September is now moving right along and it sure does feel a lot like fall. I have enjoyed these cool mornings, but I am wondering if we are still in for some of those hot September days. We can get a few of those as we have discovered in years past. I don’t think I’m going to try to predict how that might go because even the experts are struggling this year. I know the grass is sure green around the town. I love that!

This week is turning out to be a little busy. Our friend, Hank Van Wyhe, passed away last week and we had a wonderful service for him on Monday. I am doing another funeral this week in Minnesota for a family in our church and I have a wedding this week as well. I am amazed how these things can fill in. Another one of those busy times I guess. I didn’t get to spend much time with my mom…felt kind of bad about that. She did feed me pretty well though. We even wound up taking things back with us. That was good! I do appreciate all of the folks who helped out on Sunday. Heather for starting things off. Pastor John for the prayer time, Slader Niewenhuis, Lizzy Frisbee, Jenna Christianson, Justin Cable, and Jacob Hein for the great music, Melanie Odens for keeping things moving along, and Laurel Buwalda for bringing the word. It was a team effort…good job!

This coming week is our Kickoff Sunday event and ministry fair. You are going to see lots of balloons and tables set up in the place. There will be lots of places to plug in and get information about what is being planned for the coming fall season. Walk around the lobby this week and check it all out. I don’t have room in this newsletter to highlight everything that will be there, but I want to say there are plenty of places to get involved around here. Connections to some pretty awesome things are available. It is up to you now to take some good action steps to get plugged in. We need you folks! It should be a great Sunday.

We have been walking through our 60th year of being a church. This Sunday we are going to take some time to talk about that. Some pictures and a few items on display. Maybe a good word from some of our folks who have been around here for all those years or at least most of those years. It is going to be a good day for us. Nothing spectacular is being planned, but something special is. I hope that made sense! Congratulations Community!

Gordon Mote concert tickets will go on sale this week too! He will be here on October 21st. That is a great program! Don’t miss a chance to see this amazing musician, song writer, and wonderful individual bring a God’s sized gift to our church family. We have really come to get to know Gordon these last few years and he is an amazing person. Get those tickets and let’s enjoy the evening with him. I’m looking forward to it!

Sunday is kickoff day and I’m going to talk about the past a little bit on Sunday. I guess you might call it a reflection sort of day with the idea to cast new light on tomorrow. I don’t know about tomorrow…but I know who does. I will share about Him. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
The Banquet meal ministry was founded in 1985 starting with just one meal per week. They now serve 13 meals per week at two locations. The Banquet is a volunteer-based ministry, which means our meals are paid for, prepared by, and served by volunteer groups who come from Sioux Falls and the surrounding area.

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

Faith Circle will meet at church on Mon. Sept. 18th @ 1pm. 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. April was born and raised in Sioux Falls and has an 8-year old son Cole and a 4-year old daughter Aubrey.

Our condolences go out to Clazina Van Wyhe and family for the recent passing of Hank Van Wyhe.
Senior High Youth Group officially starts this week! On Wednesday night at 6:00 we’ll have a meal together followed by a lesson at 7:00. We always finish around 8:00, so you’ll still have time to get to any homework you might have. It’s always ok to come later than 6:00 if practice, work, or school prevents you from coming right at the start. We’ll meet in the high school youth room, and you’re encouraged to bring friends. I’m really looking forward to getting everyone back to youth group and to incorporating those new freshmen into our group! If you have any questions, please contact me!

I still need one more person to prepare a meal for the high school kids. If you enjoy cooking, and if you’re available on September 27 to prepare a meal for the youth group, please contact me. We’ll be sure to reimburse you for the cost, and we aren’t picky eaters! If you would be willing to cook for us, please contact me!

This Sunday is our ministry fair at church. You’ll be able to visit different tables with information about tons of different ministries here at Community. I’ll be at a table as well, so please swing by if you have any questions about the youth groups. Sarah Powell, who leads the middle school youth group, will also be available to answer any questions you might have. Stop by and say hello!

Heather just informed me this morning that she has all of her Sunday School teachers in place! Thank you, Community for volunteering so beautifully!!! Sunday School starts September 17!

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org

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,

I am so excited to tell you that we have all of our Sunday School Teachers and helpers for this year ready and I’ve got information packets for you folks at the Children’s Ministry table. Thank you to each of you that signed up to teach and help this year!

I do still need 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 in case.

**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

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**Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love Endures forever.**  
Psalm 107:1

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**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 ______________________
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: __________________ , ________________, ______________, ______________
**What’s Happening @ Community**

**Wednesday, Sept 6**
7:00pm—H.S. Youth Group Starts
7:30pm—Summer Bible Study

**Saturday, Sept 9**
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

**Sunday, Sept 10**
10:10 am—Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
10:10am—Elders meet
8:45am—Noon—Ministry Fair

**Monday, Sept 11**
Noon—Seniors at E. Pizza Ranch

**Wednesday, Sept 13**
7:00pm—H.S. Youth Group

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Thank you Community for the many cards and prayers that our family received after the loss of my mom. We are very blessed to have such great friends. The outpouring of love has been very humbling.

God Bless.

Curt Zwart

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**Finances at a Glance: Sept 3, 2017**

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Curious about what Community has to offer? Join us for our Kick-off/Ministry Fair Sunday on Sept 10th from 8:45am-12:15pm.

Check out booths for various ministries and be able to ask questions you may have. Flyboy Donuts are available that morning for all you donut lovers out there. 😊

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!

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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
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605-261-2153
Community Reformed Church
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Sept. 6, 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.

Sept 10—Mary Burggraaf
Sept 17—Doug Harms

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!