

THE COMMUNICATOR

THIS WEEK

OCT. 28- NOV. 4

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)

Saturday, Oct. 31
7:00am- Fresh Encounter
Prayer Group

Sunday, Nov. 1
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am-
Worship Services
10:10am- Sunday School
10:15am- Adult Sunday School

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

Monday, Nov. 2
7:00pm- WD40

Tuesday, Nov. 3
9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, Nov. 4
5:30-6:30pm- Meal-
Chicken Salad/Taco Salad
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 28, 2026

October will come to an end this coming Saturday night. I don't think I have talked to a single person who is not a surprised by how quickly we went through October. Remember everyone to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night. It is that weekend again for us. Otherwise, you will be at church very early on Sunday morning. It has been a good month. We have had some amazing rain, and the grass is still so green. The colors are still there, but we can see some of the trees now look very wintery as the ground has become covered with leaves. It is a pretty time of the year. I just want it to last. I mentioned last week that I don't really know how my hunting will be in November. It doesn't look very promising. These things happen. I know many of you have lots fall activities that are in full force right now, and we are already talking about playoff football and tournament times for volleyball. All State chorus and orchestra is coming up very soon which always takes me back to my teaching years. We are in that part of the year, and it seems like school just started a week ago. Time is moving fast…enjoy your days friends.

I was very pleased with all the mission groups who were here on Sunday. We sometimes wonder if we need to do that every year, but then we hear from our new folks that they were not aware of all the things we support. I must always remind myself that we have new people who are learning who we are and what we do, so for them, these kinds of events help them see what we do. That is a good thing. Thanks to all the groups and individuals who helped make that day a success. Thanks to Holli for lining up all the extra details behind the scenes to make it all go. It was a great day!

Our church choir continues to grow. That's right, we gained a couple of new singers just this week. We have a couple of singers who have joined us simply by seeing we had a church choir by seeing it on our website. They are very good singers. We are nearly 60 voices this year, and they are doing such a great job of learning and working together. We have a long way to go, but it will be so worth their time. I know I, for one, do really enjoy that we still have a choir. Lots of things like that have been lost in churches because people just have so much going on. We are very fortunate for those folks who give up their time to do this. I am grateful.

We have not found the "smell". I know that's not the most important thing in the church, but it has been fun to talk with people as we try to figure it out. What is amazing is that it comes and goes. Right now, there is nothing. You wait a couple of days, and it will probably show up, or maybe it will just go away, and we will never know what that was all about. It is rather entertaining for us. I say enjoy the search. It gives us something to talk about other than the weather.

Sunday is the start of the new series of messages I will be doing on the 23rd Psalm. I will be going through it verse by verse through the month of November. There is no doubt the 23rd Psalm is probably one of the most recognized set of words from the Bible. John 3:16 might be first, but Psalm 23 is right at the top. They are great words! I want to take that familiar text and let it speak to us about our God who is described as our shepherd. We are going to do a little Hebrew language study with it as well. I am looking forward to it. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

"Anxiety is calmed when we talk to the One in charge..."And God placed all things under [Christ's] feet and appointed him to be head over everything"
Ephesians 1:22

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Curt Van Oort (bypass surgery recovery)
- Gary Newman (hernia surgery)
- 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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the friends and family of Carmen Jo Tiggelaar-Jurgensen. She was Lon Tiggelaar's sister.

Our condolences go out to the friends and family of the people who died in the horrific accident by Corsica. The man who died, Logan Denning was a nephew of Glenda VanDenHoek, while the 7-year old boy, Briggs Niewenhuis was the son of Laurel Feenstra's cousin and his wife.

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.

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meet.google.com/rkd-vfrv-ech
Phone Number
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PIN: 308 500 420#

Questions?
Call Shawn Blom
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DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



It is our final Wednesday night for October which means we will be finishing our “Set Apart” series. This week is What Now and follows what Clyde spoke about this past Sunday really well. I will even be highlighting a few things he talked through as it speaks directly to the conversation we will have!

Then, starting on Sunday, we will begin our You Asked It Series with the high school group on Sunday mornings and both the middle and high school groups Wednesday nights. This is always a great series and every year the question students ask are always great to walk through as a group. As we walk through this series, I am praying that some of our doubts can be answered and our knowledge of God continues to grow as we walk through our questions.

Final highlight for this week. **Our high school group has a weekend retreat coming up November 20th-22nd**. The group will be heading to Lost Timber Bible Camp for a weekend of rest, connecting with one another and focusing on a theme of Priceless. Registration is open and an email with more information and the registration form has been sent out. I will also have forms printed out for students to grab on Wednesday’s and Sundays.

That’s it for this week. Feel free to reach out anytime with questions or more information about the youth ministry here at Community.

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HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

If you haven't visited the Children's Wing on a Wednesday or Sunday, I invite you to come see the action. The kids are incredible and our volunteers are making a huge impact. On Wednesdays, the kids are learning about many different stories, but some favorites so far this year are: David & Goliath, Daniel & The Lions, Birth of Jesus, Jesus Died for Our Sins, and Noah's Ark.

In Sunday School, so far this year we've learned:
Preschool: Our Theme is "Jesus Loves Me". We've learned: God Made Everything, God Made Me, Adam & Eve, Noah's Ark- God Takes Care of Us and a Rainbow is a Promise, and this week, we learned about Baby Moses.
Kindergarten: Our Theme is "Together." We've learned: The Bible is God's Word, God Made Everything, Adam & Eve, Noah's Ark, and Jacob's Ladder
1st Grade: Our Theme is "Adventure". We've Learned: The Bible is God's Word, God Made Everything, Jacob & Esau, Joseph & His Brothers, and Moses, Aaron, Pharoah & Plagues.
2nd Grade: Our Theme is "Surprised": We've Learned: The Bible is God's Word, Abraham & Sarah, Joseph & His Brothers, Baby Moses, and the Burning Bush.
3rd Grade: Our Theme is "Fearless": We've Learned: The Bible is God's Word, Noah's Ark, Abraham & Isaac, Joseph & His Brothers, Gideon
4th Grade: Our Theme is "Protected": We've Learned about the Armor of God, The Bible and what's inside, Noah's Ark, the 10 Commandments, and David & Goliath
5th Grade: Our Theme is "Challenge": We learned about the Bible and Old & New Testaments as well as the types of books, Adam & Eve, Tower of Babel, Job, and this week we learned about Rachel & Leah. Next week we'll learn about Jacob wrestling.

Parents, if you ever want the full list of what your child will be learning about each Sunday, send me a quick email and I'll send it your way.

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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.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on Nov.17th at 1:30. Hostess is Jerralynne and the lesson will be led by Marjie.

SIGN UP TODAY



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

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER

UNION GOSPEL MISSION

Union Gospel Mission is a nonprofit emergency shelter dedicated to providing essential services to the homeless, needy, and marginalized people of the Sioux Falls community.



FINANCES

Sunday, October 25, 2026

General: $8,417
Vision: $1,160
Mission: $50

General YTD: $735,051
Vision YTD: $45,350
Vision Account Balance: $5,577

LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Have you ever had one of those days?

One of those days where you knew things were going to be busy, so you planned and prepared well in advance in order to accomplish everything that needed to get done?

And then the day arrives, and suddenly, all that planning and preparing goes out the window…

Unexpected decisions need to be made. Appointments suddenly need to be shifted. New tasks and new people urgently need to be added to the schedule. And all of a sudden, all the plans and preparations you made were for nought.

Have you been there?

In my world, I'm good at scheduling. I don't procrastinate, and I value being prepared. I work ahead and plan ahead because in my life, there's no one else to pick up the slack. (Or so I think.) If I don't get things done, they don't get done. So, I make sure that I work to the best of my ability to schedule and accomplish the things that need doing. The world rewards that kind of ability. But I'm not sure God does…

What about the days when everything goes wrong?

Usually when days like that happen, I double down. I work harder! I put even more effort into my to-do lists. I'm concise and direct and get 100% of the work accomplished in half the time. But that comes at a cost not only to me, but to the people I love, and to my relationship with God.

Lately, when I find myself having a day like I've described above, I feel a gentle invitation from God saying, "Liz, don't give in to the temptation to double down. Don't rush through this day. Nothing about this day is a surprise to Me. Allow yourself to slow down and live into the "unexpected" of this day. Don't hurry. You might be surprised where you see Me at work."

My goodness that is hard! But I take God up on His invitation. I calm myself down, and slowly, without hurry, I begin to work through the immediate needs at hand. But then I find as I get several of those things accomplished, I feel the temptation again to double down and rush through as many tasks as I can complete! But God again invites. "Don't rush. Just walk into each moment. Time belongs to Me."

Then my questions come. What if I don't get everything finished? What if I have to cancel something that's already been hard to get scheduled? What if? What if? What if?

And God replies with words that are true and life-giving but are hard to live in real life.

"Your life isn't the work you do. Your life isn't your accomplishments or your achievements. I don't love you more if you accomplish more or if you accomplish it better. You mean more to Me than the things on your to-do list. And frankly, any success you have in your daily schedule comes from Me. You are not in charge of your life, I AM. Let me lead you through this day at My pace. I invite you to rejoice and be glad in it."

I admit that I haven't lived into God's invitations very well, but I am trying! And I know with assurance that there is grace given in my effort. I can tell God is changing me through these unexpected times. I notice that my immediate responses are shifting from anxiety to steady calm. And I've been able to see more of God's work as I let go of my own timelines. He always amazes me when I have eyes to see. Of course, the more the unexpected happens, the more practiced I get at trusting God with my schedule and my planning. It's still challenging, but I am learning how to let go of my way and follow God's way.

If you can relate, I hope you'll find some encouragement here. It is safe to trust God with the unexpected of the every-day life. After all, it was never unexpected to Him. 😊

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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