

THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

THIS WEEK

SEPT 23- SEPT 30

Wednesday, Sept. 23

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

Saturday, Sept. 26

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

Sunday, Sept. 27

**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, Sept. 29

9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, Sept. 30

**6:00-8:00pm- M.S. & H.S. Youth
Group Fall Kickoff**



DESSERTS FOR MIDWEEK

6 MORE PEOPLE NEEDED

EMAIL HOLLI
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IF YOU CAN HELP OUT!

Clyde's Update

September is turning green. Hasn't this been a change we didn't see coming? We always think we know how things are going to go, and then just like that, it all changes. I drove to work this morning, and the cross hill is green as if it were spring again, but it is not spring...it is fall. That's right, fall has officially arrived. I am not sure how we got here this quickly, but it is here that is for sure. The temperatures are cooler and the trees are starting to turn a little as well. We have arrived. I hope it is a long one and personally, I hope I get to get out and enjoy some of that fall air. I am looking forward to it.

Sunday was a good day in church. I did enjoy talking with the folks from Mission Haiti and touching base with those fine people again. I hope many of you had an opportunity to connect with them as well. They have a passion for what they do, and we are grateful to play a role in all they do in the country that is so torn with strife. Pray for Haiti and those who do the work they do there.

Sunday school got off to a new start on Sunday as well. I didn't get a chance to visit with Heather about how things went back in the children's wing, but the preliminary report was that there was lots of activity back there. I believe that is a good word. Thanks again for all those who said yes to spending time with our youth. It is a big commitment, I know, but so worth all that we can put into that.

We are leaving the signup boards up in the lobby for a few more weeks. Those are ways to connect friends and we would really encourage you to give those a look. You have always been so good at helping when we need it...I am trusting you will be there again. Go Community Go!

MidWeek is just around the corner now, and we are putting the final pieces together for that program to get going. I believe we are only looking for a few more people to help us with desserts. So, if that is your gift to share, I would encourage you to get signed up...or just give the church a call and let Holli know. I am looking forward to getting back at it on Wednesday evenings again. We love MidWeek!

Sunday's message seemed to touch a lot of hearts. That happens on certain themes. When decisions are made or decisions need to be made, we are always searching for direction, and it is easy to get lost in all of that. This week we are going to move along in that same direction of life with the phrase, "When I am overwhelmed". We all know exactly what that is like. When everything seems manageable and then one or two things go sideways and we get knocked off our feet. What now? How can we do this? What will I say? How can I go on? We know this feeling. Well, once again, this is real life. We want to talk about how do we get there? Are some things we can do help us before we get there? I think there are some ideas we can all talk about on Sunday. Also, God is aware of what is going on. He knows. I have been saying that throughout this series which is the message I want us to engage with. God is so good in tough places and we are not. 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!

4 MORE PEOPLE NEEDED

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Daniel Burlingame (liver shunt)
- Colton Bultje (heart issue)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Carolyn Odens (concussion)
- Alvin Hoogendoorn (hip surgery)
- Dustin Schouten (auto accident recovery)
- Rod Sonnenburg (malignant lymphoma)
- Dree Mayer's sister, Charlotte (triple bypass)
- 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)

THANK YOU

Thank you, Community, for your prayers, cards, and support throughout my cancer treatments.

Lloyd VanEssen

**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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Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

Passcode: 052482

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

605-940-6702



DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Our final night of only have high school students here on Wednesdays is this week! We will be ending our time with Qdoba for supper and then finishing our series that has been continued from Rocky Mountain High's "One Story". Jesus changes everything and there is so much joy, hope and peace in the story of the gospel. As we wrap up and get ready for the changes coming to midweek this year, I am excited for this week and our time together.

Then, on September 30th, the middle school group is invited to join us for a Midweek kick off with food and games from 6:00-7:00, followed by a time of worship and connecting as we get ready for the all of midweek to start. This will be a great opportunity to come and connect while being able to enjoy having all the space to spread out for the night. For all high school and middle school students, join us the 30th for food, laser tag, and worship as we continue to build connections here at Community.

Finally, Sunday school has officially started this last week. It was great to be back together Sunday mornings between services. The high school group will start by walking through some stories from both the Old and New Testament and seeing how it all connects with the story of the gospel. The Middle school group will start with a video series and time for discussion within both small and large group. It is good to be back into the rhythm of the fall!

Hope the start of the school year has gone well for you! If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle
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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

Our first week of Sunday School was a great one! I planned on taking some pictures of the kids in their classrooms for you, but when I peeked in the doors everyone was so locked in on their time together, I didn't want to interrupt!

Please pray for the volunteers who have given generously of their time and energy to pour into the lives of kids at Community. They are a great bunch of people who were making connections already on week one. We have some new faces in the Children's Wing- both kids and adults. Pray that we make them feel welcome.

I did catch one quick picture of the Preschoolers singing for you. They learned that God made everything! God made each one of them.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL FALL KICK OFF

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30
6:00-8:00PM**

STUDENTS 6TH GRADE - SENIORS ARE
INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FOOD, LAZER TAG & WORSHIP!



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

FINANCES

Sunday, September 20, 2026

General: \$7,645

Vision: \$265

Mission: \$535

General YTD: \$621,346

Vision YTD: \$39,433

Vision Account Balance: \$3,052

SPONSOR A CHILD AT COMMUNITY'S PARTNER SCHOOL IN HAITI



CHECK OUT THE SPONSOR
WALL IN THE LOBBY



\$35 PER MONTH

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Last week, I promised to give you an explanation for how our Mid-Week ministry works here at Community. Since we are only a couple of weeks away from the start of that ministry, it's a good time to explain how things work.

Every Wednesday evening starting in October, a meal is served from 5:30pm to about 6:15pm. The meals are prepared and served by volunteer groups, and the set up and clean up are also done by volunteers. If you'd like to serve in this way, please contact Holli and she can get you connected to a group. We run through a rotation of 6 different meals, and we always have hotdogs available with each meal. We also have volunteers who provide desserts for the different meals. If you'd like to help with desserts occasionally, again I ask you to contact Holli so she can connect you to a group in need of desserts. The meal is a fantastic time to meet people and get to know others from Community. We eat in the fellowship hall, and everyone is welcome!

Then starting at 6:30, the nursery has lessons and activities for infants through Pre-K kids, Heather has lessons and activities for kindergarten through 5th Grade, Doyle has lessons and activities for Middle School and High School Youth Groups, and our adult classes are available for everyone else. All of these classes run from 6:30-7:30pm, and we all finish at 7:30pm. We try to make this very accessible to families with young children as well as adults who work early and don't want to get home too late. We've run this schedule for the last few years, and it's worked very well.

Here are a few things to note about Mid-Week. It's totally ok if you have to miss a class here and there. And it's also ok to hop around to different classes to see which ones you might like the best. We know people have busy schedules, so we just tell people to come when you can. You will be welcomed to any of our adult classes any time. 😊

As I have said before, I truly believe that Mid-Week is one of the best things we do here. We see adults and kids of all ages and demographics, and it is one of the places where we see clearly the unity of Community. The Spirit is always moving in powerful ways on those Wednesday nights, and I promise you will be blessed in more ways than one if you choose to give it a try.

The first night of Mid-Week is coming up on October 7! I hope to see you there!

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help! And remember the adult class list is also published in the new Community brochure, which is available at The Link anytime.

Have a great week!

Liz

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A graphic with a dark blue background featuring a repeating 'WELCOME' pattern. At the top center is a small orange flame icon. Below it, the text 'Upcoming Events' is written in a large, orange, cursive font. In the bottom left corner is a square QR code. In the bottom right corner, a white-bordered box contains the text: 'MID WEEK' in bold white, 'WEDNESDAYS STARTING OCTOBER 7' in orange, '5:30-6:30PM- MEAL' in white, and '6:30-7:30PM- CLASSES FOR ALL AGES' in white. At the very bottom, a blue bar with white text reads '605.CHURCH/EVENTS'.

Upcoming Events

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

605.CHURCH/EVENTS

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110
SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Permit No. 7119

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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