurse at Sanford. They presently live in Harrisburg and attend the 11 am service. Welcome Goodwin family!

It was a successful “Appy Birthday” on Sunday! Thank you to Melanie Sittig for making over 1,000 mini cupcakes for the occasion!
INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service
OCT 6

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.

Pastor Clyde Teel
pastor@communityrc.org

Liz Teel
Director of Discipleship & Worship
Liz.teel@communityrc.org

John Thornton
Part-time Visitation Pastor
prayerline@communityrc.org

Holli Jans
Communications Coordinator
connect@communityrc.org

Heather DeWit
Director of Children & Youth Ministries
Heather.dewit@communityrc.org

Doyle Burnside
Part-time Senior High & Middle School Youth Director
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org

Sheri Brouwer
Part-Time Nursery Coordinator
Sheri.brouwer@communityrc.org

Lisa Blankers
Part-Time Financial Administrator
accounting@communityrc.org

Josiah Dunlap
Part-Time IT Coordinator

Aug 14, 2019