Things are nearly in full swing at church. With September comes the beginning of many of our fall activities. Sunday school will be starting this coming Sunday. So, we are getting there. We are going to leave the tables set up in the lobby for a couple more weeks to allow folks to sign up for things. As I mentioned on Sunday, it takes a lot of people to make this all go. I hope you will all consider lending a hand. It is God sized work that we do here which means we can’t do it without His presence in your life. Something about that sounds really awesome! Check out those tables.

Sunday school starts this week and Heather said she is short one person for the 3-year-olds. I’m just going to trust there is a person who will feel that tug and put their name in. I believe it is like once a month commitment. Sunday school continues to be an important ministry we do around here. I am so humbled by those of you who dedicate your time to making this work. You are planting seeds my friends. Blessing on all of you. We will be taking a little time this coming Sunday to pray over those teachers and helpers.

We are going to also take a little time on Sunday to highlight our nursery. I believe we have some of the finest people working in those rooms. It’s staffed by professionals. They really are! I want to recognize that on Sunday and give you all an opportunity to see who they are and then as the year moves along we are going to work on making that ministry even better than it already is by utilizing the abilities of those young ladies. I want to also encourage you to sign up and take turn in the nursery. You will be making a difference for those young families on Sunday mornings.

October is coming, and Midweek is just around the corner. There are sign-ups at the table in lobby for the kitchen work groups. Take a look at those!

Also, we have some great adult class activities planned for that evening. I think you will all be able to find something for a good bit of growth. There are some great presenters doing classes. Liz will be doing an informational meeting this week Wednesday and next Wednesday for folks interested in small groups. She has all the pieces in place. Over the past years we have heard from a number of you that you would like to see this happen. This is our answer to that call. If you are interested in those check this out on these Wednesday get-togethers as well as stopping in to see her in “The Corner”.

Choir members: It’s coming! We are going to getting that going on October as well so start making plans for that. We have a really fine group of singers and I do so hope we can add to those numbers again this year. We are going to change the time this year for rehearsal to get done a little sooner in the evening. We are hoping that will work better for the younger singers with families. We also do nursery for that program as well. We are trying our best to accommodate you all.

Sunday, we begin a new series. We are going to look at Old Testament characters and then see how their stories and how God uses them reveals who the coming Messiah was going to be. God is never silent. He is a revealer of truth. Our first story is Abraham. What does that story tell us about the coming Messiah? We’ll talk more on Sunday have a great week!
SMALL GROUP INFO NIGHTS
WED. SEPT 11 & 18
7:00PM
Community is launching small groups this fall! Want to find out more? Join us for an info meeting on Wed. Sept. 11 or 18th @ 7 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY, SEPT. 15
First Day of Sunday School

WOMEN’S RETREAT
SATURDAY, SEPT. 21
9:00am – Noon
Hosted by Liz Teel & Abbie Coffey

OH DEER! 20 YEARS!
SUNDAY, SEPT. 22
Oh deer! Clyde has been here for 20 years! We’re celebrating with donut holes and kind words. Join the fun by writing him a note or bringing a card on 9/22/19.

MIDWEEK LAUNCH
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, Sept 11
6:00pm– H.S. Youth Group
7:00pm– Small Group Info Night

Thursday, Sept. 12
7:00pm– Elders
8:00pm– Consistory

Saturday, Sept. 14
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Sept. 15
10:10am– Sunday School starts

Monday, Sept. 16
1:00pm– Faith Circle

Tuesday, Sept. 17
7:00pm– AA
7:00pm– Hope Circle
7:00pm– Book Club (E. Panera)

Wednesday, Sept 18
9:00am– Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN Ave)
6:00pm– H.S. Youth Group
7:00pm– Small Group Info Night

FINANCES
Sunday, Sept 8, 2019

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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 (NEW)
Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries.

Union Gospel Mission– regular coffee
Operation Christmas Child– School supplies
LSS of SD– Board Games or Legos
Community Youth Group– old cell phones

MISSION OF THE MONTH: The Banquet

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.

HOPE CIRCLE
Hope Circle– Sept.17th at 7:00pm. Hostess-Carol. Helen has the lesson.
LIZ’S UPDATE

Adult Discipleship/Worship

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I’m excited to have our first Small Group Ministry informational meeting this week at Community! Remember, 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. You will not have to make a commitment at these info meetings. The idea is that you can simply learn more about how this ministry will work. The last day to include your names for small groups will be September 25 at The Draw. I’ll literally draw people at random to form the small groups at that time, and then you’ll have the rest of the time to meet each other and chat about your group. Although childcare will not be available for the informational meetings, it will be available at The Draw. If you have any interest at all in learning more about small group ministry, I strongly encourage you to attend one of the informational meetings. I’ll answer any questions you might have, and my hope is that you’ll have a full understanding of my vision for this ministry. I hope to see many of you there!

So, mark your calendars, invite a friend, and join us for a morning of spiritual growth! You can sign up at The Link, The Corner, or by contacting me or Abbie. We hope to see you September 21!

And by now you’ve probably seen that we are going to be celebrating Pastor Clyde’s 20 years of service at Community! Even though he’s my dad, I think it’s pretty incredible to have watched the same pastor be faithful to God’s calling so diligently for 2 decades. It is rare gift to be able to be led by the same pastor so well for so long. On September 22, we will be having donut holes during the 10:00 hour, and you’ll be able to visit with my dad and leave him notes and cards! And let me just say that my dad loves those handwritten notes. So, if you want to do something a little extra special that day, take some time to write him a thank you! He is a gift to us, and I am excited to see how God intends to keep using him to impact the Kingdom in, around, and through us.

The next Women’s Retreat is drawing ever closer. Abbie and I will be leading this Women’s Retreat on Saturday, September 21 from 9:00-noon. This is the third of three retreats we’ve facilitated on the topic of happiness. The beautiful thing about these retreats is that you do not need to have attended the previous retreats in order to participate in each retreat individually.

Have a great week!

Liz
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PRAYER REQUEST

- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Cheille McMurey’s dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Bruce Heinen (Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law) lymphoma
- Diane Johnson (liver disease)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Al Hoogendoorn (multiple health issues)
- Randy (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn’s son)
- Jackie Holleman
- Dave Sells (surgery recovery)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Cleone Groen (difficulty walking)
- Melanie Oden’s dad, David (motorcycle accident)
- Gary McCann (spine surgery 9.6)
- Bruce Gebauer (carotid surgery 9.5)
- Penny & Bill Stolle, Shanda Hay’s mom and step dad (serious accident)
Hi Everyone!

Sunday School starts this week!
If you have an infant or toddler, head to the Nursery at 10:10 for Sing N Sprout. If you have a 3 year old or Preschooler, join Doug, Eric and Cheryl for singing time in the Children’s Wing at 10:10 and those kids will head to their classrooms at 10:25 after singing. If you have a K-5 child, their classrooms are in the Children’s Wing. Youth Sunday School happens in the Middle School and High School rooms.

We still need two more Sing N Sprout teachers. You don’t have to be a “teacher type” or a musician to be great at this class! The parents help to make it fun and the other teachers are awesome so they can show you how it is done. We already have 2 but we like to have 4 teachers for this group to make scheduling even easier. Sing N Sprout meets in the Nursery at 10:10 and is for parents and their toddlers. Teachers introduce musical instruments, Bible lessons, songs and movement activities. The curriculum and CDs are given to each teacher to keep and the curriculum is an easy to use binder that has everything you need. We’re fortunate to have the trainer for Sing N Sprout attend our church and many experienced teachers so if you aren’t sure about how to teach the first time, you can watch a class or two or we can connect you with a trainer.

THE FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL IS THIS SUNDAY (9/15/19) AND THE FIRST DAY OF MIDWEEK IS 10/2/19. We’re starting to look for Midweek volunteers too: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CACAA2EABFB6-midweek2

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LOST RING
Stampede hockey ring with “Grandpa Joe” printed on one side and the score of the game on the other. If found, please contact church office (336-1475)
DOYLE’S UPDATE

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Our first night of high school youth was this past Wednesday and it was great to be back together for the fall. We are starting the year off with the gospel and the way it speaks to who we are. This first week we focused on Creation and spoke on the value, purpose and authority we have been given as people. Our life has a purpose and we hold value not because of something we have done to earn or gain it, but because of the one who has created us. I’m excited to continue to dive into the gospel this month as it sets the stage for the rest of the year!

Coming up in September, the high school group will be having an event on the 22nd here at church. The theme of the night will be clue and there will be a variety of group challenges/games throughout the church. I’m having fun with the creative side of the event and am looking forward to getting together for a night of fun.

For middle school, I do need to apologize. I got my days crossed last week, and our parent meeting was actually this past Sunday (the 8th). I am thankful for all those that were able to make it and apologize for any confusion with the dates. Middle school parents, I have sent out a recap of the meeting along with a calendar and overview of the fall. If you have not been receiving my emails, please let me know and I will make sure to check and update my email list.

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Our middle school group will have its first gathering on Wednesday September 25th. It will be a great time to get introduced to myself, my wife, and a few of the sponsors who will be joining the middle school room for the year. We will meet from 7:00 – 8:00 Wednesday night and finish the night with some large group games and fellowship. Then on October 2nd, meals and youth group officially start.

One final note: as I transition into adding the middle school role here, there was a need to change the way Wednesdays were scheduled. After some conversations with staff and parents we have agreed to set up the following schedule for a trial run. Starting in October, our middle school group will be starting at 6:45 along with the children’s ministry. I will be with the middle school students from 6:45 – 7:30 and then my wife and the sponsors will be taking over with some small group/game time until 8:00. The high school group will then be meeting from 7:30 – 8:30. Students are still more than welcome to come early for supper and time hanging out as a high school group.

I’m excited that things are kicking off and am looking forward to partnering with the middle and high school students and parents this year. If you have any questions, feel free to send them my way anytime!

Doyle Burnside
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September 21 : 9am-Noon

Women’s Retreat

I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Lookin’ For

The Happiness Factor
Session 3

Free Admission

Be sure to sign up and bring a friend!
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.**

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?
Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased on a Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our vision fund at church.

INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Baptism Service**
OCT 6

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