We are at the midway point of January now. Wow…time is really moving along. It has been a cold one here the last couple of days, but I am hearing of a change coming by the end of the week. Maybe even a little significant snow too. I guess we will just have to wait and see about all that. It’s cold and flu season too so we have that all going on. I know…this all sounds like negative news, but we are not going to let it get us down. Like I said on Sunday, we are a hardy group and we will make it through. So far it really hasn’t been so bad. I think the only thing that really irritates most of us isn’t the cold or the snow…it’s the wind. And Jesus said the spirit is like the wind. I guess we had better even enjoy the wind because it is the reminder of the moving of the spirit. However, Jesus said we don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. I can give a little insight to that this week. I think it came from the arctic and I think it’s on its way to Iowa. Having said that, I still love the moving of the spirit. There might be a sermon in there somewhere.

Men…the meeting is set for January 27th. We would love to see a great turn out for this. We are hoping that we can get something going on a regular basis and this is a way of getting that all going…like a kickoff event if you will. Put it on your calendar!

This week our mission group that is going to Kansas City is doing a fundraiser during the meal on Wednesday night. The group is getting things going in a good direction. They have done a great job of putting that all together all on their own. I love that! It was an idea that they took and ran with. There is just something very healthy about that. I am hoping all the parts of this continue to come together for them and I believe we would all pray that they come back with great stories and a powerful experience. Blessings keep flowing.

If you haven’t been on the website for a few weeks, you might want to go on there. It’s all new and there is some pretty cool stuff on there. More to come! We are really hoping to stay very current with things on there with calendars and upcoming events as well. There is even going to be ways in our future to have signups and all sorts of “connection” possibilities with many of the new changes coming. They are working on a new church app that will connect with webpage and on and on it goes. It’s almost more than I can keep up with, but I know these tools can be very effective when used wisely. We really do want to do this well. We have some pretty amazing folks putting in some valuable time to make this happen for us. A big thanks to that team!

This week’s message is from the story of Job. I have a feeling some of you were wondering if that story might be a part of this “robe” series. Well, yes it is. There is a point in all of Job’s suffering that he tears his robe and then puts on “sack cloth and ashes”. Have you ever wondered what that all meant? We hear that term in the Bible a lot. This week we are going to dig into that phrase and look at how that fits into the Job story and then what that means for us as well. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
January 21: 9:00am—
Tom & Amy Bosch  
Corey & Laurel Feenstra  
11:00am—
Spencer & Rachel Larsen  
Becky Hinderks

January 28: 9:00am—
Darren & Tracee Ellwein  
Daron & Sherri Van Beek  
11:00am—
Michelle & Ellie Wigg  
Heidi Blom

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Jan. 21: Steve & Becky Lee  
Jan. 28: Joel & Lisa Blankers  
Feb. 4: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Jan 21
9:00am– Bruce & Bonnie Wentzel  
11:00am– Bob & Lori Hein

Jan 28
9:00am– Marshall & Angeline Lavin  
11:00am– Arlan Burggraaf

GREETER SCHEDULE
January 21:
9:00am– Gary & Connie Parmley, Jeri & Maylene VanZee, Tom & Amy Bosch  
11:00am– Jerralyne Tjeerdsma, Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

January 28:
9:00am– Carol Tonjes, Bruce & Bonnie Wentzel/Overweg, Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen  
11:00am– Carl Tonjes, Duane & Rhonda Niewenhuis

January Mission of the Month:  
SIM– Klay Family.

Prayer items from the Klay’s:
1) Pray that the new team we are training in Nigeria will be able to enhance our outreach in a country with millions of kids.
2) Pray for development of a new primary school curriculum that has an alive Christian world view and that develops skills kids need to become leaders in society.

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
Morning Book Club will be meeting on Wed, February 14 at 9pm at the Bagel Boy on MN Ave. We will be discussing Double Bind by Bohjalian.

Evening Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7pm at the Panera on E. 10th St. We will be discussing Girl With All The Gifts by Carey.

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

Faith Circle will not be meeting in February. We will let you know about March at a later date.

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

The love gift for the Union Gospel Mission in January is cold cereal. (non sugared) 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  
- Natalie Baker (seizure disorder)  
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)  
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)  
- Jodiie Jensen (cancer)  
- Ryan Kortemeyer's grandma  
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)  
- Ember  
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)  
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)  
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)  
- Annetta Wiese  
- William YambRam’s wife, Cynthia (heart)  
- Cleone Groen (leg surgery)  
- Denny Robinson (broken leg)  
- Dianne Friese-hip replacement
Hello,
It has been awhile since I wrote about how things are going on Sunday mornings. This week I was struck by the joyful sounds that come from classrooms as kids are learning about the Bible. There were kids learning about David and Goliath, kids marching around tables and kids quietly praying. Each corner of the Children’s Wing was filled with joyful noise. God is good.

Wednesday melted my heart. The kids talked about prayer and the Kindergarten through 3rd grade kids wrote letters to deployed members of the military. They did such a beautiful job. I think they are spreading God’s love in an incredible way across the world to the men and women protecting our country. This week we will keep learning about prayer but we’ll be making a little fruity treat while we are learning.

The kids on Wednesday in some of the younger groups also sent clips and bracelets for the soldiers. There were beads with praying hands, crosses and angels on them. Photo Below
Below is one of the pictures we are sending along with the letters. It is a bald eagle, 2 soldiers and a flag. A letter we are sending says, "I live in Sioux Falls. Thank you for fighting for freedom and keeping us safe. You are very special and loved by God. May God be with you. Best wishes."

The kids weren’t the only ones learning together on Sunday morning. We are just getting started on a new book study with the book “The Best Yes” by Lysa Terkueurst. We have a wonderful small group and I’m so excited for the great discussion we’ll have with the book and video. We have free copies of the book available for anyone whether you join our group or not. Also, reading the book is not required for being part of the discussion so join us around 10:20 in the Children’s Wing if you want to chat about the challenge of choosing when to say yes or no and prioritizing when life is so busy and full. Join us any week you have time (toddlers wandering around your feet while you chat are welcome.) I’m already looking forward to next week when we talk a little about what life looks like when we replace the “disease to please” with the command to love. I hope you can join us.
I’ve got some dates below for you to mark on your calendars.
I’ll see you soon!   Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

SAVE THE DATE:
- March 24 1:00 pm –Kids/ Family Easter Event –The Great Surprise, Jesus is Alive!
- March 25– Palm Sunday– Kids wave palm branches during church
- March 28– No Midweek
- April 1– Easter! No Sunday School
- April 11– Last Week of Midweek (Pizza and Praise)
- May 6– Last Day of Sunday School
- August 5-8 Evenings- Vacation Bible School– Shipwrecked–Rescued by Jesus!
- Community Kids Summer Day Camps– Dates Pending– Email Heather with suggestions :)
I sent out a few postcards last week, but I want to keep the schedule printed here as well. These are the upcoming high school youth group activities! And remember that I’ll be sending out postcards with more details for each of these activities, as we get closer to the dates. Let me know if your high school student would like to be added to my mailing list!

**Senior High Youth Group Activities**
- **January 26**  
  Ice Skating at the Scheels Ice Plex at 7:30-9:30pm FREE
- **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 FREE—You must RSVP by 1/28
- **April 6-8**  
  Sully Peaks Weekend Retreat FREE

Don’t forget about the **Spring Fling Fundraiser. 😊** The Senior High Youth Group uses that money to offset costs associated with events like Cosmic Bowling and Red Carpet Night, and we also use it to pay for big events like the Sully Peaks Retreat. The Spring Fling is a banquet hosted by the Youth Group, and the food is prepared by Chef Dominique Catering. This year, the menu will consist of a field green salad with tomatoes, onions, and caramelized almonds, which is served with hazelnut dressing, Roasted Creamy Peppercorn Pork Loin with Yukon Gold Potatoes with Fresh Apples, and homemade cookies for dessert. We are able to accommodate for vegetarian meals, and this year, the entire meal will be gluten free (minus the desserts). There is a highly entertaining **dessert auction after dinner,** and as if that wasn’t enough entertainment, we follow up the meal and dessert with a rousing **game show of Let’s Make a Deal, which consists of incredible prizes donated by many people from Community!** We even offer free childcare for the evening! It’s such a great way to support the high school kids, and it’s guaranteed to bring a smile to your face and laughter to your soul! **Tickets go on sale February 4. And prizes can be donated any time simply by contacting me.** Keep an eye out for our ticket table in February!

That’s it for me this week.

 Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org
Wednesday, January 17
5:00-7:00pm – Kansas City BBQ
7:00pm – Classes for all ages

Saturday, January 20
7:00 am – Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, January 21
10:10am – Sunday School
10:10am – Adult Sunday School (chapel)
10:20am – The Best Yes (children’s wing)
3:00pm – Baptism Service

Monday, January 22
7:00pm – Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, January 24
6:00pm – Midweek Meal – Tacos
7:00pm – Classes for all ages

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.

MIDWEEK YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER
January 17th from 5:00-7:00pm

Come for a Midweek BBQ Roundup!
Instead of the regular midweek group prepping and serving the meal, the Kansas City team will be hosting and serving the meal!

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ COMMUNITY

General:
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$11,740

Vision:
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$5,055

Missions:
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$515

Sunday School:
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$8

Wednesday Night:...............
$287

General YTD:
$29,501
Vision YTD:
$15,568
Vision Account Balance:
$145,345

FINANCES AT A GLANCE:

January 14, 2018

JC Chambers from Stronghold Counseling is back to present a 4 week marriage class
“Spice Up Your Marriage in Seven Steps”
based off of John Gottman’s book.
Wednesday January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21
7:00-8:00pm

Midweek Youth Mission Fundraiser
December 14th from 5:00-7:00pm

Come for a Midweek BBQ Roundup!
Instead of the regular midweek group prepping and serving the meal, the Kansas City team will be hosting and serving the meal!

The Best Yes

Book Study for Busy People:
SUNDAYS @ 10:25-10:50am

In the Children’s wing
(Based off of Lisa TerKeurst’s book “The Best Yes”)

See Heather’s article for more details.

See our updated church website!
www.communityrc.org

MEN’S RETREAT

Saturday, January 27th
9:00am – Noon

Led by Gary McCann
Focuses on the 5 responsibilities of every man.
(His walk with God, his relationship with his wife, his relationship with his children, his personal finances, his health.)
Community Reformed Church
6800 E 41 Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

January 17, 2018

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.

January 21—Mary Burggraaf
January 28—Doug Harms

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!