

THE COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

THIS WEEK

SEPT 30- OCT 7

Wednesday, Sept. 30

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

Saturday, Oct. 3

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

Sunday, Oct. 4

**World-Wide Communion
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. 5

9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Midweek starts

5:30-6:30pm- Meal- BBQ

6:30-7:30pm-

Classes for all ages

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

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!

Clyde's Update

By the time some of you get this week's newsletter the calendar will have changed to the month of October. Fall is really here even when the grass looks like spring. It has been a different September than August, that is for sure. I will be enjoying the fall colors soon as I can begin to see a little of that starting, but I think with all the rain the colors are holding off. I have enjoyed the rain, but a little sun would be nice. Let's just enjoy all of it. Can't change it...so smile.

A couple of things to talk about at church this week. Next Sunday, is Worldwide Communion Sunday so put that on your calendar. It always falls on that first Sunday of October. We will be sharing together at the Lord's table around the theme of "Greater". There is something right about that.

MidWeek starts next week! Can you believe that? I am ready to see that get going again, and I am excited about the class that I am doing called "The Goodness of God". The title might be a bit misleading which is not my intentions at all. We will focus on the goodness of God, for sure, but in the context of Spiritual Warfare. Yes, we are going to talk about the root of evil and how the evil one tempts us and works against us. What are the tools we can use to combat that? How can we recognize his evil schemes? How does he think and how God, through Jesus, is our greatest weapon. Jesus is our Rock! I am looking forward to it. I have never done a class specifically on this subject, so it is going to be a good study for me as well, and that always makes it more exciting for me to put my thoughts together. If you have questions, talk to me about it. Have you ever wondered who Satan is? Well, we are going to open our eyes to just that very thing.

Choir members: We are getting closer to our first rehearsal. I do hope you are planning on joining us for that. We have so many good singers in this place and Liz has chosen some very nice music, I think some of the best we have ever done as far as variety goes and just the enjoyment they will be to put together. If you haven't been in choir and you are a singer who misses that...this is your year. It is a great way to connect to good friends as well.

I certainly did enjoy Sunday morning this past week. It was a good day to be in that room with all of you. I hope our getting together brings a blessing to your week. You need that in your lives, and I do try so intently on bringing something that challenges and encourages you to keep up the good fight. We are better together!

Sunday, of course, is Communion Sunday, and we will be adding that to the message. We are going to work around the message theme of control. The message title is "When I Am Angry", but the central theme is control. When we lose control that brings on many things in our hearts and one of them can be anger. Especially when things don't go the way we planned them, or when we hoped for one thing and got something completely out of place. I hope you can see how this attitude fits in the message of communion. The disciples had a plan and the plan was not God's plan. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

**"BUT I TELL YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU".**

MATTHEW 5:44

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)
- Sherri Van Beek & Scott Van Roekel's dad, Con (Parkinson's Disease)
- 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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Rick Beckstrom and his family for the passing of his dad, Gordon Beckstrom.

**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:+1567-250-1502)

PIN: 308 500 420#

Questions?
Call Shawn Blom
605-940-6702



COMMUNITY KIDS

LOOKING FOR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS!

COME PLAY WITH THE KIDS!

You'll serve only 4 times throughout the year!



LEARN MORE



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!



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

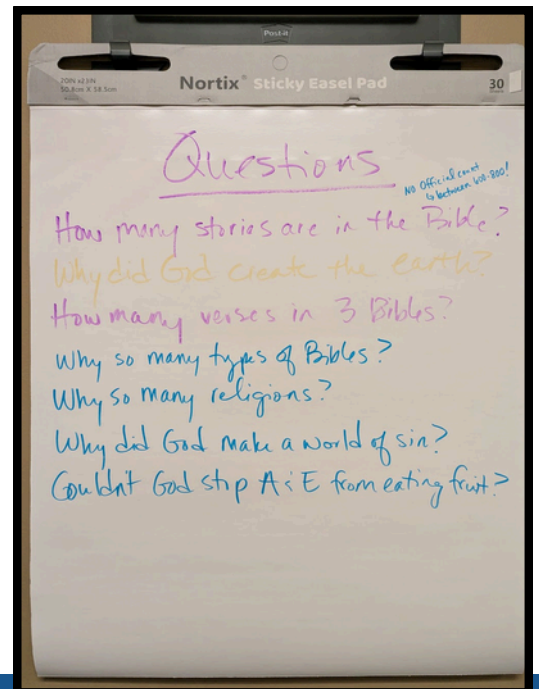
Hi Community!

Sunday School continues to go well. If you know a child who hasn't joined the fun yet, please send them in! It is never too late to jump into Sunday School and the teachers are great at getting everyone connected.

Speaking of connected, please get October 7 on your calendar for the first week of Midweek. I'd love to have all of the kids come that first week to get a strong introduction to our plans for the year and to start diving into Bible learning. I'm excited for a strong start to the Midweek season and I think the students will be too. I know schedules can get busy, but I can also say with confidence that we do everything possible to make Wednesdays a good investment of time and energy for your children.

The Fifth Grade Sunday School students have a poster in their classroom that the teachers are using to write down any question the students come up with. They work as a team to explore answers. I'm sharing it with you because this is only the second week of Sunday School and the way the kids are thinking and listening is inspiring to me. I'm looking forward to hearing more about the conversations that come out of these questions and what is learned in the process.

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



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

The men's Bible study will start up on **Monday October 5th @ 7:00pm**. Please come and join us.

The first night we will be deciding if we should do an deep drive in a verse by verse study of the book of James, or if we should continue the topical Bible study, where we look at various passages in the Bible related to a specific topic. As always, the class will also incorporate prayer, sharing, and man to man support and encouragement. New men are always welcome! 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.



Mark Your Calendar!

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(Nursery, K-5th grade, M.S. Youth Group, H.S. Youth Group & Adult classes)

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

THE AMAZON OR DE "NILE"

Saturday, Nov. 7

9:00am- Noon

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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Join Us!

FINANCES

Sunday, September 27, 2026

General: \$8,755

Vision: \$1,240

Mission: \$1,070

General YTD: \$630,101

Vision YTD: \$40,673

Vision Account Balance: \$4,292

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



We are only one week away from the start of our Mid-Week ministry at church! Our first night is October 7! Here's a bit more info for that first night.

The meal (BBQ's!) will be served from 5:30 – 6:15. At 6:30, the kids will all head to their respective locations; infant - pre-k to the nursery, k-5th grade to the children's wing, 6th-12th grades to the youth rooms, and all adults will go to the sanctuary.

In the sanctuary, you'll have a chance to hear from each of the adult class teachers. This year, I'm hoping to do a bit more of an interview style for the teachers. I want to ask each teacher a few more questions about the details of each class. We'll learn not only what the title and basic premise of each class will be, but I'm hoping to share with you why these teachers decided to teach, what experiences and learning they plan to bring to their classes, a little background information about each teacher, and what their hopes are for the classes. Since we have so many new people attending Community (Wahoo!), I thought a little Q & A time could be helpful for everyone before they choose their classes for the year. Then following that time, I'll ask all the adults to fill out a short form for which class/classes they think they might be interested in taking. This helps me to ensure that we have adequate places for each group to meet. The official first night of classes will then be the following week on October 14.

Please try not to think of this evening as wasted time. I know for some of you, you looked at the brochures of the classes on Kick-Off Sunday and immediately made your decisions. Consequently, getting together to rehash each class option might seem unnecessary. But so much more happens during those times together. First of all, we are gathering together in God's house. And where two or three are gathered together, the Spirit of the Lord is there. When you gather, you will be blessed! Secondly, that first night offers you a wonderful opportunity to just visit with church people you normally might not see or have time to visit with on a Sunday morning. What a gift to simply sit and chat with someone who is new to Community and to thereby participate in God's work! And lastly, you might be surprised at what you hear those teachers sharing about when we do the interviews. You might even decide to try a new class! Being there is another way to enter into the refining work of God in our lives. I do hope you'll join us October 7. 😊

And lastly this week, my sister and I have decided to host another Women's Retreat this fall. It has been several years since we've done one of these retreats, and we have been feeling prompted by the Spirit to share another one. The date and time for this retreat is Saturday, November 7, from 9:00am-noon. I'll share more details about this event in my article next week. 😊

Have a great week!

Liz

Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

A graphic with a dark blue background featuring the word 'WELCOME' repeated in a light blue, semi-transparent font. At the top center is a small orange flame icon. Below it, the words 'Upcoming Events' are written in a large, flowing, orange script font. In the lower-left corner is a square QR code. In the lower-right corner, there is a white-bordered box containing the following text: 'MID WEEK' in bold white, 'WEDNESDAYS STARTING OCTOBER 7' in bold orange, '5:30-6:30PM- MEAL' in bold white, and '6:30-7:30PM- CLASSES FOR ALL AGES' in bold white. At the bottom center, a blue banner 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 30, 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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