



February 21, 2018

# COMMUNITY

## Pastor's Update

I sat in my office last week waiting for the snow to arrive, and today (Monday) I'm doing exactly the same thing. February is marching along and it has been a month of cold, then warm, then snow, then cold, then warm...I think you get the picture. Each day is a day closer to change, and it will come. I know we are all getting a little tired of the whole thing, but it will pass. I do know it sure is nice having heat in our houses and cars. I can't imagine how people back years ago did this. They were a hardy group those settlers on the prairie. Nothing was easy for them. We do come from some pretty amazing people who endured so much more than we do. Times have changed! Those people call those the "good ole days". I think it was a slower time, but not easy. Something about it seems better. Maybe someday people will look back on us and say, "Those were the good ole days!" I do wonder if they will. Just something to think about on this Monday morning.

It's my mom's birthday today (February 19) and I was going to drive back and have lunch with her. The weather put a stop to that. I will need to make time to get that done in the next week or so. She is turning 85. I don't think she will mind that I just advertised that to a few hundred people. She doesn't try to hide things like that. She does pretty well for 85. Happy Birthday Mom!

There are a few things coming up on the calendar now this early spring that you are going to want to make some plans. The "Men's Morning Ministry" is going to meeting again on March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 to 11. We had a great group that showed up the last time and I hope we can gain a few more for this one. It is a time to learn and share and be a part of a group of guys who come together in authentic discussion and learn a bit from each other and about our lives. It is connecting with someone we might not know. It's having some good food too. It's all of that and even more. Join us! Also, Liz has been selling tickets for the annual

fundraiser for the senior high youth group... that's right...Spring Fling time. That's a fun evening as well. Get those tickets purchased and if you don't want to go, buy a set for another couple or individual and make it possible for them to go.

There are two mission groups getting ready to take off on their plans very shortly. We have a group going to Haiti in just a couple of weeks. They have a table in the lobby and have been gathering support for that trip. Check out that table! Then of course the group that is heading out for Kansas City will be going over Easter weekend as well. They too, have been gathering support preparing for what God has planned for them as well. Keep these folks on the prayer front as the time approaches. These are all great things going on around Community.

Sunday we continue with the series of message on what kings do. This week we are going to focus on the word *Messiah*. We have used that word very often in church this year. Obviously, it is a Jewish idea. Jews to this very day are still waiting for the arrival of this great "king". But what exactly do they think he will do now? Has their idea of him changed over the years? What do *Messiah's* do? We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

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Join us on Sunday @ 8:00, 9:00, 11:00am

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

February 25: 9:00am—  
 Melinda Kissell  
 LoDonna Freiberg  
 Emily VanDeraa  
 Robin Niewenhuis  
 11:00am—  
 Zach & Jordan Seefeldt  
 Andrea Fisher

March 4: 9:00am—  
 Linda Zwart  
 Val Huber  
 Lorena Sazama  
 Lyndee Kamrath  
 11:00am—  
 Jonah & Brittany Nuenhuis  
 Leslie Cleveringa

## COFFEE SCHEDULE

Feb. 25: Daryl & Char DuBois  
 March 4: Steve & Becky Lee  
 March 11: Joel & Lisa Blankers

## THE LINK SCHEDULE

Feb 25:  
 9:00am— Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink  
 11:00am— Bill & Dar Keizer

March 4:  
 9:00am— Harlan & Judy  
 Van Meeteren  
 11:00am— Lance & Robyn  
 Niewenhuis

## GREETER SCHEDULE

February 25:  
 9:00am— Gail Babcock, Irwin &  
 Helen VanLeeuwen, Bruce & Bon-  
 nie Overweg  
 11:00am— Jerralynne Tjeerdsma,  
 Ken & Susan Vos

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**February Mission of the Month:**  
 Feeding South Dakota— Backpack  
 Program.

This program provides at-risk chil-  
 dren with nutritious, easy-to-  
 prepare foods during weekends  
 and holidays when school is not in  
 session. Food is distributed through  
 the schools because of their rela-  
 tionship with students, easy access  
 and safe environments.

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## COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

**Morning Book Club** will be meeting  
 on Wednesday, March 14, at 9am at  
 the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We  
 will be discussing *Neverhome* by  
 Hunt.

**Evening Book Club** will be meeting on  
 Tuesday, March 20 at 7pm at the  
 Panera on E. 10th St. We will be dis-  
 cussing *Double Bind* by Bohjalian.

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

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**Faith Circle** will not be meeting in  
 March.

**Joy Circle** will not be meeting the  
 months of January, February and  
 March. Please study lesson 9 for the  
 month of April.

**Hope Circle** will meet Feb. 20th at  
 Helen's house. Lesson: Jerralynne

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The love gift for the **Union  
 Gospel Mission** in February is pasta.  
 Please place in designated bin in the  
 lobby.

# 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)
- William VamBram's wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Denny Robinson (broken leg)
- Dianne Friese-hip replacement
- Lori Hein's mom, Joan (open heart surgery)

# Heather's Children's Ministry Update

Hi!

It has been awhile since I updated you on what the kids are learning in Sunday School. Here is the run-down. If you are ever wanting to know more about your child's Sunday School curriculum, I'd love to tell you all about it. Come see me!

3 Year Olds and Preschool– 2/18 Jesus loves Zacchaeus 2/25 Jesus did a miracle with loaves and fish

Kindergarten– 2/18 David called to be king 2/25 David and Goliath

1st Grade– 2/18 Bad guy Balaam & donkey 2/25 Fraidy Cat Gideon

2nd Grade– Jesus' Power over Demons and Death

3rd Grade– 2/18 Gospels 2/25 Acts

4th Grade– 2/18 Jesus washed His disciples feet. 2/25 Jesus is betrayed and arrested

5th/6th Grade– Recently learned about Jesus and the Jewish nation. They talked about Lent and what it means. They'll be spending some time reading about the arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus.

We've got many questions so we're tackling those throughout this season.

It sounds like the 4th-6th graders who attended the retreat at Inspiration Hills had a wonderful experience.

Thanks again to Karen Roetman for bringing them and encouraging them. I may have more about that later. We'll see how much they want to share about their adventures. :)

Regarding summer, we've got Vacation Bible School scheduled for August 5-8 in the evening for ages 3

and up. I'd like to do some summer day "mini camp" experiences again this year if people are interested. If your kids would be interested, could you send me an email so that I know if I should plan some fun?

Crafts? Science? Animal Lovers? Service Others? Fitness? What kinds of camps with a Bible theme would be appealing and when are the best weeks/ times of day?

I'll see you soon!

Heather DeWit

Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org



## Do you sponsor a child with Mission Haiti?

IF YOU currently SPONSOR A CHILD WITH Mission Haiti, the team may be able to make contact with your sponsored child and bring them a letter from you, take a photo with them or spend some time with them while they are on their mission trip. They could also give them a special gift from the team. Contact jaron dewit. jaron.dewit@gmail.com

Donations Needed For the Haiti Mission Trip:

**Financial Donations are needed for travel costs and supply needs.** Also, [the Mission Team has a list of needed items on Amazon https://goo.gl/oRHBax](https://goo.gl/oRHBax).

- **Umbrellas (we need enough to give to 4 families in Haiti)**
- **Plastic reusable dishes (sets for 4 families)**
- **Silverware (we need 2 more sets)**
- **Plastic tupperware/ gladware smaller size assorted**
- **Bungee cords**
- **Toothbrushes for hygiene kits**
- **Nail clippers for hygiene kits**
- **Other items are also needed. Please see the Amazon list or table in the foyer.**



A gentleman receiving a hygiene kit in Haiti.

# Liz's Update

**We still have lots of tickets available for the Spring Fling!** Remember you don't need to pay when you reserve tickets. You can even pay that night. We just need to get a good count the week before the event. And even if you aren't able to attend, I encourage you to buy a set of tickets to give away to someone new at Community. Every year, people are extremely generous and give away a huge amount of purchased tickets. It's a great ministry! Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on Sunday mornings at the table in the lobby, or by contacting the church office.

**This Friday, the Senior High Youth Group** will head to Minerva's for a dinner at 6:00, and then come back to the church to watch a classic movie! We should finish up between 9:30 and 10:00 pm. I need RSVP's for this event so we can notify Minerva's. My current list of attendees includes:

Mady	Jenna	Trey	Brooklyn	Slader
Colton	Lexi	Jacob Hein	Olivia	Ryleigh
Joel	Ashlynn	Allie	Katie	Grace
Raegan	Abbie C.	Liz		

## Upcoming Senior High Youth Group Activities

February 23	Red Carpet Night at Minerva's at 6:00pm. FREE
March 9	Decorating for Spring Fling Fundraiser at 4:00pm
March 10	Spring Fling Fundraiser Banquet at 6:00pm
March 24	South Dakota Symphony Concert at 7:30pm
April 6-8	Sully Peaks Weekend Retreat FREE

And lastly this week, I just have to say **Happy Birthday to my Grandma Lucy back in Burke!** Her birthday was Monday, February 19. She gets the Communicator, and I know she reads it every week, so I wanted to send a little love through my article! My Grandma has contributed to my youth ministry every single year I've been working at church. She has cooked meals and goodies for youth group camps and retreats, and she has opened her home to my youth group kids countless times over the course of the last 16 years. The kids would all agree that Grandma Lucy's house is the quintessential "grandma's house." It looks like a grandma's house should look, smells like a grandma's house should smell, and after you've eaten your fill, you can lie down on the floor and sleep to your heart's content! **Thanks, Grandma, for all you've done to make my youth group a success! Happy 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!**

That's it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz  
youthpastor@communityrc.org

# What's Happening @ Community

**Wednesday, February 21**

6:00pm– Midweek Meal– Chicken/Taco Salad  
7:00pm– Classes for all ages

**Friday, February 23**

H.S. Red Carpet Night

**Saturday, February 24**

7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

**Sunday, February 25**

10:10am– Sunday School  
10:10am– Adult Sunday School (chapel)  
10:20am– The Best Yes (children's wing)

**Monday, February 26**

7:00pm– Men's Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 28**

6:00pm– Ham & Cheesy Potatoes  
7:00pm– Classes for all ages

## TICKETS ON SALE NOW

**Spring Fling**  
Saturday, March 10th  
6:00pm

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in the lobby on Sunday or by contacting the church office.



Check out the blue sheet at The Link to nominate 3 elders and 3 deacons for the upcoming year's consistory. Nominations due: Feb. 25.

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*the Best Yes*

**SUNDAYS @ 10:25-10:50am**

In the Children's wing (Based off of Lisa TerKeurst's book "The Best Yes")

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Did someone grab the wrong men's black pea coat on Sunday? Yours is hanging in the coatroom at church ☺

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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.

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**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**2018 Future Missions of the month:**

March: Mission Haiti

April– Bishop Dudley House

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March 3rd  
9:00am– Noon

**Finances at a Glance:  
February 11 and Feb. 18, 2018**

General:.....	\$24,236
Vision: .....	\$4,655
Missions: .....	\$990
Wed. Night .....	\$848
Sunday School.....	\$217
General YTD:	\$97,925
Vision YTD:	\$40,625
Vision Account Balance:	\$80,771

**REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...**

If you would like to request membership or baptism, please e-mail the church office at [connect@communityrc.org](mailto: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, April 8 @ 3pm.**

## Community Reformed Church

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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](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)). For emergencies during non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde or the elder on call.

Feb. 18—Pete Mellema  
Feb. 25— Gerald Teunissen  
March 4— Cleone Leistra

**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](http://www.communityrc.org) or like our Facebook page!**



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