

# THE COMMUNICATOR

JULY 22, 2026

**THIS WEEK**

**JULY 22- JULY 29**

**Wednesday, July 22**

**6:00-7:45pm- VBS**

**Thursday, July 23**

**6:00-7:45pm- VBS**

**Saturday, July 25**

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

**Sunday, July 26**

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

**7:00pm- Summer in the Psalms**

**Tuesday, July 28**

**9:30am- Play Group**

**Wednesday, July 29**

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

## Clyde's Update

July is now officially past the midpoint and we are moving through this month very quickly. I was talking to some students this weekend, and they were saying that they have some early school activities coming up this week. So here we go! I do hope you have all had some good time for fun things this summer as it gets away so fast. It has been warm, but it is July and that is how that is supposed to be. We could use a little rain now as things are getting a little dry in the area. I am writing this letter from my office on Sunday afternoon so we shall see what the week brings.

This is Bible School week for us around here which means we will be seeing a lot of activity around the church during the evenings this week. Heather and Liz have been planning this for months now, and it has all come together very nicely. We had great volunteers who have already done so much getting things ready, and now it is time to get it all going. We have crafts, and music, games and lessons and of course, God who is bigger than all of that. If you get a chance this week, stop out and see this all in action. It is a well-oiled machine that doesn't just happen by chance. There is a great deal of planning and preparation to make all of that come together. Invite a friend and join us!

I usually don't do a lot advertising in the newsletter, but I'll break through that a bit this week. Our family is playing at the Levitt on Saturday evening at 7pm. We are looking forward to that as we are the opening act for a group to follow us. So far, the weather looks like it is going to be nice evening so, if you want to come out and give us a shout, we would love to see you there.

Our church's softball team were runners-up in this years' tournament. They started the year slowly and worked up the ladder a little as the season progressed. They were even short a few players last weekend because of conflicts, but they still managed to get on a roll and take second place. Congratulations to them on a job well done. I know several of them were a little sore after the long weekend, but I figure it was worth the battle.

This week's message will be the story of the man who is lowered through the ceiling by friends who are convinced that Jesus can do something for their friend. Again, this is a story we have worked through before, but one that really shows us what it means when people get thoroughly convinced that Jesus can do amazing things and then do whatever it takes to get a friend in front of him. It will be a crowded room with lots of critical eyes watching and Jesus will do the unexpected. That's who He is. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



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## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Aug. 10** 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, July 28, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Theo of Golden*.

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)

Join our group chat for upcoming events:

[https://web.groupme.com/join\\_group/107959399/aJVru2FZ](https://web.groupme.com/join_group/107959399/aJVru2FZ)

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Community softball team on being the co-ed Division A Runner Up!



## AUGUST SUMMER EVENTS

### STUDY IN ROMANS

**Wednesdays @ 7:00pm**

Led by Pastor Clyde

### SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

**Sundays @ 7:00pm**

Led by Pastor Clyde

### Sip, Paint and Create

**Wednesday, August 5**

6:30pm

Sip, Paint, Create: Enjoy an evening of painting instruction by Angie Bonnema. You don't have to be a skilled artist to create a fall themed painting and enjoy time with others from Community. Supplies and fun sodas are provided. Sign up to let us know you are interested so we can prepare. Men, women, teens, are all welcome!

## GORDON MOTE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00PM  
COMMUNITY  
REFORMED CHURCH

TICKETS | \$15



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*Join Us!*

"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise".  
James 5:13

## 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.



PLEASE HELP US IN SUPPORTING

# Evita Attema

THROUGH HER CANCER JOURNEY

SUN, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> ♥ 2 – 6<sup>PM</sup>

- SILENT AUCTION
- FLOWER BAR
- KARAOKE
- FOOD & DRINKS
- DESSERTS



"Let us not be discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."  
GALATIANS 6:9

Good  
Natured

2501 W. 10th St, SF, SD



SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE EVENT  
INFORMATION OR TO DONATE ONLINE



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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
- 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)
- 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](mailto: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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Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

605-940-6702



## MOVE FOR MISSION HAITI

Let's Do **GOOD**

Mark Your Calendar  
**JULY 28**  
Pasley Park

**MOVE for MH!**

TOGETHER LET'S  
SUPPORT SOME **SUPER KIDS!**

**28 July 2028**  
Registration Starting  
at 6:00 PM

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

**MH MISSION-HAITI**  
LOVE JESUS. LOVE OTHERS. MAKE DISCIPLES.

On July 28, we're inviting our community to become superheroes for the children of the Mission-Haiti Orphanage at MOVE for MH!

This fun, family-friendly event will help fund our family-style orphanage for the coming year, providing a safe home, loving care, education, and hope for the children who call it home.

Whether you attend, donate, or sponsor, you can make a lasting impact in the life of a child.

**July 28, 2026**  
**Pasley Park – Sioux Falls, SD**  
**Registration begins at 6:00 PM**

early childhood weekday

**Play Free Group**

**TUESDAYS**  
**9:30–11:00AM**

All are welcome

Parents/ Grandparents/ Caregivers and Kids younger than Kindergarten age will join together for open play time in the Community Nursery as they enjoy time together.  
Questions? Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org or 605-336-1475

**Kids SUMMER STORYTIME**

In the church Library

**2nd Sunday of the month**  
**10:10am-10:35am**

Come enjoy storytime with our church librarians.

### 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](mailto:accounting@communityrc.org).

**VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED**



## DOYLE'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

We are a few days away from Rocky Mountain High!

We have a group of 10 heading to Colorado for a week in the mountains in the Word of God surrounded by 2,000 others! The theme for the week is ONE STORY: His Victory, Our Hope.

If you and/or your students have been to Rocky, you know it can be a true mountain top experience. It's amazing what can happen when you step out of your everyday world and join thousands of others in a place of worship.

As we head out, I invite you to join me in prayer for the students going.

To echo a phrase Clyde used this past Sunday - I pray students experience the life giver, not another life coach.

Doyle Burnside  
doyle.burnside@communityrc.org



## HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

I'll start my VBS week note with a request. If you are reading this on Wednesday or Thursday, please come check out the last night of VBS on Thursday, July 23. Just hearing the worship or seeing the kids in action will make you smile.

This is a BIG shout out to the people who built, designed, and set up our props and decorations. Sue and Denny Brunsting, John Eggers, Todd Bittner, the Hein family, Chelle and Sean Tvedt, Jaron DeWit, Liz, Clyde, and Holli all pitched in and made this year's VBS look awesome for the kids!

We've had an incredible week so far. I don't have words to adequately thank the volunteers who have made VBS possible. When I say we couldn't do VBS without the volunteers, I mean it! Each of the people who show up night after night bring their own God given gifts to share with the kids and the outcome is something special. I won't try to list all of the names today. I'm afraid I'll forget someone because I am VBS-Tired! It takes more than 50 volunteers to make a great experience for the kids.

This year, our VBS offering is all about kids making a BIG difference by buying LITTLE wheelchairs for LITTLE kids that change lives in a HUGE way through Hope Haven International. Each wheelchair costs about \$300 and offers life-changing mobility to children around the world.

Together, we learned:

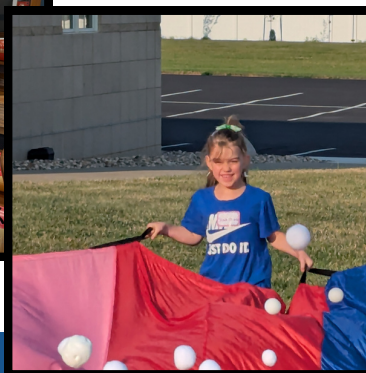
🐟 Monday's Big Idea: JONAH made selfish decisions. GOD'S GRACE IS BIGGER THAN THAT!

🗿 Tuesday's Big Idea: DAVID encountered a terrible giant. GOD'S POWER IS BIGGER THAN THAT!

🏰 Wednesday's Big Idea: JOSHUA faced a sturdy wall. GOD'S PLAN IS BIGGER THAN THAT!

🌳 Thursday's Big Idea: ZACCHAEUS made hurtful mistakes. GOD'S LOVE IS BIGGER THAN THAT!

Heather DeWit  
Community Kids  
605-336-1475





# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We've had a fantastic week of VBS so far! By the time this newsletter comes out, you'll still have 2 nights to join us. We wrap things up on Thursday night this week, and I strongly encourage you to simply come and experience all that happens during our time together. VBS is from 6:00-7:45pm.

I also want to publicly thank a few people who make VBS exceptional.

First of all, a HUGE thank you to Jon Eggers for building the 4M machine in the front of the church. He is the one who made the mechanical parts work and took my vision for what I wanted and made it a reality. Thank you, Jon, for absolutely exceeding my expectations!

Thank you to the band who comes every night and makes the opening and closing a fantastic time of worship! Thank you to Jacob Hein for drumming, Nick Sittig for playing bass, and Pastor Clyde for playing guitar. I truly could not lead the way I do without these guys. Thank you for using your God given gifts to the glory of God!

I'd also like to say thank you to Jaron DeWit for doing a LOT of little things that add up to MANY big things. Thanks, Jaron, for getting the lights working on the 4M machine, for running the PowerPoint during worship, and for the million little things you do for Heather in the days leading up to and during the week of VBS. I know she's your wife, but you still go above and beyond to make this a wonderful week.

Of course, Heather absolutely hits it out of the park in the way she plans and organizes and writes VBS. She makes it easy for people to serve. Well done, Heather!

And thank you to everyone who prayed, volunteered, and encouraged during the entire week. We absolutely feel the power of those prayers! You matter to the life of this church and to the spiritual growth of the children here. Thank you!!

And now for a little FYI, I'll be out of the office next week (July 27-31) for a little R&R with my sister. So, if you have a pressing need, please be sure to contact the office. I'll be back on Sunday, August 2. 😊

Have a blessed week, friends!

Liz  
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org



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GOES TOWARD THE BUILDING FUND

JULY 9, 2026

## CONSISTORY NOTES

In attendance: Karen Van Holland, Dustin Schouten, Bill Klein, Mike Boyenga, Curt Zwart, Chad McKee, Kris Dunlap, Susan Bierwagen, Lonny Ackerman, Alex Hoogendoorn, Jim Fisher, Justin Hinks, Jon Eggers, Stacy Maassen-Surat, Craig Odens

Lunch, devotion from Acts 2:25-35 about confidence in Christ, and opening prayer by Bill Klein.

MSA amended minutes of June 11, 2026.

MSA June 2026 financial report by Jim Fisher.

### Old Business

Repairs of the chapel air conditioning are in progress.

### New Business

Staff reports were reviewed. Congratulations to Dr. Heather DeWit on completing her Doctor of Ministry degree.

Clyde presented an update on RCA transitions.

Clyde spoke briefly about the activities of a busy summer.

General discussion about minor landscaping needs.

General discussion about sanctuary seating.

Clyde reported that he is seeing awesome kingdom work being done through our streaming services. We are making a difference.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Clyde.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bierwagen, Clerk

## FINANCES

Sunday, July 19, 2026

General: \$9,094

Vision: \$225

Mission: \$615

General YTD: \$494,084

Vision YTD: \$33,807

Vision Account Balance: \$2,211

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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](mailto: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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