

THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 20, 2026

THIS WEEK

MAY 20- MAY 27

Saturday, May 23

7:00am- Fresh Encounter (Only on Zoom for this Saturday)

Sunday, May 24

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

Tuesday, May 26

9:30am- Play Group

**THANKS TO EVERYONE
THAT CAME OUT TO
MAKE THE KIDS
FISHING DAY A
SUCCESS!**



Clyde's Update

Memorial Day weekend is coming up this week. That is usually what we all say is the beginning of summer. I was not sure we even had spring yet. It feels like it now, but what a ride that was from early warm and then late cold. We bumped around in that boat for a while. Maybe now it will seem like spring or summer or whatever this is supposed to be right now.

It's the season of graduations. I have been doing all kinds of them here lately. Each year, I am just so surprised by who these young people are. I can remember many of them as, well, babies. I am not sure where all that time goes. I don't really take a lot of time to talk to the kids around here for very long periods of time as you might expect. I see them and say hi for the most part, but I did get a chance to do a little more than that these past few days. I enjoyed that. We have some awesome young men and women around here. I wish the very best for them and the next days of their lives. I hope you and your families are soaking your time with them up because those days pass so very quickly.

There are several schools in the area where this is their last week of school and if not this week, then next week for sure. It seems like the year just got started, but here I am again talking about time. I hope everyone has a great summer!

I heard some good reports on the fishing day with the kids this past Saturday. I even had kids talking to me on Sunday talking about the fish they caught. There was something very right about all of that. That whole idea came from one of our own back several years ago. Rick Hansen thought it could be a good thing to get kids together on a Saturday morning and do a little fishing. The Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls is the perfect place to have it and with a bit of planning, he made it work. Everything about that is right! Someone has an idea and they make the effort to make it happen. Well done! That event is now getting to be one of the highlights in our spring season.

We had our first Consistory meeting last Thursday with the new members all present. It was a good night together...another great team assembled. We do have some very talented and willing folks here, and it has been a privilege over the years to work together with so many of them. It does make the ministry of this place move in a good direction. I am looking forward to seeing what the new year brings to us. There are always things to consider and new thoughts that each group brings to the table. Pray for these who bring their best each month to that meeting. It matters at deep levels of the effectiveness of the things we do as a church. This is not a business. This is the church and it has a calling. God knows who we are and He is working in this place through all those who listen.

Sunday will be the final message in the series. Now, I do have a free Sunday this month on the 30th to do one more from this series, but I usually do one message before summer sets in just to set things up for the summer series. I guess I'll see where the spirit leads on that. This coming Sunday is about remembering. Remembering those people who have been with us but also remembering who God has been in our lives. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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 (Whipple surgery-1/27)
- Jodi Ackerman's mother, Karen (aortic aneurysm)
- Leroy Thill (infant son of Katie & Trevor Thill)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Al Price
- Jan Sturing
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Steve Lee
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- 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 the family and friends of Dolly Hoogendoorn.

Please keep their family 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

Passcode: 052482

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

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"In place of our exhaustion and spiritual fatigue, God will give us rest. All He asks is that we come to Him...that we spend a while thinking about Him, meditating on Him, talking to Him, listening in silence, occupying ourselves with Him - totally and thoroughly lost in the hiding place of His presence"

Charles R. Swindoll

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

ARISE UKRAINE

Arise! Ukraine is a 501(c)3 non-profit ministry established in 1997 by missionary, Paul Logan. Its purpose is to see Ukraine saturated with living communities of believers where the transforming power of the gospel is reaching every area of society-giving every man, woman and child in the country the opportunity to be reconciled to the Father and to each other.





Mark Your Calendar!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER GRILL OUT**

Wednesday, June 3

6:00-8:00pm

Students entering 6th grade - graduating seniors are invited to join us for a grill out, yard games and snow cones at church.



STUDY IN ROMANS

Wednesday, June 3

Wednesday nights @ 7:00pm

June 3, 10, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Led by Pastor Clyde



SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

Sunday, June 5

Sunday nights @ 7:00pm

June 7, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 26

Led by Pastor Clyde



YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHTS

Sunday, June 14 & July 19

7:00pm

Led by Doyle & Abby Burnside & students



CANARIES NIGHT OUT

Wednesday, June 17

6:30pm

Community has 70 tickets to give away to the Faith and Family night Canaries baseball game!

Please email Holli (connect@communityrc.org) if you'd like tickets.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **June 8** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

CHURCH SOFTBALL
Come cheer on the Community coed softball team Monday nights at Sherman Park by the Zoo
MONDAY, JUNE 1
6:30pm- Diamond C
8:20pm- Diamond C
9:15pm- Diamond C

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
Starts May 10
Come enjoy storytime with our church librarians.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CALENDAR

JUNE 2026

CALENDAR KEY

- HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT
- MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GRILL OUT
- WORSHIP NIGHT

NOTES

ALL STUDENTS ENTERING MIDDLE SCHOOL - GRADUATING SENIORS ARE INVITED FOR OUR GRILL OUT WITH BURGERS AND DOGS FOR SUPPER. COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD, YARD GAMES AND SNOW CONES!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN ABBY AND I FOR A NIGHT OF WORSHIP WITH SONG, PRAYER, AND DEVOTIONAL.

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

JULY 2026

CALENDAR KEY

- HS WEDNESDAY NIGHT
- THUNDER ROAD M.S. AND H.S.
- WORSHIP NIGHT

NOTES

OUR EVENT FOR THE MONTH IS THUNDER ROAD! STUDNETS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF GOLF, GO CARTS, LASER TAG AND MORE AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD CONNECTION OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

IF YOU ARE HERE VBS WEEK, COME VOLUNTEER WITH THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FOR AN AWESOME WEEK!

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	1 NO YOUTH GROUP	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 HS 6:30	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 EVENT 6:00-8:00	16	17	18	19 CHURCH 7:00-8:00
20	21	22 HS FOLLOWING VBS	23	24	25	26
VBS WEEK AT CHURCH						
ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH						ROCKY
27	28	29	30	31		

MAY 14, 2026

CONSISTORY NOTES

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

Lunch, devotion about miracles, and opening prayer by Tom Weerheim.

New consistory members welcomed.

MSA minutes of April 9, 2026, consistory meeting and April 25, 2026, congregational meeting.

MSA April 2026 financial report by Justin Hinks.

Old Business

The sanctuary lighting project has been put on a back burner due to the immediate need to replace projectors. The lighting will be pursued at a later date. Projector replacement is in progress. The office printer is being replaced by the same company our previous contract was with.

The Gordon Mote concert tickets will be on sale June 1, 2026.

New Business

Staff reports were reviewed.

The missions committee will be meeting to review the missions and amounts we give to for the coming year. They requested consistory input.

MSA for the following individuals to have check signing and church payroll approval: treasurer advisor, Justin Hinks; treasurer, Jim Fisher; assistant treasurer, Stacy Maassen-Surat; vice president, Curt Zwart; and secretary, Susan Bierwagen. The following individuals have been termed out of service and are to be removed from all accounts as authorized individuals for check signing and payroll approval: Harvey Odens and Eric Van Donge.

Clyde will be offering a summer adult class and worship service. Sunday evening services, studying Psalms, will begin June 7, 7:00-8:00pm. Wednesday evening classes, studying Romans, will begin June 10, 7:00-8:00pm.

Task force options were distributed. Assignments will be discussed at the June consistory meeting.

Request by ResGen to use our building as a satellite location for their 2027 gathering was granted.

Various property projects were discussed.

Closing prayer by Pastor Clyde.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bierwagen, Clerk

FINANCES

Sunday, May 17, 2026

General: \$14,247

Vision: \$240

Mission: \$135

General YTD: \$342,821

Vision YTD: \$26,061

Vision Account Balance: \$4,249

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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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