



December 6, 2017

COMMUNITY

Pastor's Update

December is now in full swing and with that comes all the holiday fun things. We have already had a Christmas program at church so the season is off to a fast start. It's Monday morning and I'm hearing the reports now of some possible snow that might be coming our way. I guess we can be expected that for this time of year. All in all it really hasn't been too bad and these last few Sundays have been just spectacular. It sure does make planning ahead more doable. There are still a number of important dates that are coming up this month so I'm hoping for some good weekends that can still be ahead of us. Can you all remember how very cold it got in December last year just before Christmas? I think I could do without all that! I have no control over that so I'm just going to have to wait and see like the rest of you.

Sunday afternoon the kids did that annual program which I felt was a great success. It was done once again with a great deal of enthusiasm and energy. Heather and her crew did a great job with the play that was written around the theme of the "Wizard of Oz". I thought that was a very creative way of telling the story and certainly a way to include a lot of performers and might I say...there were lots of performers. It is getting most difficult to write up these plays and include all these kids. It's a challenge. The little kids were just precious and as always the Harms do an amazing job with them. I'm not sure who all is involved in getting that ready but it seems to work every year. Great job everyone!

This past Sunday night the choir had their past rehearsal for their performance coming up this weekend. Just a quick reminder...there is no

8am service this week as we are doing the Christmas Choir Concert. I am really looking forward to this. I do hope you pass along the word to others and invite guest because this really is going to be something very special. We have a guest soloist from the Sioux Falls Symphony orchestra performing with us this year as well as performing pieces of music that was written just for us to commemorate our 60th anniversary year. This is the largest choir we have ever assembled and it is just amazing the depth of skill we are hearing in this group. You will not be disappointed. This is going to be something! I'm not kidding!

There will be so many different programs coming in the days that are ahead, but I do so hope you all are planning on stopping out to the church on Saturday afternoon to be a part of our 60th anniversary open house. We are having food! We all love food! We have some announcements and a revealing of a pretty amazing piece of art that I think you will be most pleased to see and be a part of. You can stop in at any time. We will be doing a short program around 3pm if you are interested in that, but please just come out and "connect" with us for a few minutes. Community didn't just fall from the sky. There is a history here and we are making a little something extra in that direction. See you then.

Obviously, this Sunday is choir Sunday. So the message is in song. It is the joy of the season and the amazing gift of the Christ child being celebrated. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

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NURSERY SCHEDULE

December 10: 9:00am—

Shawn & Lori Blom
Tyler & Laurel Wolf

11:00am—

Tyler & Amber Nieuwsma
Leslie Cleveringa

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December 17: 9:00am—

Keith, Laura & Emma Maloney
Sue Harms

11:00am—

Arlan & Mary Burggraaf
Jordan Lipp

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COFFEE SCHEDULE

Dec. 10: Daryl & Char DuBois

Dec. 17: Joel & Lisa Blankers

Dec. 24: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

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THE LINK SCHEDULE

Dec 10

9:00am— Chad McKee

11:00am— Mark & Pat Koll

Dec 17

9:00am— Stan & Elaine Deelstra

11:00am— Darren & Tracee Ellwein

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GREETER SCHEDULE

December 10:

9:00am— Denny & Sue Brunsting,
Dennis & Helen Robinson, Josh &
Molly Kuehl

11:00am— Jerralynne Tjeerdmsa,
Dennis & Helen Robinson, Ken &
Deb Meyer

December 17:

9:00am— Carl Tonjes, Dave & Trish
Mayer, Lyle & Wilma Drenth

11:00am— Carl Tonjes, Larry & Gloria
Smyrak, Ross & Jolene Larson

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December Mission of the month is

Bethany Christian Services— Safe Families for Children program

- 1) Keep children safe during a family crisis such as homelessness, hospitalization or domestic violence in an effort to prevent child abuse or neglect.
- 2) Support and stabilize families in crisis by surrounding them with caring, compassionate community.
- 3) Reunite families and reduce the number of children entering the child welfare system.

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

Morning Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Stein.

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

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Joy Circle— Christmas Party at CJ Callawyas on Dec. 18th @ 11:30am. Sign up the The Link by Dec. 10th.

Faith Circle will be going to Minervas on Monday, Dec. 18th at 1pm. Call: Audrey at 605-371-1282 by Dec. 11.

Hope Circle meets on Dec. 19th at 6:30pm at Helen's house.

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The Union Gospel love gift for December is money for the Christmas Day meal. Please make the check payable to church and designate Union Gospel Mission in the memo.

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)
- Susan Bierwagen (chronic hives)
- Ember
- Stan Deelstra (heart attack)
- Gary VanDenHoek (surgery recovery)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
- Annetta Wiese
- William VamBram's wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Troy Hartman (prostate cancer)
- Gary VanDenHoek (surgery recovery)
- Marilyn Bosch's mom, Vivian
- Cleone Groen (leg surgery)

Liz's Update

First of all, I want to say **congratulations to Heather and all the kids on a fantastic Christmas program!** Everyone did a wonderful job, and it was awesome to see the sanctuary nearly full of people! I know how much work those programs are, so Heather is to be commended on a job well done!

I'm hosting the Christmas party for my high school youth group this week. I've done this every year since I've been working at church. I'll have kids come to my house for supper and a fun gift exchange. My house will be full to the brim, but it will be a great night! Once again, I'd love prayers of blessing for that night. Please pray for me as I cook all that food and prepare to have a full house, and pray that the kids would make great memories celebrating the season with each other!

The choir will be performing their concerts this Sunday! Community, this year's choir has completely exceeded our expectations. We have almost 80 singers in the group, and they've worked extremely hard on some demanding music. I've been impressed many times during rehearsal! I'm really looking forward to these performances, and I pray that you are blessed by the music!

And don't forget about these upcoming events:

Saturday, December 9 from 2:00-4:00
Sunday, December 10 at 9:00 and 11:00
Wednesday, December 13
Sunday, December 24 10:00
Sunday, December 24 4:00 and 6:00pm

60th Anniversary Open House for Church
Christmas Choir Concerts
Last night of Mid-Week until 2018
Morning Church Service
Christmas Eve Communion Services

That's it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org



We are looking for anyone who is interested in working the nursery at 10:00 am, 4:00 or 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

Please contact Sheri at 605-261-2153 if you are interested in helping out.

60 YEARS ANNIVERSARY PARTY

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OPEN HOUSE
2:00-4:00pm

Come celebrate Community's
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We are going to have a little short program and share some good food and spend some time sharing about the foundations of Community.



Heather's Update



Hi Everyone!

The kids did such a good job at their program this weekend. I'm so proud of them. Check out the Community Kids Facebook page for the link to watch if you missed it.

I want to spend a little time thanking people who helped with the program. I'm afraid I might miss someone but I'll do my best. Doug and Eric Harms and their families helped with the littlest singers and they had some folks that helped them a bit as well. Cheryl Weerheim played piano for them again this year too. The kids just love those volunteers. For the older kids, I need to thank Randi V for teaching the kids the music and helping run practices, Karen R for devoting her time to helping kids with lines and coming up with prop and design ideas, Robyn N for helping the kids as they learned what to do, Laurel F for being our pianist and Jaron and Mickila D for helping with tech and set up. I had some folks work on costumes as well. Trish, Sue and Kara made our snowballs and Bert made the capes for the blizzard. I think that all worked out pretty well. I want to take another chance to thank the kids as well. From our little 2 year old all the way up to our oldest 5th grader, the kids brought gifts to share with us all. They really did do a great job and worked so hard. We learned together and I know that at least one heart was changed (mine!) and I think probably a few others as well. Great job kids!

Be sure to come to church at 9 or 11 next week to hear the choir.. We've been working hard there as well and I think you'll enjoy some great Christmas music. It is my first year in the choir at Community and it really has been a lovely experience. I've got some dates for you all to put in your calendars. First, on **January 8, we have a congregational meeting.** Sunday School teachers, please let me know if you need help finding a sub if you'd like to attend the meeting. I am able to teach that week as well so please feel free going to the meeting if you'd like to. Second, if you are a planner, you may be interested to know that our Shipwrecked **VBS will happen August 5-8.**

I'll see you soon!
Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

Can you help?

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

- 12/6/2017 sewing art
- 1/10/2018 service
- 1/17/2018 cooking
- 1/31/2018 art
- 2/21/2018 science
- 2/28/2018 service
- 3/14/2018 art



For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government
will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

What's Happening @ Community

Wednesday, December 6

6:00pm- Midweek meal- Pork Sandwiches
7:00pm- Classes for all ages

Saturday, December 9

7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)
2:00-4:00pm- Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, December 10

9 & 11 am- Choir Concert
10:10am- Sunday School
10:10am- Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
6-7:30pm- Choir

Monday, December 11

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

Wednesday, December 13

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN)
6:00pm- Midweek meal- BBQ
7:00pm- Classes for all ages

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Mission Trip UPDATE

Here's what we know:
March 6-13 2018
(can be flexible a day or two on each side until flights are confirmed)

Sign Up deadline is
December 10th
Contact Jaron with questions or to sign up.
jarondewit@gmail.com



10:00am Combined Sunday Morning Service
4:00 & 6:00pm
Christmas Eve Services

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 7th
10:10am

No Midweek Meal & Classes

Dec. 20 & 27

christmasgiving

Lexi Valentine is collecting gifts for the Sanford Children's Hospital and NICU through December 17th. Gifts are available for children in the NICU and Castle during the holidays.

Any kind of toy, any size new clothing, books, make-up, hair care, etc... Are appreciated. For a more complete list, they can contact Lexi at 376-4989.

Please drop off your gifts at the church office.

Finances at a Glance: December 3, 2017

General:..... \$15,992
2017 Weekly Goal:..... \$15,033
Ahead/(Behind):..... \$960
Vision: \$4,930
Missions:\$385
Wed. Night:\$292
Sunday School:.....\$214

YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 12/3/17

Year-To-Date Offering: \$738,560
Year-To-Date Goal: \$736,621
Ahead (Behind): \$1,940
Year-To-Date Vision: \$338,264

Vision Account Balance: \$187,196

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

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Sioux Falls, SD 57110

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STAFF:

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.

Dec. 3— Bob Hein
Dec. 10—Pete Mellema

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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