

THE COMMUNICATOR

THIS WEEK

AUG 26- SEPT 2

Wednesday, Aug. 26

7:00pm- Study of Romans

Friday, Aug. 28

7:00pm- Gordon Mote Concert
Doors open at 6:15pm

Saturday, August 29

7:00am- Fresh Encounter
Prayer Group

Sunday, August 30

**8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am-
Worship Services**
10:15am- Adult Sunday School

6:30pm- Refresh

(College-age/ Young adults)

Tuesday, Sept. 1

9:30am- Play Group

THIS FRIDAY!

**GORDON
MOTE**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

**7:00PM
COMMUNITY
REFORMED CHURCH**

TICKETS | \$15



Clyde's Update

AUGUST 26, 2026

August is flying along. I think almost every school in the area has started by now. It is just too hard to believe that. I don't want to think about summer being over, but it is what it is. Fall is just around the corner, and the schedules will get full with school activities and just the normal fall things that come along. We are still going to get many nice days as the fall season can really be nice around here. We will enjoy those. I like the evening when the sun is setting low in the sky, and you can feel that change in the seasons. It is good stuff.

It sure has been a full summer around the church calendar. We have had a number of things going on throughout the weeks. Right now, it seems to be about weddings and also loss in families. That comes in seasons, but when they all come at the same time, the days get full. It's celebration times to sad times. Sounds like how life goes. Indeed, it does. I am going to try to get away for a couple of days next week, if it works. I think you all understand how that goes. A person gets to going and going and before you know it, the time passes.

I don't have a lot of extra news this week. Our Gordon Mote concert is coming this Friday night. I have already said plenty on that. I hope, if you can you come, join us for that evening. Again, it starts at 7pm and we will be all home by 9pm. It will be a nice evening I can promise you that. Gordon is just a lot of fun to be around, and the music will be great. As I have said so often it is good for us to hang around good people who have a fantastic witness in their life and their music.

Sunday school is getting close. I don't know how many teachers Heather has left to find, but I know there are a few spots back there. If you have questions about what that takes, talk to us. We can't do it without people. That's the way these programs work. It is the dedication from all of you that makes all the difference. Maybe God is prompting you to do that...be listening.

For the next two Sundays, I get to go off script a bit and do a couple of message that are not a part of a series, but just do a message from what is on my heart. I've chosen one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. I also want to bring a word that is most fitting for the times we are living in. I usually try to do that all the time, but these messages can begin with those kinds of thoughts. What is on your minds? What are the things that you wonder about God and these faith journeys we are on? Do you need a word of encouragement? A word of challenge? Is there something that has you concerned or maybe just learn something new about this God we serve? That's what is going through my mind as I write this newsletter early in the week. I am praying about that today. I'm not a bit worried about what it will be. I have a great deal of confidence because I know God is always wanting to reveal things to us. That's who He is. I like that. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

**SOMEONE HAS GENEROUSLY GIFTED 10 TICKETS FOR THIS CONCERT!
CLAIM YOUR FREE TICKET(S) BY EMAILING CONNECT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Romans 8:26:

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans".

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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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THE GIVE

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ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Steve Van Aartsen's brother-in-law & Heather DeWit's uncle, Peter (pancreatic cancer)
- Carolyn Odens (concussion)
- 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)

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

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.

<https://bradymartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KlhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>
Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

Passcode: 052482

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Questions?

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MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



SEPTEMBER 2026

CALENDAR KEY

- ★ HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT
- ☀ KICKOFF SUNDAY
- 🏆 FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 🌙 MS • HS NIGHT AT CHURCH

NOTES

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNING FOR A PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND FIND ME IN THE LOBBY TO CONNECT, HEAR ABOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND TALK ABOUT WAYS TO PARTNER TOGETHER IN THE YOUTH MINISTRY HERE AT COMMUNITY.

HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WILL INCLUDE A MEAL FROM 6:30-7:00 FOLLOWED BY YOUTH GROUP FROM 7:00-8:00. JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE THE THEME FROM ROCKY AND LOOK AT HOW WE PLAY A ROLE IN GOD'S STORY.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 30 - THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GROUP IS INVITED FOR A MIDWEEK KICK OFF. STUDENTS, JOIN US FOR SUPPER, ROOTBEER FLOATS, WORSHIP AND CHURCH WIDE GAMES FROM 6:00-8:00

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 ★ HS 6:30-8:00	10	11	12	13 ☀
14	15	16 ★ HS 6:30-8:00	17	18	19	20 🏆
21	22	23 ★ HS 6:30-8:00	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 🌙 MS • HS 6:00-8:00				

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



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

Sunday School begins on September 20. We're excited to fill up the Children's Wing again. I was back there getting the last details of classroom set-up done and my excitement increases every week as we get closer.

Now, we need YOU!

We have had some awesome volunteers sign up, but there are still about ten slots to fill.

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: 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. We have three who have said yes, so we are looking for a couple more volunteers to jump in. I would email you the list of weeks needed, and you would pick the ones that work for you.

We can't provide the smaller class sizes, great connections, and exciting Sunday School lessons for kids without a big team of volunteers so I hope you can join us. I am confident you'll see God at work when you hang out with these kiddos. I've gotten to be part of Sunday School at Community for many years now and I can tell you God has never let us down! He shows up every single year.

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



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Let's talk about Mid-Week! We've had so many new people joining us on Sunday mornings, that I think it would be a good idea to explain in detail how our Wednesday night programming works.

October 7 marks the first night of Mid-Week. This is our church-wide Wednesday night ministry at Community that aims to help all ages, babies through adults, to grow in their relationships with one another as well as with God. I always tell people, "If you want to connect with others at Community, start with Mid-Week." It's one of the best things we offer at Community!

We start every evening with a meal. And I'm not just talking about a hotdog and chips. We actually have work groups that take turns making actual meals every week for anyone who wants to come. There is no need to RSVP. You just show up and share in the meal! The meal is served from 5:30-6:15. We have many people who volunteer to help in the kitchen with the preparations, serving, and cleaning up. And we also have many people who volunteer to bring desserts each week. If you would like to be a part of any of these groups, simply contact Holli in the church office, and she'll work with you to place you where we have open spots.

At 6:30pm everyone heads to their times of learning. For the smallest ones (infants through Pre-K) the nursery staff plans times of play and learning. For Kindergarten through 5th Grade, Heather and her staff runs evenings that include play as well as centers for learning. Middle School and High School Youth Groups are led by Doyle. And the adults have 5 different adult class options that are scattered throughout the church. Further details on all these classes will be given on the first night of Mid-Week, October 7. Classes always wrap up by 7:30pm, so everyone can get home at a reasonable time.

Everyone is welcome to come to Mid-Week, and it's also a great program for inviting friends. We really do have something for everyone at Mid-Week. I hope to see you all there in October!

Have a great week!

Liz
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

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605.CHURCH/STORE

VISIT THE COMMUNITY STORE TO FIND
COMMUNITY APPAREL & SERMON SERIES APPAREL

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

Let's Do GOOD

-EVENT- POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8
due to the villainous heat

MOVE for MH!
TOGETHER LET'S SUPPORT SOME SUPER KIDS!

8 September 2026
Registration Starting at 6:00 PM

Pasley Park
301 S Southeastern Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

MH MISSION-HAITI
HELPING CHILDREN AND COMMUNITIES THRIVE

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

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave near 33rd St. We will be discussing *The Lost Library* by Koslin.

FINANCES

Sunday, August 23, 2026

General: \$10,587

Vision: \$125

Mission: \$350

General YTD: \$557,740

Vision YTD: \$36,924

Vision Account Balance: \$2,936

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

FALL KICK OFF

NEW SEASON, NEW START

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:30AM-12:30PM

We're kicking off fall with a special Sunday!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Join us for worship at 8, 9, or 10:45am, then stick around for a pancake breakfast served all morning from 8:30am-12:30pm!

Be sure to check out the lobby for all of our Fall sign-ups and opportunities to get involved. We'll also be collecting items to bless our neighboring schools! SEE BELOW!

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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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