

THE COMMUNICATOR

THIS WEEK

OCTOBER 21- 28

Wednesday, Oct. 21

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)

Saturday, Oct. 24

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Prayer Group

Sunday, Oct. 25

8:45-10:45am- MISSIONS FAIR

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. 27

9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, Oct. 28

5:30-6:30pm- Meal-

Ham/Cheesy Potatoes

6:30-7:30pm-

Classes for all ages

(nursery, K-5, M.S. Youth Group,
H.S. Youth Group, adult classes)

Clyde's Update

OCTOBER 21, 2026

It has been a nice month of October. It is sure fall now. The leaves and the feel in the air, bring about the season that most of us do enjoy so much. The month is getting away very quickly, and I for one, am not so happy about that. I want those warm days and cool nights to continue for as long as possible. Next month is my hunting month, but I have been hearing some sad news on the possibilities back home. That fever can get into deer herds and change the numbers very quickly. That may change my plans. We might be into one of those times where we must put things on hold for a couple of years and let things get back to normal. I guess I will just have to wait and see how all that goes. I will still enjoy the fall.

We had a great day in church this past Sunday with a noticeably larger crowd. We are growing friends. The neighborhood is joining us out here. It is exciting. If you are paying attention, I am sure you have noticed all the new faces of folks who are coming here. It is very obvious now. It keeps us as staff very mindful of keeping on track with things and being very intentional about letting those new faces know they matter and we see them and recognize them. It takes time for people to get connected to a place and that falls on all of us who have been around here for some time. Walk up and say hello, that one friendly smile can make a big difference.

We had a great group of singers on Sunday night for choir. It is one of the largest groups we have ever put together, and they are doing a wonderful job of learning and preparing for the concert coming up in December. I am so grateful for those folks who come out give of their time to do that for us. It is a pleasure being with them. We have some very nice music to present this year. I think you are all in for a great program.

MidWeek is up from last year which is always good news. Our kitchen crews are doing a great job of preparing those meals for nearly 300 folks each week. Once again, it is so encouraging to see that kind of participation in making that all work. It is a big task to get all that done and they do a great job. We might be reaching out for a few more dessert friends to help us keep up with the numbers. It is just a lot of people. If you would like to help with that, give the office a call.

Our fall sermon series will come to end this week. The last one of that series is ahead of us. I want to spend this last one wrapping up our thoughts about our God who is "Greater". It has been a great few weeks to work through this with all of you. We did some great work together in that room and that is so encouraging as we all seek to move ahead as disciples of Jesus. This week is about the presence of God and how that works. Our faith journey is not about us only learning about God, but we get to do it with God at our side. It's the personal side of God who comes to us. His Spirit connecting with our spirit. The title this week is "When I Am Alone". There is a great deal of loneliness in the world, and one would think that with all the new technology that people would be more connected than ever, but that is not entirely true. Something seems to be missing from our lives. 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

- Galen Schoffelman (knee replacement)
- Shawn Blom (cardiac ablation 10/26)
- Kaden Vanden Berg (surgery recovery)
- Daniel Burlingame (liver shunt)
- Jeanie Nollman
- Colton Bultje (heart issue)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- 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)
- 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)

**"100% of the prayers you don't pray
will not be answered".
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
Phone Number
[+1 567-250-1502](tel:+15672501502)

PIN: 308 500 420#

Questions?
Call Shawn Blom
605-940-6702



MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

JON & GRACIA HARMSSEN (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."

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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



This week we are heading to the corn maze! Sunday at 6:00 we will meet at the Heartland Country Corn Maze just south on highway 11. Both middle and high school students are invited to join us for the night. For those families who will be driving your student out to the maze, you and the family are welcome to stay and go through as well instead of coming and going in the hour. It is always a fun night making our way through! If you know you are coming, an RSVP via email, a text or in person Wednesday night or Sunday morning would be great so we can keep an eye out for everyone!

Now that we are over halfway through October, it is also time to highlight an opportunity for the high school group! On November 20th - 22nd we will be having our high school retreat. Like the last few years, we will be heading to Minnesota to Lost Timber Bible Camp. The design of our fall retreat is one of rest as we step away from our everyday routine for a weekend. With games, large group discussions, food, hikes (weather permitting) and some built in solitude time for students to spend in the word and in prayer - the weekend is built to allow a slower pace and set up time to be with the Lord and with one another. RSVP by Sunday November 15th so we can finalize numbers and travel plans.

That is 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!**

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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

We had a wonderful group of 3rd graders come up to get their Bibles on Sunday! There were also some kids who felt a little too shy to come up front but now they have their Bibles as well. We'll have some more kids get them that weren't able to be at church this week. Please feel free to pick up a Bible if you or someone you know needs one. That's what they are for!

Christmas Program Info:

Parents, this is your final reminder for October that your child should have been given a note about the Christmas Program. The K-5 kids are probably getting their speaking parts this week at Midweek. You can still get the info at: <https://communityrc.org/christmas> The program is 12/13/26 at 3:30pm. Remember, even if your K-5 child doesn't want to do dance, drumming, or do a speaking part, they can still join the program with their Sunday School class if they practice the group's speaking line and the songs. Preschoolers can sing with their class on Sunday mornings and practice at home too.

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



SUNDAY



FINANCES

Sunday, October 18, 2026

General: \$7,990
Vision: \$175
Mission: \$500

General YTD: \$692,706
Vision YTD: \$41,388
Vision Account Balance: \$1,615

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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.

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



We've had 2 strong opening nights for Mid-Week this year! It's been fantastic to see everyone again and to have so many people (another record number) involved in adult classes. Please remember that it's never too late to start coming to Mid-Week. The meal is open to anyone and is served anytime between 5:30 and 6:15. Classes run from 6:30-7:30, and everyone (kids included) is finished by 7:30 so you can get home at a reasonable time. If you are looking to meet and connect with new people from Community, Mid-Week will give you a running start! I'd love to see you there!

We've also had 2 strong opening nights for our Christmas Choir rehearsals! I'm thrilled with how many people we have singing, and I'm also thrilled with the sound! It's already coming together beautifully. Yes, we have a lot of work to do, but the music is gorgeous, and it's promising to be an inspirational Christmas concert. It's still not too late to join choir, though I might say that Sunday is probably as late as you'd want to get started. 😊 If you would like to join us, please come to the chapel on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00 for rehearsal. We provide childcare too! The concerts are December 13 at the 9:00 and 10:45 services times. We'd love to have you join us!

As I mentioned on Sunday morning, Abbe and I are hosting another Women's Retreat at Community on November 7 from 9:00am to noon. This is open to women of all ages. We do not offer childcare at these retreats because we want the women who are in attendance to be able to be fully present. So, this is where we need help from dads, grandpas, uncles, and brothers. If there are little kids in your families, it would be an awesome gift if you offered to take those kids for the morning so the women in your families could attend. At this retreat you will experience worship and praise, teaching and learning, discussion and sharing, and eating and chatting! What we hope for these events is that you will come away having experienced God in new ways as well as having been challenged and grown in your relationships with Him. Our prayer is that you will be refreshed and renewed... and those are not the same thing. 😊

Registering for the Women's Retreat is not required. However, we do ask that if you are planning to come, even if you're only about 75% sure you can come, please register. This helps us to plan appropriately for food and handouts. You can register at The Link on Sundays, by emailing me at church, or by scanning the QR code to the left. I hope to see a massive group of women gathering together on November 7!

Have a great week!

Liz

Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

SIGN UP TODAY



Women's Retreat

AMAZON OR DENIAL

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

9:00AM-NOON

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

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

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110

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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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