

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

It's a brand-new year, 2019! I always know this is coming, but for some strange reason it always seems like it gets here long before I am ready. It does feel like January though, but I am hearing there is a warm front coming in and we are going to see some melting of this ice. I think we would all love to see that. I am trying to get back into things after being a little down last week. I can't say that was my favorite Christmas, but it is going to be one I won't forget that's for sure. I am doing much better now. I am kind of hoping that maybe 2019 can be a little nicer to me as it seemed like several times plans got messed up. That does get a bit old.

I drove home on Sunday afternoon to do funeral visitation for my friend Art Hertz. The funeral was on Monday morning. I was so glad that I had Pastor John and Laurel fill in for me on Sunday morning...that might have been a little too much to do Sunday morning and the funeral. Art owns the place that I get to go hunting on. He passed away on Christmas morning and I really wanted to go back and do that funeral as he had asked me to do that a long time ago. I was glad I could. That family has been very good to me. He will be missed.

Thanks again to Pastor John and Laurel Buwalda for preaching on Sunday. That was a bit of short notice for both of you and I am most sure you did a great job. I did watch a little bit of 9am on Sunday...good job everyone!

We are back into things now as the new year gets into full swing. Mid-Week starts this week and all the activities get going. I am hoping that the winter weather cooperates with us as we move through these next couple of months. You never know how these winter weeks can go. They folks who do our snow removal do a great job of keeping things clear, but if you are ever not sure about something, call the church to see if things are still going.

We have our annual Congregational meeting coming up in a couple of weeks on January 13. We will be approving the new budget as well as spending some time taking about the impending new street that is coming. The new middle school becoming our new neighbor is pushing the completion of the street forward. We need to plan ahead for that. We hope you all be a part of that morning. The consistory has done a very good job of putting the new budget together for us and have really done a great job in keeping the increases to manageable levels. The biggest change is the fact that we added a couple new staff people, and this will be the first year that those salaries had to be figured for a full year now. Last year we only had to figure those for half the year.

Sunday, we start a new series on the heels of Christmas. I want to do a short series called "Look Up!". I am going to take the arrival of the wise men and build a series of messages around their journey and vision. They were not Jewish...yet they could see something in sky that needed to be checked out. God was moving, and they noticed! That will preach! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 6: 9:00am—

Grant & Lesley Boltjes
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands
11:00am—
Jonah & Brittany Nyenhuis
Michael Dick

January 13: 9:00am—

Darren & Tracee Ellwein
Robyn Niewenhuis
Amy Smit
11:00am—
Arlan & Mary Burggraaf
Heidi Blom

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Jan. 6:

9:00am— Brian & Holli Jans
11:00am— Bob & Lori Hein

Jan. 13:

9:00am— Tom Van Roekel
11:00am— Lance & Robyn Niewenhuis

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Jan. 6: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
Jan. 13: Steve & Becky Lee
Jan. 20: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

GREETER SCHEDULE

January 6

9:00am—
Stan & Elaine Deelstra
Dennie & Helen Robinson
Doug & Sharon Harms
11:00am—
Donna Humme
Dennie & Helen Robinson

January 13

9:00am—
Gary & Connie Parmley
Gerald & Deb Teunissen
Ron & Juanita Palsma
11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Bill & Dar Keizer



(NEW) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2019
10:10AM

This meeting is to approve the 2019 budget and to talk about the impending new street going in.

(NEW) MIDWEEK HAS STARTED AGAIN

JANUARY 2- APRIL 10
6:00PM- MEAL
7:00PM- CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Check out the listing of adult classes in Liz's article.

(NEW) SENIOR CITIZENS

MONDAY, JANUARY 14
NOON

Seniors, join us at the Eastside Pizza Ranch on January 14th @ noon.

(NEW) LEGACY JOURNEY

STARTS JANUARY 16
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:45PM

This course will lead you deeper into investing, basic estate planning, safeguarding your legacy, and discovering the keys to generational wealth. Taking Financial Peace University first is recommended by not required. Any questions, contact Josiah Dunlap (josiah.dunlap@communityrc.org)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 5
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am- Closed AA meeting

Sunday, January 6
10:10am- Sunday School

Monday, January 7
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 8
7:00pm- AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 9
6:00pm- ham/ cheesy potatoes
7:00pm- Classes for all ages

Thursday, January 10
7:00pm- Elders
8:00pm- Consistory

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

The **morning book club** will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *I Am Malala* by Yousafzai.

The **evening book club** will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 7 pm at the Panera on Foss Ave. We will be discussing *The Joy Luck Club* by Tan.

New participants welcome. Book Club
Contact Trudi Nelson 371-3512

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

Every Tues at 7pm at Community- Open meeting. Use east door. Every Saturday at 10am Closed (Addicts/Alcoholics only) meeting.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Meet at the E. Pizza Ranch on Monday, Jan. 14 @ Noon.

FINANCES

Sunday, December 30, 2018

General:\$18,775
Vision:\$6,415
Missions:\$235

General YTD: \$804,917
Vision YTD: \$284,402

Vision Account Balance: \$194,465

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Pete Valentine**
- **Natalie Baker** (seizure disorder)
- **Clayton Bierwagen** (heart)
- **Jodie Jensen** (cancer)
- **Chelle McMurrey's dad** (multiple myeloma)
- **Ellen Nelson** (chronic airway disease)
- **Lexi Valentine** (auto-immune disease) (surgery 12/18)
- **Jessica Vander Weide** (heart)
- **Lindsey Vander Weide** (heart)
- William VamBram's wife, **Cynthia** (heart)
- **Gloria Wierda**. Laura Maloney's mom (stage 4 breast cancer)

- **Joe Johnson** (cancer)
 - **Sara Van Ruler's dad** (throat cancer)
 - Lori Hein's mom, **Joan** (heart)
 - Wade Persson's mom (cancer)
 - **Randy Grotenhuis** (inflammation of the inner ear)
 - **Kara Schouten** (kidney transplant)
 - **Al Hoogendoorn** (multiple health issues)
 - **Dee Elliott** (back surgery 12/20)
 - **Jim Ludens** (radiation treatments)
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MISSIONS

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries. We'll highlight 4 each month.

Safe Families– diapers (size 2 & up)/ wipes

LSS– Alarm clocks, light bulbs

Mission Haiti– hotel shampoos & soap

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

The Klays– SIM

THANK YOU!

Thank you Community for all of the donations for Sanford Children's Christmas Closet - Love Lexi & friends. The gifts made a big difference to the kids and families who were hospitalized during the holidays, Lexi included. Also, thanks for your continued support and donations towards Angel Tree. Through Community's support, we were able to provide gifts and groceries for 3 families which was 18 people.

Thank you Community for all of your thoughts, prayers and support during Lexi's recent surgery and hospital stay. Thank you also for supporting her Love Lexi ventures as she sees the need and impact first hand.

Blessings,
Verle, Carrie & Lexi

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on January 15 at 7:00pm. Donna is hostess and Helen has the lesson.

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will not be meeting the months of January, February and March. If anyone has ideas for the April meeting, please contact Dolly, Florene or Connie.

MOMS OF NEWBORNS

This is a new group at Community open to any woman who is caring for a newborn. Do you feel overwhelmed? Do you have more questions than answers? Contact Jolene Larson if you're interested in learning more about this group.

Jmlarson@alliancecom.net

Adult Discipleship/Worship



And suddenly it's December 31, 2018...

I'm sitting in my office at church on Monday afternoon. It's quiet out here since I think the offices are technically closed today. ☺ But I wanted to get some work done so that Wednesday wasn't a crazy day. Speaking of Wednesday, Mid-Week resumes Wednesday night, January 2! For a list of adult classes, please see below.

Clyde will continue to teach his adult class on the book of Romans. They meet in the chapel every week and discuss one chapter of the book.

Trudi will continue her Bible for 3rd graders for Adults class. They meet in the children's education wing in Room #5.

Josiah will teach the second part of the FPU class, Legacy. He meets in the Corner for class starting just a bit early at 6:45.

Andrea meets in the office area with her class for young women. They discuss identity, calling, and growth in Christ.

I meet in the Fellowship Hall with my Just Ask class. We'll finish up our final questions by the end of and then dive into Dallas Willard's book, "Hearing God."

And now back to New Year's Eve and this quiet church in which I'm sitting... It's cold outside and the temps are dropping. The wind has picked up a significant amount, and it's snowing. As you know, I love the winter. I think snow is beautiful, and I love the quiet that results from fewer people being out and about. And this year, as I sit in my office considering the transition from 2018 to 2019, my mind has a difficult time focusing on any one thing. I find myself having popcorn thoughts about 2018 (old job ending, new job beginning, and a worship CD release just to name a few) and wondering about what God might have in store for 2019.

For several years now, certain friends and family members of mine walk into the new year with a specific word. For some, this is a word they have chosen on their own (peace, hope, schedule). For others, this is a word which God has placed on their hearts (birth, rescue, balance). I have never chosen a word or felt God placing a word on my heart...until this year. I'm not going to share my word with you. J However, I am going to encourage you to pay attention to what God might be inviting you to notice in 2019. Are there common themes popping up in your popcorn thoughts? Are there certain people or places you continually find yourself being drawn to? Is there something you are trying to avoid that God keeps placing right in front of you? Whatever the case may be, I encourage you to take a deep breath, and say "ok" to God, acknowledging that God is good, and He has your best interests in mind. And then walk into 2019 with a great sense of expectancy. Maybe in a year's time, we'll be chatting about our "words" and what God has done with them.

Happy New Year, Community!

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Community Consistory
December 20, 2018
Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Attendance: Jim Fisher, Mike Boyenga, Eric VanDonge, Michael Dick, Chad McKee, Chad Odens, Russ Robers, Jaron & Heather DeWit, Liz Teel, Curt Zwart, Doug Harms, Mark Koll, Jolene Larson, Bob Weerheim, Gerald Teunissen, Pete Mellema, Laura Maloney and Clyde Teel.

Michael D. read a devotion, from the book Uncommon by Tony Dungy, regarding being a Godly husband. Michael opened with prayer.

MSA the November 2018 minutes.

Russ Robers gave the financial report for November 2018. MSA with one change: rather than a monthly payment to CCB, the entire year will be paid (\$4416.00) in order to take advantage of the discount. MSA (via email) to move forward on the purchase of an additional set of risers, a choir shell and a new screen to accommodate our larger choirs. We currently have to rent or borrow a choir shell. A generous donation was given toward the purchase of these items.

Bob W. gave an update on the new middle school going in next door and proposed upgrades to Faith Ave. and sanitary/sewer system.

New Business:

Heather gave the following reports:

The Christmas programs both went well despite having to cancel their final practice. Big thanks to Nick Sittig and Doug & Eric Harms for leading the two programs.

Both Doyle and Sarah had Christmas celebrations with high school and middle school groups. Doyle's high school group has been exploring Jonah this month. Sarah middle school group are continuing with lessons around social media.

Sunday school continues to go well, Heather could use a few more volunteers for mid-week. K-5 mid-week is studying the Epistles and finding that very interesting!

Liz submitted her report. Highlights are as follows:

The "Just Ask" class on Wednesday nights continues to show steady numbers. That class should be wrapped up by the end of January and then Liz will move into a book study of Dallas Willard's "Hearing God". The other mid-week classes are going well with a record number of adults attending. Liz will have the same number of adult classes offered for the winter/spring semester. Lia and Heather are having business cards printed. As Liz continues to meet new people in The Corner, she'd like to have something to hand out with her contact information.

The stage wings have been cleaned and tidied up. Liz is currently working on music for the Christmas Eve services. She will be adding another guitar player in January to the 9:00 service and would like to find one more substitute drummer. She also thanked us for allowing her to take time to participate in Christmas at the Cathedral

Gerald reported Seth Sundstrom would be willing to stop by to give a Classis update.

MSA to distribute end of the year funds as follows:

Klays/Sim: \$700.00

Backpack Program: \$500.00

Children's Inn: \$1725.00

Face it Together: \$1725.00

Transport for Christ: \$1725.00

Feeding SD: \$1725.00

Sanford Hospice: \$1725.00

Dougherty House Hospice: \$1725.00

Family Connection: \$1725.00

Restoration Generation: \$1725.00

Next Meeting: January 10, 2019.

MSA to adjourn.

We closed with a time of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jolene Larson, Clerk

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6pm–Pork Sandwiches 7pm–Classes for all ages	3	4	5 7:00am–Prayer 10:00am–AA Meeting
6 10:10am–Sunday School	7 7pm–Men's Bible Study	8 7pm–AA Meeting	9 9am–Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN) 6pm–ham/cheesy potatoes 7pm–Classes for all ages	10 7pm–Elders 8pm–Consistory	11	12 7:00am–Prayer 10:00am–AA Meeting
13 10:10am–Sunday School	14 Noon–Senior Citizens @ E Pizza Ranch 7pm–Men's Bible Study	15 7pm–Book Club (E. Panera) 7pm–Hope Circle 7pm–AA Meeting	16 6pm–Chicken salad/ taco salad 7pm–Classes for all ages	17	18	19 7:00am–Prayer 10:00am–AA Meeting
20 10:10am–Sunday School	21 7pm–Men's Bible Study	22 7pm–AA Meeting	23 6pm–Soup 7pm–Classes for all ages	24	25	26 7:00am–Prayer 10:00am–AA Meeting
27 10:10am–Sunday School	28 7pm–Men's Bible Study	29 7pm–AA Meeting	30 6pm–Tacos 7pm–Classes for all ages	31		

HEATHER'S UPDATE



Happy New Year!

I'm so excited to see what God has in store for us all in 2019. On New Year's Eve, my family and I spent part of our day assembling a puzzle that my daughter got for Christmas. We enjoyed the quiet time to talk and giggle as we searched for edge pieces and matching patterns. As we neared completion of the puzzle, we noticed that we were missing one piece! We searched the floor, looked inside the puzzle box, checked under the puzzle and came to the realization that the piece just wasn't there. Our 300 piece puzzle was 299. My daughter was initially a little disappointed but we all quickly decided we could still plainly see how beautiful the design of the puzzle was. We talked about how we conquered the challenge of assembly as a family and created new memories. We even decided maybe New Year's Eve puzzles could be a fun tradition to consider for the future. Looking back, I am starting to wonder if there is a bit of a lesson in that for me. I can so quickly become focused on what I see as the missing piece. How often are the "bummers" in my day, week, month or year the things that capture my attention, whether big or small. So much can be going well and so much deserves to be celebrated. Instead it can be so easy to notice the expectation that is left unmet. We can get hung up on the parts of our life that don't feel whole. How often do we miss the exciting big picture because we are hung up on one thing that God is doing in our lives that we don't understand. I think we all have some "missing pieces" in our lives whether they are related to relationships, finances, career, health or personal goals. I'm asking God to help me to focus on what He is doing that is beautiful and exciting. I'm asking for Him to lead me to enjoy the journey. If I get brave, I may even thank Him for the missing piece and the beauty that only He can create in the space created by the missing pieces the broken world throws at us..

I hope we see you at Midweek this week. The K-5 crew is spending some time in 1 Corinthians on Jan 2. Our school year of Epistles has been great and we'll continue through April. I can't wait for us to get back to Sunday School on Jan. 6. I miss everyone!
See you soon!

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SARA'S UPDATE



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years. For Midweek, we are kicking off the year with a 4 week series on prayer. It is easy for me to think about changes that I would like to see in myself and in the world this time of year. My mind drifts to what I need to do to change these things or could to do to influence what happens around me. Sometimes amidst the new year chaos we forget that prayer is what really equals change. That connection to God and His movement in our heart causes change.

On our first night of this series I'm focusing on switching our mindset from prayer beginning with us to prayer beginning with God. We will discuss how that perspective can shift what we think about prayer and maybe even how we pray. I'm pretty excited with where this series will take us. I hope you all have a fantastic rest of your week!

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service
MARCH 31

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NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased on a Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our vision fund at church.

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, March 31 @ 3pm.**

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