

THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 12, 2026

THIS WEEK

AUG 12- AUG 19

Wednesday, Aug. 12

7:00pm- Study of Romans
(Led by Clyde Teel)

Saturday, August 15

7:00am- Fresh Encounter
Prayer Group

Sunday, August 16

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am-
Worship Services

10:15am- Adult Sunday School

7:00pm- Summer in the Psalms

Tuesday, August 18

9:30am- Play Group
7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, August 19

9:00am- Book Club @ Bagel Boy
7:00pm- Study of Romans
(Led by Clyde Teel)

Clyde's Update

We are back with you all again this week with the newsletter. I hope you are having a great August as we are nearing the end of the vacation part of the summer. Lots of school things are starting up very soon, if not already. Yes, it is that time of year again. We always know that is how all of this goes, but it seems like a surprise to us each year when it happens. It has been a little dry around our area here, and we could use a little rain in the Sioux Falls area. However, in many parts of the area they have been getting in some cases too much rain. Isn't that just how things can go? We can't fix all that. I hope this week finds you enjoying the summer days with great people. We have several important things for the newsletter this week, so let's get to it.

I want to first offer a word to those of you who are considering helping us with Sunday school again this year. You will be hearing more about this as the weeks roll by, but you and I both know we can't do all of that back in the children's wing without people stepping up to help us. My request is very simple. Ask God if that is something you should consider. I am confident that we will have the people we need. God is good. I am only bringing you a reminder. If you have questions, talk to us or specifically talk to Heather as she has all of that organized back there.

The second item is the Gordon Mote concert coming up here in a couple of weeks. I booked that concert several months ago when Gordon contacted me about coming up here again. They are on their way to a big event in North Dakota and thought this would be a good stopping point on their trip. They were very nice to offer to come here and I said yes. I really do just like Gordon as a person. That whole group of people who travel together are just great people. He is an extraordinary talent and he is coming here. He has a great story, and I think he is just one of those people we all should just hang around with for a while. Good people like that are good for us! His talent speaks for itself. Friends, he has literally played on about every album you can imagine. He is an "A" list player in Nashville. That means if they are looking for the best ones to play on stage or in a recording session, he's on that list. He is a writer, singer, musician, and powerful Christian man. Just set an evening and come out and spend some time around him. It will be good for your soul.

Sunday's message is a look at the deeper meaning behind the message from this past Sunday. I want to walk with you all through the story of the Cross and the sacrifice Jesus was willing to make for us. That is such an amazing example of the deep love Jesus had for us. He was compelled, motivated, driven to lay down his life for those who would stand before him and sneer and mock him. Relentless is not a big enough word to describe that kind of heart. That's right. The heart of Jesus. We often talk about asking Jesus into our hearts. It is a phrase we use to describe a deep connection that we want to have with our Lord and Savior, but we don't often talk about his heart. This week we are going to change that. I am looking forward to sharing a message about the heart of Jesus. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



605.CHURCH/STORE

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Sept. 14** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Violin Conspiracy*.

The morning book club will meet Wed., Aug. 19, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. near 33rd St. We will be discussing *Color of Justice* by Collins.

REFRESH

(College-age/ Young adults)

Sundays @ 6:30pm

High School Youth Room

Join our group chat for upcoming events:

https://web.groupme.com/join_group/107959399/aJVru2FZ

FINANCES

Sunday, August 9, 2026

General: \$12,615

Vision: \$265

Mission: \$365

General YTD: \$536,175

Vision YTD: \$36,224

Vision Account Balance: \$4,628

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE



Do you enjoy welcoming people with a warm smile and a hot cup of coffee?

We're looking for a few volunteers to help serve coffee on Sunday mornings!

It's a simple way to connect with others, help create a welcoming atmosphere, and serve our church community. No experience is needed—we'll show you everything you need to know.

If you're interested in joining the coffee team or would like to learn more, please email Lisa at accounting@communityrc.org.

GORDON MOTE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00PM
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TICKETS | \$15



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In need of prayer or want to
share your prayer request?
Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

THE BANQUET

The Banquet meal ministry was founded in 1985 starting with just one meal per week. They serve 16 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.

We're Going to Seminary!

Asbury Theological Seminary | Wilmore, KY

Going Away Party



Sunday, August 16 | 4-7pm
Community Reformed Church

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE
wall in the lobby.
It's time to bless the
neighborhood schools!



Ben Reifel Middle School

*Shelf stable protein shakes or protein bars
for hungry students

*Individually packaged crackers & cookies for
hungry students

Inspiration Elementary

*Grab & Go Snacks for teachers
(or individual packets powered drink mix)

PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rod Sonnenburg (malignant lymphoma)
- Dree Mayer's sister, Charlotte (triple bypass)
- Helen Robinson's brother-in-law, Donald (cancer)
- Lloyd VanEssen (bladder cancer)
- Elaine Deelstra (eye sight changes)
- Carol Baker (ongoing eye issues)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Jayne Knockenmus's friend, Shelly
- Kailee Taborda (Leukemia)
- Ken Stellinga
- Jodi Ackerman's mother, Karen (aortic aneurysm)
- Leroy Thill (infant son of Katie & Trevor Thill)
- Gracia Harmsen
- Al Price
- Jan Sturing
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Al Hoogendoorn and his family
for the passing of his brother, Marvin Hoogendoorn
Please keep their family in your prayers.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Grace and Alex Collins on the birth of
their daughter, Margot Wren Collins!

Congratulations to Paige and Dalton Warner on the birth
of their son, Knox Warner!

FRESH ENCOUNTER

SATURDAY MORNINGS
@ 7:00AM

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

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

605-940-6702



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Summer is quickly coming to an end and the school year is right around the corner! Here is a look ahead to start dates for our high school and middle school youth group.

High school Wednesday Nights:

The high school youth group will start up Wednesday, **September 9th**. We will meet from 6:30-8:00 starting off with a meal before our large and small group times. This September, we will be continuing the theme from Rocky Mountain High as we look at practical ways students play a role in the One Story found throughout scripture.

Middle and high school Sunday School:

Starting **September 20th**, Sunday school is a great opportunity for discussion and connection with other students here at Community. Abby Burnside will be leading the Middle school group again this year and I will be with the high school group. Sunday mornings are a time to engage with scripture and find practical ways of setting aside time to be with God throughout our week.

Middle School Wednesday Nights:

Our midweek for all ages starts Wednesday **October 7th**. This year we will be adding music alongside our large and small group time. Centered on the gospel, this is a great opportunity for students to talk about how the gospel impacts our everyday life. Our nights include a specific series each month, opportunities to ask questions, and time to engage with others walking through middle school years together.

I'm looking forward to some time in August to plan for our upcoming school year together! There will be some changes coming to midweek for the youth group this year and I'm excited to see how that all goes. Once we get a little further into August you will hear some more about all that from me. Until then, if you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community please feel free to reach out anytime!

Doyle
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Hi Community!

Sunday School starts in less than a month and I can't wait! If your child hasn't tried Sunday School yet, I encourage you to get them started this year. The classes are designed with kids in mind! Kids enjoy time connecting with God's word, with the volunteers, and with their peers. You don't have to sign up your kids in advance. Just bring them each Sunday at 10:10!

Each grade level has a theme:

3 Year Olds and Preschool- Jesus Loves Me

Kindergarten- Together

Grade 1- Adventure

Grade 2- Surprised

Grade 3- Fearless

Grade 4- Protected

Grade 5- Challenge

Sunday School is from 10:10am to 10:40am in the Children's Wing. The Preschool kids start in the middle area for singing while the K-5 kids head right to their grade-level classrooms.

Sunday School is only possible because of a team of volunteers. We recruit two volunteers for each class so that each person teaches every other week (or an alternate system like every other month, etc. using a schedule the two volunteers set up together) We provide all of the lessons and supplies. They are in the classroom and ready for you.

We are still looking for:

- One more teacher in each of these classes: ¾ year old Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade
- One more helper in each of these classes: ¾ year old Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade
- For fourth grade, we are going to do an alternate plan with three to four (or more) teachers working together to offer a little more flexibility for volunteers with busy schedules. One parent has already said yes, so we are looking for a few more volunteers to jump in. I'll email you the list of weeks needed, and you pick the ones that work for you.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have committed as of today! Many said yes who have taught previously, some for many years, and this ministry has a huge impact on kids. For some kids, Sunday School is one of their happiest childhood memories and a place they truly feel like they belong. It is quite a gift to be part of that!

Now we need to get a few more to jump in with us!

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
Community Kids
605-336-1475



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

August means that we are right on the cusp of starting our fall activities and ministries at Community. Every week there will be new information making its way into the Newsletter, so be sure to take a quick gander at the Communicator when you get it!

This week, I'd like to draw your attention to two different groups meeting at Community.

First of all, I have recently taken on a support role for our college age/young adult group called Refresh. This group was started by a few college students a couple of years ago. They really wanted to have a place for young adults to connect and grow at Community, and I think that's fantastic! I'm truly honored to be a part of their group this year. I'll be leading their learning discussions each week, and I'm really looking forward to our times together. They also have some fun events planned for each month. We meet every Sunday evening from 6:30-7:30pm in the High School Youth room, and we will start with our first official fall meeting this Sunday, August 16. All college age/young adults are welcome to come! If you have further questions about this group, I encourage you to contact Mikila DeWit through the Group Me Chat at https://web.groupme.com/join_group/107959399/aJ_Vru2FZ. I also ask that you pray for this group as the Lord might lead you. I'd love to see the group grow both deep and wide and become a place where the Spirit does mighty things in this generation of young adults.

And secondly, I'd like to remind you about our women's group WD40. This group is open to women of ALL ages, and we meet the first Monday of every month from 7-8pm in the fellowship hall. I lead the discussions for this group, but I feel like the real value of what this group has become is in their relationships with one another. It has been so encouraging to see how God has built friendships and grown everyone closer to each other and to Him. We would love to see our group grow, and we want all women to know they are welcome to attend. We get our start on September 8 (which is a Tuesday because Labor Day is Monday), at 7:00pm. No need to RSVP. If you want to come, just come!

Of course, if you have any questions about these groups, please let me know. I'll be sharing more about other fall ministries and groups in the weeks to come.

Blessings, friends!

Liz
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REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

**If you would like to request membership or baptism, please
e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org.**

**We are doing individual family baptism after the 10:45am
service until further notice.**

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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