And just like that...it's winter! It is a Monday out here in the once-was-cornfield area of Sioux Falls. The snow is melting already, and the sky looks very clear and cold. It reminds me of a beautiful day in January. However, it is not January...it's October! It is not that uncommon to get early snowstorms and of course, with all the rest of the year being a bit goofy, why not throw in a little snow? I don’t really mind so much. The snow is rather pretty this time of year and by the sounds of it, it will all be gone by the weekend. It was some nice moisture for things as well. So, all in all, not a bad way to end the month of October. It should help the deer hunting back home.

We have all been looking ahead to Christmas around the church offices and we are trying to put some kind of plan together for all of that. Obviously, things can all change by then. There really could be some relief by then. If that happens, we will just adapt to it all. We are getting pretty good at that anyway. Right now, we don’t have any concerts or Christmas programs planned. We have to start working on that right now and with things being so unpredictable, we just decided to just press pause. I have had some people ask about Christmas Eve services and I just don’t know what to say at this point. If things don’t change, I don’t see how we could ever do those and keep people at any safe distances. Trying to manage the crowd size would be a challenge all by itself. I guess for now, we just wait and see what things are like by then. No promises at this point.

Our Thanksgiving service will probably be online this year. Once again, it is that managing safe distances thing. Doing that one service and then knowing how to manage the size of the group becomes a problem. I am planning on putting something together for you online that I hope will be very nice. It will be something that you and your family can sit and enjoy together. Flexible folks. I know we keep asking you to do that, but it is so true.

I want to again thank you all for your kindness and generosity. We simply could not be staying ahead of any of this if it weren’t for your efforts in all of this. It is very humbling! You are amazing Community!

Liz and I have put our videos out there as a way to substitute something for MidWeek classes. John is doing a Zoom call class as well. We are all doing our best. I know the first efforts seem to be going well. Lots of people are watching them. I guess that means we are doing something right. I believe some of these new things are more of an outreach than we can imagine. We are learning a lot of new things about online presence for churches. We are going to want to keep paying attention to that even when all of this is over. It is bigger than we ever imagined.

Sunday we are on disciple number 9. We know a little more about this one than some of the rest. He is one of the inner circle fellows that Jesus chose. He will be one of the first ones to lose their life for the cause of Christ. He is one of those changed fisherman who went out to share the message of the gospel. People didn’t want to hear that! God chose the foolish things of the world to confound the wise. We’ll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST: 8, 9, 11:00AM– IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SERVICES
11:00AM- MASK ONLY SERVICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3: 7:00PM– AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4: 7:00PM– M.S YOUTH GROUP
8:00PM- 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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH– NOVEMBER
Angel Tree

BOOK CLUB
The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, November 18, at 9 am at the church. They will be discussing No One Ever Asked by Ganshert. Copies are available in the church library.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 pm at the church. They will be discussing A Night Divided by Nielsen. Copies are available in the church library.

FINANCES
Sunday, October 25, 2020

General: $8,074
Vision: $7,590
Missions: $200
Faith Ave: $200

General YTD: $648,755
Vision YTD: $139,146
Vision Account Balance: $154,427
As most of you know, construction around our church building has reached a frenzied pace. Over the weeks, we have been watching as two schools, several houses, and even a fire station are being built. We have been living out here by ourselves in a cornfield for a decade, and that’s finally changing! I have found myself being gently invited by God to be in prayer for these buildings, the people who will inhabit them, and the work that will be done in and around them. Since we are clearly limited by certain gathering restrictions, I thought it might be a good thing to create a prayer graphic for each of these new places that will be joining us. So, over the course of the next few weeks, I’ll share these prayer graphics in my newsletter article. You can print it off, save it to your phone, or cut it out (depending on how you receive our newsletter). And when God reminds you, take time to pray for our neighborhood.

Remember, these are only suggestions. If God prompts you to pray differently for these groups, feel free to do so!

Let’s start by praying for the two schools that are being built in our neighborhood; Ben Reifel Middle School for Sioux Falls, and a new Brandon Valley Elementary School. God bless you as you pray!

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**COMMUNITY PRAYER CARD**

**BEN REIFEL MIDDLE SCHOOL & BRANDON VALLEY ELEMENTARY**

- Pray that students would feel God’s love while at school.
- Pray that students would see Community as a safe place.
- Pray for each student and staff member to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.
- Pray that teachers would be filled with God’s grace and patience while they teach.
- Ask God to claim the schools for His Kingdom.
- Pray that the enemy will not find footing in the schools.
This past week was a lot of fun as we took a break from our regular Wednesday night set up and headed to the corn maze. We had a great turn out for the event and it was a lot of fun getting lost in the corn as we went looking for 11 points within the maze. Most of our students found them all and it was fun hearing each group’s experience once they finished. Even with some sticky mud and a few people in another group tossing corn. It was a fun night together.

This week, we get back to our time together at church. Middle school will continue on in their series on the books of Acts and the high school group will be in Philippians. Both groups series has been a lot of fun for me as I get ready each week and am looking forward to the discussions we will have as we continue on!

Finally, even though we are just at the end of October, it is time for our high school group to be thinking about Rocky Mountain High for the summer. With last years event being canceled, they decided to push it back a year and host Rocky Mountain High 2021. Registration is already open for Junior and Seniors and in November will be open up to Freshman and Sophomores. The dates will be July 31st – August 4th. For additional information you can visit https://www.rockymountainhighinfo.com/ You can also contact me with any questions as we begin to spread the word on RMH for this summer.

That’s it for this week!

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FALL CLASS UPDATES

Fall looks and feels a little different around here. We will not be starting in-person Sunday School or Midweek until after the 1st of the year but here are several class options that the staff is working on.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO-GO FOR KIDS

Each week check out a video, some activities that you can choose from and a worksheet that you can print (if you want.) You can pick up a bag of supplies and activities to go with the lessons.

Visit https://www.communityrc.org/kids2020/ for more info!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR JOHN

If you are interested in joining the Wednesday evening Bible study, prayer, and discussion group, which meets via Zoom at 7:30 pm, please email John Thornton prayerline@communityrc.org.

You will get weekly emails with the lesson and instructions on how to access the meetings.

PASTOR CLYDE’S MIDWEEK ONLINE CLASS

Pastor Clyde will be sharing weekly videos of stories from his past along with an accompanying devotional thought. For those of you who might be newer to Community, you may not be familiar with Clyde’s storytelling skills or the incredible experiences he has had!

LIZ’S MIDWEEK ONLINE CLASS

Liz will be sharing weekly videos where she talks a bit about some of the worship songs she's written. You’ll get to hear the stories behind the songs, why she wrote it the way she did, what she was hoping to communicate to the singer/listener, and even a few technical aspects of the songwriting. She’ll also share a short devotional thought about each of the songs. Then at the end, she'll play and sing the song.

WHERE CAN I FIND THESE MIDWEEK CLASSES?

Here are several ways you can watch or get connected with the midweek classes.

1. Go to our website (communityrc.org). Look on the top righthand corner for the "Midweek" tab.
2. Go to our website (communityrc.org). Click on the "App" tab on the top righthand corner. That will send you to a page to be able to download the church app to anyone of your devices.
3. Find Community on Facebook (facebook.com/communityrc.org) Each week, Clyde & Liz's new content will be posted.
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.

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