**PASTOR’S UPDATE**

We have into the last half of the month of September. It is going quickly. It has been a busy month so far as we continue to put the final pieces on things for the fall. It was a crazy week of weather too. Tornado and floods! I remember telling everyone I wasn’t ready for fall and that summer could hang on for a few more weeks, but that’s what I meant! I do hope as the water goes down that people can get this lives back together again. There is a lot of damage around Sioux Falls and some of that is going to take a long time to fix. We can be thankful no one was seriously injured, but that doesn’t mean it didn’t hit some folks pretty hard. Be praying that all this gets taken care of and people don’t get too down. Fall really is coming and we should be getting done with this crazy weather…I won’t hold my breath on that statement. We do live in South Dakota!

Sunday was our first day of Sunday school and Heather was reporting that it is huge. Those little kids are everywhere. They are having to adjust a couple of classrooms this week just to accommodate the rush of children. That is pretty awesome. I know those first couple of weeks can be a little frustrating but be patient…good things take time. Thanks everyone for helping out back there. The work you do is more valuable than you may know. These are important moments in kid’s lives and you are right in the middle of all that.

Liz and Abbie are doing a women’s morning retreat again this Saturday morning starting at 9am. I know lots of you have done this before and they are hoping you will take this one in as well. I’m sure there are some important moments planned. Don’t miss this! Bring a friend!

This coming Sunday is being set aside as a 20-year marker for my ministry here. I will say much more about that in next week’s newsletter, but I want to say this week, it has been a faith journey for sure. Lots of changes in 20 years. Lots of people who we no longer have with us after 20 years. Many changes in all of our lives in those 20 years. Many new folks who cannot possibly know all that has happened. It will be a good day to remember. I hope you can all be here to celebrate our time together.

MidWeek is just around the corner now and I know we need more help with kitchen things as well as teaching things in the kid’s area. We have a lot of great adult classes this year as well so look all of that over and take in some of these great learning opportunities. MidWeek is still the very best way to get connected to the life of this church. I am doing a class this year on things that people believe about Christianity that are not true. It is amazing how some of those things find their way into the church. For those who are confused by the title “The Myths of Christianity” …I’m not saying Christianity is a myth… I mean there have been things down through the ages that have not been so biblical. It should be a fun class and hopefully very informative.

This week we move our attention to Moses the great deliverer. Is there a Jesus component to the story of Moses? Some of that is very obvious, but there may be more to it than first meets the eye. We want to build this idea on each consecutive Sunday, so we want to look at what we learned this past week and then take it one step more. We are looking for our Messiah. What does this all say about who Jesus is and what he came to do? We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

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**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

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Bob & Katie Deelstra |
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| Sept 29 | 9:00am | Mike & Angie Boyenga  
Kim Knochenmus  
Jordan Lipp |
|       |       | Leslie Cleveringa OPEN |

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Doug & Sharon Harms  
Ron & Juanita Palmsma  
Donna Humme  
Ken & Susan Vos |
| Sept 29 | 9:00am | Jean Nollmann  
Dennis & Helen Robinson  
Nic & LaDonna Frieborg  
Bert Roetman |

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This week’s Eight Days newsletter will be a bit later than usual as I am wrapping up this week. I will get that out next week as scheduled. This has been a busy week and I will be looking to put the final touches on next week’s schedule. Thanks everyone for all that you do!
**SMALL GROUP INFO NIGHT**
**WED. SEPT 18**
7:00PM
Community is launching small groups this fall! Want to find out more? Join us for an info meeting on Wed. Sept. 18th @ 7pm.

**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 18**
6:00pm– H.S. Youth Group
7:00pm– Small Group Info Night

**Saturday, Sept. 21**
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
9:00am-Noon– Women’s Retreat
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

**Sunday, Sept. 22**
OH DEAR! 20 Years CELEBRATION
10:10am– Sunday School

**Tuesday, Sept. 24**
7:00pm– AA

**Wednesday, Sept 25**
6:00pm– H.S. Youth Group
7:00pm– Small Group Draw

**UPCOMING MINISTRIES**

**BOOK CLUBS**
The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing The Long-shining Waters by Long.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7 pm at the East-side Panera. They will be discussing Those Waves These Are by Dykes.

**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**
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**
Monday, Oct. 7– Word for study-self control
Monday, Oct. 21– Church in the street with Rebel Hurd (See below for details)

**ALL WOMEN (NEW)**
Please join us on Monday, Oct. 21 for a salad luncheon and Rebel Hurd, director of Church on the Street. This is a dynamic ministry and you will not want to miss!
12:00pm– Salad Luncheon
1:00pm– Rebel Hurd

Please sign up at The Link. If you are attending the luncheon and can bring a salad, your help would be appreciated. Please not item behind your name. If you cannot bring an item, PLEASE still com. We will be blessed with your presence. Need more info. Contact Elaine Deestra 351-4202

**FINANCES**

Sunday, Sept 15, 2019

General:........................... $15,254
Vision: ............................ $4,635
Missions: .......................... $470

General YTD: .......................... $549,476
Vision YTD: .......................... $136,291
Vision Account Balance: .......... $98,852
Our fall activities at Community are all getting started about the same time, so this week I want to highlight a few important dates and ministries you might want to check out!

**Wednesday, September 18, 7:00pm**  
Small Group Informational Meeting  
Open to anyone who is interested in learning more about a new small group ministry at Community!

**Saturday, September 21, 9:00am-noon**  
Women’s Retreat “The Happiness Factor #3”  
Free event open to all women! Even if you weren’t able to come to the first 2 sessions, you are still welcome to attend this one!

**Sunday, September 22, 8, 9, 11am**  
Celebrating Pastor Clyde’s 20 years in ministry!

**Wednesday, September 25, 7:00pm**  
The Draw (for small group ministries)  
If you’d like to participate in the small group ministry at Community, we’ll be drawing people into groups at this event! Childcare will be provided.

**Wednesday, October 2, 6:00-8:00pm**  
First night of Mid-Week!  
Supper will be served from 6-7. At 7:00 we’ll have sessions for kids in the children’s wing, and the informational meeting for adult classes will meet in the sanctuary.

**Sunday, October 6, 4:00-5:30pm**  
First rehearsal for Christmas Choir  
Open to high school students through adult singers. Childcare is provided!

I love that we have all of these options available! If you have questions about any of these ministries, please contact me. I’m here to answer those questions and help you find your place at Community.

Have a great week!

Liz  
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**PRAYER REQUEST**

- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)  
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)  
- Chelle McMurray’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)  
- Dave Sells (surgery recovery)  
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)  
- Melanie Oden’s dad, David (motorcycle accident)  
- Gary McCann (spine surgery 9.6)  
- Penny & Bill Stolle, Shanda Hay’s mom and step dad (serious accident)
HEATHER’S UPDATE

KIDS MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Sunday School started this week and it was wonderful! I was so excited to see the Children’s Wing busy and packed again. We will make a few little changes to make next week even better. We’re swapping some classrooms around to help with space and traffic flow so you may want to give your child a little heads up that if they are in the 3 year old class, 1st Grade or 2nd Grade, they may have a new room next week.

Parents of 3 year old kiddos, could you please do the teachers and helpers a little favor and take your little ones to the restroom before class begins? That might make their time at Sunday School a little easier.

If you didn’t make it to the first week of Sunday School, don’t worry. You can join any time!

I’m looking forward to our next big “first” for the year too! THE FIRST DAY OF MIDWEEK IS 10/2/19. We need many more volunteers this year so please pick a Wednesday or two to join the fun! You can help as often as every week or just once all year or anywhere in between! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CAEA2EAFB86-midweek2

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DOYLE’S UPDATE

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

The high school group is now in full swing as Sunday school kicked off this past Sunday, and the middle school group is getting close. It has been great to be back to the fall routine and I’m looking forward to all that is coming up this fall.

The first thing on the calendar is happening this upcoming Sunday. The high school group will be meeting at the church from 6:30 – 8:00 for a fun night in the theme of clue. I have been working on a few large group and team challenges that will be split up throughout the church. It has been fun to get creative with the night!

Then, Wednesday the 25th, the middle school group has an event to kick off the year. We will meet at church from 7:00 – 8:00 for a night of introductions and games as we get ready to start up middle school youth group the following week. This will be a great time for students to get to know me, a few of the sponsors, and begin building relationships within the middle school group this year.

As we get closer to our Wednesday night kick off, please send any questions you have regarding the middle and high school ministries. I’m looking forward to a great year and to continue partnering with you all here at Community.

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PARENT CONNECTIONS
Sundays @ 10:00am in chapel
Are you looking for deeper connections to other parents at Community? Meet in the chapel at 10:00am on Sunday mornings. Our goal is to develop stronger relations with other families, with our own family, and with God.

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).

MIDWEEK MEAL
We need your help in the kitchen this fall! Sign up sheets are in the lobby...look for balloons!
You’ll serve 4 times over the course of Oct-April. It’s that easy!

Women's RETREAT
THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
9:00am– Noon
The Happiness Factor (Session 3): “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Lookin’ For”
Free admission! Be sure to sign up and bring a friend! Hosted by Liz Teet & Abbie Coffey.
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.

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