PASTOR’S UPDATE

We are into the last week of August. Labor Day is this weekend which typically is the last weekend of summer. I’m just not ready for that yet this year. I know there were lots of our folks out and about this past weekend as well. Everyone is trying their best to get one last summer-fun-packed-weekend in before all the fall activities get going. Area schools are in session and already there are sports things going. We have arrived at that time of year. I have all of my sermons done through the first of the year so, I guess I am ready. If you are traveling this weekend, drive carefully and enjoy that one last weekend at the lake or whatever it is that you do. I think I’ll do church.

Sunday, we did the Block Party. Holli was a little concerned about the weather and made some last-minute changes which turned out to be something that we might do all the time. Having the serving lines inside with seating is a pretty good way to get things done. So, that will probably stay that way each and every year from now on. The weather was nice to us and was perfect for the kids to just run and enjoy everything out on the lawn. We saw lots of faces I knew as well as some new faces I didn’t know. This takes a lot of planning and a lot of extra work to put together. I don’t know who all those folks were, but for those folks, a big thank you for helping put on a great day. I know for Holli, it is a lot of extra running and planning. It was a good day! Thanks everyone!

In two weeks, we do our annual “kickoff" Sunday, which is now becoming “#thisiscommunity Day”. It is that Sunday we set aside to fill the lobby with tables and have representatives from all the areas of ministry in the church. From midweek to Sunday school; we do it all.

There are plenty of areas to connect around here and you will see that. I know this year will have some new places for connections too. So, when you see the tables...check them out!

Sunday school will be starting shortly as well, and I do believe we still need some help in a few of the areas. Obviously, there will be a table up in two weeks, but it would be nice to have all that done before then. If you have questions about that, or if you want to know how you can help, contact Heather. She has been working lots of hours setting this all up for us. What we do there matters folks. We can use your help. Give this some attention!

Midweek is a month off, but it will be here before you know it. We have a number of new classes this year for adults. Each year, we continue to work on making this a great family kind of ministry and I do believe this is one of the best things we do around here. We need lots of help in the kitchen as we serve nearly 300 meals each week. There are some weeks where that number goes over 300. This is a big commitment for our meal teams. If you would like to help out for that there will be a table set up in the lobby on #thisiscommunity Sunday. Give us a hand! Midweek is awesome!

This Sunday will mark the final series on the Holy Spirit. I want to finish well. I am hoping for a kind of revival Sunday. I know it’s a busy weekend, but I’m not going to back away from that. It’s going to be a day to celebrate what God has done, is doing, and will do. The Spirit is working in every heart, in every life, and never stops...I’m not going to either. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
Events

#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
SATURDAY, SEPT. 21
Women’s Retreat – hosted by Liz Teel & Abbie Coffey
WEDNESDAY, 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Saturday, Aug. 31
7:00 am – Prayer ministry
(Chapel)
10:00am – Closed AA meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 3
7:00pm – AA

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

JOY CIRCLE
September events: (Please note changes)


Tuesday, September 17th @ 11:30am – Meet at Stenslands Falls Café. Tour of Falls Park and historic area by Kevin Cantz after lunch.

Monday, September 23 – Bible Study cancelled until Oct. 7.

FAITH CIRCLE
Faith Circle will meet on Monday, Sept. 16, 1:00pm at church. Liz will lead the discussion on questions we had on world events. Hostess: Dolly Hoogendoorn.

FINANCES
Sunday, Aug 25, 2019

General:...............................$13,639
Vision:..............................$1,125
Missions:...........................$175

General YTD: $503,366
Vision YTD: $125,239
Vision Account Balance: $95,416
As I promised in last week’s article, it’s time to start talking about a few of the things that are coming up for the fall schedule at Community! We’ve been working really hard on planning and preparing our ministries for the fall, and I’m excited about what we are going to be able to offer people of all ages.

First of all, starting in September, we are going to pilot a new Small Group Ministry at Community. On September 11 and 18 at 7:00pm, I’ll be hosting 2 identical informational meetings for anyone who is interested in learning more about this ministry. I have gathered a lot of information from different churches about small groups, and I’ve used that info to structure this ministry to include the best parts of several different ministries. So, if you’ve always wished that we had a more formal small group ministry at Community, I strongly encourage you to join us for one of the info meetings in September so you can see how we intend to try this new program. I don’t know if it will work, but I’m willing to give it a try!

Secondly, don’t forget about the Grief Group that will be meeting with its new cohort starting in September. The pamphlets with registration forms and meeting dates can be found at The Link and at The Corner, and your completed registration forms can be left on my desk. Remember this group is for men and women and is held over a 6-week time period. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Our Mid-Week schedule is coming together nicely, and I’m pleased to report that I have 7 different class options available for adults on Wednesday nights! Mid-Week doesn’t start until October 2, but I think it would be smart to get that on your schedules now. We all know how fast time flies, and October will be upon us before we know it!

And lastly this week, don’t forget about The Corner! During the 10:00 hour on Sundays, you’ll find me hanging out in The Corner with coffee and treats for anyone who wants to stop in with a question or to simply say “hi.” If you’ve invited visitors, feel free to bring them to The Corner for a quick introduction! The small setting is the perfect place to meet a few new people at a time and to ask any questions you might have about what happens at Community. Plus, the coffee is really yummy!

Have a great week!

Liz
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Hi Everyone,

The Block Party sure was fun on Sunday! Holli always does a great job of planning and coordinating that!

Like we talked about on Sunday, we still need some more volunteers.

**We need a Pre-K teacher.** We already have one awesome PreK teacher and I’m looking for another person to partner up with her. The curriculum for that age group is written and in the rooms with all of the supplies. We also try to have helpers in that room as well to be sure you have some extra hands. **We are still looking for 2 Pre-K helpers** so they can rotate weeks if they want.

**We need two more Sing N Sprout teachers.** We have 2 Sing N Sprout teachers already but we try to have 4 for that group to make the schedule a little more flexible. Teachers get a binder with the curriculum as well as a set of all of the CDs.

Please talk to me if you are interested and we’ll get you plugged in!

THE FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS 9/15/19 AND THE FIRST DAY OF MIDWEEK IS 10/2/19. We’ll be looking for Midweek volunteers soon as well.

See you soon!

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Consistory Meeting August 15, 2019
Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Attendance: Mark, Curt, Pete, Clyde, Tom, Jolene, Gerald, Nick, Michael D., Matt W., Rick, Jim, Matt M., Chad M. and Heather.

Matt W. opened the meeting with devotions. He read Joshua 1:9 and talked to us about stepping out of our comfort zone. Matt opened with prayer.

MSA of the July 2019 minutes

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

New Business:

Heather gave reports on the high school youth group, mid-week and Sunday School. There is a lot of planning and preparing taking place right now. Volunteers are needed to help with mid-week and teach Sunday School. Doyle has had good input from parents regarding the proposed changes in middle school and high school youth groups. He is still working out some of those details. Heather shared photos from VBS and how impactful that time was for the children and volunteers!

The Mission Haiti fundraiser was a huge success and along with donations from VBS, they were able to reach their goal of raising $8000.00 to build classrooms!

A lock box will be installed outside of the deacon’s counting room. This will allow anyone who takes in funds to be able to place them in a secure location.

Clyde and the office staff will draw names for care teams and email assignments.

Old Business:

Bob gave us a school/road construction update. Cost recovery will be $60,000 (this year) to connect to city sewer.

Carpet cleaning will take place on August 29th & 30th. We need 6 volunteers to help move chairs in the sanctuary. MSA via email to clean the carpet in the entire church.

Security cameras will be installed next week, help is needed to pull wires. Bob will be in touch via email.

The air handler above the kitchen has been acting up. Bob has looked in to repairs vs. replacement. MSA to spend $2566.00 to replace the condenser, this will be taken out of the Maintenance & Building Repairs budgets.

Dry wall repairs and painting will hopefully be done before mid-week starts. Bob has checked with several painters and everyone seems to be behind with their workloads.

Bob is in the process of diagnosing a problem with our current push mower. We may have to look into purchasing a new self-propelled push mower.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2019.

MSA to adjourn. Clyde closed with a time of prayer. Respectfully Submitted, Jolene Larson, Clerk
DOYLE’S UPDATE

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

The year has started and the fall calendar is starting to get underway here at Community. I’m looking forward to getting back into weekly gatherings Wednesday nights and continuing to grow together as a youth group.

High School
We kicked things off this past Sunday evening with the high school group. Students got together for a night of games, fellowship and some inflatables. It did start to rain some after the first hour so we did get pushed inside which changed some of the plans. However, it was still fun to get together for the night and build on the relationships in the youth group.

Our high school youth group will start up next Wednesday, September 4th. We will have a meal starting at 6:00 and then youth group will start at 7:00. We will wrap up by 8 in September. Students are welcomed to come eat anytime between 6 and 7 and hang out or come out just for youth group. We will be starting off our year in the Gospel again as we are reminded of the reason we get together. Our Wednesday night meals are covered so thank you to all those who have volunteered to serve the group in September.

Middle School
Our middle school youth group will officially start up in October with the rest of midweek. As we gear up for the year, I will be hosting a parent meeting for the middle school parents on Sunday, September 8th at 7:00 here at church. We will be looking ahead at the upcoming year as I go through a little of my vision, Sunday morning and Wednesday night plans, and discuss events for the fall. This is a great time to learn about the upcoming year and bring any questions you have for the middle school ministry.

I am looking forward to the year and partnering with everyone here at Community within the youth ministry!

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CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Tonya Matt for the recent passing of her mother.
This is also Eric & Alissa Matt’s grandma.
Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

THANK YOU!

Thanks, Community Reformed, for all prayers, cards and memorials we received in the passing of our mother, Annie Kramer.

The Kramer Family

Community Reformed Church

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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.**