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NO NEWSLETTER JULY 15

THE COMMUNICATOR

THIS WEEK

JULY 8- JULY 15

Wednesday, July 8

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

Saturday, July 11

7:00am- Fresh Encounter
Prayer Group

Sunday, July 12

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

No Refresh This Week
(College-age/ Young adults)

7:00pm- Summer in the Psalms

Monday, July 13

Noon- Senior Citizens
(E. 10th Pizza Ranch)

Tuesday, July 14

9:30am- Play Group
7:30pm- Municipal Band Outing
(TrailRidge Senior Living)

Wednesday, July 15

**6:00-8:00pm- Middle School &
High School Youth**
(at Thunder Road)
7:00pm- Study of Romans
(Led by Clyde Teel)

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JULY 8, 2026

Clyde's Update

July has brought a little more rain and now a little more summer like weather as well. The rain has been such a blessing to us. All green again. Amazing how that works! I hope you all had a great weekend with whatever your plans were for that time. I know the town was very empty. You can just see it in the way that the amount of traffic changes so much. It was really something. I believe the 4th falls on a Sunday next year. We might have to think about how we do that next year. Maybe I'll get a brass band to come and play for us next year... or maybe fireworks in the parking lot. We will just have wait and see.

People say that when you get to the 4th the summer is half over. I'm not sure about that, but I do know that there are things with schools that begin to take shape very shortly here. I don't know what I think about that, but they don't really ask me for my input. I do hope you are getting some fun things in for your summer.

VBS is just around the corner now. We are two weeks out now. That means it is very close friends. We are still looking for some helpers. Call the office or talk to us this coming Sunday. It's for the kids everyone! We can do this!

My summer classes continue to move along as well through the summer. The group changes a little each week as the summer schedules take shape for everyone. We have some very good conversations together each time we meet. There is always something new we all learn the time we spend together. You are all welcome to join us anytime. This week Wednesday's class will not meet because it is the church's picnic night. I hope to see you all there.

It will be a busy week here, as I will do two funerals back to back this week. I will put my heart into both of those. I always want to do my best in these moments. It is that sense that you are given the opportunity to share a person's life with people in a formal sense for the last time. What words will you say that express the heart of the individual and share the hope of the eternity that awaits those who have called on the Lord in their lives. A word of promise and a word of sorrow at the same time. You express the value of the person the life they lived out as the God who made them walks beside them through all their days. Through the up days and through the down ones. He has been there. You call the congregation to look around and know that God is with them and that this life they are living is fragile and sometimes very short. You need perspective and you need a friend to walk with you through that journey. I enjoy the challenge of that and pray that my words tell the story in a way that brings closing to the loss and hope to those who are seeking more.

Sunday is yet another Old Testament story. When I went back to my office Sunday evening and looked at my outline, I realized that I still have one more OT story. Now you know firsthand that I don't look ahead. I concentrate on what is before me each week, so I don't get distracted. This week it is Jacob. That story is an interesting narrative as well. It is filled with all kinds of highs and lows. Jacob is not always on the straight path. He wanders some I guess you might say and yet God will work through all of that with him until finally God begins to break through that stubborn heart. It's a good word about "relentless". We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

SIGN UP TODAY: VBS JULY 20-23

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 13

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>

Join Us!

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need".

Hebrews 4:16

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.

NEW UPDATE

The Refresh group that meets on Sunday nights, (College-age/ Young adults) is taking a few weeks off this summer. Stay tuned for updates!

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.

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED



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)
- 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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Rhonda Lockwood and her family and friends on the passing of her father.

Our condolences also go out to Gracia Harmsen and her family on the passing of her father. Please keep these families in your prayers.

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

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

605-940-6702





MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH AT THUNDER ROAD

Wednesday, July 15
6:00-8:00pm



Students- We'll do a two hour pass at Thunder Road, so you'll be able to do most of the indoor and outdoor activities. We'll also order appetizers to eat!

Questions? Contact Doyle
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

VBS is sneaking up quickly and we still need more help! We have around a dozen days before the BIG first day of VBS and I assure you, this is not one you want to miss! Get those kiddos signed up! Invite some friends.

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

- I'm looking for a second person to join Darla at the registration table. She has done this role many times and has it figured out, but we need another friendly face, especially on the first night, to welcome new people and get them signed in.
- 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. We have all of the supplies. We just need YOU!
- Grades 1-6 Games Leader- ONLY 2 DAYS- We already have someone for two of the days so we just need you July 20-21!
- 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 another crew leader for Kindergarten, as well as helpers for Preschool, Kindergarten, 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.
- On the last night of VBS, we'll need many hands to clean up decorations and prepare for Sunday church.

Our offering this year is for Hope Haven, and kids will be bringing financial gifts to purchase wheelchairs for kids all over the world.

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



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

It's time to talk about Vacation Bible School!!

VBS is just under 2 weeks away.
Here are a few important details.

- The dates are July 20-23.
 - We host VBS on a Monday-Thursday.
- We start at 6:00 and finish up at 7:45.
 - We always have VBS in the evenings to make it easier for parents and other adults to get involved.
- We need volunteers!
 - I know Heather still needs several volunteers to feel like she's really got everything covered. She makes it so easy to volunteer. I invite you to check out the website for what is needed, or to look at the table in the lobby of the church. Helping out with VBS will absolutely be a highlight of your summer and a blessing to your soul. Please consider helping us out!
- We need kids!
 - We already have a great group of kids signed up to attend, but we are always open to more! If you have family or neighbors who you think might enjoy a fun time with us at church, please invite them!
- We also ask that you begin to pray for VBS.
 - Please pray that the kids would experience God's love in new ways, that they would learn something new about who God is, and that God's Spirit would be evident in around and through us during the week.
 - And pray for all of us adults who will be helping during the week. We need God's grace and strength to do this work! 😊

I hope to see you at VBS on July 20!

Liz
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org



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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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