Kickoff Sunday is in the history books now and September is nearly half finished. We are marching right on into the fall. I am starting to see some of those signs like fields turning and some of the trees starting to show their colors. I think we are all amazed at the change of seasons. It really is one of the best parts of living in this part of the country. We also don’t have to deal with hurricanes. I am very happy about that. Although, blizzards and tornados are nothing to sneeze at. I guess we all have to learn to deal with whatever comes our way. It is the stories that make up our lives.

I did get home last weekend. I did get to see a number of the folks back there that I don’t get to talk too as much. It was a good time, but I as said on Sunday I didn’t get to stay as long as I wanted. I needed to get back for my friend Hank’s visitation. I have gotten to know a lot of people around here in very special ways. I don’t like when they leave us, but I do understand that this is all a part of the larger plan that I am not always fully able to grasp. I know I have lots of you out there that have gone through your lives with questions too. It is a part of this broken world. Together we can get to the next day.

Thanks to all those who did so much work on the “Ministry Fair”. I know Holli and Heather did a lot of the set up, but I’m sure there were others behind the scenes that I don’t know. It was a good day. Remember, those tables will be set up for awhile longer so there is still time to take a look at all the opportunities we have here to connect, grow, and learn. There is always room for more, but not a lot of room. We are filling the place. Isn’t that something? I think we are going to have to get very creative with our space in the coming months. We can do that! We are actually pretty good at that.

We’ve done it before...we can do it again.

I did put in a short word Sunday about the Christmas choir that will be starting up in a couple of weeks now. We really do have some great material lined up for the concert and we have contracted with a great writer to write a piece of music for our choir. Commissioning it is called. I think that is pretty special. I am pushing us to get 80 voices in that choir. I know they are out there. Go Community Go!

On Sunday morning, we did a little something for the 60th anniversary and it opened up an idea from someone in our church that is going to plan something more for that. It is a pretty exciting “something”. I won’t break the news of just what it is right now, but keep focused because more will be announced later. That should have built some suspense!

Gordon Mote tickets are for sale now too. I have heard from lots of you that you were hoping he would return. Well...let’s get those tickets purchased and bring some friends. He really brings a great program. I hope lots of you who haven’t seen him will come and join us this year. It’s not often we get to hear musicians of the caliber up close and personal. You will love it!

Sunday is the start of the new fall series on “God Questions”. We often wish God would give us more answers. We are the ones who seem to have all the questions, but this series is about what God asks. It will give us a forum to discover God’s heart for His creation and His people. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
September 17: 9:00am—
Logan & Chelsea Veurink
Tyler & Laurel Wolf

11:00am—
Arlan & Mary Burggraaf
Grace Maciejewski

September 24: 9:00am—
Eric & Jamelee Van Donge
Matt & Erin Weerheim

11:00am—
Spence & Rachel Larson
Tiffany Young

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Sept 17: Steve & Becky Lee
Sept 24: Joel & Lisa Blankers
Oct 1: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Sept 17
9:00am– Stan & Elaine Deelstra
11:00am– Darren & Tracee Ellwein

Sept 24
9:00am– Angeline Lavin
11:00am– Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

GREETER SCHEDULE
Sept 17: 9:00am– Gary & Connie Parmley,
Doug & Sharon Harms, Ron & Juanita Palsma
11:00am– Jerralynne Tjeerdma,
Duane & Rhonda Niewenhuis

Sept 24: 9:00am– Stan & Elaine Deelstra,
Dennis & Helen Robinson, Chad & Diane McKee
11:00am– Donna Humme, Larry & Gloria Smyrak

Faith Circle will meet at church on
Mon. Sept. 18th @ 1 pm. 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.

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

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

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
Morning Book Club will meet Wednesday, October 11th @ 9:00am at the
Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They
will be discussing The Fault in our
Stars..

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 par-
ticipants. Contact Trudi Nelson at 371-
3512 for more information.

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

- Rhonda Sells (recovering from surgery)
- Laurie Long (knee surgery)
- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Marilyn Bosch’s dad (hospice)
- Rachel Halverson’s mom, Jan (heart surgery 9-6)
- 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 McMurrey’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
- Trenton Bass (football injury)

Our condolences go out to Jerry & Lorena Sazama for the passing of Jerry’s mom, Wanda.
Also, condolences go to Brianna Behrens for the passing of her dad. Please keep these families in
your prayers.
Senior High Youth Group got started last week, and we had a fantastic night! It was good for my heart to get all of the kids back again for a meal and a lesson. I love that we have so many different high schools represented in this youth group. It’s a great way for kids to get to know kids outside of their own schools. We have the same thing this week; supper at 6:00 followed by a lesson at 7:00. We’ll finish by 8:00, and it’s definitely ok to come late. Remember friends are always welcome!

I’m also working on our first fun activities of the new school year for Senior High Youth, so keep an eye on your mailboxes for postcards about those events! Right now I’m working on plans for a traveling supper, and looking at dates for the Corn Maze. I’ll keep you posted!

Attention singers! We have a pretty phenomenal church choir here at Community, and we are looking for people who would be willing to join us this fall in preparation for our Christmas concert! This year is extra special because we have commissioned a piece to be written in celebration of Community Reformed Church’s 60th Anniversary. Dan Goeller, who is the writer, arranger, and conductor of Christmas at the Cathedral, and has arranged and worked with the likes of Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant, has been working on a brand new Christmas piece for Community Reformed Church! He’s an exceptionally gifted writer, and I’m incredibly excited to hear his new piece written especially for us! We would love to have an 80-voice choir this year, so if you love to sing, and you are willing to come for rehearsals, please join us! Choir will begin on October 8 and will run every Sunday evening from 6:00-7:30 pm. We have childcare available if needed. Our performances will be December 10 at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Again, if you love to sing, please join us! You won’t regret it. 😊

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org

DON’T FORGET.

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,
Thank you to all of the people that signed up to teach and help this year! Teachers and helpers, remember that I’m here if you need anything!

We also could use one or two more substitute teachers so if you are willing to be available for folks to call if they need help, please let me know. That doesn’t happen often because our teachers usually team up so they can share the responsibility of teaching but I like to have a list just incase.

Sunday School starts on September 17. Join us!
You don’t need to sign up or anything. Just come the first week. It is also ok if you can’t make it every week. Just come whenever you are able to be there.

10:10 am Sunday School starts with:
- 3 year olds and PreK in the Children's Wing for singing with Eric and Doug
- K-4th Grade in the Fellowship Hall for singing with Liz
- 5th-6th Grade go right to their classroom in the Children’s Wing unless they want to do singing.
10:20 all kids wrap up singing and head off to their classrooms in the Children’s Wing
10:50 Sunday School ends

I’ll see you soon!  -Heather DeWit

Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

Midweek doesn’t start until October 4 but you can add it to your calendar today. Also, I also want to ask if you might be willing to help with Midweek on Wednesdays.

6pm– Meal is served
6:30-7pm- “Fun Zone” in the Children’s Area for K-5 grade kids. This is a chance for kids and volunteers to play, laugh and connect with one another before class.
7-8pm– Our weekly K-5 Bible lesson is a great way to learn about how much God loves us while we are having fun. We ask questions and jump into the Bible with science, art, cooking and service learning lessons.

We need volunteers to play with, talk with and supervise kids from 6:30 to 7 during Fun Zone. Please email me if you can do that!
Fun Zone: ________________, ________________, ________________, ________________

We need Shepherds to connect with kids each week (or every other week if preferred):
Grade K/1 Shepherds: Laurel F and Keith M
Grade 2/3 Shepherds: Becky H and ________________
Grade 4/5 Shepherds: Mary B and April K

Lesson Teachers
Karen R is teaching for 2nd/3rd every week
Chelle M and Carl T are teaching for 4/5
We need many more teachers for the K/1 group. We like to have 5 or 6 so that we can rotate. You can tell me what kind of lesson you like most and we can plug you in on those weeks or you can pick and choose the weeks you want. Let me know if you are interested.
K/1 Grade Teachers: ________________, ________________, ________________, ________________
Wednesday, Sept 13
7:00pm—H.S. Youth Group
7:30pm—Summer Bible Study

Saturday, Sept 16
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
Wedding

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

Monday, Sept 18
1:00pm— Faith Circle
7:00pm—Joy Circle

Tuesday, Sept 19
7:00pm—Hope Circle

Wednesday, Sept 20
7:00pm—H.S. Youth Group

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Men’s Bible Study starts Monday,
Sept 18th @ 7:00pm. Led by John Thornton.

NEW

Coming this fall...
Saturday Men’s Ministry—
October 14th from 9am-Noon.
Led by Gary McCann.

Missed the Ministry Fair on Sunday?
The tables with info will be set up again this week. Check it out!

Men’s Ministry

6 women, 4 questions, 2 hours.
These groups of 6 will meet once a month at someone’s home or
at church for Oct-January.

The overall goal? To create a
space for women to gather,
share a simple dessert and dive
deep with other women over
real stories & Christ centered
conversations. (Acts 2:46)

Interested in joining?
Sign up during the Ministry Fair!

Missed the Ministry Fair on Sunday?
The tables with info will be set up again this week. Check it out!

MONTHLY MISSION

September Mission of the month is
The Banquet

Gordon Mote, talented musician
and pianist, is coming to Community on:
Saturday, October 21st
@ 7:00pm

Tickets are $10 and can be purchased through the church office
(336-1475) or on a Sunday morning at
The Link information desk.

Finances at a Glance:
Sept 10, 2017

General:.........................$13,462
2017 Weekly Goal:.........$15,033
Ahead/(Behind):............$(1,570)
Vision: .........................$3,935
Missions: .......................$380

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 9/10/17

Year-To-Date Offering: $549,964
Year-To-Date Goal: $556,224
Ahead (Behind): $(6,259)
Year-To-Date Vision: $208,123
Vision Account Balance: $97,747

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, Sept 24 @ 3pm.
Community Reformed Church
6800 E 41 Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

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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 17—Doug Harms
Sept 24—Jolene Larson

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!