

# Community Reformed Church

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## The Communicator

GOD IN, AROUND AND THROUGH US.

### Pastor's Column

We might have made some turn in our weather pattern. These last few days have been such an amazing relief for everyone. I guess we are fortunate that we have those bad days so that when a few good ones come along we can really appreciate them. This is the silver lining to all those cold and rainy days. I do hope you are getting out enjoying the sunshine. I know that in the next few weeks graduations and vacations will begin. It is a full weekend scheduled for many in our church family in the coming weeks. Please travel with care and enjoy your time away and your time with family.

I would like to thank all the prayer warriors in the church for your part in keeping those important times of prayer so vital in your life and therefore so impacting to this church family. We are in a heavy season for many in the church right now, and I would just ask that we stay focused on the lives of these families who are going through some difficult days. Stay connected to the vine everyone.

VBS is coming in June and they are doing some preliminary work at Southern Hills Methodist church this coming Saturday at 1pm. Karen Roetman has been heading up the decorating crew and they have some pretty amazing ideas for this upcoming event. They could use a little help over there so if you have some spare hours in your day, stop over there and give them a hand. This is going to be coming up very soon on the summer schedule. Bible School will be at our church with the Southern Hill's friends joining us. I am sure there are many places to plug in so be checking with Heather DeWitt on how you might be a part of this great event for our children.

This coming Sunday our friends from the finance committee are going to be sharing in each of the services about how things are progressing with im-

portant things like debt reduction and phase two possibilities. Our first goal is to take care of the remaining debt from the first building project to a level we are comfortable before we tack on any more liabilities. Many of you have been a part of that campaign which started back a few months ago. However, many of us are new to Community, and we want to extend an invitation to join us in the ongoing mission of what we are doing here. It will be a time to think about what that means for you and your family. Thanks everyone for all you do here; as I said on Sunday, it is making a difference.

If summer is coming, and I do believe it is, then that is the time for camps as well. This month our mission offering focus is for our youth camps. Most of us who have ever been a part of the camping experience will say those become the highlights of our faith journey as a child and for many it is the time they most remember God being so real and so present in their lives. Therefore it is important for us as a church to be in the business of supporting and encouraging our young campers in whatever way we can. Keep this on your hearts in the coming days and certainly during the time our young people are attending their specific camps throughout the summer.

Sunday's message is another in this "life change" series. This week we are going to talk about our hearts. Not actually the one that beats inside of you, but the one that reaches down to the deepest part of the soul and moves us to action. It is a Sunday to reflect with a few stories and examples of just how important our hearts are, and then to wonder what a new one could do? We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

*Clyde*

### Upcoming

Pick up your Ricky Skaggs Concert Tickets from the office. Tickets still on sale.

May 23 is the last day for Sunday School until this Fall.

VBS coming up fast. Please get signed up to help, register your kids, or bring snacks (list on the table by the coffee bar area)



# Events and Updates

THIS SUNDAY, MAY 23...



**Welcome New Members:** Joel & Kari Kraayenbrink are joining our church by Profession of Faith at the 9am service. Their daughter, Kaylee Lynn will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. A BIG welcome to our church family!

The Finance committee will be sharing in each of the services how things are progressing with debt reduction and phase two possibilities.

This will be the last Sunday for Sunday School until this Fall. Have a great summer!!

- 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.
- Women's Book Club meets the second Wednesday of the month at Bagel Boy, 9am. They are reading *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers for the month of June.



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 with shotgun starting at 12:00 noon. We need one person yet to play a four-person scramble in this benefit—it will cost you nothing to participate. The church gives a donation for the benefit. If you are interested, please call the office. Deadline June 1. Questions, please contact Daron Van Beek 361-9587 or Tom Bosch, 367-9265. Thank you.

- Mark your calendars for the Family Camp at Inspiration Hills August 6-8. We have ten spaces reserved. 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.
- 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.
- We have a few containers/pans that need to be picked up yet in the Gathering Room by the coffee bar. Please pick up this weekend if possible. Thank you.
- CONGRATULATIONS to our 2010 high school and college graduates!!
- Office will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.



## Finances at a Glance:

May 16, 2010

Sun. School	\$ 26.00
General	\$13,224.52
Vision	\$ 3,291.04
Mission	\$ 773.00
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:	\$188,307.22
Year-To-Date Goal:	\$174,514.26
Ahead/(Behind):	\$ 13,792.96
Vision Fund Balance:	\$ 97,327.94

### 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

- Hope Small Group meets May 20, 7pm. Hostess—Donna Humme; Carol Long has the lesson.
- Joy Small Group meets on May 20, 7pm

**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 Dreth @ First Reformed will be happy to answer them—[338-1553](tel:338-1553).**

## Prayer Pocket



### Keeping you in our prayers!

#### Concerns:

- Rika VanDenTop will undergo surgery (cancer) at Sanford on May 20.
- Pete Valentine is improving little by little. He is still on pain meds and doing therapy.
- Cal Klein got to go home Monday afternoon.
- Helen Portz's knees are improving. She is at Covington Heights for rehab for approximately 2 weeks.
- Lexi Valentine is doing pretty well but is awaiting tests from the biopsy.
- 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.
- John & Marcia Thornton & girls while John is on sabbatical.
- Marcia Thornton's mom's health
- Max Voss will be coming to Sioux Falls next week to seek medical attention while the rest of the family remains in Papua New Guinea.

- Lora Saylor's brother, Leo Bos
- Jane Wald undergoing tests at Avera.
- Hank & Clazina's daughter, Flora, from Mitchell underwent surgery (cancer) Monday.
- Makayla Smith, 5 year old, (on July 1) battling cancer. A benefit will be held for her on June 9, 5-7:30pm at the Rock Valley City Park. Contact Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley with questions (not from our congregation).  
e-mail: [faithrv@hickorytech.net](mailto:faithrv@hickorytech.net)

#### Cancer Patients:

- Wade Friese's surgery is May 20th at Mayo Clinic.
- Brian Mettler
- Betty Almas is undergoing tests this week—needs a liver transplant.
- Sympathy to the family of 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

Thank you to everyone who came to the Sunday School meeting last week. We had nearly 40 adults come to offer their information about that program. I was able to come away with so much good input. I think I was most impressed with their answer to the question, "What do you want your kids to take away from Sunday School?" The consensus was that we want children of all ages to know that God is real and to experience Him in a relational way. We want our youth to view church as something pleasurable. And we want them to learn the truth about who God is by teaching in a Biblically sound way. I commend everyone who was courageous enough to attend and share their thoughts. As I said, the meeting was not designed to implement any changes to the program. I just wanted to see if there was any way to improve what we are doing. So now, I will take all of that information and see what God might have us do with it. I think He is already guiding us toward some improvements that will make Sunday School even more beneficial for kids (and adults) of all ages. I am still willing to take input, so if you want to talk more about this, please don't hesitate contact me.

VBS is getting so close! The sign-up table is in the narthex. VBS is June 6-10. We still need people to lead games and to bring snacks. Also be sure to get your children signed up so we know how many kids to prepare for. Heather told me that we have more students coming this year than ever before! It is so exciting to prepare for God's work in the lives of these young people!

Rachel Larsen is willing to be the contact person for carpooling to Inspiration Hills Camps. Thank you, Rachel! 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.

Remember that the last day of Sunday School is this coming Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. I can hardly believe that it's nearly the end of May already!

**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>. The kids really need to let me know if they are coming and if they are bringing a friend. 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. ☺

And finally, by the time this newsletter reaches you, I will have spent several days back in Burke on a mini vacation visiting my grandma and just spending some quiet time out of Sioux Falls. As much as I love what I do, it is always good to be away from it for a time. Even God rested from His work! ☺ Hopefully, I will come back from vacation rested and ready to hit the crazy summer time!

I think that's it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz

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

## Youth & Adult Events:

**All VBS Volunteers—  
please come to a  
meeting on  
Saturday, May 22, 4pm  
at church.**

**We need volunteers to  
help paint, etc. for VBS  
preliminary work 1pm @  
Southern Hills Methodist  
this Saturday, May 22.**

**VBS June 6-10, 6:30-  
8:30pm—please get your  
kids signed up; We are in  
great need of lesson  
helpers, game leaders/  
helpers and clean-up  
crews in the kitchen.  
Also a SIGN UP sheet for  
snacks.**

**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](mailto:rides@clubfab.org)  
Pre-Register: [www.clubfab.org](http://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

# Nursery News

Spiritual Growth:  
5/17/10

As I was reading to my son earlier this week I was inspired to reach out to other parents about the importance of reading to your child. There are many benefits associated with reading to your child; you can develop a close relationship with them, promote literacy early on in your child's life, as well as teach them various topics about their world, you can also create routines by reading to your child before bed.

My child loves to read and it was something that we instilled in him very early on, now he loves to read by himself and turn the pages, and we have conversations about what we are reading. It is not the words of the books that you are reading, but the time spent on your child to teach them new information. During your time together you can find books about God and you can share those special books with your child.

There are many Christian children's books and they are a great way to teach your child about Christianity and the great gifts the Lord has given us. I strongly recommend a children's Bible as well, you can choose one that is right for your children and create special times to share stories with them out of their very own Bible.

We are our children's first teacher about God and reading is a great way to teach them the importance of being a Christian.

*Angie Bares, Spiritual Growth Nursery Coordinator & Nursery Team*



## THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks so much for all the prayers, cards and visits at the time in the hospital and recuperating at home. Pastor Clyde and congregation are such a caring congregation!  
May God Bless you all.

Clazina Van Wyhe

Dear Friends,

We just completed 10 days of intensive meetings for the purpose of planning and work projects for our team, and a few board members joined us too. The time together was excellent.

One outcome was writing the first draft of 24 Bible studies for those who attend our training seminars and want to investigate Christianity and/or to grow in their faith. We're

looking forward to having these resource materials available for our teams to use.

Thank you for the contribution you sent to my CCC account. Your continued partnership is a blessing from the Lord and I am grateful.

I'm looking forward to sharing with you in person next month.

In Christ,  
Diana Langerock



Note: Diana will here with us on June 20 during the coffee hour 10:10—10:45am to share about her work at Campus Crusade For Christ.

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## MAY 23, 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, 9:00 & 11:00 Worship  
9:00 New Members/Baptism  
10:05 Children's Worship  
Last day for Sunday School

### Next Week, May 30, 2010

8:00, 9:00 & 11:00 Worship

**Nursery Care—9am & 11am**

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School & 11am**

**Office closed  
on May 31**

**Elder on Call**  
16th—Ken Vos  
23rd—Gerald Teunissen

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

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