October is upon us everyone. The fall colors are out in their full spread. What a great time of the year! I have been looking forward to spending time in the outdoors this fall, but things keep getting in my way. I hope November is less that way. I need a little time to sort things out. Sitting in a tree or a blind really works for me. That’s what I am waiting for.

I thought Sunday’s communion went pretty well. We tried so hard to keep things moving for folks in a good way and I made a little extra video for the online church to do communion as well. I got back some very nice responses from folks who really did enjoy our “close” time for communion. We are trying.

With that being said, we are going to be talking this week in Consistory about doing an extra service for those folks who really would like to be with us on Sunday morning, but don’t feel comfortable yet. I hear them. I think we were all hoping that maybe we could get to the fall and maybe see a little change, but that’s not happening…at least not very soon. So, in keeping with our attempt to do as much as we can for all the groups, I would like to propose a mask only service that is going to be for folks who are a bit more vulnerable and those who are just not comfortable with things as they presently are. We all have opinions and those are not the same as you all know. I am aware of that too, but I am the pastor to all those groups. I would so much rather add something than change what we already do. Trust me when I say, that is so much easier. We have a running theme in the office that says, “You can add almost anything, but don’t take things away.” So, I would like to add another service on Sunday; maybe later in the afternoon…or evening. I thought about Saturday, but I'm not sure that would be better. We are asking around to see what seems best for folks. I could tell this was coming, and I do believe this is the best thing we can do. We will keep you all informed. As I stated…we are trying! This can happen very quickly so keep your ears tuned in.

I ordered the copies this week of Becky’s Story. They will arrive next week. Their story will show the struggle of long-term medical battles and the amazing God we trust in those hard times. Maybe the timing is right for that release. I can’t have a “get-your-book-day” with all the COVID stuff so, it will arrive with little fanfare. I think Becky would have liked it that way. I’ll keep you informed as to how to pick up one…if you would like. Jesus Knows What To Do!

This Sunday is disciple number 6. Last week Jude was the one disciple we know so very little. This week, that is not the story. We will go to the least known to possibly the most known. The theme will stay the same…if you give God a chance, he can redeem almost anything. We are building a momentum in this series. I hope you can tell. This will lead us into advent with I pray a whole new perspective of Christ coming. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
**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 Tuesday 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.

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The Gideons

**BOOK CLUB**
The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 9am at the church. We will be discussing *I Will Always Write Back* by Ganda - each member finds own copy.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7pm. We will be discussing *No One Ever Asked* by Ganshert.

**FINANCES**
Sunday, October 4, 2020

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month and is the perfect time to commit to prayer, love, and encouragement for our pastors and others in ministry on a regular basis.

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE NIGHT**

When: October 15th, at 6:30pm
Where: Robin Jacobs' garage (Southside Sioux Falls)

Do you know of a College Student entering the final stretch of this 2020 fall semester? Join us for 30 minutes to an hour as we assemble boxes of goodies, sprinkled with prayers, to be delivered to the students.

No college student? Consider joining us anyway. I know of a few students that would appreciate some extra support and goodies this semester from Community Reformed.

To participate, or for more information, email robinmjacobs98@gmail.com or text 612-730-7754 by October 11th.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH:** 8, 9, 11:00AM - IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SERVICES

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13:**
7:00PM - AA MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14:**
7:00PM - M.S YOUTH GROUP
8:00PM - H.S. YOUTH GROUP

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15:**
6:30PM - COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE NIGHT

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We're looking for 100 Subscribers on the Community YouTube page so we can have our own URL! Please subscribe today!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCimEfjAVmG9_1jfXBwxwhBA
As promised, I am finally getting to my last list of book recommendations. This week, I’d like to share some fictional books that, in my opinion, do a remarkable job of showing us who God is and what God does. So, let’s get to it!

**The Screwtape Letters - C. S. Lewis**
This is a classic book by theologian and apologist, C.S. Lewis. He wrote it in the early 1940’s. This book is a series of letters written by a demon, Screwtape, to his protégé and nephew, Wormwood. The book is written from Screwtape's perspective of God being the enemy, because of course, to the devil, God is the enemy. So, it’s a very unique way of looking at the fallen world and the things Satan does in it. A victory for God is a defeat for Screwtape. This book will make you look at the world through a very different lens, and its distinctiveness will help you to understand the battles we fight every day.

**Chronicles of Narnia Series - C. S. Lewis**
You may be familiar with children's movies that have been made about these books, and although the movies are entertaining, they don’t hold a candle to the books. In this series, Lewis undertakes to essentially explain Who God is, and what Jesus came to do by using mostly animals, as well as children and few adults, as the main characters. The writing, although simple enough for a child to understand, is truly profound. And frankly, I think this series is enjoyed more deeply by adults than children.

**The Pilgrim’s Progress - John Bunyan**
This book was written in the 1600s by John Bunyan during his time of imprisonment for preaching The Gospel. He does a similar thing to C.S. Lewis in that he essentially retells the story of who God is and what Jesus came to do by using characters and earthly settings to help explain it. This book is written as poetry, so it’s a bit different to read, but once you get used to the format, it’s a meaningful book that will stick with you.

**The Mitford Series - Jan Karon**
Now, to be fair, this is a personal favorite series. :) But one of the reasons I love it so much is because of the many different ways Karon is able to bring the good news of the gospel and transforming grace to the reader. This series is about an Episcopal priest who lives and pastors a church in a small mountain town in NC. The characters in the town are hilarious, and the situations they find themselves in are both true to life and entertaining. As I was reading this series for the first time, I felt like these were real people I knew in a town I had visited. You’ll find The Mitford Series to be entertaining, uplifting, and moving. And lastly this week, don’t forget to check out the information about Robin Jacobs' packing party for college student care packages. Holli assured me the information would be included in this week’s newsletter. 😊 Be sure to check it out!

Have a great week!

Liz
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Hello Everyone!
I want to start with a HUGE thank you to Susan B for coming by this week and packing up a ton of Sunday School bags for us. This was such a blessing!

Sunday School "to go" is picking up steam and I’m looking forward to adding more kids to the fun. We have some fun kits with craft supplies and games that are ready for you to pick up at your convenience! You can grab them at any service or between services in the lobby. The church will also be open during Youth Group from 6:45pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday night (see Doyle’s article if you are interested in youth group and knowing what time each group meets.) Those kits will go along with the lessons beginning on October 18 so come grab one or put in your requests today! https://forms.gle/JEUrGFKKVtmABWjX9 If you’d like kits and can’t pick up on a Sunday, please let me know and we can schedule a time that works for you or I can mail/ drop off a kit. These kits have supplies to take us all the way into December! Feel free to request extra kits to share with kids you know too. You can “invite them to Sunday School” without ever leaving home. If you’d like a kit mailed, we can do that too.

https://www.communityrc.org/kids2020/

Reminders:
We’ll have a video each week that you can have your kids watch as well as some activity ideas and printable sheets that kids can do.
I’ll be giving you a lot of ideas and activities you can choose from but I want you to know that it is okay (I’d even say probably wise) to not try to do every single thing each week. Do a little on Sunday, a little on Wednesday if you want and skip the things that don’t work for you. Our survey showed me that you all want a variety of different things and that no two families want the exact same thing, so my plan is to give you some options from which to choose. There are activities to appeal to the wide range of ages as well so you can choose what fits for your family. You may even just want the discussion questions, and that’s all. That’s fine too!

For the Oct 4 lesson, the kids read in 1 Kings 19 to find out about a time when Elijah encountered God. ““But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” They made binoculars and had some good discussion about how we can seek God and how God always wants us to find Him and He always finds us! If you missed that lesson, don’t worry. You can always go back and catch all of the lessons at https://www.communityrc.org/kids2020/

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
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What a week! For those who have not heard, two weekends ago I was in the hospital with abdominal pain. After some original tests I was told that I would be having my appendix removed and that after the recovery things would be back to normal. However, after the surgeon checked the CT scan out it was decided to wait with surgery and try out antibiotics. After a night in the hospital (and several conflicting statements on yes or no to appendix surgery) I was able to walk out of the hospital with no surgery and put on antibiotics. I am feeling a lot better this week and am thankful for the medical field we have access to! There will be some follow up appointments but for right now things are going well. Thank you to all those who sent messages and prayers for me and my family this last week!

Our Wednesday nights for youth group will start back up this week. Middle school group will be in the book of Acts and we start at 7:00. The high school group will meet at 8:00 and we will be getting into the book of Philippians. I am looking forward to this month. Our youth group has two options for attending – in person at church and through Zoom. I send out the zoom ID and password to parents in an email each week. If you have a student and are not getting those, please let me know so I can get those to you!

As we continue on into the fall, please feel free to send any questions my way.

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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. Stay tuned!

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.) In mid-October we’ll have bags of fun 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! These videos will be available to watch anytime once they are uploaded online. We'll keep you posted about the various platforms where you'll be able to access and share these videos.

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. We’ll keep you posted about the various platforms where you’ll be able to access and share these videos.

MISSION EVENTS

INSPIRATION HILLS LIVE & ONLINE FALL ACTION
Friday, Oct. 23
Live & Online Auction begins at 7:00pm
Visit www.inspirationhills.org to register for online bidding & view auction items.

ONE MISSION YOUTH CONFERENCE
One mission, one Savior, one life. These are the things we have been gifted with – are you going to waste them? Or are you going to boldly stand up for your faith so students may find the hope you have?
Join us on October 3rd for the all-day ONE Mission Conference at Abiding Savior Free Lutheran Church if you want to learn what it means to be bold for the sake of the Gospel and live UNASHAMED. Learn more and register NOW at onemissionconference.org

THANK YOU
I would like to thank all the prayer warriors at Community Reformed, my home church, for remembering me in prayer this past year. It was about a year ago I was diagnosed with multiple myeloma. I just had my 100-Day check up after my transplant this past summer and all my numbers are looking normal. Because it's the kind of cancer that can only be controlled, but not eliminated, I will be going on maintenance chemo shortly. But right now I feel pretty normal, so I appreciate all your prayers for me.
Pastor Dave Landegent
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.