It’s May everyone! I think we are all hoping the spring weather hits and we get a taste of more of that. We have been waiting for that. I see things getting there, but it really is taking some time getting here. This week is supposed to be a little cooler and I see some chances of rain this week and even a few chances next week. I think we would all love to see a little of that. Farmers are in the fields now and things are looking like spring. I am feeling good about all that.

It’s May and that means Mother’s Day. We are talking about hometowns and connections so it should work in there just fine. I hope you are all planning some nice things for that special mom or grandma in your life. Flowers always work for me. So, mom when you read this, just know your flowers are on their way.

It’s May and that means graduation time. That is always special as well. Lots of people are making plans for parties and family get-togethers. I have a few to go to as well. What a year these seniors have had! I know they have done well, but I do pray that all of this will be a way to grow some deep character in their lives. Our children matter and I hope they have a wonderful time of celebration with friends and family.

It’s May and that means third grade Bibles in church. Heather will be handing them out on Sunday morning. We don’t really know exactly how many will be here, but it will be a good day of sharing the best we can offer. We have also tried to be clear and make sure everyone knows we have Bibles for anyone who wants one. It is truly the gift that keeps on giving.

It’s May and that means National Day of Prayer. We are planning an event this coming Thursday evening at 7pm. Come out and join us for a little singing time, prayer time, a prayer walk and fellowship. We will lift up our hearts to God and ask Him to speak to our seeking hearts. The prayer ministry team has put this together and they want to encourage folks to come out and spend an hour before God.

Next Tuesday evening, May 11 at 7pm, we are hosting a meeting for folks who are interesting in learning more about more of the RCA things. This meeting is focused a bit more on one of the options that is being worked on for all churches to consider. The new ARC is a denominational plan that many churches are considering as their option in all of this. If you would like to learn more about that, join us next Tuesday evening at 7pm.

The new series is off and running. “Our Hometown” seems to be making a connection. To be “in Christ” is to be connected to God much the same as those places we call home. He is our Savior and Lord. That sounds all “churchy”, but what I am trying to get us to see is that He has also brought to us this inner sense of belonging to a new home. That connection is the most right place we have ever known. This week we will talk more about that, but we are also going to look into those things that take us away from that home. The things that lead us away from that perfect place. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

ARISE Ukraine

Its purpose is to see Ukraine saturated with living communities of believers where the transforming power of the gospel is reaching every area of society—giving every man, woman and child in the country the opportunity to be reconciled to the Father and to each other.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom video. People can join via video or using the call-in number if video is not an option.

Join via phone: (346) 248-7799

Meeting website: https://zoom.us/j/862139432
Meeting ID: 862 139 432
Password: 853781

Call Shawn Blom at 605-940-6702 with questions.

CLYDE’S UPDATE
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5:
8:00-9:00PM - LAST NIGHT OF H.S. YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, MAY 6:
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
7:00PM - PRAYER & WORSHIP NIGHT

SATURDAY, MAY 8:
7:00AM - PRAYER MINISTRY
10:00AM - AA MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 9:
8:45AM, 9:45AM & 11:00AM - IN-PERSON & ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES

MONDAY, MAY 10:
NOON - SENIOR CITIZENS (E. 10TH ST. PIZZA RANCH)

TUESDAY, MAY 11:
7:00PM - AA MEETING
7:00PM - CLASSIS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12:
8:00-9:00PM - H.S. YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISM DATE
There will be a baptism service coming up but that date is to be determined. If that is too long to wait, please contact the church office to determine a date for a private service for you and your family.

AA BIG BOOK MEETING
Every Tues. at 7pm at Community - Open meeting. Use east door. AA meeting via Zoom or in person at the church on Saturday mornings at 10am. Please contact Tom Jacobs (tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

BOOK CLUB
The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, May 18 at 7pm at the church. We will be discussing Neverhome.

The morning book club will meet on Wed, May 19 at 9am at the church. We will be discussing Kitchens of the Great Midwest.

CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE
MAY 13: 6:30 & 7:30PM
MAY 20: 6:30 & 7:30PM

All Games played at Sherman Park near the zoo

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS
Beginning Monday, May 10, the Senior Citizens will meet monthly in a reserved room at noon for lunch, 10th Street Pizza Ranch. A card game of Golf will follow until 2:30pm.

If you have questions, please contact Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030.

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Hi Everyone!
My newsletter article is a bunch of reminders for you this week! If you have questions or want more information on anything, please let me know.
- 3rd graders get their Bibles during church services this Sunday! 5/9/21
- VBS is coming August 1–4– free
- I’m looking for volunteers who want to sew some drawstring bags for a service project
- We are collecting cereal boxes and empty, clean, baby wipe tubs
- We have Family Adventure Packs available in the Lobby for checkout– free
Talk to you soon!
Heather DeWit

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NEW NURSERY NEWS

I would like to thank Maddie Maloney and Amanda Wielenga for their time serving in the nursery. You have touched the lives of so many children. You will be missed.

I would also like to welcome Larrisa Corbin to our nursery staff. Larrisa is married to Tanner and has two children, Waylon and Charlotte. She enjoys gardening and spending time outside with her family. She is excited to spend time with the children of our church and watch them grow. Please help me welcome Larrisa to our nursery staff.

The nursery is staffed by director Sheri Brouwer, along with coordinators Teresa Lipp, Lori Brewer, Michelle Baartman, Danielle Duchossios, Paige Anderson and Larrisa Corbin. We depend on many volunteers each week. Please reach out to any of us if you have questions.

BUSY BAG NEWS

Over the last year we have used “take home” bags for our busy bags. As of May 8th we will be replacing the “take home” bags with permanent, different colored bags for each service. We are still being diligent with covid precautions, so we ask that you please use a bag during the service you come to, and then return it to the stand so we can replace them with different colored bags for the kids at the next service. If you have any questions, please stop by the nursery Sunday morning or call or text me (Sheri) at 605-261-2153.

NEW NURSERY VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

COULD YOU HELP OUT IN THE NURSERY?
If you are willing to volunteer for one of the services, please contact Sheri Brouwer, Nursery Director, at 605-261-2153 or click on this link to sign up online to help. You’re help is so appreciated!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48A9AA29A3FAC43-nursery

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries.

The Banquet: Ground Regular Coffee & Large Coffee filters

Community Youth- old cell phones or ink cartridges (the size that fits in your hand)

Community Kids- empty cereal boxes & baby wipe boxes

Mission Haiti- shoes & backpacks (used or new)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

• Jean Nollman (nose bleeds)
• Ellie Wigg (appendicitis)
• Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
• Ann DeYoung (hospitalized)
• Jan Kruen
• Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
• Brian Frisbee (stroke recovery/long-term rehab)
• Mitch Jensen
• Jodie Jensen (new cancer treatments)
• Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
• Jan Kreun’s dad
• Connie Tiggelaar (hospice)
• Marv Sturing (cancer)
• Tracee Ellwein’s dad (skin & muscle graft)
• Kim Becker’s mother-in-law, Amy (colon cancer)
• Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
• Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
• Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
• Tami Boyle’s dad (prostate cancer)
• Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law, Bruce (lymphoma)
• Gary Jensen (cancer)
• Tami Harm’s cousin (colon cancer)
Hello everyone,

I was very pleased with how the new song went yesterday during worship. It seems to be very singable, and I heard a lot of positive feedback. As always, we'll sing the new song for 3 weeks in a row to get it learned. So, you’ll hear it again this week. 😃 Thanks for being willing to try new things, Community!

Heather and I are continuing to work and plan for our one-of-a-kind VBS coming up this August. We are both extremely excited to see all of our ideas come to fruition. I think kids and adults are going to have a fantastic time! Since I have written several new songs for this VBS, one of the things I hope to accomplish is a recording of all the songs that will be available for download. My plan is to include not only the new songs for this VBS, but also to include some of the favorites that we do every year (as long as there aren’t any copyright issues). Hopefully, I’ll have a great little children’s album available by that first week of August!

And lastly this week, I want to mention the prayer evening for National Day of Prayer that has been organized by the prayer group that meets on Saturday mornings. The event will start at 7:00pm on Thursday night and will include a short time of worship followed by a prayer walk and some different prayer experiences. I know these guys have put a lot of time and thought into this event, and they would want everyone to know they are welcome.

Have a great week!

Liz
liz.teel@communityrc.org

Here comes May, and with it comes the end of our high school Wednesday nights. This Wednesday, the 5th, is our final week before we start back up in June. I’m glad there are a few weeks to shift my focus to camps and our summer schedule, but I am looking forward to starting back up on June 2nd. Our middle school will meet Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 and our high school group will meet from 7:30-8:30 throughout the summer.

Camp registration is up and running now. Our high school week – students who have finished 8th-12th grade will be heading to Pickerel Lake Bible Camp June 27th – July 2nd. Registration is found online and students/parents should have that. If you need me to send it again let me know and I will get that to you. Our middle school camp is July 12th – 15th and is for students who have finished 5th – 8th grade. Registration will be through church and will be my first ever middle school camp here at Community. If you have a student who is in 5th-8th grade and they would like to register, or would like information on this years camp, reach out to me anytime and I will get a few forms to you.

That’s it for now. If you have any questions on our summer or camp planning, please feel free to email me anytime. I look forward to being back together for the summer!

Doyle Burnside
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org
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.)
Next Baptism Service: TBD

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?
Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased every Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our Vision Fund at church.