

THE COMMUNICATOR

THIS WEEK

SEPT 16- SEPT 23

Wednesday, Sept. 16

6:30-8:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Sept. 19

**7:00am- Fresh Encounter
Prayer Group**

Sunday, Sept. 20

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS!
10:10am**

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

10:15am- Adult Sunday School

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

Tuesday, Sept. 22

9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, Sept. 23

6:30-8:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

10:10AM

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**

SEPT. 20

**CLASSES FOR AGES 3 THROUGH ADULT
SEE HEATHER'S ARTICLE FOR MORE DETAILS**

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Clyde's Update

September is turning out to be a very nice fall month here at the midpoint of the calendar. We have seen a lot of rain this week, and things are turning green again. I know for many of our farmer friends, it would have been nice to see that about 30 days ago, but we take what we can get when we get it. The air feels very fall here lately, and I think we all do enjoy that; I know I certainly do. I need to get a few things done around my house before things freeze up. Yes, I did use the word freeze because I know that is coming and it probably won't be that long. We shall see.

Thanks to all the helpers this past Sunday who came early to help with the set up for the kickoff event. It seemed to be a good day for us with the food and all. I know we were glad we didn't plan a lot of outdoor activities that morning with the rain and everything. It would have been a little chilly out on the lawn. I think we planned well this year and that felt good. All the signup sheets in the lobby will stay up for a couple more weeks so you still will have time to take a look at those. We have plenty of places to plug in around here and we highly encourage folks to bring your gifts to the table and help us make this place bring kingdom change into the lives of new folks and sustaining life to those who have been here for all the years.

I wanted to put in a plug for our church choir this week. It will be starting here coming up in October. We have some wonderful music picked out this year, and I believe we are going to have a fantastic program for that Christmas Choir to work up. Good music makes all the difference, I think, and Liz and I found some great music for us. I do hope you are planning to do that with us, and we would love to see some new faces and see some of those faces from the past who have taken a season off...how about now? We would love to see you. Talk to us about it and let's see what we can do. Share the gift of the season of Christmas with us. It is a great ministry.

The church calendar over these past few weeks has just been filled with so much loss in families. We have those seasons, and we are into one of those right now. Prayer warriors out there, pray for comfort and strength for those who are in a season of sadness right now. We know the sorrow these journeys take. Coming around each other in prayer and support can mean so much to those who are a little weary from the struggle.

Sunday's message will take focus on the phrase, "When We Are Uncertain." It is about those times when we are seeking direction in our lives and darkness is all around. It is about God and how he leads and guides us, or maybe a better way to say it would be to share a word about having confidence that God is leading. He really does know the way, and he wants us to listen to him and seek his face. There are lots of scripture passages again this week, and I pray lots of good thinking together in that room. We are all seeking to grow our faith and trust in God's way because we know he really does know the best way to walk through this journey of life. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY

CHS is located at 113 N. St Paul Ave- a secured shelter for family safety and crisis intervention. CHS averages 78 people per day with an average stay length of 21 days. New commercial kitchen serves over 950 meals and snacks a week for guest for total of over 40,000 cartons of milk and 25 tons of food each year. Along with crisis housing, CHS offers 24 hour crisis hot line, free counseling, parenting education, support groups, community ed, and rural outreach.
www.chssd.org.

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's time to bless the neighborhood schools!



Ben Reifel Middle School

*Shelf stable protein shakes or protein bars for hungry students

*Individually packaged crackers & cookies for hungry students

Inspiration Elementary

*Grab & Go Snacks for teachers (or individual packets powdered drink mix)

SERVING AT THE BANQUET

Community will be serving at The Banquet downtown on **Wednesday, Sept. 30**. We need 6 people to help prep food from 2-4pm & 30 people for serving from 5-8pm.

Please email connect@communityrc.org if you can help or sign up in the lobby!

11 MORE PEOPLE NEEDED

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Daniel Burlingame (liver shunt)
- Colton Bultje (heart issue)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS & blood clots)
- Carolyn Odens (concussion)
- Alvin Hoogendoorn (hip surgery)
- Dustin Schouten (auto accident recovery)
- Rod Sonnenburg (malignant lymphoma)
- Dree Mayer's sister, Charlotte (triple bypass)
- Lloyd VanEssen (bladder cancer)
- Elaine Deelstra (eye sight changes)
- 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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the friends and family of Robert VanRoekel Sr. Please keep Jennie and their whole 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.

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

605-940-6702





KID'S MINISTRY

HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Community!

Sunday School starts this Sunday! I can't wait to see you all. Please be in prayer about Sunday School as we head into a new year.

We start at 10:10am.

The Preschool and Pre-K kids (3-5 year olds) start in the center space of the Children's Wing for singing and prayer before they scamper off to their classrooms for the Bible story, puppets, and activities.

The K-5 kids start in their individual classrooms, labeled by grade. If you can't find the room, look above the doors for more signage.

We wrap up at 10:40am and parents pick up children outside of their classroom doors.

Parents, I encourage you to ask your kids to tell you about Sunday School. Let them share with you what they are learning about who God is, who they are, and what the Bible says.

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

CONSISTORY NOTES

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

Snacks, devotion and opening prayer by Jordan Lipp.

Jordan read Romans 1:20 and spoke about feeling the presence of God in the moment.

MSA minutes of August 13, 2026.

MSA August 2026 financial report by Jim Fisher.

Old Business

New projectors are ready; new brackets will be built. Concrete work was discussed.

New Business

2027 Budget worksheets were distributed to task force members.

Staff reports were reviewed.

Fall activities were discussed. Flyers will be distributed on Kickoff Sunday, September 13. Service opportunities will be available also.

Discussion about task lists for staff responsibilities.

MSA to accept ARS proposal for roof repairs with the goal for completion before winter weather.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Clyde.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bierwagen, Clerk

10:10AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEPT. 20

Where Do I Go On Sunday Morning?

Preschool-Pre-K start in the center room of the children's wing for singing

K-5th grade start in their assigned rooms in the children's wing

6th-8th grade meet in the Middle School Youth Room

9th-12th grade meet in the High School Youth Room

Adult Sunday School

Pastor John Thornton leads this adult class on a variety of Biblical topics. Location: Chapel Overflow

FINANCES

Sunday, September 13, 2026

General: \$9,039

Vision: \$435

Mission: \$560

General YTD: \$613,701

Vision YTD: \$39,168

Vision Account Balance: \$10,179

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Oct. 12** 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

This group meets Monday nights at 7:00pm and is led by John Thornton. They meet in the chapel overflow. All men are welcome. (starts in October)

new!

605.CHURCH/STORE



VISIT THE COMMUNITY STORE TO FIND
COMMUNITY APPAREL & SERMON SERIES APPAREL

MISSION HAITI SUNDAY

CELEBRATE COMMUNITY'S
PARTNER SCHOOL
IN HAITI



SUNDAY, SEPT. 20



Upcoming Events



605.CHURCH/EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL
STARTING SEPT. 20 @ 10:10AM

MIDWEEK
WEDNESDAYS STARTING OCTOBER 7
5:30-6:30PM- MEAL
6:30-7:30PM- CLASSES FOR ALL AGES



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We are only 2 weeks from the start of our Mid-Week ministry here at Community. Mid-Week is one of my favorite things about our church. It's a fantastic way for people to get connected to one another, it's a wonderful way for both kids and adults to experience healthy church culture, and it's a powerful way to grow in our relationships with Jesus Christ. The first night of Mid-Week is October 7, so mark your calendars. This week, I'd like to talk a bit about the adult classes we'll be offering at Mid-Week.

This year, we have 5 outstanding adult class offerings for Mid-Week. Here's a little descriptor of each class:

The Goodness of God – Pastor Clyde

Pastor Clyde will be leading discussions on the contrasts between the goodness of God and problems of evil. He will be talking about the different influences of evil in our culture as well as what tools we have to fight against and attain victory over that evil. Clyde will have a strong focus in this class on living live without fear. If you're looking for a class that will address many of the cultural problems we face very day while offering encouragement through the Word and Life of Jesus Christ, this class might be for you!

The Kingdom is Now – Pastor Liz (Me! 😊)

This year, I'll be teaching a class on living in the Kingdom of God right now while we are still alive on this earth. Too often Christians think we have to wait until we die to access God's Kingdom, but that's not what Jesus said or taught. The Sermon on the Mount, and particularly the Beatitudes teach us how to live our current lives in the Kingdom. I'll be leading discussions where we deep dive into Jesus' Sermon on the Mount to learn how we access and participate in the Kingdom of God. If you've been longing for ways to live more fully in the Kingdom now, this class might be for you!

Class Subject To Be Decided - Pastor John Thornton

Pastor John has narrowed his class idea into two separate possibilities. But he has yet to make a decision on which class he'll teach. 😊 As soon as he knows, I'll be sure to include that information here!

Seeking God Workshop – Susan Bierwagen

Susan is going to be leading a series of discussions about the personal challenge of pursuing God in our daily routines of life. She will facilitate conversations that cover how we use our time, how we can incorporate more of God into our everyday lives, and how we can let go of the things that consume us (like our phones) to make more room for God in our lives. If you've been yearning to grow your relationship with God in these ways, this class might be for you!

Men's Fellowship and Discipleship – John Harmsen, Alex Collins, Jesse Johnson, Tanner Corbin, Tom Weerheim

This group of men is going to be leading conversations with other men as they pursue a deeper relationship with Christ and with one another. This class is designed to move beyond surface-level connections in order to foster authentic Christ centered community among men. They seek to encourage one another, grow through God's Word, and become more like Jesus. It's open to men of all ages and demographics. If you're a man looking to connect with other men of faith, this class might be for you!

As you can see, we have some fantastic classes available this fall, and I'm very excited to get everything rolling. In my article next week, I'll be sharing more about how Mid-Week works for everyone, including logistics for the night, the class and learning options for the other ages, and how the meal works. Stay tuned!

Enjoy this beautiful week!

Liz

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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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