

THE COMMUNICATOR

AUGUST 19, 2026

THIS WEEK

AUG 19- AUG 26

Wednesday, Aug. 19

7:00pm- Study of Romans

Saturday, August 22

**7:00am- Fresh Encounter
Prayer Group**

Sunday, August 23

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

Worship Services

10:15am- Adult Sunday School

6:30pm- Refresh

(College-age/ Young adults)

7:00pm- Summer in the Psalms

Tuesday, August 25

9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, August 26

7:00pm- Study of Romans

NEXT FRIDAY!

**GORDON
MOTE**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

**7:00PM
COMMUNITY
REFORMED CHURCH**

TICKETS | \$15



Clyde's Update

August is past the halfway point now, and we can see fall things coming our way. Summers do always seem to get away from us. It starts almost suddenly, and then before we know it, it is gone. The time is always moving, and it seems faster each day. We did get a little rain and for that we are very thankful. The air is cooler, and we are enjoying that as well. I know there are still many who are busy with lots of summer things as they continue to enjoy the summer temps and fun things, but school starts this week which means things are about the change. Here we go!

The Gordon Mote concert is next week, friends (August 28th). I really thought that more people would have purchased those tickets early, but I know you all get busy and forget. Well, it is time because we are getting right down to the deadline here. I do hope you will all consider that. I have had several people say they have already heard him, and I get that, but there is something good about being around people who have a good heart and share that at a very high level. There is always a gain for us. Lord knows there are plenty of things that take away from us or demand things from us...we need a little filling once in a while, and I believe good people like Gordon can do some filling. It is a gift they have. I hope you can join us and bring a friend or two. We would love to see you.

The church calendar is being put together for the activities of the fall and there are plenty of things to get involved in. We have had a number of groups meet in the church over the summer, and this week we are hosting the CRU kids for a retreat for their leadership people. They will be around here for a couple of days this week with us. We are providing the space, some food, and some music for them as well. It has been a full summer that way. It keeps us paying attention to things, that is for sure.

Sunday school is just around the corner, and we still need some help in that area. Heather has stated she is not going to panic, and but let the process play out...she is hoping for a little more help back in that wing. Go Community Go! Kick off Sunday will have a lot of places to check out and we always get so many people who sign up for things on that Sunday. I don't worry about it because I know God will prompt all the right people for all the things we need to get done. It takes a village to keep all this going, and God has always been faithful through the hearts of each and every one of you.

Sunday will be the last message is this summer series we have called "Relentless". I have heard so many good things from so many of you throughout this entire summer. There seems to always be something for everyone in the words that are shared in that room. I also get such a great sense that God is really working in that place as we gather each and every week. I love that! This week we will talk about the way in which God through Christ works in our lives, and shall we call it, the results of God's relentless heart towards us. It is a message on how God guides and directs and moves these hearts of ours. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

Psalm 34:17-18: "The righteous cry out and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted..."

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.

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**In need of prayer or want to
share your prayer request?**

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

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

- Alvin Hoogendoorn (hip surgery)
- Dustin Schouten (auto accident recovery)
- Rod Sonnenburg (malignant lymphoma)
- Dree Mayer's sister, Charlotte (triple bypass)
- 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)

THANK YOU

Thank you to Pastor Clyde & Pastor John and all of Community for the prayers and support during my treatment and recovery. Also, thanks to Arlan and Mary Burggraaf for their special ministry. I am blessed!

Ken Stellinga

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CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Helen Robinson and her friends and family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Donald Dykstra.

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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DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

FALL DATES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:

Starting Wednesday, September 9th
6:30-8:00pm

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Starting September 20th at 10:10am

MIDDLE SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:

Starting Wednesday October 7th @
6:30pm

Hi Community!

This week, I want to share the list of Children's Ministry important dates to encourage you to mark them on your calendar. I'm excited for Sunday School to begin on September 20 with Midweek close behind on October 7.

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.

We do still need Sunday School volunteers. Each one serves every other week.

- One more teacher in each of these classes: 3- and 4-year-old Preschool, Kindergarten, 2nd Grade
- One more helper in each of these classes: 3- and 4-year-old 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.

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



Got questions? Email me!
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org



COMMUNITY KIDS

IMPORTANT DATES 2026-2027

- SUNDAY SCHOOL: SEPT. 20, 2026 - MAY 2, 2027
- MIDWEEK: OCTOBER 7, 2026 - MARCH 17, 2027
- KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE 12/13 10:10AM
- KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DECEMBER 13, 2026 3PM
- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11/29/26, 12/20-27/26, 3/28/27
- NO MIDWEEK: 11/25/26, 12/16-30/26
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 19-22, '27 6PM
- TUE. MORNING PLAY GROUP WEEKLY 9:30AM

For schedule updates and details visit: www.communityrc.org/children





ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Once again, I want to highlight a couple of ministries and groups that get their start in the fall. We will also have print materials with all of this information available to you at Kick-Off Sunday, so you don't need to feel like you have to keep it all in your minds. 😊

This week let's talk about our church choir! Our choir only rehearses from October to December, and we perform our concerts at the 9:00 and 10:45 services on a Sunday morning. I always choose the music for the choir, and we do upper-level high school and collegiate level material. We have some fantastic singers in our choir, and every year they exceed my expectations. This is a wonderful way to meet some new people at Community and to be involved in something that truly rings in the Christmas season for our church family. Choir is open to any singers from 6th grade up through adults. We offer free child-care for all the rehearsals too. It does help if you read music, but if you have a good ear, you can probably learn the music that way too. Every year, I hope we might see 80 singers in our choir. We've never reached that number since I've worked at Community but hope springs eternal. Haha! Here are the dates for choir:

- Rehearsals are Sundays 4:30-6:00pm
 - October 11
 - October 18
 - October 25
 - November 1
 - November 8
 - November 15
 - November 22
 - November 29
 - December 6
- Dress Rehearsal is Saturday, December 12 from 4:00-5:00pm
- Choir Concerts are Sunday, December 13 at 9:00 and 10:45.

I should also note that we meet in the chapel for rehearsals, and Clyde and I share directing duties for this choir and we do both accompanied and acapella music. If you have any questions at all about choir, I encourage you to find me on a Sunday morning or send an email my way. I really hope to see a large group of singers at our first rehearsal in October!

Next week, I'll share more about our Wednesday night programming called Mid-Week.

Have a great week!

Liz
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org



**\$10 OF EACH SHIRT SOLD,
GOES TOWARD THE BUILDING FUND**

AUGUST 13, 2026

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!

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

CONSISTORY NOTES

In attendance: Kris Dunlap, Mike Boyenga, Curt Zwart, Chad McKee, Jon Harmsen, Susan Bierwagen, Lonny Ackerman, Jon Eggers, Jim Fisher, Justin Hinks, Alex Hoogendoorn, Stacy Maassen-Surat, Jordan Lipp, Craig Odens

Snacks & Devotion by Kris Dunlap; on Galatians 5:6 "... The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love"

MSA minutes of prior meeting – July 9, 2026

MSA July Financial Report by Jim Fisher

Old Business:

A/C in the chapel is now fixed

New laser projectors are ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive

Landscaping – dead trees are now removed, holding off on replacing them for now

New Business:

Staff reports were reviewed.

Old Defibrillator has expired, will be getting a Refurbished one to replace it

Summer thoughts from Clyde: summer classes went very well, lots of valuable data was collected – general conclusion is that no untapped demographics were reached.

Closing Prayer by Clyde Teel

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Dunlap



GORDON MOTE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00PM
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

TICKETS | \$15



TO PURCHASE TICKETS CALL 605-336-1475
WWW.COMMUNITYRC.ORG

FINANCES

Sunday, August 16, 2026

General: \$10,978

Vision: \$575

Mission: \$125

General YTD: \$547,153

Vision YTD: \$36,799

Vision Account Balance: \$2,811

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12 TICKETS FOR THIS CONCERT!
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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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