

THE COMMUNICATOR

MAY 27, 2026

THIS WEEK

MAY 27- JUNE 3

Saturday, May 30

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, May 31

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

Tuesday, June 2

9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, June 3

6:00-8:00pm- Middle School &
High School Grill Out

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



Clyde's Update

I was back in Burke on Monday to visit my mom and family for the day. I took my trip out to the cemetery to walk through the fields of stones and flags blowing in the wind. Lots of names of people I have known my whole life. I came across a few new names that I had forgotten had passed away. The military graves are decorated with small American flags, and there are flowers everywhere. We talked about that this past Sunday morning together. We talked about remembering, and how that is a good thing for us to do. That is what I was doing. I was remembering. We have had a fair number of church folks in the past few months who have been dealing with the loss of family. We seem to be in one of those seasons right now. I know we all feel a kind of sadness for all of them, and I know you all share in a word of sympathy as well as a prayer that God will carry them along through these days that follow. We are remembering together. There is something very right about that.

Summer is now here officially you might say. We had a smaller crowd on Sunday morning, but I have to say, I was so pleased with the many who joined us. It was a nice crowd of folks on a busy weekend. That made my heart smile. I also found out just through conversation this past week and then being back home on Monday, that we have lots of people from all over who watch those services. It is quite something. We are not one of those churches that do the whole "satellite" church models that so many do these days, but in a way, we have a lot of that going on. It is gift we can bring those who are really looking for that connection and that teaching. It is a praise for the Kingdom.

I had some people ask about my summer things I am planning around the Wednesday and Sunday night gatherings at 7pm. I am going to have an hour block of time to bring those who would like such a gathering for a time of teaching/sharing around the book of Romans on Wednesdays and the Psalms on Sunday nights. That time will have a little singing together, some prayer time and time to connect for whoever feels led to join us. I am not concerned with who is there or how many. I want to see what the need for that may look like, and then make some plans around that. If it works, great. If it does not, I will be just fine. The only way to know is try and that I can do.

Sunday's message is one that I call one of my "free" Sundays. The message is not a part of any series, but just one I can do for whatever something pops into my mind as I do my reading and prayer times. This week's message is an idea that I have never tried to ever do on a Sunday morning, but I think the idea is going to be an interesting one. The message will be around the idea, "What if we were God?" or maybe a better way of saying it on a personal level for each of us, "What if I were God?". It is a message about how we would do things better if we were in charge or how much more we know that God does. Now having said that, I hope you are reading that with the knowledge that we would wreck the whole thing. We don't have anywhere enough to do that job at all. Yet, we get frustrated at times with how things are going, and wish we could change it. Maybe it is best that God be God and not us. Well, we will talk about that this next week. Just one message on the subject. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

"Whether prayer changes our situation or not, one thing is certain: Prayer will change us!"
Billy Graham

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.

In need of prayer or want to share your prayer request?
Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the calls & cards during my rehab for my shoulder replacement surgery. It means a lot.

Jan McDowell

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
- 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 (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 Ken Bloom. Please keep Bonnie and her family in your prayers.

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>

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Questions?

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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



MUNICIPAL BAND GATHERING

Tuesday, June 16

7:30pm

Lake Lorraine

Meet other Community people at the Municipal Band concert!



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.

Community Kids Summer BINGO

TELL SOMEONE GOD LOVES THEM	INVITE SOMEONE TO BIBLE SCHOOL THIS SUMMER	LISTEN TO A SONG ABOUT GOD	DRAW OR PAINT A BIBLE STORY	SING YOUR FAVORITE WORSHIP SONG- EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO SING IN THE SHOWER
GO OUTSIDE AND ENJOY GOD'S CREATION	BE STILL	WRITE A WORD LIKE GRACE & TRACE/ DECORATE AROUND IT	GO TO CHURCH	REGISTER FOR VBS- KID OR HELPER
WRITE SOMEONE A NOTE	PRAY FOR OR WITH SOMEONE ELSE	READ YOUR BIBLE	WATCH THE SUN RISE OR SET WHILE PRAYING	TELL SOMEONE A BIBLE STORY
WATCH A BIBLE STORY VIDEO	MEMORIZE A BIBLE VERSE	MAKE SOMEONE SMILE	TALK TO GOD ABOUT A WORRY	THINK ABOUT SOMETHING YOU LOOK FORWARD TO
SAY THE LORD'S PRAYER OR SING JESUS LOVES ME	BREATHE DEEP AND THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS	EXERCISE OR STRETCH, THANK GOD FOR HEALTH	GO FOR A WALK. PRAY FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS.	READ FROM PSALMS



DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Summer is here and I am looking forward to being back together as a youth group! Next Wednesday, June 3rd, the middle and high school group has their first event. We will be meeting at church from 6:00-8:00 Wednesday night for a grill out, snow cones and yard games. Middle and high school students, if you are free come join us for a fun night in the church yard!

Then, Wednesday June 10th, the high school group will meet from 7:00-8:00. Our summer series will be on the book of Philippians as we explore the theme of joy, growth, and life in Christ. There is a lot in this short book! I am excited to get into throughout our time this summer.

Finally, our next worship night is on the calendar as well - Sunday June 14th. We will be meeting in the chapel again as we come together for music, prayer, and a devotional. Students, families, and anyone else who would like to join us are invited for a night of worship.

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle
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MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER EVENT

**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.



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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
27	28	29	30	31		
ROCKY MOUNTIAN HIGH						

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



I hope you all were able to take some time over the long weekend to both rest and give thanks for those who have made it possible for us to live into the fragile freedoms we enjoy here in the United States. As we've said many times at church, it's important to take time to remember...

For my last article for the month (I'm writing this on May 26) I'd like to keep with the reading theme once more. As you may recall, I've written 2 previous articles; the first about reading books I don't like, and the second about reading parts of Scripture I don't particularly like. Although there were positive elements to both of those articles, it required a bit of digging to find the gold. For my last article in this series, I'd like to share about some unexpected gold that was pretty easy to find.

After having spent a few weeks reading books and Scripture that were particularly challenging and not exactly what I would call enjoyable, I was pleasantly surprised to find an extremely enjoyable outcome precisely because of the previous unpleasant challenges. Let me explain.

The next books I have chosen to read are part of a short pastoral series, two of which I read when I first started this job at Community almost 25 years ago. At that time, I remember thinking the books were good, but I hadn't worked in ministry long enough to fully appreciate what the author was trying to say. I had the good sense (and certainly the merciful grace of God!) to hang on to those books, thinking I might like to read them again at some point. Well, "some point" arrived about 2 weeks ago. 😊

These books have been an absolute balm to my soul. They have encouraged and challenged me in my work. The author has given words to circumstances I didn't even know needed words. I look forward to my time with this author every day. The timing with the words has been perfect for me right now. God has used this author to do some tremendous growing in my soul. I am utterly filled with thanks!

But here's the surprising treasure: I realized that these words would not have spoken to me with that kind of power unless I had tilled the soil of my heart with those other readings that I didn't enjoy. The process of reading books and Scripture that weren't especially fun for me did something to the ground of my heart. It stirred things up. It turned over hard soil. In essence, it prepared my heart for what was coming. So, by the time I got to these current books, I was more than ready for something to really sink into my soul. And that's what has been happening.

What we have here is another good reason to occasionally challenge ourselves with things outside the realm of what we "usually" like to read or study. When we do that, it will uniquely prepare us for the things we do like to study. Then, we will be uniquely challenged and changed because the soil of our hearts was uniquely prepared. Talk about an unexpected blessing!

So, my friends, if you're doing a little study that has been especially challenging, keep going! I really do believe there is blessing waiting for you at the other end. 😊

Have a great week!
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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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