

THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 1, 2026

THIS WEEK

JULY 1 - JULY 8

Wednesday, July 1

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

NO H.S. Youth Group

Friday, July 3
Office Closed

Saturday, July 4

7:00am- Fresh Encounter
Prayer Group

Sunday, July 5

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

6:30pm- Refresh
(College-age/ Young adults)

7:00pm- Summer in the Psalms

Tuesday, July 7

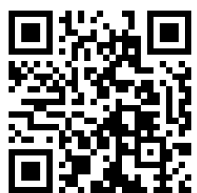
9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, July 8

6:30pm- Picnic in the Park
(Upper Tuthill Park)

new!

COMMUNITY
ROMANS 8:28



605.CHURCH/STORE

Clyde's Update

July is here. The 4th is this weekend! Yes, here we are. It is this nation's 250th anniversary. I hope we can all get some time to be grateful for where you live and the things that we do enjoy that most of the world does not know. I realize, as well, that 250 years is not that old for a nation when I consider the age of many of the nations of the Bible that ruled sometimes for hundreds of years, and in many cases, a thousand years or more, but still, 250 is a not a small number. Lots of history inside of those years. Lots of great things and yes, we aren't prefect, but we are a place of freedom that most of the history of the world has never known. For that I am grateful. Always be in prayer for your homeland. The Bible does talk about that. God has set all the powers of the earth in their place. He is our source and our rock. I am still glad I live here and all that this means to me. Happy Birthday, America!

Summer is in full swing now, and it feels a little more like summer now. The rain on Saturday night was so great. I do hope that continues because that really does matter when you live in a place where agriculture plays such an important role in our lives. I know that many of you are traveling this coming weekend for an event somewhere. Travel safe, and enjoy the holiday weekend!

VBS is now getting close. We are going to start pressing for helpers and really setting the stage for what is ahead for us. Classes are being prepared, and the music is coming together. We have games and fun crafts to work on, and of course, we are going to learn just how BIG God is. I love the theme. I think Heather has some great things planned for the week. Let's get signed up and make this happen. We are also doing Hope Haven for our fundraiser for the week. It is going to be a great time. I know I am looking forward to it!

I am still working through the books of Psalms on Sunday evenings and working on the book of Romans on Wednesday nights. Both of those studies start at 7pm and both focus on God's ways and His heart towards us. They do it in different ways. The study of Psalms is more of a response back to God whereas Romans, is a theological expression of how the Old Testament and New Testament converge to speak to us and show us the way God deals with this broken world. We do a little singing each time, not too much, but a little. Then together work through the chapters and thoughts. Everyone is welcome and you don't need to do all of them to be a part of it. If you want to just stop in some evening to join us...please do.

This week my focus is going to be Elijah. There is a great deal to his story. It is maybe not as peculiar as the Jonah story, but there are plenty of parts of his story that are fascinating. He was a prophet alive at a time when Israel had drifted far from God, again. He is going to bring a word to them in warning and a word of who God is for them. His life experiences are such that he finds the world in which he lives to be challenging, and he fears that he is the only left in this crazy world he finds himself, but that's not true. There are many ups and downs to his story. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **July 13** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will be taking the summer off. The next meeting will be on September 15th. See the first Communicator in September for more information.

CHURCH SOFTBALL

Come cheer on the Community coed softball team Monday nights at Sherman Park by the Zoo

MONDAY, JULY 6

6:30pm- Diamond C
8:20pm- Diamond C

JULY SUMMER EVENTS

STUDY IN ROMANS

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm
(No Class on July 8 because of picnic)

Led by Pastor Clyde

SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

Sundays @ 7:00pm

Led by Pastor Clyde

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Wednesday, July 8

6:30pm

3500 S Cliff Ave

Upper Tuthill Park

Potluck picnic- Bring a dish to share if you can. Community will provide hotdog/buns, chips & water. Bring your own lawn chair.

MUNICIPAL BAND GATHERING

Tuesday, July 14th @ 7:30pm

Trail Ridge Senior Living

Meet other Community people at the Municipal Band concert! Look for the pink umbrella!

YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHTS

Sunday, July 19

7:00pm

Led by Doyle & Abby Burnside & students

VBS

Monday, July 20-Thurs. July 23

6:00-7:45pm

God Is BIGGER Than That!

<https://communityrc.org/vbs>

new!

605.CHURCH/STORE



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

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

"My prayer life reflects my theology – or my idolatry."
Ann Voskamp "Do not work so hard for Christ, that
you make no time to pray to Christ." Ann Voskamp

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

TYLER NORDAUNE (CRU)

Hello, my name is Tyler Nordaune, and I have been attending Community since August 2025, when I first moved to Sioux Falls from Granite Falls, Minnesota. I came to Sioux Falls to begin working for Cru as an intern. I have worked closely with Jon Harmsen at USD and on campuses in Sioux City. USD is where I was introduced to Cru as a student and where I grew in my faith while being discipled by Jon. I'm excited to respond to what I believe is God's calling to join Cru's full-time staff next year, doing evangelism and discipleship on campus.

Kailee Taborda has leukemia and is in Minneapolis for a bone marrow transplant.

To view updates and support their journey:
<https://gofund.me/43f5eda40>

Kailee's address (for the next four months) at the hospital is:

M Fairview Masonic Children's Hospital
2450 Riverside Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55454

Her home address is:

Kailee Taborda
3201 E Madison St
Sioux Falls, SD 57103



PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Helen Robinson's brother-in-law, Donald (cancer)
- Lloyd VanEssen (bladder cancer)
- Dorland Schuld (stroke recovery)
- Elaine Deelstra (eye sight changes)
- Carol Baker (cataract surgery)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Jayne Knockenmus's friend, Shelly
- Adam & Julie Brown's son, Austin (hospice)
- 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)
- Steve Lee
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (hospice)
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- 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.

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

605-940-6702





HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

VBS is sneaking up quickly and we still need more help! This year will be a fun one with BIG fun and learning. You may have noticed the giant paper airplane made by Denny B. and you'll want to keep your eyes open for some other BIG props being made by people from church.

Please consider filling one of our volunteer gaps.
<https://communityrc.org/vbs> or you can call us at church 605-336-1475 or email me at Heather.DeWit@Communityrc.org

Preschool Game Leader- This is a fun role and you already have a helper signed up! The Preschool games are sidewalk chalk, bubbles, parachute games, and a kid sized obstacle-course so you don't even have to teach the kids the rules. You just set up the provided supplies and welcome each group of kids and grown-ups throughout the evening.

Grades 1-6 Games Leader- We provide the game instructions and supplies. We just need you to teach the kids how the games work and have fun with them! This year, we have some very silly game supplies like big pants, giant dice, enormous pizza, giant bowling pins, and of course our repeat favorite, the parachutes! There are two helpers signed up, so you will have plenty of hands for set up, demonstrating rules, and bringing in supplies at the end of the night.

We need a crew leader for Kindergarten and Third grade and helpers for Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 3rd Grade, and 4th Grade. Leaders and Helpers help keep the crew together while you travel from station to station. You get to have fun with the kids as other people teach them games, crafts, and the Bible story.

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



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



I'm looking for some specific feedback, Community. I've been prayerfully considering leading a group for singles at Community, and I would be interested in single people's thoughts on this.

I know historically, churches have not done a great job of offering specific groups for single people, but I also know that having groups singles actually want to attend can be a challenge. So here are a few questions I'd be interested in hearing about. You are welcome to catch me on a Sunday or send me an email with your thoughts.

- Should there be a specific age focus for a singles group (or groups), or should it be open to singles of all ages at the same time?
- Would it be beneficial to have a group that includes all types of singles? Meaning widowed, divorced, and never married? Or would it be more beneficial to separate groups into each of these subgroups?
- If you are single and interested in a group like this, what would make you interested in coming?
- If you are single and interested in a group like this, what would prevent you from coming?
- I'm thinking a once-a-month schedule would be good, but I'm open to suggestions on that.

The last thing I will say about this is that if you are a parent or friend of a single person, please do not answer these questions on their behalf. Please share this article with them, and if they would like to share feedback with me, please have them do it directly. That might seem finicky, but I know that very often, well-meaning parents and friends end up doing more damage than good when they think they know what their kids or friends might be interested in. Singleness is just as tricky a topic to understand as marriage, and I want to be sure we stay on track for what God might be calling us to do as a church. Thanks in advance for your input!

May you all have a happy and blessed 4th of July weekend!

Liz
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

A promotional poster for Gordon Mote. It features a close-up portrait of a man with a beard and sunglasses, wearing a suit and tie. The text is overlaid on the image.

GORDON MOTE
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
7:00PM
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
TICKETS | \$15

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

FINANCES

Sunday, June 28, 2026

General: \$56,482
Vision: \$2,039
Mission: \$120

General YTD: \$468,634
Vision YTD: \$32,632
Vision Account Balance: \$3,428

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110

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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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