It still doesn’t feel like August, and this morning (Monday) it started to rain, and rain, and rain. Some people were saying 6 plus inches. Wow—that’s amazing. We are going to be seeing more green now for sure. I know this is not always the best thing to have to deal with, but no matter…we are going to have to deal with it. I know it’s not typical, but then again it’s South Dakota and we know all about that sort of thing.

Today I start with a reminder that we are going to back to 11am service on September 2nd. We gave that earlier time a try for the summer, but it didn’t really seem to make much of a difference. So we are going back. We learned that isn’t something that matters to folks. So...11 will be back in a couple of weeks. Help spread the word for us. At least if someone missing the announcement they will be early and that isn’t all bad.

Also I know Heather is on the hunt for Sunday School teachers. It is that time of year once again. There is always a great need there and I want to encourage folks to get involved in that. We have a great group of kids in this place and we are making a special effort to be one of the best churches in Sioux Falls when it comes to children’s discipleship. We have great people in place to make that happen and we always have terrific volunteers who offer so much to the program. We can do this and the kids are so worth our efforts.

The Block Party is this coming Sunday. There will be all kinds of things out here to do once again this year. I know there are fun things for the kids and of course some great food choices for the group as well. It is a great time to invite a friend or family to come along with you. You can come to church and then walk them right out the door for a little fun time. I’m looking forward to it. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate with us. I know Holli is praying for a nice day. 😊

We have all been working on plans for the fall and things are coming together nicely for us. Once MidWeek gets going we are planning a couple new classes for parents this year as well. One that will be on “social media” and another on parenting young children. We are trying to do as much as possible to give our families the best tools to be great families. I know there is no one program and certainly no “magic” fix, but we can bring some very quality people into the scene to give a little aid. I think it’s a good direction. We had so much positive feedback last year when we did that and we felt like to continue in that direction was only going to work to benefit everyone. I’m excited about what’s being planned!

Sunday the words of Paul will continue. I hope you are beginning to see what my goal has been in doing this series. I’m trying to promote the idea that we all matter to each other and certainly to the power of the kingdom. There are lots of great things that happen around here and I want that to grow. Together we can make that gospel message ring loud. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**August 27:**
- 9:00am— Corey & Molly Karmazin
- Amy Van Es
- Sue Harms
- 10:45am— Inrin & Helen Van Leeuwen
- Abbie Van Meeteren

**September 3:**
- 9:00am— Jeris & Maylene Van Zee
- Amy Smit
- 10:45am— Michelle & Ellie Wigg

**COFFEE SCHEDULE**

**Aug 27:** Dick & Jeanette Jennings
**Sept 3:** Jim & Kathleen Ludens
**Sept 10:** Daryl & Char DuBois

**THE LINK SCHEDULE**

**Aug 27**
- 9:00am— Chad & Diane McKee
- 10:45am— Karen Roetman

**Sept 3**
- 9:00am— Tom Van Roekel
- 10:45am— Lance & Robyn Niewenhuis

**GREETER SCHEDULE**

**Aug 27:**
- 9:00am— Jean Nollmann, Willard & Dar Keizer, Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
- 10:45am— Jean Nollmann, Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink

**Community Book Clubs**

**Morning Book Club** will meet Wednesday, Sept. 13th at 9:00am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing Sarah’s Key.

**Evening Book Club** will meet Tuesday, Sept 19, at 7pm at the Eastside Panera. We will be discussing Fahrenheit 451 by Bradbury.

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

**Faith Circle** will meet at church on Mon. Sept. 18th @ 1pm. Devotions: Dolly; Program: April Saufley; Hostess: Kathy Klein. Anyone welcomed.

April Saufley is a graduate of SDSU with a Doctor of Nursing Practice and is a Nurse Practitioner with Avera Transplant and Liver Disease. For the last 8 years she has been working in the area of organ transplant. She will be speaking on kidney, pancreas, and liver transplant and organ donation. April was born and raised in Sioux Falls and has an 8-year-old son Cole and a 4-year-old daughter, Aubrey.

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**Prayer REQUESTS**

- Rhonda Sells (recovering from surgery)
- Juanita Palmsa (recovering from back surgery)
- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Marilyn Bosch’s dad (hospice)
- Carolyn Odens’ sister, Colleen (recovering from car accident)
- Pete Valentine
- 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

Our condolences go out to Curt Zwart and his family for the recent passing of Curt’s mother, Carole. Please keep this family in your prayers.
August is more than half over, and next week we kick off our high school youth group activities for the fall! We’ll begin the year by having an evening of lawn games and ice cream sundaes. This is a great way to meet other kids from youth group (we have students from 10 different area high schools), and it’s also exciting to reconnect with each other after a long summer break! I’ve sent postcards with the following information, but here it is again:

- **What:** Sundaes and Lawn Games
- **When:** August 30 7:00-9:00 pm
- **Where:** The church lawn!
- **Who:** Any high school student

Please give me a call if you have any questions. I hope to see a ton of kids there!

Then the week after our lawn games activity, we’ll be starting our regular **Senior High Youth Group Meetings.** Beginning September 6, we’ll meet every Wednesday for supper at 6:00 pm followed by a lesson at 7:00, and we’ll finish up by 8:00 every night. I love these weekly get-togethers. It’s powerful to be able to chat with high school students about God and what it’s like to walk with Him in our every day lives. Again, here’s that basic information:

- **What:** Senior High Youth Group
- **When:** September 6, and all following Wednesdays
- **Time:** 6:00 pm supper, 7:00 pm lesson
- **Where:** The High School Youth Room at church
- **Who:** Any Freshman-Seniors in high school

Please contact me if you have any questions!

**Heather is working hard to find teachers and get things set up for Sunday School.** Remember Sunday School starts September 17 and will be here before we know it! Please seriously consider teaching Sunday School. I promise it will be a huge blessing to your heart!

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz

youthpastor@communityrc.org
Hi Everyone,

**Sunday School starts on September 17.** We need teachers. Our teachers get to teach as a team so that no one has to commit to every single week. It is a fun experience and a great way to get a front row seat to what God is doing in the lives of our kids. **Which of the slots below should have your name in it?** Pray about it then send me a quick email please. :)  

3 Year Old Class- Becky/Dane O and Shaun H  
3 year old Helpers- Cheryl W and ____________  
Preschool Teachers- Vanessa I and Bonnie F  
Preschool Class Helpers- Lizzie F and ____________  
Kindergarten Teachers- ________ and ________  
Kindergarten Helpers- Renae C and ____________  
1st Grade- Angi C, Barb N, Helpers Katie K and ________  
2nd Grade- Jen B and ________________  
3rd Grade- Jill P & Karen R & helper Marcia T  
4th Grade- Karen V and Laura M  
5th/6th Grade- Abbie Coffey  
Substitutes: __________, ___________ and ____________  
William V is going to help in the class we need him most too!  
Doug, Eric and Cheryl will do music for the preschool age kids again!  
Midweek: Laurel Shepherd K/1, Becky H Shepherd 2/3 grade, Mary B and April K Shepherd 4/5 grade, Karen R teaching for 2nd/3rd, still need one more Shepherd for K/1 and 2/3 and many teachers for K/1 and 4/5 :) 

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**CAMP “THANK YOU” MESSAGES**

We received a number of thank you notes from kids and parents of kids who attended camp this year. Community, thank you for choosing to support camp by telling families about camp and paying for a portion of having our kids attend. It has a large impact! Great job Community!

Here are some excerpts from some of the notes:

**Thank you!!!**

“Thank you for the fun time at camp. I can’t wait to go again!” -Student

“Thank you for letting us go to camp. My favorite part was the teepee shuffle!” -Student

“Thank you for helping me go to camp this year. I’ve never gone before and I was nervous but you all prayed for me and I had an awesome experience. My favorite part was getting to know the kids in my bunk group and growing in my faith by learning and worshipping and trying new things with people I didn’t even know before. Also, my counselor was the best ever.” -Student

“Thank you for support with helping our child go to camp this year. She loved it and it was great seeing and hearing her stories each day! She wanted to go back the next week” -Parent

“I loved Inspiration Hills. Thank you! I liked the zipline.” -Student

“Saddle Up camp was EPIC.I have always dreamed of riding horses and this was even better because I rode horses and learned about God and Jesus. The songs were really good and I can’t believe I got to have so much fun. I also learned during my quiet time with God and I’m not quiet very often so that was really good.” -Student

“Wow! What a great experience we had at Family Camp. We would recommend it to others. We were challenged to be Unashamed of the gospel (Romans 1:16) and to know and fee the grace given through Jesus. The team builders, chapel, TAWG (Time Alone With God) were all great. Thanks so much for investing in this ministry.” -Parent

“Thank you Community for making it possible for our family to send our kids to camp. It would be hard to financially make camp happen if it weren’t for the help of our church and it also helped me to realize just how important camp could be for my kids since church was willing to help. I saw so much growth in my kids and the way they talk about their faith walk. Thank you for helping to make that happen and for praying for the kids. Also, the letter they got from Heather is still hanging in their bedrooms. It means a lot for kids to know someone is praying for them.” -Parent
What’s Happening @ Community

Wednesday, Aug 23
7:30pm– Summer Bible Study

Saturday, Aug 26
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
Wedding

Sunday, Aug 27
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
10:10am– Elders meet
11:45am-2:00pm– BLOCK PARTY!

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

Thank you Community for the cards, warm thought and prayers during and since my back surgery. Surgery was successful and recovering is going well. I’m so blessed to have the support of an amazing church family!
Juanita Palsma

11 O’CLOCK
Service returning Sunday, Sept. 3rd!

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Starts September 17th @ 10:10am

MISSION OF THE MONTH
2017 Future Missions of the month:
Sept: The Banquet
Oct.: The Gideons
Nov.: Angel Tree
Dec.: Safe Families for Children Program (Bethany Christina Services)

BLOCK PARTY
Sunday, August 27
11:45-2:00pm
Free food, inflatables, balloon artists & the SDSU ice cream truck!

Finances at a Glance:
Aug 13, 2017 (no new data)

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Curious about what Community has to offer? Join us for our Kickoff/ Ministry Fair Sunday on Sept 10th from 8:45am-12:15pm. Check out booths for various ministries and be able to ask questions you may have. Flyboy Donuts are available that morning for all you donut lovers out there. 😊
Community Reformed Church
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August 23, 2017

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!

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.

Aug 27— Laura Maloney
Sept 3— Randy Grotenhuis
Sept 10— Mary Burggraaf

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