August and now the first week of school for some of our folks. I know...summer is working its way to a close, but I’m still holding on. Sunday evening felt so fall to me. It was such a beautiful night, but wow, did that feel like a fall evening. I went out to the air show on Saturday and watched the planes fly. It was such a nice day and just fun to do something very different. I have to tell you; those planes are just amazing. It will give you such a rush. I can’t imagine what that must be like to fly them. It reminds me that even though watching God work from the sidelines might be exciting, but it’s nothing in comparison to getting in there with him and doing it. Fall is coming...get in there Community...let’s see where God takes us this year.

This coming Sunday is our annual Block Party. It is a great Sunday to bring friends and introduce them to our community. There will be lots of fun things and great food. I hope we can get a good day...we can’t control that. See you all next Sunday at noon!

I mentioned on Sunday that the Haiti Mission group reached their goal of $8000 last week for the building of the new school in that country. It is such a great testament to the kind of thing we do here. I pray over all this so that God may bring these children to a place where they can learn and grow. I pray that opportunity will spring from that place and that as they learn seeds might be planted to allow them to see just how all of that was possible. God is working, but I know there is a lot to be done there. We are a part of that amazing challenge. May Jesus be praised!

We are all busy setting things in motion for our fall activities. I know there are going to be several new classes for adults this year.

Our midweek is still one of the best things we do around here. There will be some changes as Doyle is going to do both Middle and High school youth, but we are praying for a great year of growing together. It is a few weeks away, but it will be here before you know it!

Heather has been looking for Sunday school teachers as well. That program gets started here pretty soon. She said she only needs a few more to get all of that in place. If God is calling...call us! I like the ring of that! If you would like to do that or if you have questions look up Heather and make some plans together.

Saturday mornings at 7 there is a prayer group that meets out here. They have been faithful in that calling. Each and every Saturday they gather to pray. It’s not a large group but dedicated. It is another place to stay connected to the source. If you would like to join them just walk in and sit down. Everyone is welcomed!

Sunday is communion. We will be passing the plates again. That goes so much faster and I have heard lots of nice comments that you like that better. It will be a good day. We don’t do communion as much as many churches, but I do pray when we do it, it is not just one more thing we do, but rather a wonderful celebration and a day to remember.

Our message this week as we near the end of this series on the Holy Spirit will be one that brings our hearts near to God. I hope that happens. It’s communion day. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Saturday, Aug. 24
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Aug. 25
Noon-2:00pm– Block Party

Tuesday, Aug. 27
7:00pm– AA

Wednesday, Aug. 28
7:30pm– Summer Bible Study

FINANCES

Sunday, Aug 18, 2019

General:.................. $11,384
Vision: ..................... $2,725
Missions:.................. $240

General YTD: $489,727
Vision YTD: $124,114
Vision Account Balance: $101,683

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BOOK CLUBS
The morning book club will meet on Wed., Sept 18, (notice date change) at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing Dakota: A Spiritual Geography by Norris.

The evening book club will meet on Tues., Sept 17, at 7 pm at the Panera on Foss Ave. They will be discussing The Giver by Lowry.

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
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 11:30am 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.

#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.

OTHER FALL DATES
SUNDAY, SEPT. 16
First Day of Sunday School

SUNDAY, OCT. 2
First Night of Midweek
6:00pm – Supper
6:45pm – K-8th grade classes
7:00pm – Classes for adults
7:30pm – High School Youth Group
It’s good to be back in the office after a full two weeks of vacation! I was able to rest as well as catch up on several things that needed doing around my house. I also read several books and was challenged by some new learnings, one of which I want to pass along to you as a little challenge.

Right before I took my time off, I read an article about the differences between going on what Europeans refer to as “holiday” and what Americans refer to as “vacation.” I hadn’t realized it before, but these two terms are not interchangeable. In Europe, people often take a month-long “holiday” during their work year. During this time, they make an effort to be intentionally present to whatever they are doing while on holiday. They may take a trip to a new place, they may visit friends or family, they might even be home taking care of yardwork or other things, but they do not do their jobs. The point is that they are actively present in whatever they are doing. In its best sense, being on holiday means that you fully experience where you are and what you are doing while you are away from your job.

The opposite tends to be true in America. (I’m speaking from a general sense now.) In America, we tend to take a break from work by vacating our lives. We leave everything behind and try to forget about it. We try to schedule and participate in things that help us forget our work and responsibilities. That’s why we call it “vacation.” We even have Disney World where you can vacate your life by walking through a land of fantasy! Ironically, Americans fail miserably at vacating anything. How many of us, (myself included) have gone on “vacation” only to answer emails, phone calls, or text messages regarding work? And how many times have we gone on vacation only to remark that we need a vacation from our vacation?

The challenge I took from the article I read was to try to be more intentionally present during my holiday from work. Every day of my holiday, I was present with the people I encountered, the work I was doing, and even in the rest I was taking. What I noticed was that my time off was neither too fast nor too slow, and my body and soul were able to rejuvenate at deeper levels. I’ll admit it was incredibly challenging at times. My American version of “vacation” wanted to rear its ugly head a few times, but I kept reminding myself that I was on “holiday” and to be present. My challenge is for you to give it a try as we enter into these last days of summer. Intentionally be present to each day as it comes to you, especially when you’ve scheduled days off or if you get a day of vacation here or there. Labor Day is coming up, you know. It is my hope that by making this gentle shift in the way we view our days, we might find that God blesses our intentionality with a rest and strength that can translate into doing His work with even more energy and excitement. Give it a try!

Next week, I’ll be writing about what’s in the works for our fall scheduling including more information about Small Groups and Mid-Week! I’m excited for all that’s coming to Community this fall!

Have a great week!

Liz
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**PRAYER REQUEST**

- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurrey’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)
- Dorland & Shirley Schuld’s daughter-in-law
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Al Hoogendoorn (multiple health issues)
- Randy (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn’s son)
- Jackie Holleman
- Dave Sells (surgery recovery)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Cleone Groen (difficulty walking)
- Melanie Oden’s dad, David (motorcycle accident)
Hi Everyone,

My big update this week is that we still need some Sunday School volunteers! Sing N Sprout teachers usually teach around once per month if we find 4 teachers. For the other grades, typically folks partner up for a class 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 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.

We still need teachers for:
- Sing N Sprout- 2
- PreK- 2

Kindergarten- 1 more

We need helpers for:
- Pre-K- 2


Reminder for 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://vbsspro.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.

Also, another reminder of our schedule updates for this Fall:
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 Lesson Time 6:45-7:15
- Large Group Lesson and/or Shepherd Only
  Time: 7:15-7:30
- Fun Zone: 7:30-8:00 (OPTIONAL)

See you soon!

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DOYLE’S UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

The week is here. School is starting and a new routine will be taking place. As students, parents and teachers get going, join me in praying for the new year!

We will soon be in full swing on Wednesday nights, but before everyone gets going the high school group will have the place to themselves. We will meet for supper and youth group starting the first Wednesday of September (the 4th). We do have the first two weeks of September covered for meals. We are still looking for volunteers who are able to serve supper the final two weeks. If you are interested in serving the youth please email me and we can talk specifics! Thanks in advance!

This weekend is our back to school bash. After the church block party, the high school group will be meeting at church from 6:30-9:30. Students are welcome to come enjoy an evening together as we kick off the new year. Students are free to come and go as their schedule allows! Looking forward to a great evening together.

Middle school parents, I am working on a meeting and putting together the fall calendar as the school year gets going. Keep your eye out for an email from me with those details coming at the end of the week. If you haven’t been receiving my emails, please reach out so I can get your information updated in the system!

I’m looking forward to starting up Wednesday nights again. As we get going, please send any questions you have about the students ministries to me anytime.

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CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to MaryAnn Vander Beek for the recent passing of her mother, Susie Mesman. Our condolences also go out to Katie Goodwin for the passing of her sister.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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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.**