THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR’S UPDATE

It has sure started to feel a little more like fall. I do enjoy this time of year as you all know. I have noticed a few of trees are starting to make their way into the fall colors as well. I am quickly moving in that direction. I have some fun things planned for the fall, so I am hoping we can have a nice long season. I am never ready for winter, but I am always ready for fall. Things are starting to pick up around the church too, so yes, it’s time to get my mind wrapped in all that was well. Here we go!

I want to start with a huge thank you to everyone who came out to see Liz on Saturday night. I know it meant so much to her see that kind of support. It was a good night. I have to admit it was a very different night for us. We have never seen Liz in concert...not like that. When it is just her and piano on a stage. It was very nice. CD’s are available at church and I think you would all enjoy one of those. I can assure you there are a couple of those songs that can really speak to you.

Sunday school starts this week! I have heard we have all the teachers in place. That is not a small feat to accomplish. Thanks Community for stepping up and involving your lives in this way. We absolutely cannot run this kind of program without you. We are still looking for MidWeek help as that all gets going in about 3 weeks. I know...it’s hard to believe we are at that point in the year. I have all the confidence that all of that will come together as well.

The “Ministry Fair” was a huge success as well! Those tables will be set up for a couple more weeks for you to check things out. As I expressed on Sunday, for me that morning is such a celebration of all things we do around here, and it speaks to the size and scope of the programming here. It is an active place with many opportunities for service! Good job everyone!

I know we are still looking for help in the nursery folks. I know we get busy and forget about getting involved there, but I want to remind us all of just how important that ministry is. Sheri is still looking for one more coordinator there. Give that some thoughtful prayer or even pass that word along if you know of someone who might be interested in making a little extra money this fall. We could sure use the help!

We have seen some good things come out of “The Corner”! So far what we see happening there are people stopping in to share ideas, connect for the first time, and those folks just needing a little extra direction. Liz has generated a place for people to be ministered too, and it is working. Pray that it becomes even more and that as a tool that “space for grace” keeps growing.

You may have noticed we have some new Community T-shirts again this fall. They are designed around this year’s fall sermon series “The Boat Rocker”. I am really excited about the content of these message and the way this has all come together. This Sunday we need to put Jesus in a boat and turn up the wind! We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE
Sept 16: 9:00am—
Matt & Eric Weerheim
Chris & Briana Behrens
11:00am—
Ryan & Emily Van Deraa
Kate Hansen

Sept 23: 9:00am—
Daron & Sherri Van Beek
Grant & Leslie Boltjes
11:00am—
Matt & Kristy Mouw
Leslie Cleveringa

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Sept 16: 9:00am—
Stan & Elaine Deelstra
11:00am—
Darren & Tracee Elwein

Sept 23:
9:00am—
Bonnie O. & Bruce W.
11:00am—
Mark & Pat Koll

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Sept 16: Daryl & Char DuBois
Sept 23: Steve & Becky Lee
Sept 30: Denny & Sue Brunsting

GREETER SCHEDULE
Sept 16
9:00am—
Dan & Kathy Carlson
Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
Gerald & Deb Teunissen
11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Larry & Gloria Smyrak

Sept 23
9:00am—
Den & Deb Meyer
Jeris & Maylene Van Zee
Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
11:00am—
Bert Roetman
Duane & Rhonda Niewenhuis
LIZ’S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

In last week’s newsletter, I promised to give more information about the adult Mid-Week classes we’ll be offering this fall. Before I get to that, I just want to make a short note about Adult Sunday School classes. Because we are so limited for classroom space on Sunday mornings, we currently only have 2 adult classes, and they both meet in the chapel. Parent Connection meets in the main chapel area, and John Thornton teaches an adult class in the chapel overflow area. Remember Sunday School starts this week!

Mid-Week begins October 3rd this year, and I’m really excited about all of the adult class options we’ll have.

Pastor Clyde will be teaching a class this year which will focus on particular books of the Bible. He also plans to do some of his studies on Christian books.

Josiah Dunlap will be leading a 9 week study of Financial Peace University. This course focuses on giving, saving, and debt reduction from a Biblical perspective.

Trudi Nelson will be leading a study based on her findings as she wrote a Sunday School curriculum for 3rd graders. She was amazed at all she learned as an adult and will be sharing that with an adult class at Mid-Week.

Andrea Dick will be leading “Our Beautiful Purpose” for young women. Discussions will focus on issues like identity, self-worth, friendships, fears, calling, and purpose.

And as I’ve mentioned before, I’ll be leading “Just Ask” for the first several weeks of Mid-Week where participants will be encouraged to “Just Ask” any questions about God and faith. And I have other ideas in mind for the following weeks too. Be thinking about joining us!

WORSHIP

My friends, I must take some time in my article this week to sincerely thank all of you who came out to my release concert last Saturday. We had nearly 400 in attendance, and a huge contingent of that group was from Community! It was a powerful blessing to me to be able to share that music with so many people I know and love. And the days leading up to the concert were filled with constant words of encouragement and support. It was a truly humbling experience.

I also had many people praying over that concert! People were praying for my health, the sound system, the weather, those in attendance, the band, and for the logistics of the night. Friends, I felt the power of those prayers, and I could not have done it without them.

God was present that night. The Holy Spirit was thick in that room. And I know God was moving among those in attendance, touching hearts and helping people to know how much He loves them. It was incredible to be a part of it!

I also want to thank those people who helped with all of the details leading up to and during the night of the concert. It takes a village to pull off an event like this! You know who you are. 😊 Thank you for all you did!

I do have some CDs left for sale, and you can purchase them anytime just by finding me at church. There were also a few t-shirts left, so you can let me know if that interests you as well.

Digital copies of the album will be available for download on Amazon and iTunes on October 8 for those of you who prefer to go that route.

I promise this will be the last I’ll say about this album for a while, but I could not let the weekend go by without saying a huge thank you to everyone for all of the love and support!!! I’m excited to get to work writing new songs for a second album! 😊
Hello again!

This past week was our first Wednesday night and it was so great to get started. I want to say a huge thank you to Joel and Lisa for preparing and serving a meal for the night!

We started in the creation story, and while there are a ton of questions we could ask and attempt to answer, I steered away from some of those and focused on three things we can learn from the creation story. First, God is creator. Second, we as people were created set a part from the rest of creation and have value as we were made in the image of God and given authority over the earth. Finally, we spoke on the importance of community and how we were not created to be alone. This week was the first night sets up the whole picture of the Gospel or Good News of Jesus Christ! This week, we will be going on to chapter 3 in Genesis as we talk about the fall and address the question - what is wrong with the world?

I have added a snapshot of the fall calendar for the high school group. While there will be more information to come, and some possible changes, this gives you a glimpse of what the fall will look like. If you have any questions or would like to know more feel free to reach out through email or phone. That’s all for this week.

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Hi Everyone!

Sunday School starts on Sept. 16!
Please join us. You don’t need to sign up in advance. Just come at 10:10. This year the 3 year olds through 5th grade will all start in their classrooms and end with singing. This is a change from in the past and I think it will be great!

Midweek is coming soon! We need Shepherds for the K/1 Grade kids and the 2/3 Grade kids and we need lesson teachers which can be done weekly, monthly, quarterly or just once. To sign up you can go to https://goo.gl/djrLqP or visit our table in the lobby. You can also call or email me if it is easier for you.

I gave you an update last week on my own health but already I have a change of plans. The surgery I was supposed to have has been cancelled and my team of doctors is working on what comes next. It may be a referral to Mayo or another group of doctors but God has it all figured out! I’ll keep you updated when I know more. Thanks for all of your kind words and prayers.

See you soon!
- Heather DeWit
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Wanted for Sunday School:
Magazine photos clipped or torn out of Children and Babies

Community believes kids need access to God’s word, so we give Bibles to each 3rd grader. If your child is in grade 3 or older, please let us know how you’d like his or her name printed on the Bible.

You can either:
Visit https://vbsspro.events/plevents/Bibles click “register” and add the needed information or stop at the Sunday School/ Midweek table in the Lobby at church.
PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pete Valentine
- Natallie 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)
- Dree Mayer (infection)
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Dean Kruen (cancer)
- Joe Johnson (cancer)
- Lori Hein’s mom, Joan (heart)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Spring Mayer Wright (brain surgery 9.19)
- Michelle Wigg
- Arlene Clyde (health issues)
- Heather DeWit
- Jenny Van Roekel (kidney complications)

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 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.

HOPE CIRCLE
Hope Circle will meet Tues, Sept 18th @ 7pm. Hostess– Carol. Lesson– Helen.

Finances at a Glance:
Sunday, Sept 9

General: $19,246
Vision: $2,801
Missions: $430

General YTD: $432,764
Vision YTD: $135,052
Vision Account Balance: $91,300
LOOKING FORWARD

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

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
MONDAY’S STARTING
SEPT 17 | 7:00pm
CHAPEL
The study is a current events class which has a different topic each week. You do not need to come to each and every class. We discuss the topic in light of biblical passages and reflect on how to understand God, ourselves, and how to live.
Men of all ages are welcome!
For any questions, call John Thornton. (595-5744)

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NIGHT
SEPT 19 | 6-7PM

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept 12
6:00pm– H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Sept 15
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting
Wedding

Sunday, Sept 16
10:10am– Adult Sunday School (chapel)
10:10am– Sunday School Starts

Monday, Sept 17
1:00pm– Faith Circle

Tues, Sept 18
7:00pm– Open AA Meeting
7:00pm– Book Club @ E. Panera

Wednesday, Sept 19
6:00pm– M.S. Parent Night
6:00pm– H.S. Youth Group

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
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 October 8 @ 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.
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.

NEW T-SHIRTS

Grab a new Community t-shirt or one designed specifically for Clyde’s new sermon series “Jesus The Boat Rocker”. They will be for sale in the lobby for the next few Sundays. Adult sizes $10; kid sizes $5. Cash or check only please.
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, November 11 @ 3pm.**

INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

FALL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS
SEPT 16

MIDWEEK STARTS
OCT 3

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.

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