

THE COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 14, 2026

THIS WEEK

OCTOBER 14- 21

Wednesday, Oct. 14
5:30-6:30pm- Meal- **Soup**
6:30-7:30pm-
Classes for all ages
(nursery, K-5, M.S. Youth Group, H.S. Youth Group, adult classes)

Saturday, Oct. 17
7:00am- Fresh Encounter
Prayer Group

Sunday, Oct. 18
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am- Worship Services
10:10am- Sunday School
10:15am- Adult Sunday School

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

Tuesday, Oct. 20
9:30am- Play Group
1:30pm- Hope Circle
7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 21
9:30am- Book Club
(Bagel Boy on MN Ave)
5:30-6:30pm- Meal- Ravioli Lasanga
6:30-7:30pm-
Classes for all ages
(nursery, K-5, M.S. Youth Group, H.S. Youth Group, adult classes)

3RD GRADE BIBLES
will be given in church on
OCTOBER 18, 2026
Come at 9am or 10:45am

Clyde's Update

Into the middle days of month of October. The leaves are so bright now and yes, we did get a few days of warm weather which did help our farmers in the fields. However, that did produce some fires in the area. Crazy how all of that can change so fast. It has been a very full few weeks here, and the time moves along so fast. These days of fall are precious in that we want them to go on and on for as long as possible because we know what comes after. I can wait for all that. I did see there was snow predicted not all that far from us. It's out there waiting for us friends. Enjoy the season!

We started our first MidWeek last Wednesday evening, and it was a very nice turnout. We have so many good adult class offerings again this year, and we would highly encourage people to get involved if it fits into your schedules. MidWeek is such a great way to get plugged in around here by connecting with folks on a completely different basis than on a Sunday morning. We are looking forward to a great "first semester".

Choir met on Sunday night, and though we were missing some faces on that first rehearsal, we had a great sound. We know there are many who were not able to be there on our first night, but we know they are coming. That should put our numbers right about where they were last year and numbers matter in a choir. Our singers can really read music well which just changes the very nature of what you can do and how quickly things start coming together. We still have lots of work to get done, but it is all in good fun. We had several new faces, and we actually started talking about name tags…can you believe that? There are lots of new faces in our midst all over the church. It is a good thing to see.

I had two funerals last week and at least for now all of that has slowed down a bit. That was a long season there for a few weeks. I am so sorry for those of you in our church who have had to go through all of this. Losing loved ones is an adventure that brings so much sadness as well as new adjustments to those who seek to figure out what the next days will be like. All of that puts an extra stress on those people. Pray for those families.

I have had several people talk to me about my hunting things for the fall. I do have a plan on going back home in November some. That is the only one I have planned. I know the numbers of deer back home is down some probably because of that awful fever that gets into those herds. It really does a great deal of damage. Actually, it is one of the saddest things to watch when they get that. It is why keeping those numbers lower is a good thing. I'll have to see how it goes. It might be a less than great year, but only time will tell.

Sunday, we start to move into the final pieces of this fall's series on Greater. This week we are going to talk about being lost. I will use the story of the Prodigal Son once again because it so encapsulates who God is and how he responds to the lost of the world. I want to expand our thinking on lost a bit this week as well by offering those times when we all feel a little lost. Maybe a season of things that has so taken you off your game that you feel lost and alone. How does God respond to us? We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



Sunday, Oct. 25
8:45am-10:45am
Community's Lobby

As part of Missions Sunday, we invite local ministries and organizations to join us in the church lobby and share about the work they are doing.

THE GIVE



Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries.

For the month of October, we'll be collecting winter gear & other clothing items for the Center of Hope. Let's fill those bins!



CLOTHING

*SWEATSHIRTS
*JEANS/PANTS
*SHIRTS
*SWEATPANTS
*SOCKS/UNDERWEAR
(ALL SIZES- MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN)

HAT, GLOVES & SCARVES





WINTER GEAR

*COATS & JACKETS
*WINTER BOOTS
*BLANKETS & SLEEPING BAGS
*HAND WARMERS

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Daniel Burlingame (liver shunt)
- Colton Bultje (heart issue)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Carolyn Odens (concussion)
- Dustin Schouten (auto accident recovery)
- Rod Sonnenburg (malignant lymphoma)
- Carol Baker (ongoing eye issues)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Jayne Knockenmus's friend, Shelly
- 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
- 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)

"Prayer is power the enemy can't match".
David Jeremiah

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 Microsoft Teams or in person in our chapel. People can join via video or using the call-in number if video is not an option through Google Meet.

Meeting code
meet.google.com/rkd-vfrv-ech
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+1 567-250-1502

PIN: 308 500 420#

Questions?
Call Shawn Blom
605-940-6702



MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

JON & GRACIA HARMSEN (CRU)

"We are honored to serve with Cru in the Sioux Empire, creating opportunities for college students to encounter Christ, be deeply formed in their faith, and be sent out as healthy, multiplying disciples of Jesus.

Our team is actively reaching students across 8 of more than 24 college campuses throughout South Dakota and northwest Iowa, with a desire to see every campus have a gospel presence.

Jon works directly with students at the University of South Dakota, Sioux City schools, and Mitchell Technical College, while also serving as the Sexual Wholeness Coordinator for Cru across an eight-state region, helping students experience freedom and wholeness through the Gospel.

Gracia serves in a variety of roles as the Sioux Empire team's administrative assistant, financial manager, graphic designer, and social media manager, while also spending time discipling and connecting with students on campus—earning her the nickname our team's "Swiss Army Knife."

Together, our ministry is centered around three simple goals: Win students to Christ, Build them up in their faith, and Send them out to reach others for Christ."



October is Pastor Appreciation month.
Let's take some time to show our appreciation to our pastors for the time, energy, and resources they give time after time!

DOYLE'S UPDATE
MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



October is rolling on and I am looking forward to our opening lesson in our series for this month. We will be diving into the first three chapters of Genesis and the impact that creation and the fall has in our life. While there is already a baseline with our knowledge of these three chapters, there is also so much we can continue to learn, be reminded of, and be brought to a place of awe with who God is. We start here every year, and every year I am amazed at how God teaches me new things!

Then, on October 25th the middle and high school group will be meeting at the Heartland Country Corn Maze for another year of fun. We will meet at the maze at 6:00. Students and their friends are welcome to join us for the night and can rsvp anytime up to the event. That helps me have an idea on who to keep an eye out for as we gather together. It's always a fun night - just remember to wear old shoes as it can get pretty dirty fast!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle
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HEARTLAND COUNTRY CORN MAZE

Sunday, Oct. 25



6:00pm
Meet at the corn maze.
Middle School & High School Youth

Join Us!



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

THIS WEEK!!! The 3rd Grade Bible day this year will be on October 18 during the 9am and 10:45am services. If your child is in 3rd grade, they are invited to come to the front of church to receive their Bible, and we'll have a brief time of prayer. If your child is uncomfortable coming to the front, or if you will be gone that week, we can give them their Bible after church or on another day too.

Our first Wednesday of Midweek was so much fun! We had a wonderful group of kids, and we had some good conversation about our plans for the fall. This week, we will get started on some of the special components for the K-5 part of the Christmas Program. If your child wants to do one of those special parts, please be sure they come on Wednesday this week. Some of the kids are hoping to put together a dance, and some are planning to do drumming this year. There are some other fun things they are working on as well.

Christmas Program Info:
Parents, your child should have been given a note about the Christmas Program. If not, you can still get the info at: https://communityrc.org/christmas The program is 12/13/26 at 3:30pm.

For Preschool: Preschool Kids meet in the children's wing at 3:10 before the program. Please practice the songs with your child at home or in the car. (We do our group Preschool Program practicing during Sunday School.)

For K-5:

- Every Sunday School class has a group speaking part.
- Kids will need to practice their group lines and songs at home. Classes might practice group lines a little during Sunday School as well.
- All K-5 kids sing the songs together.
- On the day of the program (December 13) we will have a final practice for all K-5 participants during Sunday School from 10:10am to 10:40am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Children should arrive at 2:45 on the afternoon of the program. They can wear whatever you decide is best. Some kids will put a costume over their clothes. Others may choose just a head piece or skip the costume.

On Wednesdays, interested kids can work on other parts (see below).

- Extra Parts: On Wednesdays, during Midweek, starting October 7, any K-5 student interested in doing an extra part in the program including speaking, songs, dancing, prop making, etc. will start to create and prepare their projects. They can work on them throughout the fall on Wednesdays. We'll discuss this as a group on the first week of Midweek and kids will have opportunities to sign up to be part of the program at that time.

See you soon!
Heather DeWit
Community Kids
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ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Nov. 9** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

REFRESH

(College-age/ Young adults)
Sundays @ 6:30pm
High School Youth Room
Join our group chat for upcoming events:
https://web.groupme.com/join_group/107959399/aJVru2FZ

WD40

This group is for women of all ages. They meet the **first Monday of every month 7:00pm -8:00pm** in the fellowship hall.
Led by Liz Teel, WD40 is a community of women who join in discussions about their spiritual growth and emotional wellbeing.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Monday night men's bible study has been canceled because of lack of attendance. For any questions, contact John Thornton.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on **October 20th at 1:30.** Carol is the hostess and Barb has the lesson.

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet on **Tuesday, Oct. 20., at 7 pm** at the church. We will be discussing Everything is Just Beginning by Bartels (which was rescheduled from an ice night last winter).

The morning book club will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 9:30 am** at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave near 33rd St.
We will be discussing the nonfiction The Watchmaker's Daughter by Loftis. **NOTICE THE TIME CHANGE...**So as to not overlap with a Bible Study that has been scheduled in our space until 9:30, we are going to try a slightly later time.

CONSISTORY MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 2026

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

Lunch and devotion, and opening prayer by Lonny Ackerman. "The Bible by the Numbers 6 and 2", Revelation 13:18.

MSA minutes of September 10, 2026.
MSA September 2026 financial report by Jim Fisher.

Old Business
Discussion regarding duct cleaning.

New Business
Staff reports were reviewed.
Budget worksheets were handed in by task forces.
Annual budget meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2026, after Midweek activities.

Discussion regarding the upcoming Christmas Eve service.

Discussion regarding orientation for new consistory members. Karen Van Holland, Kris Dunlap, and Susan Bierwagen volunteered to be on a committee for this.

Discussion regarding the Salary Budget committee. Jim Fisher and Pastor Clyde will be joined by volunteers, Bill Klein and Lonny Ackerman.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Clyde.
Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bierwagen, Clerk

SIGN UP TODAY



Join other women for a morning of worship and intentional spiritual renewal. Led by Liz Teel & Abbie Coffey. No childcare provided.

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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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