Our snowstorm didn’t turn out so bad here this week, but I did hear some reports from south and east of us, which were very different. I think I’m ok not getting a foot snow. There is still time later on this winter for that. It’s not as if I can order these things up when I want them, but it is nice to get through a Sunday and not have to worry about parking lots and sidewalks. January is getting down towards the end now. Hard to believe!

A big thank you to all who helped and gave so willingly to last week’s Midweek fund raiser for the KC mission group. I did mention that on Sunday morning, but I wanted to say it in this week’s newsletter as well. That group, and then Community you once again did your part to support them so graciously did that very well. It’s what you do! Good job everyone!

I have been doing more planning these last few weeks as I look at our future and growth. I have assembled a group of people to help me do some of that planning and they have done a great job of listening and sharing. There are going to be some changes for sure, but those changes are ways and plans to keep things moving in a good direction and help us not working from behind. We are trying to be proactive in looking ahead. We have some things that we are working through and we are trying to do it right and do it efficiently as well. Be praying that God will speak to us.

This week JC Chambers is going to start a class for us on Wednesday nights about marriage. That class will run for 4 weeks. You might want to consider taking in one or more of those sessions. Stop out here for supper and go to class with your spouse. JC is an amazing presenter and I’m sure there will be some valuable info being shared.

This Saturday morning we are going have our men’s morning gathering. I looked at the list and not too many have signed up, but you are still welcome to come. It is going to go from 9 till noon. We will have a snacks and that sort of thing, but I am looking forward to hearing from our “teacher” for the day Gary McCain. He has put together a morning of sharing around an idea that we feel will speak to the men of the church. This is a new adventure for us and we don’t have any idea how it will all go, but we both believe there is a need for this kind of thing at Community. We hope it gives us a good way to start something that might become an ongoing part of the church ministry. See you all on Saturday morning!

This Sunday our robe series move to another angle of this study. We are going to talk about the robes that were worn only for outward appearance. We have done that some in the past when we have talked about the Pharisees and Sadducees, but this week I want to move that narrative in slightly different direction. We all know that outward appearances are important, but we also know that it is the inside appearance that really matters. It is the heart and soul of people that defines them. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

We are considering changing the frequency of our weekly newsletter to every other week. However, we are seeking input about this change.

If you have suggestions concerning this, please contact the office.
connect@communityrc.org | 336-1475
NURSERY SCHEDULE
January 28: 9:00am—
Grant & Lesley Boltjes
Daron & Sherri Van Beek
11:00am—
Michelle & Ellie Wigg
Heidi Blom

February 4: 9:00am—
Jeris & Maylene Van Zee
Eric & Jamelee Van Donge
11:00am—
Angie, Ali, Justin Cable

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Jan. 28: Joel & Lisa Blankers
Feb. 4: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
Feb. 11: Dick & Jeanette Jennings

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Jan 28
9:00am— Marshall & Angeline Lavin
11:00am— Arlan Burggraaf

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

February 4:
9:00am— Dave & Trish Mayer, Randy & Gayle Grotenhuis, Daron & Sherri Van Beek
11:00am— Bert Roetman, Larry & Gloria Smyrak

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.

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

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 Van Den Top (brain cancer)
- Pete Valentine
- Natalie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Ryan Kortemeyer’s grandma
- Chelle McMurrey’s dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Susan Payne (cancer)
- Ember
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
- William Vambram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Cleone Groen (leg surgery)
- Denny Robinson (broken leg)
- Dianne Friese-hip replacement
- Marsha Thornton (sinus surgery)

Our condolences go out to the family of Annetta Wiese, who passed away on Wednesday.
Heather’s Children’s Ministry Update

Hello,
This week I’ve been really thinking about the kids at Community and how critical it is that we cover them in prayer. We have some amazing people here that pray for the kids each week and for that I am so thankful. We also have people who spend time helping our kids as the kids themselves spend time in prayer. Perhaps this week you might join me in spending some time thanking God for the many blessing He has poured into our church and especially for the children in our church. One area that I’m especially thanking God for is that so many of our kids have a heart for showing God’s love by serving others. God has also blessed us with children who love to pray. Maybe you want to ask God to help our kids dive into God’s word in a new way or maybe you want to ask God to protect them while they are in school, daycare or home. Perhaps it is on your heart to pray for the fantastic volunteers that spend time with our kids here at church. We could pray for parents too. We have some pretty incredible ones around here. I invite you to join me in asking God what He wants to chat about this week. I’ll see you soon! Heather DeWit Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

PS– It isn’t too late to join “The Best Yes” book study on Sundays at 10:25am in the Children’s Wing.

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 :) 
3rd Graders— Karen wanted me to give you a reminder to bring your Bibles to Sunday School each week. If you need a Bible, let Heather know and we’ll get you one!

Wanted for Fun Zone: Small Air Hockey or Foosball Table, Play Dishes (or even a very small play kitchen)

Wanted for VBS decorating:
Old Crates, Carpet Rolls, Old row boat, Oars

4-6 Grade Students:
We want as many students as possible from Community to enjoy this retreat! We’ll coordinate transportation and have a special rate. Karen R has volunteered to be at Inspiration Hills to give our students a familiar face to help them feel more comfortable. Let Heather know if you’d like the registration link and more details: $35
As I sit in my office on Monday morning, the snow has completely covered my window to the outside, but I’m very thankful we didn’t get more snow than we did! 😊 With all this wind, several inches of snow would have made things quite interesting around here. I had to laugh on Sunday morning before the children’s singing time when Heather asked the kids how much snow they were hoping for. Let’s just say the general consensus was for more than we got! You’ve got to love kids and their enthusiasm for adventure!

This Friday, the senior high youth group will be heading to the Scheels Ice Plex for an evening of ice-skating. We’ll meet at the Scheels Ice Plex at 7:30pm and skate until 9:30. The cost is free, and kids are encouraged to bring friends. There is no need to RSVP for this event. I’ll just meet kids there!

The youth group has also been gifted with a generous donation to attend a South Dakota Symphony Orchestra concert for their night of movie themed music. This concert will be March 24, and the donation we received makes it possible for high school students to attend for FREE. This concert will sell out, so I’ll need to purchase tickets very soon. I’m asking kids to RSVP to this event by January 28, (that’s this Wednesday night). Please let me know if you are able to go!

Senior High Youth Group Activities

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Don’t forget about the Spring Fling Fundraiser hosted by the Senior High Youth Group. 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. We’ve already begun to receive some awesome prize donations for this event. Prizes can be donated any time simply by contacting me. Keep an eye out for our ticket table in the lobby on February 4!

Something new this year for the Spring Fling is that we will be handing out tickets for this event. Every year it’s a bit challenging to avoid duplicate entries and to figure out exactly how many tickets have been purchased. So this year, when you reserve your tickets, you will receive actual tickets. You can still pay for the tickets anytime, but my hope is that having a ticket in hand will be helpful for everyone!

That’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org
**What’s Happening @ Community**

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

**Saturday, January 27**
7:30 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)  
9:00am– Men’s Retreat

**Sunday, January 28**
10:10am– Sunday School  
10:10am– Adult Sunday School (chapel)  
10:20am– The Best Yes (children’s wing)

**Monday, January 29**
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 31**
6:00pm– Midweek Meal– Pork Sandwiches  
7:00pm– Classes for all ages

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**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, April 8 @ 3pm.

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**Check out our updated church website!**  
www.communityrc.org

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**Finances at a Glance:**  
**January 21, 2018**

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**Thank you**

Thank you for your service—  
to all those who served, organized, cooked sides, smoked meal, decorated, washed dishes, prayed, donated money, rang the bell, donated food, cleaned up and supported the KC BBQ...we are very grateful for your part!

Be watching for updates as plans proceed toward our mission journey. Because of your generosity and service, we are already privileged to be a blessing to a woman named Mary in Argentine, Kansas City, Kansas!

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**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.)

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**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

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**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”)
Community Reformed Church
6800 E 41 Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

January 24, 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 28—Doug Harms
Feb. 4—Jolene Larson

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!