



September 20, 2017

COMMUNITY

Pastor's Update

I have a number of things to cover this week. It gets busy in the fall that is for sure so my space in the newsletter is almost not enough. It has been nice! I am seeing the changing of the leaves a bit now around the town. I always wish that could last longer, but when it's time for those trees to drop their leaves it just happens. Not a thing I can do about it. Nature is like that. It keeps us humble. Nothing wrong with that!

Let's start by reminding everyone that Gordon Mote is coming back again this year. That concert is on October 21st. I would really encourage you to come and be a part of that evening. I know...it's not Garth Brooks...but Gordon is truly an amazing person and musician. He is one of the finest players in the business and probably if we go on the search he has probably played on a few songs on some distant past Garth Brooks album. Gordon is an A list player in Nashville. Don't miss a chance to see him.

I want to encourage people once again this week to do choir this year if you can. We have some great music planned and as we have been sharing we have one piece that has been written just for us. That is pretty special. I am really pressing to see if we can get 80 voices in that group. I know we have the singers it is just a matter of getting your schedules to work. I am very excited about what is coming this year.

I am still looking for someone to help with some of the décor things around the church. If you are interested, let me know. Just so you all know I have been thinking about doing it myself. 😊 I'm not sure how it would all turn out, but I think I could do a descent job.

You might not all like my taste, but at least it would be different. 😊

I want to put in a plug for nursery volunteers as well. It is at this time of the year that their numbers really shoot up. It is always a great opportunity to really lend us a helping hand and make a big difference around here on Sunday mornings. Sheri always reminds me to tell the volunteers that all you really need to do in there is play with the kids. Someone else handles all the "other" stuff. We can always use more help.

Finally this week I want to start advertising an Adult baptism opportunity coming up November. I have had a number of folks ask about this and I think it's time to make this happen. We are going to do an adult emersion baptism available to those who would like that. We have lots of various backgrounds in our church and for many of them this is very meaningful. I hope you all realize that the RCA has always recognized adult baptism. (It's in the Orange Book folks!) If you are interested contact the office. I will be doing a class for those folks in the coming weeks. I think it is going to be very special. It's time!

Sunday we are going keep our study moving forward on the questions God asks. This week it's another Old Testament story and the questions involves a name change. There was a lot that back then. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

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Sunday Worship
8:00 am • 9:00am • 11:00 am

NURSERY SCHEDULE

September 24: 9:00am—

Eric & Jamelee Van Donge
Matt & Erin Weerheim

11:00am—

Spence & Rachel Larson
Tiffany Young

October 1: 9:00am—

Nick & Abbie Langerock
Emily VanDeraa

11:00am—

Jonah & Brittany Nyenhuis
Heidi Blom

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Sept 24: Joel & Lisa Blankers

Oct 1: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

Oct 8: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Sept 24

9:00am— Angeline Lavin

11:00am— Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

Oct 1:

9:00am— Wilmer & Marilyn

Rensink

11:00am— Jerralynne Tjeerdsma

GREETER SCHEDULE

Sept 24:

9:00am— Stan & Elaine Deelstra,
Dennis & Helen Robinson, Chad &
Diane McKee

11:00am— Jean Nollmann, Dennis &
Helen Robinson

October 1:

9:00am— Dave & Trish Mayer, Rich
& Carolyn Odens, Darin & Sherri
Van Beek

11:00am— Donna Humme, Larry &
Gloria Smyrak

Faith Circle will meet at church on
Mon. October 16 @ 1pm. Devotions &
Program: Audrey. Hostess: Dolly

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 participants. Contact Trudi Nelson at 371-3512 for more information.

Hope Circle will meet Oct 17th @ 7:00pm. Lesson : Margie. Hostess: Barb.

Prayer REQUESTS

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

- 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)
- Pete Valentine
- Cami Kuchta
- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- 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)

Liz's Update

Please remember that Senior High Youth Group is meeting on Wednesday nights! Even though the full church doesn't start their Mid-Week until October 4, we meet through all of September. It's never too late to start coming to Youth Group. We meet for a meal at 6:00, followed by lesson at 7:00, and we finish up by 8:00! We have kids from several different high schools including Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Brandon Valley, Lennox, Harrisburg, Hills-Beaver Creek, and even Vermillion! So this is a great way for kids to connect with others from this region. If you are interested in Youth Group, all you have to do is show up! But I also can mail you information about our upcoming activities and events as long as you make sure that I have your mailing address. Send me an email or catch me on Sunday morning so I can add you to my mailing list! This is a fantastic group of kids, and we really do have great conversations about God every week!

I have the first Youth Group activities of the year set up as well. **We will be doing a Traveling Supper on October 1**, and we're looking at the Corn Maze toward the end of October as well. I'll be sending out information about these activities in the next few days, so be checking your mailboxes!

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

Heather's Update

Hi Everyone,

Our first week of Sunday School was AMAZING! Everyone got acquainted, spent some time together and did some learning. If you have questions about Sunday School, please let me know! I need to say another giant thank you to the volunteers that make Sunday School happen. You are truly giving us all a beautiful gift. Thank you.

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

Save the Date!

- *3rd graders get their Bibles on October 1 (talk to Heather if you have not yet told us how you want your child's name engraved please and we can put it in the next printing group. This is for anyone 3rd grade & older)
- *Kids Christmas Program for 3year olds through 5th grade is December 3,4pm

Attention Bargain Hunters!

Do you love shopping and finding a great price? We've got some items on our wish list that might just be in stores now with clearance price tags. It is a good way to give a donation if you are looking to do that and shop!

For Midweek Kids Packing Boxes for Operation Christmas Child: Dolls, balls, harmonicas, combs and brushes, toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, colorful bandaids, plastic cup, hair bows, sunglasses, flip flops, socks and underwear, bracelets, school supplies (not liquid glue), art supplies (not liquid paint), jump rope, stickers, finger puppets, slinky, etch a sketch, small toys with extra batteries if needed, flashlight with extra batteries or crank, binoculars, small puzzles, tool set, sewing kit, small kite, toy cars, stick deodorant, nail clipper and file, marbles, playing cards, gardening tools, fishing kit that will fit in a shoebox, compass, yoyo, etc.

For VBS next year: Beach Balls, Sand Buckets and Shovels, inflatable rafts/ tubes

For Mission Haiti: Solar Calculators

Can you help?

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

We need many more lesson 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. You can teach just once this year or do a few weeks throughout the fall, winter and spring. **K/1 Grade Teachers:**

_____, _____

What's Happening @ Community

Wednesday, Sept 20

7:00pm— H.S. Youth Group
7:30pm— Summer Bible Study

Saturday, Sept 23

7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
Wedding

Sunday, Sept 24

10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
10:10am— Sunday School
10:10am— Elders meet
3:00pm— Baptism service

Monday, Sept 25

7:00pm— Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, Sept 27

7:00pm— H.S. Youth Group



NEW

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



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 at The Link or email connect@communityrc.org.



Kitchen Cleaning

Next week **Tuesday, Sept 26, 5pm-7pm**, we need volunteer to help clean the kitchen. Email Janet at Janet.bartscher@sanfordhealth.org or just show up if you can help.

thank you

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, hugs and expressions of sympathy shown to our family during this time of loss. We have been truly blessed by your outpouring.

Clazina Van Wyhe & Family

Thank you for all the prayers for my sister, Colleen Bomgaars over the past 3 1/2 months. It's a miracle that she is back at home in Sioux Center and doing well.

Rich & Carolyn Odens



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 17, 2017

General:..... \$13,378
2017 Weekly Goal:..... \$15,033
Ahead/(Behind):.....\$(1,654)
Vision: \$4,625
Missions:\$135

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 9/17/17

Year-To-Date Offering: \$563,342
Year-To-Date Goal: \$571,257
Ahead (Behind): (\$7,914)
Year-To-Date Vision: \$211,438

Vision Account Balance: \$102,372

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.

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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 24—Jolene Larson
Oct. 1—Bob Hein

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!



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