Another week is gone! August will be history by this weekend! That almost seems impossible. I know that schools are going, and all those activities are happening, but it sure seems like August should be around a bit longer. These months just fly by! I guess we need to start planning for fall things and talking about what that means around the church. Things are going to be starting here very soon. It has sure been some amazing weather with the rain all the cool temps. It does feel already like September. I guess it’s time to just own that and move forward.

Sunday was a great day with the “Block Party” and the activities that go along with that. What a great work crew it was that did some much of the leg work behind all that! Holli put the pieces all together and folks pitched in to make for a great day on the lawn. It appeared that all went well, and I do believe it was a little larger group than last summer’s event. We are growing. I met several new folks during the afternoon who were checking things out. Good job everyone!

The ministry fair will be happening in a couple of weeks. The lobby will be full of people, tables, and opportunities to see all that goes on around here. It is the event that sets the stage for things this fall. It’s not something you will miss when you walk in that morning, and we want you all to check out the tables and get involved. We can’t do Community without you!

I wanted to put in a word about “The Corner”. Liz has had folks go to that area every Sunday. Some who are new and some who have been coming here for number of years. We want people to know that “The Corner” is also a place to go if you have ideas or questions about anything going on in the life of the church. We want a place for you to go for things that are on your mind. Yes, it is certainly a place for new folks to connect, but it is also a place to gather to offer your ideas and ask some good questions. So far, we are seeing some good positive things happening. We even had a couple of other churches ask us how that works because they are trying to create something like this as well. Connecting people is a challenge for many churches that are growing.

We move on through the series this week from the book of Ephesians. This week we move to chapter two. In this reading we are going to discover Paul once again talking about grace and works. Let’s remember this is an ongoing emphasis in Paul’s writing because he missed God in this very place. All of his duties and all of his efforts did not bring him into a relationship with God. It was a meeting...it was the beginning of the deep connection with the God who loved him through the person of Jesus Christ. A new birth of relational grace came to be. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

PASTOR’S UPDATE

THE COMMUNICATOR
August 29, 2018

NURSERY SCHEDULE
Sept 2: 9:00am—
Corey & Laurel Feenstra
Melinda Kissell
LaDonna Freiborg
11:00am-
Doug & Sharen Harms
Randi VanDerSloot

Sept 9: 9:00am—
Jeris & Maylene VanZee
Robyn Niewenhuis
Lorena Sazama
11:00am-
Brad & Katie Kennett
Michael Dick

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Sept 2:
9:00am– Harlan & Judy Van Meeteren
11:00am– Ross & Jolene Larson

Sept 9:
9:00am– Gerald & Deb Teunissen
11:00am– Jerralynne Tjeerdsma

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Sept 2: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
Sept 9: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
Sept 16: Daryl & Char DuBois

GREETER SCHEDULE
Sept 2
9:00am–
Stan & Elaine Deelstra
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands
Ron & Juanita Palsma
11:00am–
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Willard & Dar Keizer

Sept 9
9:00am–
Gary & Connie Parmley
Dennie & Helen Robinson
Doug & Sharon Harms
11:00am–
Donna Humme
Myron & Kathy Garrels

I’m pleased to report that The Corner is having its intended effect! I’ve had several people stop in these past two weeks to find out more information about church membership, classes, and general church information. I expect these last weeks of summer to be a bit slower in The Corner, but after Labor Day, my intention is to have hosts join us for, hopefully, increasing numbers! If you are willing to bake goodies for The Corner, or if you are willing to be a host for a week, please let me know!

Our Ministry Fair is ever closer, and around the office, we are getting our handouts and flyers ready! The Ministry Fair is when we take time to draw attention to as many ministries as we can through a celebration type atmosphere in the lobby. The fair will be held Sunday, September 9, and you’ll be able to sign up, register, grab handouts, ask questions, and chat with people who are a part of the many and varied ministries we have at Community! So when you get to church on September 9, be sure to check out all of the tables in the lobby!

I’ve had a few people ask me about when Mid-Week begins. Mid-Week, which is our Wednesday night ministry for everyone (babies through adults) begins Wednesday, October 3. Trust me when I say there will be more information available as we move into the fall season. Keep an eye out! Maybe come to the Ministry Fair. :-)

I’ve begun to have meetings for each section of the worship bands. It’s been good to connect with each of the players and to have an intentionality about how we’re helping others enter into worship. I’m still looking for a few more singers who might be willing to help with worship. If you’re interested, send me an email at liz.teel@communityrc.org.

By the time this newsletter goes out, I should have copies of my new worship CD in my hands. I can hardly believe it! Thanks again to everyone who has been so supportive about the upcoming release concert and album! It’s less than 2 weeks away!

And speaking of that release concert, several of you have asked about tickets. Tickets are available by calling the at the church office, by contacting me or my sister on Sunday mornings, or they can be purchased through Eventbrite.com. Tickets are $15, and the seating is general admission. I hope to see many of you there!
Hello everyone!

School has officially started! It has been a great two weeks as the planning stage comes to an end and things are beginning to pick up! Our parent meeting a few weeks ago went well and I am thankful for those who were able to make it and the input that was given. Along with that, our first high school youth gathering was this past Sunday. It was a great time getting to meet students, have some fun, fellowship, fire and for me to start learning names. I’m pretty sure I got most of the names before everyone left on Sunday night.

There is only a week left before our high school group starts up on Wednesday nights – September 5th. We will be having a meal starting at 6:00 which all students are welcome to come and eat/hang out before we officially start at 7:00. As we begin our time together, we go to the beginning of the Bible as we look at the creation story. Yes, basics and a story many of us have heard growing up, but one that brings a lot of power and glory to our God.

September’s highlight of the month: High school Photo Recreate. On September 23rd we will be having a night where students get sent around town in teams to remake photos I have taken with a few people. The goal is to find the right spot, and have students recreate the poses we have done. At the end of the night we will go through everyone’s photos and have a small prize for the winning team! I will need some adult drivers set up for this night, so if you are free and wanting to partner with me for the night let me know! Finally, I ask that you continue to pray with me for our students, and the beginning of this year.

Doyle Burnside
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org

Do you love working with kids?

Community is hiring 2 nursery coordinators to work in the nursery 2-3 Sundays a month, a few special services and Wednesday nights during midweek. Coordinator needs to be 18 years old. $14.00/ hour. If you are interested please contact Sheri at 605 261 2153.
Hi Everyone!
I hope you are having a great week so far.
My page this week is a series of reminders, upcoming events and lists.

**Sunday School starts on Sept. 9**

**We still need some teachers:**
- Sing N Sprout (for Toddlers)- 1 more teacher (we have 3 already)
- PreK helper: 1 more
- 1st Grade Teacher- 1 more needed (we have 1 already)
- 2nd Grade Teacher- 1 more needed (we have 1 already)
- 5th Grade Assistant

See you soon!
- Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

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**Urgent**

Wanted for Sunday School by Sept 9:

Magazine photos clipped or torn out of:

- Children and Babies (a bunch!)
- Animals and Insects (birds, pets, wild animals, farm animals, bugs of any kind)
- Plants
- Water
- Homes
- Sky (sun, moon, stars, clouds)
- Land (dirt, grass, mountains)
- Dark and Light (night sky, flashlight, lamp)
PRAYER REQUESTS

- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Pete Valentine
- Nathalie Baker (seizure disorder)
- 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)
- William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Gloria Wierda. Laura Maloney’s mom (stage 4 breast cancer)

PRAYER GROUP MEETS AT 7:00AM ON SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL. EVERYONE WELCOME!

MISSIONS

THE GIVE
Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries. We’ll highlight 4 each month.

Mission Haiti— new or gently used bed sheets (any size) & backpacks

Operation Christmas Child— School supplies

LSS OF SD— sand toys, matchbox cars, blocks

The Banquet— stainless steel dinner forks, dinner knives and teaspoons.

MISSION OF THE MONTH:
The Banquet

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

FAITH CIRCLE
Faith circle will meet on Monday, September 17, 1:00pm at church. Our guest speaker will be Laurel Buwalda, Chaplain at the Prairie Center. Hostess: Kathy Klein

JOY CIRCLE
Sept 10— Bible Study at 9:30am in Community’s fellowship hall. Word to be studied is HOPE.

Sept 17 @ 1:00pm Dow Rummel Village Rose Room at 1321 Dow Rummel St.
Mary Jo Jaqua and her therapy dog, Spirit. Mary Jo will be speaking to us about Therapy Dogs International which is based in New Jersey. Mary Jo is the past director of the local chapter and now acts as an evaluator for this program. Yes, Spirit, her long coated German Shepherd, will be there as well.

Finances at a Glance:
Sunday, Aug 26

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LOOKING FORWARD

MINISTRY FAIR
SEPT 9 | 8:45am – 12:15pm
LOBBY AREA

Wanna 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.

1ST DAY OF
SUNDAY SCHOOL
SEPT 16 | 10:10AM
CHILDREN’S WING

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NIGHT
SEPT 19 | 6-7PM

MIDWEEK STARTS
OCT 3 | 6-8PM
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, Sept 1
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Sept 2
10:10am– Adult Sunday School (chapel)

Monday, Sept 3
Labor Day– Office Closed

Tues, Sept 4
7:00pm– Open AA Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 5
6:00pm– H.S. Youth Group Starts

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
Morning book club Wed, Sept 12, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on MN Ave. We will be discussing The Gate by Stouten.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Sept 19, at 7pm at the E. Panera. We will be discussing The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

New participants welcome. Book Club Contact Trudi Nelson 371-3512

SENIOR CITIZENS
Meet at the E. Pizza Ranch on Sept 10 @ Noon.

AA BIG BOOK MEETING
Every Tues at 7pm at Community– Open meeting. Use east door. Every Saturday at 10am Closed (Addicts/Alcoholics only) meeting.
THANK YOU

Our condolences go out to Norm DeHaai for the passing of his wife Phyllis.

Our condolence go out to Brett Blankespoor for the passing of his mom.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Thank you Community, for all the support & enthusiasm for the Love Lexi Fund at the Sanford Children’s Castle. The $2,500 raised at VBS will be used to buy gifts for kids at The Castle. It’ll make lots of kids happy! Thank you!

Love,
Lexi

The family of Phyllis De Haai would like to thank the Community Reformed church family for their kindness and care during her final journey. We are grateful for the support provided through cards, food, personal visits, prayers and many other expressions of Christ’s love. Thank you all.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Tanner & Larissa Corbin on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Rose, on Aug. 28!
REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

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