As we move along through the days of September, we are all reminded that fall has found its way into our world. The colors are starting to really pop now. It is, as I always say, my favorite time of year. I want it to last and last, but I have no control over that. It has been busy around here this month. One wedding after another it seems. Those wedding folks have found planning those events to be somewhat challenging, but I have been very impressed with how they have taken this all with grace. They make the best of all of it. I love it when people make things work. Don't lose their minds! Get after it! Make it happen! Enjoy the days!

So, on that note, don’t forget to enjoy a little of this fall. You can get out among the trees a little. Smile at the creation...it will smile back.

The staff continues to work out plans for the fall. Holli is writing up a list of things we are going to try for the fall. We really don't know how any of that is going to go. We are going to try several new things. Some I think you will find to be thought provoking and devotional in nature. Others may seem a little bit more on the lighter side of life, but we hope to give you all a variety of things to take experience. Believe me when I say, it's not the same as getting together. I am so glad that nothing really takes the place of that, but in this kind of space we find ourselves, we just want to do the very best we can for as many of you as we can. Let us know what you think as we begin to roll these things out.

Are you wondering what service has plenty of space on Sunday mornings? I would say 11 is still a pretty safe place. You can find many open areas to sit if you would like to come and join us, but I want you to all know that we are not pressuring anyone to do that if you are uncomfortable. No one knows your personal situation like you do. We trust your wisdom on that one!

I have decided I’m going to release the book I put together 5 years ago that tells the story of Becky’s journey through cancer. I wrote it as a devotional exercise during that following Lenten season in 2015. I just wrote what came to my mind as I went through the many days and months of her journey. I wrote about what was happening and what that was like to experience that sort of thing. I wrote down what I was learning about Becky’s faith, her God and how it was impacting me. When I completed that manuscript, I at first laid it aside and thought that was it, but when I had a couple of people (not my family) read through it, they encouraged me to do more. Still, I wasn’t sure. It’s personal. Do I want people to know all that? I have decided to move forward. I have a few things to get done to get the printer going, but it will be this fall.

This week we take a look at an apostle who does not have the best “church” background. He is an outcast of sorts in his neighborhood. I’m sure he was accused of selling out to the Roman government. He probably didn’t have the best character for this new calling, but let’s not forget what our overriding theme is for this series. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
Hello Everyone!

Our first week of “Sunday School To Go” for the Fall is this Sunday so please check it out and let me know what you think. We posted a little introduction video last week to get started and before this Sunday, we’ll have the first video and set of activities on the web page and ready for you!

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

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.

Before the middle of October, I’m hoping to also do a bag of supplies and fun (similar to Staycation Bible School) too. 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!

I’ll have more on that coming soon!

See you soon!
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPT 27TH: 8, 9, 11:00AM– IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SERVICES

TUESDAY, SEPT 29: 7:00PM– AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 30: 7:00PM– M.S YOUTH GROUP
8:00PM– H.S. YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISM DATE
There will be a baptism service this fall 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 (tstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

MISSION OF THE MONTH– SEPTEMBER
The Banquet

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, September 20, 2020

General: $11,248
Vision: $1,175
Missions: $385

General YTD: $567,616
Vision YTD: $100,943
Vision Account Balance: $123,613

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Group in September

MS YOUTH @ 7:00PM

HS YOUTH @ 8:00PM

THE GIVE

It’s back! 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)
Mission Haiti- slightly used or new shoes & backpacks
Union Gospel Mission- sugar, rice & salad dressing

NURSERY FOR INFANT- 2 YEAR OLDS OPEN

We’re excited to have opened the nursery for our Infants-2 year olds. It will look a little different but we will walk through the changes together. Here is what nursery will look like:

~Only infants-2 year olds and staff are allowed in the nursery
~Only coordinators will be using the iPads to check in kids
~We will be handing kids over the half door into the nursery
~Coordinators will be wearing masks at all times
~Kids hands will be washed when entering
~Toys will be cleaned if a child puts it in their mouth. All toys will be cleaned each week.
~Different sets of toys will be used for the 9:00 and the 11:00 services.
~Please don’t send your child if they have a temp or if anyone in your family has been by someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to me at 605-261-2153.
Sheri Brouwer, Nursery Director.

THE GIVE
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

Starting on 9/27/20, each week will have 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.

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK ONLINE CLASSES

Stay Tuned! More updates next week!

MISSION EVENTS

MOVE FOR MISSION HAITI

WHEN: Saturday, October 3, 2020
8 AM - 10 AM

WHERE: Pasley Park Sioux Falls

WHAT: 5k Run, 1 Mile Walk, 10k Bike or Yoga! No pre-registration necessary. Simply arrive at Pasley Park a little before 8:00am and sign in. Adults are $10, kids are free. Come ready to MOVE! You will be able to decide between a run, walk, bike or yoga workout led by Amy from the renowned Amy Miller Training

WHY: To raise $33,250 to operate our Mission-Haiti orphanage for the next year.

*We will have sanitizing stations and will be practicing social distancing throughout the event. Masks are encouraged but optional.

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
This week in youth group we are finishing up our three week series on the Gospel. From Creation, to Fall and now finishing with Redemption. This is by far my favorite week of each year as we dive into the life, death and resurrection of Christ. To hear and talk about this gift we have been given – that through the cross, the punishment for our sins is paid – brings a joy, hope and peace in my life that always gets me excited when sharing with others.

We are also starting up Sunday School this upcoming Sunday for middle and high school students. It was decided that our time together on Sundays would be held online, and while I originally thought about posting a recorded devo of some sort, we are going to head back to zoom instead. Sunday school will run from 10:15 – 10:50 each Sunday and we will begin the fall combined. I understand that there will now be some travel time at the beginning or ending if students are coming to church in person, so I want students to feel free and comfortable joining in late or jumping off early if needed. As we spend the first few weeks in a trial process, I will continue to keep everyone updated if there are changes needed.

We are for sure in some unique times as we start this fall off and I just want to say thank you to everyone for continuing to be flexible as we navigate this together!

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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**NEW THIS WEEK**

- Florene Meier (COVID)

**ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Brian Frisbee’s grandma, Audree (recovery from hip surgery)
- Judy Van Meeteren (recovery from hip surgery)
- Tracee Ellwein’s dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Darla Anderson’s daughter, Emma
- Kim Becker’s mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
- Abby Brost (breast cancer)
- Joe Johnson (severe headaches)
- Jan Sturing (irregular heart rhythm)
- Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
- Jamelee Van Donge’s dad, DeLyle (cancer)
- Justin Hinks’ nephew, Xavier Nygard (car accident)
- Holli Jans’ dad, Milt (cancer hormone therapy)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurrey’s dad (Parkinson’s)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law, Bruce (lymphoma)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
- Tami Harm’s cousin (colon cancer)
- Melanie Oden’s dad, David
- Audrey Landegents’ son, David (cancer)
- Matt Marcus’ dad (prostate cancer)
- Dree & Hawk Mayer’s sister-in-law, Beth (stroke)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tami Boyle’s dad (prostate cancer)
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.