I want to keep encouraging you to remember the nursery folks. They can always use a few more volunteers to help out in there during church. You can go to one church and do nursery for the next one. It works just fine. We have a good group of workers in that place to help you know what to do and what they need. Give it a try! It sure makes a difference to all those parents who love that ministry.

Our sermon series continues! I have to keep reminding myself to calm down! I do get a little wound up on Sundays! It’s just such great stuff to share and life changing possibilities are in the word. When you are telling people that all that Christ has is given to us…that’s not a small gift. That’s a life so full and so free! That gets me going! This week a Jesus story and man who is crippled. Which is easier? Walking or Forgiving? The answer may surprise us all! We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

If you are looking for something to do on Wednesday nights, let me again invite you to MidWeek. So much good church goes on with that evening’s activities. You will enjoy it! You might even meet a new guest or two. Stop in some week and see us!

The Haiti mission group is putting together a movie night on the 14th February. It is a night to enjoy a good movie and spend some quality time with friends. They are using it as a fundraiser for their trip coming up in March. Check out the announcement in this week’s newsletter.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 29
6:00pm– Chicken/Taco Salad
6:30pm– K-5 Singing
6:45pm– K-8 Classes
7:00pm– Adult Classes
7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Feb. 1
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Feb. 2
10:10am– Sunday School

Monday, Feb. 3
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 4
7:00pm– AA Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 5
6:00pm– Soup Night
6:30pm– K-5 Singing
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FINANCES
Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020

General: $14,143
Vision: $1,267
Missions: $121
Wed night: $291
Faith Ave: $—
Sunday School: $2

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Vision Account Balance: $131,140

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

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Union Gospel Mission— Canned Fruit
Sleep in Heavenly Peace– normal sized twin bedding (pillow, pillow cases, sheet sets )
Hygiene Kits– hotel sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash
Community Nursery– 2T-5T clothes

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BAPTISM SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
3:00PM

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**LIZ’S UPDATE**

**Adult Discipleship/Worship**

It might seem crazy, but this week I want to spend some time talking about the upcoming season of Lent. Believe it or not, the beginning of Lent is only one month away. (Ash Wednesday is February 26.) Lent always has a way of sneaking up on me. After a busy Christmas season, I tend to get caught up enjoying the slower weeks of January, and suddenly…it’s Lent! This year, I decided to write about it now to give you enough time to consider if and how you might like to observe the season of Lent.

For those of you who might not know, Lent is the 6-week period leading up to Easter Sunday. You might say that Lent is the Easter equivalent of Advent at Christmas. It’s a time when we contemplate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You have probably heard of some people observing Lent with a fast of some sort. Others may observe Lent by doing a book study or meeting with a group of people to read through Scripture. And still others may decide to add particular actions (acts of kindness, daily silence and solitude, a prayer walk, etc.) to their schedules as a way to observe Lent.

At this point in the year, I simply want to encourage you to be prayerful and thoughtful about how God might be inviting you to observe Lent this year. There is no right or wrong way to observe Lent. The whole point of observance is to focus our attention on Jesus; His unfathomable love for us, His anguish-filled death, and His power-filled resurrection.

The job of Lent is to get us ready to celebrate Easter to the fullest extent! God is already stirring in my own heart regarding Lent. I invite you to consider what He may be stirring in yours too. We’ll chat more about this as Lent draws closer!

I had a lot of positive feedback about the new worship song on Sunday. Many of you talked to me about how the words resonated with something going on in your lives. It’s always incredibly humbling to be used by God like that. Thank you for the kind feedback, Community. We’ll be doing the song for the next 2 weeks to get it in our heads!

And lastly this week, I want to put a little plug in for The Spring Fling, which is the only fundraiser the senior high youth group does all year long. Doyle has done a phenomenal job with those kids and that event, and I know this year will be no exception. They’ll be raising money to help pay for summer camp, Rocky Mountain High, and a mission trip to Denver! Tickets will go on sale this Sunday for the event, which will be held March 7. If you’re free, I highly recommend that you reserve a few tickets and support the youth group!

Have a great week!

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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)
- Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law, Bruce (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)
- Audrey Landegents’ son, David (cancer)
- Matt Marcus’ dad (prostate cancer)
- Gary Parmley (surgery recovery)
- Kara Schouten (broken foot)
- Holli Jans’ dad, Milt (prostate cancer)

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

This week my article is all about camp. It may not feel like it outside, but camp season is just around the corner and now is the time to get kids signed up. Many kids from our church have had a great experience at camp and our church helps to pay for camp so that more kids can participate.

Our High School kids will have the opportunity to attend Camp Pickerel together at the end of June. If you’d like more information on that, talk with Doyle. It sounds like a great experience!

Many of our kids also attend Inspiration Hills Bible Camp. There is a display with brochures in the hallway at church or you can visit http://inspirationhills.org/summer-camp.html . This is a camp for children in grades 1-12. They also offer family and grandparent camps. Our church can pay half of the Early Registration (before April 12) fee at Inspiration Hills. (If your child is planning to attend another camp including Camp Judson, just check in with me and I can let you know the amount church is able to pay.) This year the theme is ABIDE. “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.” -John 15:4 Inspiration Hills offers: Daily Chapels, Daily Bible Studies & Devotions, 1 on 1 interaction with your counselor, TAWG time (Time Alone With God), Wednesday night Commitment Chapel, Large Group Games, Friday Final Chapel with all camps (parents invited), Low and/or High Ropes Challenge Course, Canoeing & Archery (limited to certain camps), OAT time (Open Activity Time), Tuesday-Thursday from 2pm-5pm to enjoy the many camp activities offered, Pool time & Slip-N-Slide, Canteen (Tuesday-Friday). Good Food! I’ve gotten to meet some of their staff and heard the testimony of students who attended and I really think it is a great place to go. Grades 1-4 can do Day Camp and grades 4 and older have many different options including Lodge Camp, Wilderness and some specialized camps like Saddle Up or Fishing for some age groups. If you have questions after checking out the web page, I’m happy to help!

With the new month also brings on a deadline for high school students. Rocky Mountain High is this summer and February 1st is the deadline for students to register so that I can get all our things set and ready to send by the 4th. If your student is planning on attending Rocky this year, please get registered. If you need help doing so, or have questions feel free to reach out!

February also brings about some new starts as we will begin selling tickets for our Spring Fling Fundraiser this month. Tickets will be available Sunday mornings before and after services and you can also find me in the middle or high school room on Wednesday nights between 6 and 6:40.

To finish up for this week, we had our skating night this past Sunday. We had a good turnout, and it was a beautiful day to be outside. There were several falls, but everyone was able to get back up and continue enjoying the fun!

That’s it for this week. Please let me know if you have any questions about the student ministries here at Community.

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Consistory Meeting
January 9, 2020
Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Attendance: Clyde, Tom, Mark, Jolene, Curt, Bob, Gerald, Dustin, Mike H., Matt W., Matt M., Russ, Nick, Chad M., Jim, Chad O., Michael D.

Dustin read a devotion on starting the New Year. He also shared several scriptures meant to encourage us. MSA of the minutes from December 2019 given by Chad M.

Old Business:
No new updates on Faith Ave.

New Business:
Liz reports:
*Mid-week continues to be a full and busy night at Community.
*The small group ministry has been going well.
*Because The Corner continues to be a place for people to connect, Liz will be putting together informational folder to hand out to new people, new members and visitors.
*The new digital keyboard is incredibly nice!

Doyle reports:
*High school and Middle school ministries have been going well, Doyle is still brainstorming on making Wednesday nights run as smoothly as possible.
*Plans are being made for the upcoming summer mission trips as well as planning for the Spring Fling which will be March 7th.
*Doyle has some ideas for summer middle school activities. For now he will be hosting a monthly event starting with ice skating and hot chocolate in January.

Heather reports:
*Sunday School attendance continues to be strong, especially with the older elementary kids.
*Summer planning is under way, including VBS and kids camps. The theme for VBS this summer is “Rocky Railway”, dates are July 19-22, 6:00pm.

Clyde read the Consistorial report. All statements were met with a resounding “YES”.

Clyde read the Dakota Classis Discernment Team letter and discussion followed. Both versions of the letters will be emailed to all consistory members.

MSA to adjourn.

Clyde closed with a time of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jolene Larson, Clerk
To our Community family,
Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness, your cards, and your amazing prayers during this time of Mom’s going to heaven. You hold us up so well.

Trudi & Dave Nelson

Thank you to all who donated money for the Angel Tree gifts this year or brought gifts for the Love Lexi Christmas Closet at the Sanford Castle! Lexi, Kara & Becca – Thank you for wrapping the Angel Tree gifts and helping in the coordination of this ministry!

Joy Circle would like to thank all who contributed to our new mission, Church on the Street. Because of your generosity we were able to pack many kits for distribution. These included: Canteen Kits filled with a selection of bags of nuts, beef sticks, cheese sticks, water/juice, pop tarts, and chicken/tuna salad with crackers. @ 80 kits were provided for the ministry. Street Ministry Kits which include a warm fleece blanket, men’s gloves, hand warmers, and hot cocoa packets. @ 25 kits were provided for the ministry. Thank you so much for your support of this Faith Community that provides love and support to those who struggle with poverty and homelessness.

We welcome these new members to Community!

Bob & Roma Visser
Alicia Helm & Doug Hoksbergen
Josh & Bridgett Gacke
Dan & Melissa Stephany

Saturday, March 7th
Don’t miss out on this fun event to raise money for Community’s H.S. Youth Group. Come for a delicious catered meal, dessert auction & game show!
Tickets go on sale this Sunday in the lobby!
Tickets are $25/ person.

It’s a Movie Night at Community to fundraise for travel supplies and costs for those going on the Haiti Mission Trip in March.

Concessions opens @ 5:45pm for those who would like to eat together as a family.

Movie at 6:30. Adult Movie in the Worship Center (Overcomer). Kid’s movie in children’s area or Fellowship hall (TBD), for ages 5-12. Nursery for 0-5 years old will also be provided.

Movie $10/adult, Kid’s Movie $5/family, Nursery Donation.

Concessions: Popcorn, hot dogs, candy & pop, D’s Nuts, water
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.

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.

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