

# Community Reformed Church

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# The Communicator

GOD IN, AROUND AND THROUGH US.

## Pastor's Column

We certainly had our share of wind this past week and the warm air along with the wind did cause the storms of summer to really pop as well. I know there was some real damage out west with some of those storms. Some of you might have had family involved in some of them. I guess that is all a part of the summer that is ahead. It has sure been nice the later part of the week though...I hope you are enjoying that.

Sunday is our Memorial Day weekend Sunday which usually is one of the smaller attendance Sunday's of the year. It is that first big weekend get-away after school is out. If you travel this weekend, drive carefully and do enjoy some time with your family. It is also a weekend to remember those who are no longer with us and to pay our respects to those who have given their all for their country as well. It is a time of trumpets playing taps and people to remember. Have a blessed weekend.

Many of you picked up your commitment cards on Sunday, and I just want to explain again so we all understand what we are doing. As Russ and Doug explained, this is an opportunity for us as the leaders of the church to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of you for what you have done in this place. We know that many of you have had things happen in your lives since making those first commitments back a few months ago and you may need to change that number...you can. More importantly, we have new faces now who did not go through that journey with us and they never had the opportunity to be a part of this campaign. We are extending an invitation to them to join us. We have yet much more to do and needs of this ministry are always before us. This is a spiritual decision to make to ask God to get involved in your decision. I trust each of you will know what that is because you have always been there in the life of this church. Thanks Community. I want to offer an added piece to this past Sunday's message on the heart. I was moved this week,

through one of my daily devotionals, to once again realize just how important this is. Jesus was once asked what he considered to be the greatest of all the commandments. Those listening to his response would certainly have included the ruling Pharisees of the day who were always looking for him to slip up. His response was to quote the first commandment: Love the Lord your God with all your "heart", soul and mind which would have been exactly the one they might have chosen. The problem in their lives was that they had difficulty understanding how to love with the heart. Yet the first commandment says it very clearly. The Pharisee's love was one of duty, works and actions, but Jesus called them to task for their lives and their lack of faith. God wants us to love Him with every part of our being. To be committed to him in every way. As Psalmist says in Psalm 27: "One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." To gaze on the beauty of the Lord; to be overwhelmed by his love "poured out into our hearts" as Paul says in Romans 5:5. This is the kind of relationship God is seeking from us. It is what the Pharisees could never understand, and what transformed Nicodemus, Paul and all the apostles who followed Jesus.

Sunday's message is the last of this series, and we are going to look at our lives now as a temple of the Holy Spirit and what that means to each of us as we continue to grow in our faith and our Christ centered lives. These transformed lives are not empty shells, but rather filled vessels being molded each day into the likeness of Christ. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week.

*Hyde*

## Upcoming

Pick up your Ricky Skaggs Concert Tickets from the office. Tickets still on sale—\$20

VBS coming up fast. Please get your kids registered. SIGN UP to bring snacks (list on the table by the coffee bar area)

June 2010 Calendar Insert



# Events and Updates

- If you were not in church this past Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, there are envelopes with information regarding the Journey of Faith Second Stewardship Campaign located in the church office and by the bulletins for you to pick up. Please read the enclosed information, pray, and return the recommitment cards to the church by Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The dollars raised in this campaign are used for the building project.
- Paint-A-Thon June 5, 8:30am-noon at 1801 S Van Eps—we need painters—please bring your own paint brush, bucket, etc. Questions, contact Daryl DuBois, 371-1418 or Andy DuBois, 212-6529.
- Women’s Book Club meets Wednesday, June 9 at Bagel Boy, 9am. They are reading *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers for the month of June.
- The Elders meet on Thursday, June 10, 7pm. Consistory meets at 8pm. Gerald serves.
- Senior Citizens meet on Monday, June 14, 6pm at the Fryn’ Pan. Church afterward. Audrey serves.
- Bethany Christian Services is holding its 13th annual Golf Benefit in support of children and families! It will be held on Friday, June 18th at Spring Creek Golf and Country Club. **Thank you to Jeff Veltkamp, Rick Beckstrom, Paul DeYoung, and Steve Young** who have registered for our four-person scramble (includes golf, box lunch, golf cart & appetizers). Info for you to know: 11am—12 noon Registration and putting contest; 12pm Shotgun start; 5:30pm Appetizers and Award Presentation.
- Mark your calendars for the Family Camp at Inspiration Hills August 6-8. We have seven spaces left. There are no cabins available this year. Please call the office if you would like to reserve a space. Cost: \$15/space per night for the water/electrical hook-ups. Tents are \$12/night.



## FROM THE OFFICE

- If you know of someone attending who would like to receive the weekly newsletter, please let the office know.
- You can pick up your Ricky Skaggs concert tickets at the office during the week. Please call first. There are still tickets available for the September 25, 7pm Concert. Cost: \$20.
- Have you changed addresses, no longer have a landline, new phone number, or e-mail, please contact the office so we can update your record. Thank you.
- Consistory Officers elected: Vice President—Ross Larson; Clerk—Arlan Burggraaf; Treasurer—Josh Merkley; Assistant Treasurer—Ryan Van Ruler
- Office will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

### Finances at a Glance:

May 23, 2010	
Sun. School	\$ 62.28
General	\$7,949.60
Vision	\$ 1632.00
Mission	\$ 90.00
Family Camp	\$ 30.00
April 30, 2010	
Loan	—\$1,589,897.20



### YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS

2009 Weekly Goal:	\$ 8,917.00
Year-To-Date Offering:	\$196,170.82
Year-To-Date Goal:	\$183,239.87
Ahead/(Behind):	\$ 12,930.95
Vision Fund Balance:	\$ 98,959.44

#### VISION FUND II UPDATE

Pledge Goal:	\$1,000,000.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 684,095.00
Total received:	\$ 399,556.51

### Gift Cards:

Hy-Vee and Sunshine gift cards are available each Sunday at church. The church receives 5% of each sale toward our Vision Fund. These gift cards can be used for groceries, gas, pharmacy, etc. This is an easy and painless way to make this fund grow! Please consider purchasing cards. Thank you!

# Women's Ministry

## SMALL GROUPS MEET

- Peace small group will meet Thursday, June 3, 7pm in the church in a Sunday School room by Connie's office. We will have a potluck salad supper and discuss chapters 8 & 9 of *CATCHING FIREFLIES* by Patsy Clairmont. Everyone is welcome!
- Hope small group meets Thursday, June 17, 7pm—lesson Jerralynne; Hostess Helen.
- Joy small group meets Thursday, June 17, 7pm
- Faith meets Monday, June 21, 1pm at the church.

**WOMEN OF FAITH—ST. PAUL, MN**—First Reformed Church of Sioux Falls would like to invite you to a spirit filled, fun filled, carefree weekend. Plan to attend and invite a friend, sister, mother or daughter. Reserve your spot now.

Package includes: Conference ticket (includes Friday day and evening sessions and Saturday session, bus transportation to St. Paul (conference and mall), choice of attending Friday day conference or shopping at Mall of America, Evening meal at hotel between Friday day and evening sessions, hotel accommodations at the Hampton Inn Suites (one night), Continental breakfast Saturday morning, box lunch Friday and Saturday noon at conference (lunch on your own Friday noon if you choose to shop at Mall), and Salad for Saturday evening meal on bus ride home.

Total package cost: 3-4 people per room \$190 or 2 people per room—\$210.

Bus leaves Oct. 22 at 5:00 AM SHARP! Arrive back to Sioux Falls October 23, approximately 10:00 PM. \$90 deposit due upon reservation. Check made out to First Reformed Church, 4800 Tomar Road, Sioux Falls, SD 57108.

**If you have any questions, Lisa Drenth @ First Reformed will be happy to answer them—[338-1553](tel:338-1553).**

## Prayer Pocket



### Keeping you in our prayers!

#### Concerns:

- Pete Mellema's mom, Joyce Mellema, is in Avera due to a car accident near Council Bluffs on Saturday—4 broken bones needed plates—surgery went well on Tuesday.
- Al Christensen will have hip surgery on May 28th at the Surgical Center.
- Rika VanDenTop's surgery went well. She is recuperating at home.
- Pete Valentine—he has a little less pain so feeling better.
- Cal Klein at Sanford until his digestive tract gets back to normal.
- Lexi Valentine's test results were negative. She is feeling somewhat better.
- Tammy Uithoven's nephew, Tyrel Olson, is somewhat better but relying on medication and anti-nausea medicine—has some hearing issues; pain.
- Those recuperating from surgeries: Rob Dykstra, Bob Smith, Jan Rames, Ruby Overweg, Kuki Dolittle, Clazina Van Wyhe, Margie DeStigter's Aunt Miny Boon, Linda Sheley, Stan Brozik; Betty Cady is at Bethany Christian Nursing Home for rehab; Helen

Portz is at Covington Heights for rehab.

- Cheryl Weerheim is experiencing hemorrhaging in an eye and is unable to see with it. She is to have same-day surgery Wednesday.
- Jane Wald was admitted to the hospital.
- Lora Sayler's brother, Leo Bos
- Max Voss will be coming to Sioux Falls this week to seek medical attention—see page 5 under missions for more information.
- Makayla Smith, 5 year old, (on July 1) battling cancer. A benefit held for her on June 9, 5-7:30pm at the Rock Valley City Park.

#### Cancer Patients:

- Wade Friese's surgery went very well. No further treatment needed.
- Brian Mettler
- Betty Almas needs a liver transplant.

#### Sympathy to these families:

Todd & Kim Backes on the death of Todd's father, Elmer and his cousin, Julie.

Doug & Jan Martin on the death of Jan's nephew, age 26.

#### Community Prayer:

Lord, whole-heartedly we call on You to hold our hands; to wisely and tenderly guide us. Thank you for your eternal love. You are our strength and refuge. Because we love you, we enter Your presence to be near You, to see Your point-of-view. We rise early in the morning to call on You, to be close to You. In the night we study Your Word to be drawn to You. We won't give the devil a foothold in our lives.

You are all we want; we'll tell the world about You. Amen (from Psalm 73; Psalm 119; Ephesians 4)

The Leadership of Community Reformed Church

# From the Desk of Liz

As many of you know, I was able to spend 4 days back in Burke with my Grandma Lucy for a mini vacation before the summer hits. The weather was absolutely incredible and we were able to spend a lot of time enjoying it. We planted her garden, visited friends, and traveled to fantastic little shops in small towns in the area. It was a really good time to get away and get rest. And now, it's back to work!

VBS is only 2 weeks away! I know a lot of work has been going on to prepare for this huge event for our children. Karen Roetman is working hard on the decorating and may need a few extra hands to get it all together. Keep an eye on the Communicator for times she needs help. We still need snacks for the week. The snack sheets are in the narthex on the table with the big anchor. If you are able to supply a little food for the week, just check out the sheets and sign up. It's not too late to sign up your kids to participate in VBS. The registration sheets are also on the table in the narthex. And as always, please feel free to join us during those evenings. It's pretty amazing to watch God working in the lives of those little kids. I know it will be a blessing to you. And don't forget to be praying for everyone that week. We need it!

Rachel Larsen is the contact person for carpooling to Inspiration Hills Camps. If you are interested in being a part of the carpool for any of the camps, please contact her at 338-8858 or at srlarsen@sio.midco.net.

We finished up our Sunday School year this past week. What a great year! Even though it was a little tricky to figure out where we would all be meeting, we made it work, and I think God was honored. I want to give special thanks to all of our teachers who put so much time and effort to make Sunday School a success. Thanks to Delores Peery, Robyn Niewenhuis, Terri Tritt, Shari Wilson, Kari Kraayenbrink, Renae Christensen, Valerie Bultje, Loretta Leloux, Mark and Rachel Theisen, Kayla Tronvold, Michelle Bolton, Carrie Valentine, Kristy Van Meeteren, Rhonda Maciejewski, Austin Vos, Ken Vos, Tom Weerheim, Angie Boyenga, Larry Oostra, Susan Bierwagen, Clyde Teel, John Landegent, Ross and Jolene Larson, and Karen Sumner. As you can see, it takes a LOT of people to do this! Thank you!

**Attention Senior High Kids:** You need to RSVP to me if you are planning on going to Valley Fair on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Each student can invite ONE friend to come on this day trip. Each student must also fill out a 2010-2011 consent form. The forms arrived in the mail along with the information about the trip. **The deadline for the RSVP is May 30.** So tell those kids to call or text me if they plan on going!

Please note: If you are new to Community and you have kids who want to get involved either in Sunday morning or Wednesday evening programs, please let me know. I keep a huge mailing list of all of these students, and I would love to add your children to my list. ☺

I think that's it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz  
[youthpastor@communityrc.org](mailto:youthpastor@communityrc.org)

## Youth & Adult Events:

VBS June 6-10, 6:30-8:30pm—please get your kids signed up; Also a SIGN UP sheet to bring snacks on the table in the Gathering Room.

Inspiration Hills camp—church pays 1/2 of the early bird fee. There is still room in most camps.

**Senior High Kids...  
RSVP to Liz if you are going to Valley Fair June 15.  
Deadline May 30.**

# MISSIONS

May Mission of the Month is for Youth Camps—Inspiration Hills & Camp Judson.

Union Gospel Mission Love Gift for May is monetary for VBS and summer camps.

If you want to give to this mission, please designate at the bottom of your check Union Gospel Mission.



## FABRAD 2010 to benefit the Center of Hope Falls Area Bicyclists Ride and Dine

Start Time: 8:00 AM

FAB Phone (605) 610-9322

Questions: rides@clubfab.org

Pre-Register: www.clubfab.org

Registration on the day:

7:00—7:45 AM

First 100 registrants at Active.com will receive a pair of limited edition

FAB Cycling socks

4th Annual Midsummer Bike Ride Sag, Food, Smiles, **Saturday, July 17, 2010**

Three routes (metric century, 45 miles and a family ride ~10 miles)

Sertoma Park, 49th & Oxbow, Sioux Falls

# MAX VOSS UPDATE

(Sent May 23) Thank you to all of you who have been praying for Max's health. We have made the decision to send her back to the US early as her health has deteriorated rapidly. I and the kids will stay on here to finish school, get the house packed up, and leave 4 weeks from now for furlough. Max will leave Monday morning and fly to Brisbane, Australia. She will overnight 2 nights in Australia, and then leave Wednesday for the US. Wednesday will be a BIG day for her as she will go all the way from Brisbane to Sioux Falls. Max will have another lady traveling with her to help her get to LA, and then Max's sister, Denise, will meet her in LA and escort her back to Sioux Falls.

We would appreciate a lot of prayer for Max over the next few days. Please pray that God will give her extra strength to make the long flights, and that the throbbing that she has had in her head the past few days will subside. Pray for strength in her legs so that she can walk when she needs to. She will have medication to help her sleep, but please pray that she will be able to rest as comfortably as possible during the flights, or that there may even be some empty seats where she could actually stretch out and be more comfortable. We are comforted knowing there are hundreds of people lifting her up before the throne of our Heavenly Father. May He be glorified though all of this, and may His name be praised!

(sent May 24)

"Max called tonight and said she made it safely to Brisbane riding on all your prayers. She was very tired, but feeling pretty good overall. Her legs were not strong enough to do all the walking, but we had wheel chair service ready, so she didn't have to walk much. She did have a throbbing head in the air, but said that went away when they landed. She will have all day tomorrow to rest, and then they start the rest of the journey to Sioux Falls on Wednesday morning. It will be roughly 17 hours of flight time with another 6 hours in airports waiting for flights, and 15 time zones. Thanks for helping her to Brisbane with your prayers. We ask that you would pray for a good night of rest. She is on a low dose of steroids which causes insomnia, so she has to combat that with sleeping pills.

She will begin her journey home at 7 am Wednesday morning Eastern Standard Time in Australia which is 4 pm Tuesday afternoon Central Daylight Time in the US. With people praying on both sides of the big pond, she should have people praying for her at all times. We are humbled to know so many people are praying for Max, and wish we could thank each of you personally. In His Service, LaVeryl

## THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Friends in Christ,

We gratefully acknowledge your recent, generous gift of \$1241.45 to support the outreach of Hope Haven International Ministries. As of 3/31/2010, we had delivered mobility and hope to 85,795 people in 105 countries. Nothing we do would be possible without the financial support of friends like you!

Lives are continually transformed through Hope Haven and wheelchairs radically change daily life for the recipient, his or her family, their church, and their entire community. Consider the impact of gifts like yours,...and rejoice with us:

\*Koau, who lost a leg in an accident in Laos, frowned skeptically as he hopped on one foot and clutched a simple smooth stick for stability. Today, this 9-year-old proclaims his life changed thanks to his free wheelchair (and crutches) from HHIM. \*Auan \*(11) and Ngunh (16) are brothers with severe disabilities and their parents are desperately poor farmers in Vietnam. Imagine the change in the lives of this hard-working mom and dad as they bring the children outside to the fields with them as they work. Imagine the change in daily life for these boys!

Thank you for your gift, which will be invested in changing lives like these in the coming year.

Marlowe Van Ginkel, Dir. of Church and Public Relations

Thank you for all the cards and to the people who have come to see me. I'll be at Bethany until June 9. I enjoy having company.

Betty Cady

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## MAY 30, 2010 Worship

### Health Concerns/ Congregational Needs

All needs should be called into the church. Leave a request with Connie or Voice Mail. For prayerline, please contact Susan Bierwagen, 331-3996. For emergencies in the non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde or the Elder On Call.

### This Week

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Worship  
11:00 Worship

Nursery Care—9am & 11am

Office Closed May 31!

### Next Week, June 6, 2010

8:00 Worship  
9:00 Worship  
11:00 Worship  
6:30-8:30 VBS Begins

Nursery Care—9am & 11am

**Elder on Call**  
23rd—Gerald Teunissen  
30th—Curt Zwart

**Check us out on the web!**  
[www.communityrc.org](http://www.communityrc.org)

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