This is the last full week of September. I had a feeling this month would just go flying by and indeed it has. October is just around the corner now and we have lots of things that get started in the coming weeks. It has been a pretty nice fall thus far and now officially on the calendar it is fall. I do hope it can be a long one. There was some very nice rain around the area this past week and it has been amazing to see how long the grass has stayed green this summer and now fall. Things just look so fresh. Now the colors are starting to appear. It is amazing to see how all of this works. Creation is pretty awesome!

Let’s get to it! My first item this week is to remind folks that choir is coming up. We are putting out the word for singers. I know we have so many good ones out there. It will be a great year to be a part of this. We have lots of great music to work through. It’s not easy stuff. We love a good challenge and we will be asking a lot of our singers, but we are pretty sure you are up to it. It’s going to be a great concert in December. It will be here before you know it.

Midweek starts next Wednesday night at 6pm with supper and then classes to follow. Help us get the word out to new folks that this is not just a night for youth programs. It is family night. We do a meal and then we break off into various choices for the adults. There is a parenting class again this year and several other choices. I’m doing a class again this year in the chapel. It is going to be a fun one! I’m not sure what to even call it, but it is going to be centered around “church things” that seem often to divide us. I know that sound controversial, but it’s not. I’m planning on going through various positions of things in church life and do a little Bible comparison. What makes us Reformed? What do we believe? We are going to answer those and many other questions as well.

On Sunday morning, October 16, I will be having a meeting for those who would like to be baptized as adults. We will be meeting in my office that morning at 10am. If you would like to be a part of that please join me there. If you are unable to meet that day or if you have questions for me, just call the office or shoot me an email. I would love to discuss any concerns or thoughts you have about that. So far the list is short, but I know just from conversations in the past years that there are a number of you considering this. Talk to me about it on Sunday mornings as well. I’m always hanging around the soundboard after church.

This Sunday is “World Wide Communion Sunday”. That means that all the Christian churches will be celebrating this holy moment together. It is the center of our day, but along with that I want to keep moving along with the messages on God’s Questions. This week will be very special when we consider the point of communion and message of sacrifice. When God gets involved…things change! We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
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)
William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
Liz’s Update

Senior High Youth Group continues to meet every Wednesday for a meal and a lesson! It’s been good for my soul to reconnect with the kids again and to have those times of deep discussion about what God is up to in our lives. I’ve also been very thankful for those of you who volunteered to cook supper for us during the month of September! Thank you Marilyn Brink, Joel Blankers, Arlan and Mary Burggraaf, and Carrie Valentine for all of the delicious meals! You have been a blessing!

The Youth Group activities are on the calendar as well. We will be doing a Traveling Supper this Sunday evening, October 1, at 5:00 pm, and we’ll be heading to the Heartland County Corn Maze on Sunday evening, October 15 at 7:30. I’ll be sending out information about these activities in the next few days, so be checking your mailboxes!

Attention singers! The first night of church choir is almost here! 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.

And lastly, I’d like to invite all of the women to another Women’s Retreat hosted by my sister and me! The date for this retreat is October 28, and it will run from 9:00-noon at the church. An RSVP is not required, but it does help us to know how to plan for handouts and food. So if you know you’d like to come, send us an email or simply sign up at the link! We’re looking forward to what God has planned for this morning! Check out the graphic below for more details!

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,
Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org

Women’s Retreat
Made In the Image of God
October 28, 2017
9am-Noon
Community Reformed Church
6800 E. 41st St. Sioux Falls, SD 57110

Free Admission

For handout and snack purposes, let us know you’re coming!
Sign up at The Link or email
Liz Teel (youthpastor@communityrc.org) or
Abbie Coffey (abbieteel@yahoo.com).
It’s also fine to just show up that morning! ☝️
Hi Everyone,

Sunday School is going very well. I’m so thankful for our teachers and their kind smiles. It is really shaping up to be another great year.

The 3 year old, PreK and Kindergarten kids are learning about Creation and Adam and Eve right now. The 1st Grade kids this year are learning about God and who He is. Ask them about God our Creator and Lord. The 2nd Grade class is learning about who Jesus is. What was the world like when Jesus came? On Oct 1 they’ll be learning about people looking forward to Jesus and prophesy.

The 3rd Graders are learning all about the Bible this year. (Reminder: Bibles are given out to 3rd graders that have signed up on Oct 1 this year! Let me know if we missed you.) We’ll start with the writers and themes of the Bible and learn about how the Bible was written.

In 4th Grade we’re continuing to learn about the life of Jesus and specifically this week some of the miracles and times with the disciples.

Our 5th and 6th Graders jumped right into the Bible exploring the kids’ questions about Heaven, different religions and even dinosaurs.

I’ll see you soon!  
- Heather DeWit

Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

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**Midweek starts October 4 and we need your help!**

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: ____________________, ____________________, ____________________**

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. The Shepherds are always with the kids and teachers present the lesson.

Grade K/1 Shepherds: Laurel F and Keith M
Grade 2/3 Shepherds: Becky H and Robyn
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. No prep needed!

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- Communion Sunday: 10:10am – Sunday School
- Men's Bible Study: 7pm
- Choir: 7pm
- Hope Circle: 7pm
- Gordon Mote: 7pm (Concert)
- Women's retreat: 9am – noon
- Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN): 9am – noon
- Men's Ministry: 7am – Prayer Ministry
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- Midweek meal: 6pm
- Classes for all ages: 7pm
- H.S. Corn Maze: 6-7:30pm
- H.S. Traveling Supper: 6-7:30pm
- H.S. Lunch: 6-7:30pm
- T.R. Supper: 6-7:30pm
- Missions Fair: 10:10am – Sunday School
Congratulations to Tyler Goff and Melissa Goff. Thomas Judah was born, 7lbs 2 oz born on 9/20/17 at 6:13 am.

I would like to thank Lindsay Smit for her years of service here at Community as she has served as a coordinator in our nursery. We have enjoyed having your loving, caring personality! You were a blessing to all the kids who came to the nursery. We wish you the best of luck in your new adventure.

Sheri Brouwer–Nursery Director

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On Sunday morning, **October 16th @ 10:00am**, Pastor Clyde will be having a meeting in his office for those who would like to be baptized as adults.

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5 volunteers need to help prep the meal for the Banquet downtown on Thursday, Oct. 26th @ 2:00pm. If interested, email connect@communityrc.org.

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With the start of school and Sunday school, I would like to do a couple housekeeping reminders for the nursery. With the nursery averaging about 20-30 kids per service we need to keep our little kid’s safe. So, in doing so we are asking for a little help.

1) When dropping off your child, we ask that you go to the correct side for drop off. We ask that infants-2-year old’s are on the little kid’s side and that the kids 3-5 are on the preschool side.

2) Also, please do not use the door in-between the nursery rooms as this is only for staff. Our volunteers and coordinators need to know how many kids are in the nursery and we can’t have adults or children going back and forth.

3) When dropping off and picking up kids we ask that only parents or anyone on the pickup list drop off and pick up the kids. Older siblings are only allowed in the nursery if parents are volunteering. We ask that you please hand your check in and check out sheets to your child’s volunteer or coordinator.

4) Please don’t bring snacks into the nursery due to kids having different allergy concerns.

5) If you are interested in helping and volunteering one Sunday every 3 months we would love for you to stop by the nursery and fill out some information. If this doesn’t work for you we are also looking for people to be an on-call person.

Thank you for helping us maintain the safety of the young children of our church. If you have any questions please let me know.

Sheri Brouwer, Nursery Director
Sheri.brouwer@communityrc.org
605-261-2153

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What’s Happening @ Community

Wednesday, Sept 27
7:00pm–H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Sept 30
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
Wedding

Sunday, October 1
Communion Sunday
3rd Graders receive Bibles
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
10:10am–Sunday School

Monday, October 2
7:00pm–Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, October 4
6:00pm–Midweek meal
7:00pm–Classes of all ages

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, January 21 @ 3pm.
Community Reformed Church
6800 E 41 Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

Sept. 27, 2017

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.

Oct. 1—Bob Hein
Oct. 8—Pete Mellema

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!