

January 3, 2018

COMMUNITY

Pastor's Update

It's a brand new year! 2018. I'm hoping this year has a few less bumpy turns than last year for me. I'm not asking for everything to be perfect, but for things to be a little less messy at times. I know I'm not alone in that prayer. I am praying that Community continues to grow deep and that we continue to be the place that we have been for so long. We are a church of "try" and I have always respected that. I have been telling the Consistory that this year I want to set a theme of "transitions" into the flow of the conversations. I'm not saying we are going to see great changes, but we are going to see some changes and work at being proactive in our approach to this growing church. We are still out here in the country and when the weather turns bad our numbers show it, but we know we are not a small congregation any more and with that comes planning. I feel like we have done a great job staying ahead of that, and I don't want to lose that momentum. Pray for a great year of "transitions"! Pray for wisdom! Pray for your staff! Pray that God will protect us! Pray that God's presence will be known by anyone walking through the front doors! Pray that His Kingdom will be represented by all that we do! Pray that we stay focused! Pray!

I would like to say a big thanks to everyone who participated in the scavenger hunt over the holiday week. It was a cold/snowy evening, but a number of you came out and gave it your all. Holli needs to be commended on doing a great job of setting that all up. She puts a lot of time into making all that happen! Thanks also to Robin Jacobs and Lori Blom for helping coordinate. Thanks for those who came out and put some smiles on some people's faces. That's what we do. You never know where these things might lead.

Christmas Eve was a nice service as always. It was a little different kind of day when that falls on a Sunday. I think having the one service in the morning went well. The 4pm service was very full as it usually is and the 6pm one was that smaller group, but still a very nice crowd. I want to say a special thanks to all those people who helped with the set up and thanks especially to those who helped us tear it all down so efficiently afterwards. It sure made my job getting ready for the following Sunday much easier. That was great!

I am going to be putting my "Dream Team" together again this year. (don't get worried) If you remember from a couple of years ago, I put a team together that was separate from the Consistory. That committee could just throw ideas out there and see what we need to do next. They don't have any voting power or anything like that. They are just there to make discoveries and discuss ideas. They did a great job the first time and I'm hoping for the same this time. It's how we got Heather DeWitt. That was their recommendation after meeting together and talking with lots of you about what should happen next. They are going to get the same assignment this time as well. They will be talking to people again to get some ideas. I'm putting that list together right now. It's not finalized yet, but I'm working on it!

We start a new series for the new year. We start with a series on all the "robes" in the bible. I know that may sound a little vague, but I think you are going to find this very interesting. There are a number of Bible stories that involve putting on "robes". They have meaning! Deep meaning! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

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NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 7: 9:00am—

Melissa Beek
Wanda Houtsm
Mike & Angie Boyenga
11:00am—
Brent & Sue Dekker
Donna DeRuyter

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January 14: 9:00am—

Grant & Leslie Boltjes
Jenna Christensen
Jolene Larson
11:00am—
Brad & Katie Kennett
Grace Maciejewski

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COFFEE SCHEDULE

Jan. 7: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
Jan. 14: Daryl & Char DuBois
Jan. 21: Steve & Becky Lee

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THE LINK SCHEDULE

Jan 7

9:00am— Dick & Jeannette
Jennings
11:00am— Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

Jan 14

9:00am— Daryl & Char DuBois
11:00am— Karen Roetman

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GREETER SCHEDULE

January 7:

9:00am— Nic & LaDonna Frieburg,
Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink, Chad &
Diane McKee

11:00am— Donna Humme, Wilmer &
Marilyn Rensink,

January 14:

9:00am— Lyndee Kamrath, Rich &
Carolyn Odens, Ron & Juanita
Palsma

11:00am— Jean Nolmann, Brian &
Janet Bartcher

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

Morning Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 9am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The Language of Flowers* by Diffenbaugh.

Evening Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7pm at the Panera on E. 10th St. We will be discussing *The Hunger Games* by Collins.

Both book clubs welcome new participants. Contact Trudi Nelson at 371-3512 for more information.

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Faith Circle will meet at Marlin's (108 S Minnesota Ave) on Mon. Jan. 15th at 11:30am.

Prayer REQUESTS

Join us for a time of prayer on Saturdays from 7am-8am at church.

- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Pete Valentine
- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurrey's dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Susan Payne (cancer)
- Ryan Kortemeyer's grandma
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Ember
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
- Annetta Wiese
- William VamBram's wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Cleone Groen (leg surgery)
- Denny Robinson (broken leg)
- Dianne Friese-hip replacement
- Dar Keizer

Heather's Update

Hi Everyone!

I hope that you had some time with people you love this year for Christmas and that you find some peace, growing and joy in 2018. I'm excited for what God is going to do in this new year!

If you haven't joined us yet for Sunday School or Midweek, I want to be sure you know you are always welcome, we would love to have you jump in at any point! I've got a couple of new announcements in the boxes below as well.

Thank you very much for all of your kindness and caring in 2017.

I'll see you soon!

Heather DeWit

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Book Study for Busy People:

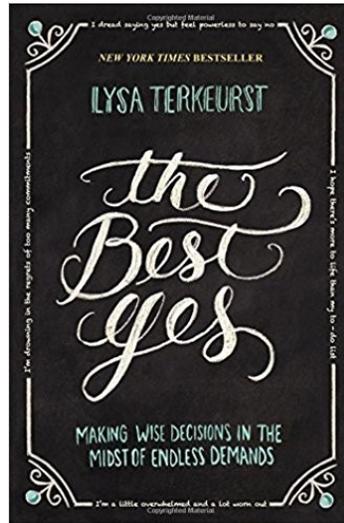
Starting January 14, 2018

10:25am-10:50am (aprox)

Children's Wing

We'll have to be flexible :)

A few of us were interested in taking a peek at this book so we're going to give it a try during the Sunday School hour. The video seems a little targeted at women but the content seems useful to all of us so I think the best thing we can say is our group is good for anyone interested (and willing to tolerate the occasional moment in the video mentioning "ladies")



- **Cure the disease to please with a biblical understanding of the command to love.**
- **Escape the guilt of disappointing others by learning the secret of the small no.**
- **Overcome the agony of hard choices by embracing a wisdom based decision-making process.**
- **Rise above the rush of endless demands and discover your best yes today.**

We'll start AFTER the kids get done singing which puts us around 10:25 and we'll be done with the kids dismiss for the day at 10:50. That doesn't give us a long time so our sessions will be short but packed full of video, thought and conversation. Some weeks will be mostly video and others almost all conversation. This time frame worked best for many people but if there are folks who want to break off into discussion groups or use the video later, that is great too! Don't worry if you can only stop in here and there because we'll try to making it meaningful to everyone. I think we'll go for about 10 weeks but we'll be flexible. :)

4-6 Grade Girls Only:

Karen R has volunteered to go and we'd love to have many young ladies from Community enjoy this retreat! Let Heather know if you'd like the registration link and more details: \$35



Winter Retreat

4th-6th Grade

February 16th-17th, 2018



Theme: BEAT

What is your heart beating out?

Can you help?

We need some teachers for Midweek 7pm 4/5 graders

- 1/10/2018 service
- 1/17/2018 cooking
- 1/31/2018 art
- 2/21/2018 science
- 2/28/2018 service
- 3/14/2018 art

Liz's Update

Happy New Year! As usual, we've come into the New Year at top speed with several plans and activities on the horizon! Now, before we undo any New Year's Resolutions to slow down and savor life, I want to remind you to be mindful of the things you say "yes" to. It's always ok to say no! That said, here are a few things coming up on the calendar you might want to keep in mind.

Mid-Week Activities resume this week, January 3! It will be great to get everyone back into the swing of things on Wednesday nights. Soup is on the menu, and I think we could not have planned a more appropriate meal considering how cold it's been lately. Remember it's never too late to be a part of Mid-Week. And starting up with us now will get you in on the very beginning of new classes offered for the spring. Supper is at 6:00, lessons for everyone are at 7:00, and we wrap up at 8:00. Come on out!

Spring Fling Banquet: This is the one and only fundraiser for the senior high youth group here at Community! Every spring, we host a banquet, which is catered by Chef Dominique, we finish up the meal with a highly entertaining dessert auction, and we wrap up the whole evening with a Game Show, hosted by everyone's favorite game show host, Gern Schwartzman! The date and other details should be in place by next week.

And for the senior high youth group, I'll be planning a January activity for us. I'm thinking about putting our Red Carpet night in January, but we'll talk about that at youth group this week. 😊

Remember, friends, it's ok to say no to things in 2018. Be mindful of your time, be mindful of your soul, and take the necessary steps to make sure that you and Jesus stick tight together in the midst of never-ending opportunities.

That's it for me this week.
Until next time

Liz
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KANSAS CITY MISSIONAL JOURNEY ROAD TRIP

DATE: Depart MARCH 29, 2018 -approximately 3pm | Return APRIL 1, 2018, approximately 10pm
GROUP SIZE: 40 Maximum
Signup deadline is January 3, 2018
Got Questions? Contact Rhonda at 605.310.5120, or Lisa at 605.728.6660.

ITINERARY:

Random Acts of Kindness during travel to and from mission site.
Acts will be identified and arranged by final group.
Partner at Mission Site, directed by Youthfront!

COST:

\$150 per person at the mission site, which includes lodging, meals, and service involvement at mission site.

SITE INFORMATION: Argentine, Kansas City, Kansas

"Youth missional journeys (YMJ's) are trips in the sense that we're about seeking conversion. But each week is different and we're not always learn whom and how they're being saved. We don't assume that our friends in our under-resourced neighborhoods are the ones with all the problems (spiritually, economically, culturally or otherwise) and that we have the answers. So, YMJ's are not mission trips in the sense that outsiders come in to help and save others in poor neighborhoods. Rather, it's about recognizing that the privilege of some and the poverty of others are connected to each other through complex histories and injustices.

What's Happening @ Community

Wednesday, January 3

6:00pm- Soup
7:00pm- Classes for all ages

Saturday, January 6

7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, January 7

10:10am- Sunday School
10:10am- Adult Sunday School (chapel)
10:10am- Congregational Meeting

Monday, January 8

Noon- Seniors @ Pizza Ranch
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 10

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN)
6pm- Chicken/ Taco Salad
7:00pm- Classes for all ages

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Offering Envelopes
Now Available.

Look for table in the lobby. If you don't see your name and would like envelopes, please tell the person at The Link and we'll get you envelopes the next week.

NEW



JC Chambers from Stronghold Counseling is back to present a 4 week marriage class "Spice Up Your Marriage in Seven Steps" based off of John Gottman's book.

Wednesday January 31,
Feb. 7, 14, 21
7:00-8:00pm

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 7th
10:10am

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Can you help by preparing a dish for the **MIDWEEK YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER** on January 17, 2018?

There is a sign up on the KC table and The Link for Hasbrowns casserole, Calico beans, and Coleslaw. Recipes are attached to the sign up.

Thank you and see y'all on **January 17th from 5:00-7:00pm** at the KC BBQ!

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NEW

the Best Yes

Book Study for Busy People:
Starting January 14, 2018

10:25am-10:50am (aprox)
Children's Wing
(Based off of Lisa TerKeurst's book "The Best Yes")

See Heather's article for more details.

**Finances at a Glance:
December 31, 2017**

General:..... \$19,185
Vision: \$25,870
Missions: \$1,305

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 12/17/17

General YTD: \$832,119
Vision YTD: \$394,869

Vision Account Balance: \$137,392



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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 to set up a time to meet with the Elders (2nd or 4th Sundays of the month @ 10:10am).

For baptism, one of the parents needs to be a member at Community.
Next Baptism Service: Sunday, January 21 @ 3pm.

Community Reformed Church

6800 E 41 Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

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Health Concerns / Congregational Needs

All needs should be called into the church. Leave a request with the office or on the office Voice Mail. For prayerline, please contact Susan Bierwagen, 331-3996 or John Thornton, 331-3028 (prayerline@communityrc.org). For emergencies during non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde or the elder on call.

January 7—Lauara Maloney
January 14—Randy Grotenhuis

Join us for worship at 8am, 9am or 11:00am.
Deaf Interpreting available at 9am service. Check us out on
the web: www.communityrc.org or like our Facebook page!



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