PASTOR’S UPDATE

September is here! I hope everyone had a very nice long weekend and now it’s time to get things going around here. It is still very green that is for sure and I can even see the fields start to turn colors today just a bit. The gold is appearing in that bean field. That’s amazing! I’m ready for fall, but I do hate to see summer end. I do hope for nice long spell of good fall like weather…until…December. That’s my wish!

With the fall season, brings our first item on the agenda at church and that would be the Ministry Fair which starts this coming Sunday. There will be tables set up in the lobby and lots of people talking about what’s going on for the fall. There will be plenty of places to get involved for sure. I do hope that many of you will sign up for things and take a look at what we do have to do around here. We need lots of help and some of those opportunities do not take a great deal of time and so if you are looking to just try a little something or jump right in, we have something for everyone!

I want to put in a big thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with Sunday school this year. As of Sunday, we were only short a 1st grade teacher. I am most confident someone is going to take that on. For those who have offered your time, thanks so much. I know it’s a commitment on your part, but I do believe the way we do Sunday mornings around here the time you spend can make a difference. That’s all we are trying to do. Planting seeds! Good job everyone!

I want to put in a plug for the annual Christmas choir. Yes, I said Christmas! We will be starting that in a few weeks, but I want to get you thinking about that right now. Last year was a tremendous gathering of voices and certainly the best choir we have put together since I have been around this place. It was just great! I am so hoping for even more this year. I know it takes time, but if you are a singer you can really connect to this place via that group. Give it some thought and prayer. We would love to see you there!

One last plug for Liz’s album release concert this coming Saturday night at the Orpheum. There are still tickets available for that concert and yes, you can get them at the door as well. She has been most pleased with the response of people and the outpouring of compliments. It has meant a lot to her. There will be songs sang there that have not been sung before in front of an audience. I’m excited for them to hear. It will be a very nice evening. Thanks to everyone who is coming. I don’t think you will be disappointed.

Sunday we will finish the series from the book of Ephesians as we move into chapter 3 this week. I am confident you all have seen the theme of this book revealed to us through the writings of Paul. His heart and passion are obvious! Grace, in Christ Alone! It changed his life and he wants everyone who will listen to him to know that truth and that power. We will continue that thought. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

THE COMMUNICATOR
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

NURSERY SCHEDULE
Sept 9: 9:00am—
Jeris & Maylene VanZee
Robyn Niewenhuis
Lorena Sazama

11:00am—
Brad & Katie Kennett
Michael Dick

Sept 16: 9:00am—
Grant & Leslie Boltjes
Chris & Briana Behrens

11:00am—
Josiah & Kris Dunlap
Kate Hansen

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Sept 9: 9:00am—
Gerald & Deb Teunissen

11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma

Sept 16: 9:00am—
Stan & Elaine Deelstra

11:00am—
Darren & Tracee Ellwein

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Sept 9: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
Sept 16: Daryl & Char DuBois
Sept 23: Steve & Becky Lee

GREETER SCHEDULE
Sept 9
9:00am—
Gary & Connie Parmley
Dennis & Helen Robinson
Doug & Sharon Harms

11:00am—
Donna Humme
Myron & Kathy Garrels

Sept 16
9:00am—
Dan & Kathy Carlson
Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
Gerald & Deb Teunissen

11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Larry & Gloria Smyrak
ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

The Ministry Fair is this Sunday in the lobby, and you’ll want to check out all of the information that will be available that day. There will be hand-outs, fliers, people to visit with, and even candy. This is such a great way to get a taste of the many different ministries and opportunities at Community.

Mid-Week is one of the ministries that will be highlighted at the Ministry Fair, and I’d like to take some space this week to tell you a bit more about Mid-Week.

Mid-Week is our Wednesday night ministry programming that involves a meal, classes for children and adults of all ages, and nursery care. Mid-Week starts October 3 this year. We begin each Wednesday night with a meal, which is prepared by volunteer work groups. The Meal is served from 6:00-6:50pm. Then starting at 7:00, we have nursery care available for kids who aren’t in school yet, classes for Kindergarten-5th Grade, Middle School Youth Group for 6th-8th Graders, High School Youth Group for 9th-12th Grades, and several adult classes. Everything wraps up by 8:00pm.

I will be sure to include more information about the adult classes in next week’s newsletter, but I encourage you to consider being a part of Mid-Week this year. If you are looking for a place to help out, Heather will need volunteers, and our kitchen help will also need volunteers to help cook, serve and even bake goodies. You’ll be able to sign up for those things by looking for the Mid-Week table at the Ministry Fair this Sunday!

WORSHIP

Well, the week of the release concert is finally here! Tickets will be available all week by calling the church office, by contacting me personally, or by going to the Sioux Falls Orpheum website. Tickets are $15, and the seating is general admission. Tickets will also be available at the door that evening starting at 6:30pm.

The CDs have arrived, and all I can say is a big, “Whew!” It feels great to have them here! Of course, CDs will be available the night of the concert, but they will also be available after that too. I promise, you’re just about done having to read about this concert and this CD! Thank you to everyone who has been so incredibly supportive of this project and event. You are a blessing to me, and I pray that the concert and the worship CD is a blessing to you.

I’d love your prayers for Saturday night. There are a lot of things that have to come together, and I want God’s hands to be in everything. Feel free to pray it up!
Hello everyone!

Highlight of the week:

This is the week! Our senior high students are starting up Wednesday night. I am looking forward to continuing to get to know the students and growing together in scripture. As a reminder for students, there will be a meal starting at 6:00 so come enjoy some food and fellowship before we officially start at 7:00. As we begin this year, we also start at the beginning of scripture as we set up the message of the Gospel with the creation story.

This week as I have been getting ready for the start of Wednesday nights I was reminded of the power of God, along with the value and care He gives to each of us. We have an amazing God who has sacrificed His son so that we could be adopted into His family. As we take a look into this love God has shown over the month of September, I pray we get to experience the joy and hope that comes from our Lord.

Another Reminder:

Mark the calendar for September 23rd. We will be having an event I am calling recreate photo hunt from 6:30 to 8:30. Students will be sent throughout town in teams of 4-5 to recreate photos taken. The goal is to find the correct place along with copying the poses made in each photo. We will end the night with some snacks, review of our work and conversation on peer pressure.

Finally, as we start our time together this week, please join me in prayer as we meet. I’m asking God to be working in us as we learn and reflect on His promises and love for us.

Blessings!
Doyle Burnside
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Hi Everyone!
It is an exciting time of year at Community and I’m loving watching the pieces come together for Fall. My article is long this week but please note especially the start of Sunday School and the areas we still need help.

Sunday School starts on Sept. 16! We still need one more teacher/helper for Sing N Sprout Toddler/Parent class during the Sunday School hour. We already have 3.

We need a lot of help with Midweek and are hoping to fill the slots by the end of the Ministry Fair next Sunday. 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 at the Ministry Fair. You can also call or email me if it is easier.

See you soon!
-Heather DeWit
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Wanted by Sept 9:

Magazine photos clipped or torn out of:

Children and Babies (a bunch!)
Animals and Insects (birds, pets, wild animals, farm animals, bugs of any kind)
Plants, Water, Homes
Sky (sun, moon, stars, clouds)
Land (dirt, grass, mountains)
Dark and Light (night sky, flashlight, lamp)

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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.
PRAYER REQUESTS

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 10 – Bible Study at 9:30am in Community’s fellowship hall. Word to be studied is HOPE.

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.

CONDOLENCES
Our condolences go out to Rika VanDenTop for the death of her daughter, Connie. Please pray for her and her family.

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 9.15)
- Jim Ludens
- Michelle Wigg
- Arlene Clyde (health issues)
- Heather DeWit

PRAYERS

FINANCES AT A GLANCE:
Sunday, Sept 2

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MINISTRY FAIR
SEPT 9 | 8:45am – 12:15pm
LOBBY AREA

Wanna find out what going on this fall at Community? Check out the booths set up in the lobby for more info about classes, volunteer opportunities & ministries you can be a part of at Community.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NIGHT
SEPT 19 | 6-7PM

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept 5
6:00pm– H.S. Youth Group Starts

Saturday, Sept 8
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Sept 9
10:10am– Adult Sunday School (chapel)
8:45am-12:15pm– Ministry Fair

Monday, Sept 10
9:30am– Joy Circle
Noon– Senior Citizens @ E. Pizza Ranch

Tues, Sept 11
7:00pm– Open AA Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 12
9:00am– Book Club @ Bagel Boy
6:00pm– H.S. Youth Group

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
Morning book club Wed, Sept 12, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on MN Ave. We will be discussing The Gate by Stouten.

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 Sept 10 @ 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.
• September 16, 2018- Sunday School Starts
• October 3, 2018- Midweek Starts
• November 25, 2018 No Sunday School
• December 1, 2018-Kids Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
• December 2, 2018- 4pm Kids Christmas Program
• December 23, 30 No Sunday School
• April 14, 2019 Palm Sunday
• April 10- Pizza and Praise for the last night of Midweek
• April 21, 2018 Easter (no S.School)
• May 5, 2019- End of Sunday School
• "ROAR!" VBS- Tentatively 7/28/19-7/31
• Summer Activities-TBD

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

FALL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS
SEPT 16

MIDWEEK STARTS
OCT 3

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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.

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.

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