

THE COMMUNICATOR

THIS WEEK

SEPT 9- SEPT 16

Wednesday, Sept. 9

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

Saturday, Sept. 12

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Prayer Group

Sunday, Sept. 13

KICK OFF SUNDAY

**8:30am-12:30pm- PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am-

Worship Services

10:15am- Adult Sunday School

6:30pm- Refresh

(College-age/ Young adults)

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Noon- Senior Citizens

(E. Pizza Ranch)

Tuesday, Sept. 15

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, Sept. 16

9:00am- Book Club

(Bagel Boy on MN Ave)

1:30pm- Hope Circle

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

**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
THIS SUNDAY!**

8:30AM-12:30PM



SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Clyde's Update

Here we are nearly at the midpoint of September already. Time is marching on! We have had some rain in the area which is helping keep things a little greener. It would be nice to see that trend continue. I still like green better than brown at this time of the year. Schools are really in session now and there are many activities in full swing, as well. That will keep our young families on the go for a good number of weeks now. Fall is upon us. I am looking forward to that season, and I am hoping we get a very long fall as there are some things I would like to do back home this year, and maybe find a little more time to do that this year if things would work out. We'll see how it goes!

This coming Sunday is our fall kickoff Sunday. We are trying something a bit different this year in that we are doing a pancake breakfast throughout the morning, and leaving the church services as they are. There will be places for people to check out and see what we are planning for the fall season. We have plenty of opportunities for everyone to get involved. So be looking for those people and things in the lobby this Sunday morning. Come early and stay late! Maybe that is what we should have called this event. Hang around awhile and visit. Get to know some new faces and connect with those you already know. Go have a pancake or six! It will be a good day for us!

I am in the office today (Monday) as the week is getting a little full. I have two funerals this weekend along with church, and I am not one to wait till the last minute to put a plan into place. I like being ahead. I do better for everyone when I do that. With funerals and life celebrations, I want to do my best for family and share time with them and say things that pay honor to the loved one they have lost as well as bring the message of hope that only Christ can give. It is something I take very seriously. I want people to spend time in that room together and remember the one we have lost and think about their own lives and how they are spending their time. I want to them to see how Jesus makes a difference when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I want his resurrection to be the hope we cling to in these sad moments of our lives. We are not alone!

Sunday, I am starting a new series for the fall which will start with the phrase, "When I am..." Thoughts like when I am dry, confused, afraid, overwhelmed or lost. I want to offer who is Jesus when my life has taken that turn. How does Jesus guide, direct, challenge, comfort and stand with us through the desert times of life? We live in a culture of high speed, on the go, reach for the stars, run, run, and run again. It can take a toll. I have learned that probably we are not going to slow that down... so I have had to change my thoughts on that. What word can I bring when you find yourselves a bit run down by it all. Where is God? How can he help? Well, he might say slow down, or he might say he has something better to give. Oh, it is going to be a fun series. This week the phrase is, "when I am dry". We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and visits during the past 3 weeks. I am so blessed to be where I am in the healing journey. I know there is a long road ahead of rehabilitation and therapy and I ask for your continued prayers during this time.
-Dustin Schouten

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.

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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 on Kick-Off Sunday!

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

- Daniel Burlingame (liver shunt)
- Colton Bultje (heart issue)
- Tim DeLoof (ALS & blood clots)
- Bob Van Roekel Sr
- 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 family and friends of Sharon Brink. Please keep Al and his entire family in your prayers.

Our condolences also go out to the family and friends of 16 year-old Fulton Bruggeman. He passed away from complications after a motorcycle accident. He was Meghan Hoogendoon's cousin.

Our condolences also go out to Heather DeWit and family for the passing of Heather's uncle. He was also Steve Van Aartsen's brother-in-law.

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.

<https://bradymartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KlhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>
Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

Passcode: 052482

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Questions?

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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Community!

Do you ever have one of those weeks where there is just a lot on your mind? If I'm honest, that doesn't happen to me often because my life isn't usually super busy, but it is happening this week! I just can't quite get my ducks in a row. My calendar isn't exceptionally full, but I have a wide range of things that have my attention. I tell you that to say, if you are having "one of those days" you aren't alone. I'm right there with you! I think it happens to most of us.

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good—crucified.
Galatians 5:22-23 MSG

I'm putting out another request for Sunday School help. We can't do this without you, and I don't want to combine any classes. Smaller class sizes are good for kids and volunteers! If you can't help, could you reach out to some people who might be able to and ask them for me? If you are undecided, come see me on Sunday morning! I'll be in the lobby ALL morning (unless I sneak away to go get some of those delicious pancakes!)

As a reminder, we recruit two volunteers for each class so that each person teaches every other week (or an alternate system like every other month, etc. using a schedule the two volunteers set up together) We provide all of the lessons and supplies. They are in the classroom and ready for you.

- We still need one more TEACHER for the 3- and 4-year-old Preschool room. We have a teacher and two helpers who signed up already.
- We need more HELPERS: one for the Pre-K class and one for the Kindergarten class. There are two teachers who have already signed up for each of those classes.

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
605-336-1475

DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Got questions? Email me!
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org

SEPTEMBER

2026

CALENDAR KEY

★ HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT

☼ KICKOFF SUNDAY

🎗 FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

🌕 MS • HS NIGHT AT CHURCH

NOTES

JOIN US SUNDAY MORNING FOR A PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND FIND ME IN THE LOBBY TO CONNECT, HEAR ABOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND TALK ABOUT WAYS TO PARTNER TOGETHER IN THE YOUTH MINISTRY HERE AT COMMUNITY.

HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WILL INCLUDE A MEAL FROM 6:30-7:00 FOLLOWED BY YOUTH GROUP FROM 7:00-8:00. JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE THE THEME FROM ROCKY AND LOOK AT HOW WE PLAY A ROLE IN GOD'S STORY.

WEDNESDAY SEPT 30 - THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL GROUP IS INVITED FOR A MIDWEEK KICK OFF. STUDENTS, JOIN US FOR SUPPER, ROOTBEER FLOATS, WORSHIP AND CHURCH WIDE GAMES FROM 6:00-8:00

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ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Sept. 14** 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

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave near 33rd St. We will be discussing *The Lost Library* by Koslin.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on Sept. 15th at 1:30. Barb is the hostess and Donna has the lesson.

FINANCES

Sunday, September 6, 2026

General: \$14,082

Vision: \$155

Mission: \$335

General YTD: \$604,662

Vision YTD: \$38,733

Vision Account Balance: \$4,744

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

FALL KICK OFF

NEW SEASON, NEW START

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8:30AM-12:30PM

We're kicking off fall with a special Sunday!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

Join us for worship at 8, 9, or 10:45am, then stick around for a pancake breakfast served all morning from 8:30am-12:30pm!

Be sure to check out the lobby for all of our Fall sign-ups and opportunities to get involved. We'll also be collecting items to bless our neighboring schools! SEE BELOW!

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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 powered drink mix)



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Kick-Off Sunday is this Sunday!! On September 13, we will have our regular service times all morning, but the special event will be our pancake breakfast, which will be served in the fellowship hall from 8:30-12:30am. We encourage you to invite a friend or two to church that morning as we will have tons of information available for you.

On Sunday, there will be new brochures containing information about

- Mid-Week classes for adults
- Church programs for kids of all ages
- Information about youth groups
- Service opportunities for everyone
- Bible study ministries
- Men's and Women's ministries
- Other small group ministries available to adults who are looking to connect outside the normal "church" days of Wednesday and Sunday.

We will also have sign-up sheets to check out for those of you who are looking to lend a hand here at church. We always need people to make desserts for Mid-Week, people to help on Sunday mornings welcoming folks to Community, people to volunteer for the odd job here and there, as well as many other opportunities to serve at Community. If you're wondering what goes on here at church, please come on Kick-Off Sunday. We'll have a wonderful morning!

Another new thing we will have available on Kick-Off Sunday is a sort of "meet and greet" for our staff members. In the lobby, you will find Holli Jans, Heather DeWit, and Doyle Burnside, otherwise known as our office manager, children's pastor, and youth pastor, respectively. These three will each be at their own high table in the lobby to answer any questions you might have about their respective areas at Community. If you've never met any of these people, I encourage you to swing by their tables on Sunday morning! (Of course, Clyde and I will be around too, but then you always see us on a Sunday! 😊)

Lastly this week, I'd like to say a special thank you to 3 people who worked really hard behind the scenes to make a few special events happen with excellence at church. Thank you to Rhonda Niewenhuis who created and set beautiful tablescapes for a pastor's event we held at Community a couple of weeks ago. Everything was beautiful and set just the right tone. Thank you to Abbie Coffey and again, Rhonda Niewenhuis who helped serve and clean up the meal for that pastor's event. We really didn't know what to expect that night, so thank you, ladies, for jumping in to help that night! And lastly, I'd like to thank Mike and Madonna Graanstra for grilling supper for Gordon Mote and his road crew the night they were here to perform. Gordon literally said that Mike's grilled steak was the best steak he had had in the last 20 years!! It was a HUGE help to us at church that Mike and Madonna just "took care of it" that night. Thank you, friends for making such a big impact on Gordon and his team.

That's good ministry right there. And we thank God for it!

I hope to see you all on Sunday at Kick-Off!

Liz

Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

KICKOFF SUNDAY

Sunday, Sept. 13

All morning

Join us for worship at 8, 9, or 10:45am, then stick around for a pancake breakfast served all morning from 8:30am-12:30pm!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS

Sunday, Sept. 20

10:10am

We'll celebrate the start of Sunday School with donut holes!

MISSION HAITI SUNDAY

Sunday, Sept. 20

9:00 & 10:45am services

Join us as we celebrate Community's partner school in Haiti! Representatives from Mission Haiti will be here to give us an update. New kids for sponsorship will also be available.

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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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