Pastor’s Update

We have just finished off the month of July. I feel like there was just a lot of things going on through the month. I liked that! This summer has been full. I think you all understand exactly what I am saying. We can get so busy and then the time just flies. I see there are already things going on with school activities. I guess the summer is winding down. It has been so nice to see the cooler air. It sure does feel a bit like fall doesn’t it? I love that! I know there is still a great deal of summer left so don’t worry about that. I do hope you are all getting a chance to enjoy the summer. Get it done! It will be soon past.

VBS Vacation Bible School. We are getting ready for the week that is ahead. We start next Sunday night! We have more students registered early than any other year so it appears as though this thing is going to be amazing. Karen Roetman found a whole pile of great things for decorations and fun displays so the place is going to look amazing. The band is ready to play! Liz is ready to lead us! Heather has things lined up that should prove to be exciting…we are just waiting for you to arrive. We still need some help! Give us a call! God is on the move!

Voice of the Martyrs is coming on the 12th. I have said much about this already, but I am still hoping you can attend. I just feel like this is such a great opportunity for us in many ways. I know it will be something very special in your faith walk and a new place for you heart to contemplate. It will be a full/fast day as they have lots of different speakers and media presentations going. Make plans to be with us and help us get the word out.

August 16 is the annual church picnic at Cherry Rock park. Bring your picnic items as join us there for an evening of connections. If you need more information you can check things at the Link or call the office. This is gathering we have done for a number of years to try to connect the church after a busy summer. It is always enjoyable. If you can fit that in to your busy schedules…come on over!

Then The Block Party to will be following on the 27th. That is at church. We have a number of things coming for that. The Inflatables will be on the lawn and some really outstanding food choices as well. This is a way to bring a new family or some new friends into the life of this church. We know the kids love it, but it also proves to be a good thing for all of us to sit around the tables and visit. We don’t always see everyone around and this is a good way to get that done. Great things happen when you put people and food together.

Once September gets here it will be time for Kick-off Sunday and we are off into all the things for fall. Gordon Mote will be doing a concert here in October…you’ll be hearing more about that in just a couple of weeks. Let me just say, we have done some great planning for our church family and we hope to give each of you choices and opportunities to grow closer as a church family and deeper in your faith. It is going to be a great few months ahead.

Sunday…Seth Sundstrum is filling in for me. I’ll be here to get things started on Sunday morning and then Seth is going to bring the message. It will be great! He is a very fine preacher. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
August 6: 9:00am—
Jose, Laura, Emma Maloney
10:45am—
Jamie Van Sloten
Leslie Cleveringa

August 13: 9:00am—
Jodi & Shelby Ackerman
Barb Niessink
10:45am—
Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Aug 6: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
Aug 13: Joel & Lisa Blankers
Aug 20: Steve & Becky Lee

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Aug 6
9:00am—Gerald & Deb Teunissen
10:45am—Tom & Robin Jacobs
Aug 13
9:00am—Harlan & Judy
Van Meeteren
10:45am—Ross & Jolene Larson

Union Gospel Mission love gift this month is canned fruit. Please place your donations in the designated bin by the main lobby doors.

GREETER SCHEDULE
Aug 6:
9:00am—Stan & Elaine Deelstra
Tom & Amy Bosch
Donna Humme
10:45am—Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

Aug 13:
9:00am—Dave & Trish Mayer, Rich
& Carolyn Odens, Aric & Heidi Blom
10:45am—Ken & Susan Vos,
Larry & Gloria Smyrak

August Mission of the month is Lunch Is Served
Lunch Is Served, Inc. is a nonprofit with the unique mission of delivering simple sack lunches for working men and women who are attempting to break the chains of poverty and hunger. In 2014, Lunch is Served, Inc. provided more than 28,000 lunches to the working poor in our community!

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
Evening Book Club will meet Tuesday, Aug. 15th, at 7pm at the eastside Panera. They will be discussing The Illusion of Separateness by VanBooy.

Morning Book Club will meet Wednesday, Aug. 9th, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing Lip Reading by Kraus.

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

Faith Circle will meet at the Pettigrew House and Museum on Monday, Aug 21, 1:00pm. Reservations are needed by Aug 15 so please RSVP to Connie, 275,0030 or connie.parmley@yahoo.com

The tour will take an hour. There is an elevator available. Dessert and coffee at Falls Park afterwards. If you would like to invite a friend, we would love to have them join us.

Senior Citizens will meet at the East 10th St. Pizza Ranch on Mon. Aug 14th @ noon.

PRAYER REQUESTS
Join us for a time of prayer on Saturdays from 7am-8am at church.

- Juanita Palsma (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)
- Kids attending summer camps
- Natalie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Terry Mayer’s mom, Rose (stroke)
- Chelle McMurray’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)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (surgery)
- Annetta Wiese
As we approach the first part of August, I find my brain starting to go into full planning mode for fall programming at Community. I love the fall! I relish the constancy of the schedule and the fact that I get to spend time with students on a more regular basis. Bring on the fall!

VBS starts this Sunday! Heather has everyone in place for a fantastic week! This is seriously one of the best things we do at Community. If you’ve never been to VBS, I highly encourage you to swing by for an evening. When you hear the children sing, watch them learn, and see them play in the power of the Holy Spirit, you will be changed. I can easily say that VBS weeks are some of the best growing weeks for my personal spiritual walk. Child-like faith is on display, and it is beautiful! Come join us! VBS is August 6-9.

Tomorrow (Tuesday), I leave for Valley Fair with a group of over 20 high school kids. We’ll be taking a bus to Shakopee for a day of riding roller coasters and eating fried food. It’s always a fun trip, and this will be a good way for kids to connect with each other before the beginning of the year.

The high school youth group also will be having a pre-youth group activity night on August 30. We’ll be meeting at the church for an evening of lawn games and ice cream sundaes. I’ll be sending a postcard out to the kids about that. If you have a student who will be in high school this fall, please let me know so I can add him or her to my mailing list!

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,
Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org

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Great Books for a Great Cause!

Our nursery is ready for some new books! You can buy some great books for yourself AND the nursery will get free books too! Follow this link: [https://16816.myubam.com/758263](https://16816.myubam.com/758263)

There are educational books, engaging books for many age groups, Bible stories, book collections, and more. They make great gifts!

Sharon Schuster was kind enough to plan this Usborne Book fair to help us get some new books for the nursery. Thanks Sharon!
Heather’s Update

Hi Everyone,

VBS is almost here! Please be sure to invite some folks to join you. If you haven’t signed up your child yet, please do so. If you aren’t able to come to VBS to see the action, please take some time to pray for all that is happening at VBS and that the kids, parents and volunteers “get a little God on them!”

We still need more help for VBS. Please take a moment to find where you can help. There is a table at church to sign up or sign up online. vbspro.events/p/community

We still need:

- Another Games Assistant (to help with the K-6 grade games)
- Another Registration Person (to welcome and check in children)
- Another nursery person (to play with our smallest kids)
- Another snack coordinator (to help prepare and serve the food)
- Our clean up crew! (to take down all of the decorations and clean up)

Please let me know if you can bring food. For snacks we still need:

- 20 bananas
- Clear Cups– Package of 50 (around 8-12 ounce size)
- 25 containers of strawberries
- Tube Yogurt (like GoGurt) 5 more packages of 8

Here’s what we’ll be learning at VBS:

- Sunday Bible Point: God made you.
- Monday Bible Point: God is always with you.
- Tuesday Bible Point: God will always love you.
- Wednesday Bible Point: God made you for a reason.

I’ll see you soon! -Heather DeWit  Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

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VBS Schedule

**K-6th Grade**

6:00-6:30 Opening in the sanctuary
6:30-6:55 Go to first station
6:55-7:20 Rotate to second station
7:20-7:45 Rotate to third station
7:45-8:00 Return to the sanctuary for closing songs/prayer

Copies of the full detailed schedule will be at the registration table.

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VBS Schedule

**3 year olds-PreK**

6:00-6:30 Opening
6:30-7:30 Lesson, Craft, Games & Snack will rotate
7:30 Parents pick up little ones in the classroom

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VBS Schedule – Sing ’N Sprout

6:00-6:30 Opening with the rest of the kids
6:30-7:30 Parents and Little Ones in Nursery for Activity

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**Pray for Our Campers**

We have a few campers at Inspiration Hills in the weeks to come. Please pray for them! If you want to write a letter or postcard to the campers, address envelope with: Child’s name & camp name & week #, Inspiration Hills Camp, 1242

July 31– August 4– Brynn B, Maesa B, Sawyer H  August 11 week the Blom Family is at Family Camp
What’s Happening @ Community

Wednesday, Aug 2
7:30 pm—Bible Study

Thursday, Aug 3
6:30 & 7:30pm—Softball (Sherman Park, Field G)

Saturday, Aug 5
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, Aug 6
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
6:00-8:00pm—VBS starts

Monday, Aug 7
6:00-8:00pm—VBS

Tuesday, Aug 8
6:00-8:00pm—VBS

Wednesday, Aug 9
9am—Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN)
6:00-8:00pm—VBS
7:30pm—Summer Bible Study

Thursday, Aug 10
7pm—Elders
8pm—Consistory

Finances at a Glance:
July 30, 2017

General: $10,636
2017 Weekly Goal: $15,033
Ahead/(Behind): $(4,397)
Vision: $1,305
Missions: $145

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 7/30/17

Year-To-Date Offering: $454,435
Year-To-Date Goal: $466,026
Ahead (Behind): $(11,589)
Year-To-Date Vision: $186,371

Vision Account Balance: $91,990

Pick up the 2017 Community Directory at The Link or stop by the office during office hours.

The Voice of the Martyrs
ADVANCE CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Community Reformed Church
6800 E. 41st St., Sioux Falls, SD 57110

Register for FREE at:
VOMAdvance.com
800-747-0085

www.SamaritansFeet.org/WesleyUMC

Students grades K-5th can receive one new pair of shoes at one of the three locations. Volunteers will spend time with each shoe recipient by washing his or her feet, placing a new pair of athletic shoes and socks on them, and encouraging them. Sign up online or call the church office 336-1475.

What's Happening @ Community
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 6— Pete Mellema
Aug 13— Gerald Teunissen

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!