Pastor’s Update

The final days of August are now upon us. It has been a very fast month, but certainly a full one around here. We started off with Bible School and that was a great way to get things going. I have had a few weddings this month as well...so it’s been busy. The weather has been just fabulous. The rains have come and now things look so green. It feels a little more like fall now as well, and I guess it should because fall is just around the corner. School has started for many of you and the Sioux Falls schools will get going in full swing next week. I guess summer is coming to an end. I am hoping for one of those long fall seasons. I love those!

Let me start off first by offering a big thanks to those who were involved with the “Block Party” on Sunday. I know that Holli put in a lot of planning to that event, but she seemed to have a great crew of people around her helping. I saw chair people and cooks and pop people and cleanup crews...it all looked very well put together. It was another great event for us at Community. I met a number of new families on Sunday who have small children, as that event seems to draw a lot of those people. It was a good day!

I know that Heather is gearing up for the fall in that Sunday School area. I am pretty sure there are still a number of areas that she is needing some help. Teachers are always the most valuable part of that planning season. If you are wondering about that or have questions, ask Heather. She has this all planned out to perfection and the work load is very minimal as she has laid this all out so well for all those teachers. We need your help. Go Community Go!

I wanted to also share this week that our friend, Rhonda Gebauer, who has been doing the decorating around the church is stepping back from that this fall. She will be greatly missed. I think we all appreciated the little extra touches that she would put forth for all the seasons. It seemed like every Sunday there was something new to look at. She also did a fabulous job with the live planters at the front doors as well. It is a big job and one that does make a difference in the life of this place. I guess we are looking for new decorator or even a team of those...she’ll be a tough act to follow. Thanks Rhonda for a job well done!

I’ll be going back to Burke this weekend to do a wedding there for a long time family friend. The Sutton ranch is hosting a cowboy style wedding for their daughter Rehme and we were asked to be a part of the event. It should be a lot fun! That means I won’t be in church on Sunday morning, but everything is all planned out. Laurel Buwalda will be our guest speaker for the morning. She works as a chaplain at the Avera cancer center and goes here to church with her family. She will do a great job! The young people are doing the praise music for you on Sunday, so when they ask to you to sing...join in. 🤗 It should be a great morning for all of you. We’ll talk more next Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
September 3: 9:00am—
  Jeris & Maylene Van Zee
  Amy Smit
11:00am—
  Michelle & Ellie Wigg

September 10: 9:00am—
  Corey & Molly Karmazin
  Darren & Tracee Ellwein
11:00am—
  Brent & Sue Dekker
  Amanda Wielenga

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Sept 3: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
Sept 10: Daryl & Char DuBois
Sept 17: Steve & Becky Lee

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Sept 3
9:00am— Tom Van Roekel
11:00am— Lance & Robyn Niewenhuis
Sept 10
9:00am— Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
11:00am— Mark & Pat Koll

Hope Circle will meet Sept 19th at Carol’s. Lesson: Jeanie.

GREETER SCHEDULE
Sept 3:
9:00am— Dan & Kathy Carlson, Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen, Jerralynne Tjeerdema
11:00am— Ross & Jolene Larson
  Bert & Marcia Groeneweg

Sept 10:
9:00am— Carl Tonjes, Randy & Gail Grotenhuis, Donna Humme
11:00am— Carl Tonjes, Bert Roetman

September Mission of the month is
The Banquet

The Banquet meal ministry was founded in 1985 starting with just one meal per week. They now serve 13 meals per week at two locations. The Banquet is a volunteer-based ministry, which means our meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area.

Community Book Clubs
Morning Book Club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 13th @ 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.

Joy Circle will meet at church at 7pm on Sept. 18th. Please study Lesson 7.

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

Join us for a time of prayer on Saturdays from 7am-8am at

- 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
- Cami Kuchta
- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Terry Mayer’s mom, Rose (stroke)
- Chelle McMurry’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
- VanWyhe Family
We are finally back to Senior High Youth Group meeting on Wednesday nights! This week we’ll have 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!

September 6 we’ll meet for supper at 6:00 pm followed by a lesson at 7:00, and we’ll finish up by 8:00 every night. I’m so excited to get back into the regular rotation of fall activities! Here’s that information again:

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!

I’m in need of a couple of people who might be willing to cook supper for the high school youth group. We meet at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays. Currently, I am looking for volunteers to cook for us on September 6 and September 27. We’ll be sure to reimburse you for the cost, and we aren’t picky eaters! If you would be willing to cook for us, please contact me!

Remember Sunday School starts September 17 and will be here before we know it! Please seriously consider teaching Sunday School. It is such a great way to help out with a life changing ministry here at Community. If you are willing to teach, or even if you just want more information about what that would entail, please contact Heather. She makes it easy. I promise. 😊

I hope everyone has a blessed Labor Day weekend! Be sure to take a rest from your labors!

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org

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MENTORS NEEDED!

Mentors needed! The purpose of the Friendship Ministry is to nurture the spiritual growth of people with intellectual disabilities. Mentors often find that they learn as much as their friends and receive more than they give. Our class begins in October and runs through April, 7:00 – 8:00pm on Monday evenings, meeting three times each month. There is no lesson preparation involved. A typical evening begins in the sanctuary with group singing, prayer, and a Bible story prepared and given by one of the Friendship leaders. We end each evening in the fellowship hall with one-on-one mentoring reviewing the lesson and then social time with refreshments. If you are high school age to adult, we are looking for additional mentors for the upcoming year. Please contact Lori Meyer at 940-5268 or calbmeyer@midco.net if you are interested in volunteering as a mentor for this program. Our class begins September 25 and runs through April, 7:00 – 8:00pm on Monday evenings, meeting three times each month.
Hi Everyone,

I had a fabulous time at the Block Party this past weekend. It was good to see many familiar and new faces there. Holli does a great job of coordinating that whole event to make it a fun and welcoming experience for guests and those of us that have been around for awhile. Thanks for all of your work to make that happen Holli!

Sunday School starts on September 17. We need teachers and helpers.

Here’s what you need to know about teaching Sunday School at Community:

1– Being part of Sunday School is a great way to make a difference for children here at Community in a way that will last!

2- Our teachers get to teach as a team so that no one has to commit to every single week.

3– Very little prep time (besides reading the lesson) For the Kindergarten through 3rd grade classes this year Trudi N is writing curriculum and doing all of the prep work. Trudi is really talented and shares that gift with us. Thank you Trudi! Abbie C takes care of all lessons for the 5th and 6th grade and they learn so much! Thanks Abbie! That just leaves the 3 year olds, Preschool and 4th grade for me to prepare for so that means you as a Sunday School teacher don’t have to do any of the prep for lessons! You just come teach.

4-I’m always here to help and provide support if you have questions or ideas.

So that just leaves one question- Which of the slots below should have your name in it? Pray about it then send me a quick email please. :) 

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

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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– Amber N and ____________
Kindergarten Helpers– Renae C, Maylene, Delores P
1st Grade– Angi C, Barb N, Helpers Katie K and Laurie O
2nd Grade– Jen B and Jenny V
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, Chelle M and Carl T are teaching for 4/5 still need one more Shepherd for K/1 and 2/3 and many teachers for K/1
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**September 2017**

**Wedding**

- 7am – Prayer Ministry
- 10:10am – Elders meet
- 7pm – Baptism Service

**Labor Day**

- Office Closed

**MINISTRY FAIR**

- Noon – Seniors at E.
- 10:10am – Elders meet

**School 1st Day of Sunday School**

- 1pm – Faith Circle
- 7pm – Joy Circle

**Hope Circle (Carol)**

- 7pm – Hope Circle

**Pizza Ranch**

- 7pm – H.S. Youth Group Starts

**Wedding – H.S. Youth Group**

- 7:00pm – H.S. Youth Group
- 7am – H.S. Youth Group
- 10:10am – Elders meet
What’s Happening @ Community

Wednesday, Aug 30
7:00-9:00pm—H.S. Youth Group Lawn games (church lawn)
7:30pm—Summer Bible Study

Saturday, Sept 2
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, Sept 3
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)

Wednesday, Sept 6
7:00pm—H.S. Youth Group Starts
7:30pm—Summer Bible Study

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Starts September 17th
@ 10:10am

SENIOR/ADULT MINISTRY

Seniors will meet
Monday, Sept. 11th at
the E. 10th St. Pizza
Ranch at noon.

Finances at a Glance:
Aug 27, 2017

General: $14,212
2017 Weekly Goal: $15,033
Ahead/(Behind): ($820)
Vision: $1,621
Missions: $130

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 8/27/17
Year-To-Date Offering: $514,371
Year-To-Date Goal: $496,092
Ahead (Behind): ($11,786)
Year-To-Date Vision: $200,483
Vision Account Balance: $97,723

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welcome

We want to welcome the following members who recently joined the Community family.

Justin and Angie Hinks and their son Wesley live in Tea, SD. Justin is an analyst for Furniture Mart and Angie works for Avera as a coder for Avera Heart Hospital. They attend the 9 am service. Say Hi to the Hinks.

Derek and Britney Maassen live in Sioux Falls where Derek is an Administrative Assistant principal for Laura B Anderson and Rosa Parks elementary schools. Britney is a Quality Control Analyst for Wells Fargo Bank. They also requested baptism for Aviana Hope. Welcome to Community.

Tim and Tracy Kurbis/Kearney who live in Sioux Falls also have joined the Community family. Tim is designs and equips livestock equipment for farmers specializing in hog and poultry equipment. Tracy is a recruiter for the Sanford hospital system. We are happy you are with us.

Sam and Samantha Young have joined the Community family as they also requested baptism for William. Sam works in research for Avera Health systems (you ask him for his area of research). There were too big of words for me to remember! Samantha works at AMaVO Boutique clothing and lifestyle. They also live in Sioux Falls. Welcome.

Cole and Brittney Nelson are joining the Community family as they also request baptism for Grayson. Cole works for Brandon Plumbing and Heating and Brittney works evening at Cherry Creek. Don’t forget Kaden who is also a part of the family. Welcome to the Nelsons.

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. 😋
August 30, 2017

Community Reformed Church
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Sioux Falls, SD 57110

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.

Sept 3— Randy Grotenhuis
Sept 10— Mary Burggraaf

Join us for worship at 8am, 9am or 11:00am. Deaf Interpreting available at 9am service. Check us out on the web: www.communityrc.org or like our Facebook page!