

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

January is half over now. I like the sound of that because this month can feel a little long if the weather starts to get a chilly. We are seeing some of that for sure. The end of this week is supposed to be very January...that below zero stuff is coming. I can do below zero if the wind doesn't blow, but what are the chances that is going happen? Slim to none! It is winter folks so bundle up. I know a lot of families are dealing the colds and flu like things as well so it's a challenge. However, each day is getting longer...there is a silver lining in everything.

We had a great congregational meeting on Sunday! It was a nice turnout and a great presentation by the deacons. Chad McKee did an outstanding job of going through all the numbers and giving us a good look back and a positive look going forward. There is a lot of good work that goes into all of that and I believe we can all see the finished product is worth the effort. There will be small changes that have to be made throughout the year, but those are minimal. We do good work in this area! Good job everyone!

Russ Robers also gave us a report on the progress of things with the street. (Faith Avenue) He explained how we are going to pay for our share this necessary item coming in on our west side. It is not cheap, but we have a plan. There will be more said later on this, but as you could see on Sunday, we could do it now by dipping a bit into all of our reserves, but we are believing that won't be necessary. There are ideas being discussed so be watching for those.

My Wednesday night class decided we would do a book study this "semester". The book is a collection of the final thoughts of the author Dallas Willard. It's called "Living in Christ's Presence". The book deals with the depths of thought in our Christian lives, but through the lens of

the church and our calling. That may sound a bit complex, but in short is a look at the Christian life and asking about what does it take for deep change in our hearts. It's going to be a great study. Join us!

I have been watching Heather get ready for Bible school things already. I know, it's not 'fill this summer, but that girl is all about being ready! It appears to be fun theme about trains and mountains and all kinds of fun things. I think I can hear a train song brewing in the background. It is going to be an exciting theme and a theme we are not going to soon forget. Be watching for more information as the year moves along.

Doyle has been working on lots of camps and mission trips for the summer as well. He is very much a promoter of those kinds of events. Middle school and High school kids are going to be getting to do some very exciting things this year. He has lots of experience with these kinds of projects and we get to enjoy the results of all that experience.

Liz is doing an awesome class on Wednesday nights and that class has become the popular choice on MidWeek. We have all been giving her a bad time about stealing all the people. She is a great teacher! Our former Senior High students could have told us that, but now we are hearing it from the adults. That is an area we have seen some great change this past year.

See...lot of good things are going on around here. We are being Surprised by the Divine. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Jan 19: 9:00am—

Grant & Lesley Boltjes
Andy & Tessa Benson

11:00am-

Zach & Jordan Seefeldt
Kelli Fantroy

Jan 26: 9:00am—

Jeris & Maylene Van Zee
Matt & Erin Weerheim

11:00am-

Jason & Jamie Van Sloten
Leslie Cleveringa

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Jan. 19: 9:00am- Angeline Lavin

11:00am- Angie Hageman

Jan. 26: 9:00am- Grant & Lesley Boltjes

11:00am- Arlan Burggraaf

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Jan. 19: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

Jan. 26: Gerald & Deb Teunissen

Feb. 2: Joel & Lisa Blankers

GREETER SCHEDULE

Jan. 19:

9:00am-

Jeris & Maylene VanZee
Doug & Sharon Harms
Ron & Jaunita Palsma

11:00am-

Donna Humme
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

Jan. 26:

9:00am-

Jean Nollmann
Dennis & Helen Robinson
Nic & LaDonna Frieberg

11:00am-

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Dennis & Helen Robinson

DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

High School: We have two meetings this Sunday for things coming up this summer. During our Sunday School hour, we will be talking about Rocky Mountain High, dates, how to register, cost, and other information/questions about the trip. Then, Sunday night at 7:00 we will be having a meeting for students and parents for those planning on going to the Mission trip in June to Denver. I will be going through expectations, giving out forms from Youth Works to be filled out, talking price, and going through any questions brought up. Then, the high school group will end the month together on the 26th, with a board game mix up where students will team up and be rotating on a variety of games. We will start at 6:30 and be done by 8:00.

Middle School: Our event for the month is this Sunday, the 19th, from 4:00 - 5:30. We will be meeting at the McKennan Park ice rink for an hour of skating and then head over to Abby and Doyle's house to warm up with some hot chocolate. Students can be picked up at our house (116 W 27th st). I am also putting together some ideas for the summer and will be hosting a parent meeting at the beginning of February to go through the spring and summer calendar.

The last thing for this week is about our Spring Fling Fundraiser. I am putting together some of the details and planning items this week and we will be hosting our youth fundraiser on March 7th. While there is a lot of work and time that gets put into this fundraiser by so many people, I was truly blown away by all the support that this congregation gives to our students here. If your able to make it, save the date and look for ticket sales starting in February!

That's it for this week, if you have any questions feel free to send them my way anytime!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 15
 6:00pm- Breakfast for Supper
 6:30pm- K-5 Singing
 6:45pm- K-8 Classes
 7:00pm- Adult Classes
 7:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Jan. 16
 7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)
 10:00am- Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Jan. 19
 10:10am- Sunday School

Monday, Jan. 20
 7:00pm- Quilting
 7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Jan. 21
 7:00pm- AA Meeting
 7:00pm- Book Club @ E. Panera
 7:00pm- Hope Circle

Wednesday, Jan. 22
 6:00pm- BBQ
 6:30pm- K-5 Singing
 6:45pm- K-8 Classes
 7:00pm- Adult Classes
 7:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

FINANCES

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020

General:\$7,139
 Vision:\$855
 Missions:\$295
 Wed night:\$326
 Faith Ave:\$200

General YTD:\$17,968
 Vision YTD:\$3,100
 Vision Account Balance:\$128,410

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera on Foss Ave. They will be discussing *Rebecca* by duMaurier.

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: Seniors will meet on Feb. 10th at Noon at the Eastside Pizza Ranch.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

CHURCH ON THE STREET- A faith community serving the unhoused and people struggling with poverty in Sioux Falls.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on January 21st at 7:00. Hostess is Jerralynne. Lesson is Jeanie.

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will not be meeting the months of January - March.

JOY CIRCLE

Joy Circle will not meet in the months of January, February, or March for Bible Studies.

Adult Discipleship/Worship

I have to start this week's article with a fairly hilarious confession. If you read my article last week, you saw that I wrote about knitting. (If you didn't get a chance to read it, you might want to scan it quickly for reference before reading on.) Well, remember the part I wrote about, "if you need to pull out stitches, then get to pulling"? Literally one day after I wrote that sentence, I made a mistake in my current knitting project that caused almost 300 stitches to be wrong. ARGH! Before I pulled them out, I studied my knitting and tried to see if it was *really* necessary to fix my mistake. Maybe no one would notice! Unfortunately, if I had left the mistake, everyone would have been able to tell. So, as I had written in my article, I had to pull out those stitches and redo the entire row. However, once I fixed the mistake and knitted the next row, it looked incredible! I just thought it was hilarious that I had to take a big old spoonful of my own medicine. But it was also good medicine. ☺ The mistake is fixed, and my project is looking great! Anyway, there will be no more knitting metaphors for a good long while!

Remember that our Mid-Week activities are up and running at full steam again. If you are new to Community, you need to know that we always have a meal on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00, and there are classes for all age groups from 7:00-8:00. Currently we have several adult classes meeting. Men of God is a men's group open to men of all ages. They meet in the sanctuary. Our Beautiful Purpose is a women's group for young women, and they meet in The Corner, Pastor Clyde is leading a study on Dallas Willard's book, "Living in Christ's Presence," and these adults meet in the chapel. And I'm leading "The Bible Says What" for adults, and we meet in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions about Mid-Week, please let me know!

And lastly this week, I want to say thank you to everyone who has wished me a Happy Birthday or sent me a card this week. As I write this on Monday, which is my actual birthday, I'm reminded of the power of small gestures. It has been incredibly life-giving and joy-producing to read all of these simple Birthday greetings. I guess what I'm saying is that it doesn't take much to make someone feel special. A simple acknowledgement of a birthday is just one way to let others know that they matter. I want to be more mindful of that in the days to come!

Have a great week!

Liz

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PRAYER REQUEST

- **Clayton Bierwagen** (heart)
- **Jodie Jensen** (cancer)
- **Chelle McMurrey's dad** (multiple myeloma)
- **Ellen Nelson** (chronic airway disease)
- **Lexi Valentine** (auto-immune disease)
- **Jessica Vander Weide** (heart)
- **Lindsey Vander Weide** (heart)
- **Bruce Heinen** (Laura Maloney's brother-in-law) lymphoma
- **Diane Johnson** (liver disease)
- **Gary Jensen** (cancer)
- Jamelee Van Donge's dad, DeLyle (cancer)
- **Sara Van Ruler's dad** (throat cancer)
- Wade Persson's mom (cancer)
- **Al Hoogendoorn** (multiple health issues)
- **Dave Sells** (surgery recovery)
- **Jenna Hoogendoorn** (liver)
- Melanie Oden's dad, David (motorcycle accident)
- **Cleone Groen** (surgery)
- **David Landegent**, Audrey's son (cancer)
- Matt Marcus' dad (prostate issues)
- **Gary Parmley** (surgery recovery)
- **Kara Schouten** (broken foot)

Prayer Group meets at 7:00am on Saturdays in the chapel. Everyone Welcome!

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KIDS

MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

Things in Children's Ministry are going great! We have some new friends joining us and all of the kids are learning and growing. We have some pretty amazing kids and volunteers so God is doing good things here. I'm going to try something new for my newsletter article.

Every so often I'm going to talk a little about a specific age group. This week is about TODDLERS!

Toddlers are learning, growing and changing at a rapid pace. They are longing for independence but still need so much from their parents. Their vocabulary is exploding!

So, how do we seize this opportunity as we seek to nurture our child's growing relationship with Jesus?

Keep it simple: Choose the big idea and repeat it often using the same words. "God loves you." "God takes care of us." "Jesus loves you." "We can pray and talk to God."

Have patience: Toddlers are going through big changes and just learning to handle their great big feelings. Love them through the tantrums and help them as they figure out how to deal with their emotions.

Repeat, repeat, repeat: If you are starting to get bored with a book, song or topic, you are just starting to approach the number of repetitions from which a toddler will learn best.

Incorporate music: The toddler brain is wired in a way that responds to music, rhyme, rhythm and beat. We have some great CDs from Sing N Sprout with Bible songs but you can also easily find DVDs and YouTube videos as well as CDs with great songs of faith. Simple repetitive music is great.

Use books: Even active and wiggly toddlers can respond well to a great book. Our Church Library has some awesome options. Choose some board books with bright illustrations and rhyming words. Read them over and over and over!

Add movement: Toddlers are on the go! They love to use their big muscles to jump, dance, spin, roll and run and they try out their small muscles to play, build, pinch and grab. Act out a story. Jump as you praise. Talk about God's creation on a walk.

Prayer can be as simple as, "thank you God," "I love you Jesus" or "I'm sorry."

Set an example: Let your little ones hear and see you talk with God, read your Bible and enjoy church. It never hurts to toss in some snacks.

See you soon!

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Toddlers!

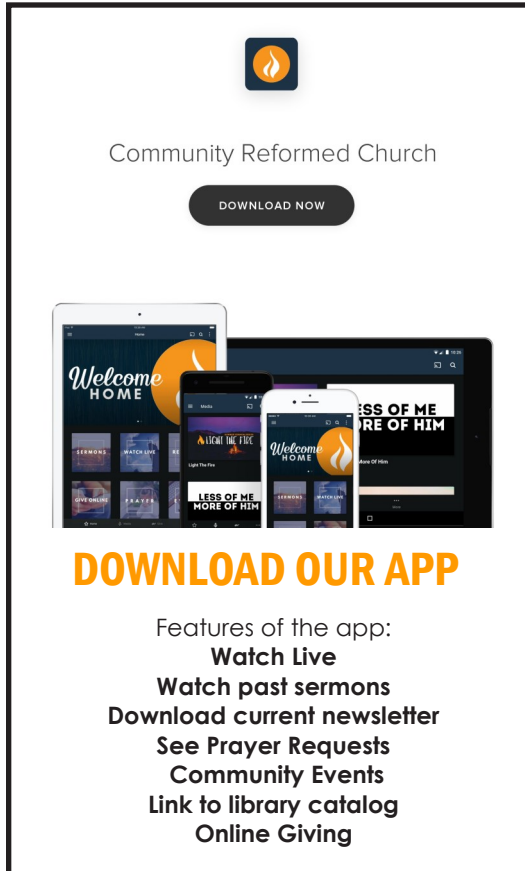


This is a simple project we did in Sunday School last week.

Fun little projects to teach little kids big ideas!

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Please pick up your offering envelopes at the table in the lobby.
If you do not see your envelope number or you would like to request 2020 offering envelopes, please sign up at The Link.



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THE GIVE

THE GIVE wall in the lobby is a place to donate to local ministries.

Union Gospel Mission– Canned Fruit

Sleep in Heavenly Peace– normal sized twin bedding (mattress cover, pillow, pillow cases, sheet sets or comforters)

Church on the Street– Stretch gloves, hand warmers, mini meat snacks, small fleece blankets, quart size zip lock bags, hotel size soaps, shampoos & lotions

Hygiene Kits– hotel sized shampoo, condition, body wash

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Dave & Trudi Nelson. Trudi's mom, Evelyn, passed away this week. Please keep their family in your prayers.



Local Mission Opportunity

Would you enjoy being part of a local mission? We are putting together kits for the mission CHURCH ON THE STREET. These kits are things that are needed for those who have to spend much of their time outside during the cold winter.

The following items are needed for these kits:

- Stretch gloves
- Hand Warmers
- Mini meat snacks
- Small fleece Blankets (like those sold at Menards)
- Quart size zip lock bags
- Hotel size soaps, shampoos & lotions

Bring items to THE GIVE in the church lobby on Jan. 19 or Jan. 26.

If you would like to help assemble these kits, come to the church (back door) on Mon, Jan. 27 at 12:00pm. Please come & join us for lunch.



VBS AT COMMUNITY
JULY 19-22, 2020 6PM

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service
FEB 9

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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, Feb. 9 @ 3pm.**

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