

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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## PASTOR'S UPDATE

The last week of January! We are working our way through this winter. February is just around the corner now and I think I'm ready for the change of months. I keep hoping that we might get a spring this year. We haven't had one in so long. I know, we have lots of time yet before that is here, but I want to put my order in early. We have been doing our best to keep the parking lots and sidewalks in good working order, but it is a challenge. It seems like each Sunday morning there is something like that going on. The battle of winter. I always wonder how those folks who were in the "old days" could do it. They were a much different lot than we. One has to respect that kind of perseverance. There is probably a sermon in there somewhere!

I have talked to my mom this week and they have snow. I mean snow on snow. I do hope some of that melts just a bit before spring hits or they are going to have some serious flooding again. There are parts of the state that have lots of snow which makes things challenging for ranchers who have cattle and everyone else for that matter! She is doing well and has good neighbors with snowblowers. I like all of that!

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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!

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Feb. 2: 9:00am—**

Matt & Erin Weerheim  
Lyndee Kamrath  
Melissa Beek  
**11:00am—**  
Ryan & Emily VanDeraa

**Feb. 9: 9:00am—**

Logan & Chelsea Veurink  
Amy Smit  
Juanita Palsma  
**11:00am—**  
Brad & Katie Kennett

### THE LINK SCHEDULE

**Feb. 2: 9:00am—** Bruce Wentzel &  
Bonnie Overweg  
**11:00am—** Mike & Jolene  
Hilbrands

**Feb. 9: 9:00am—** Harlan & Judy  
Van Meeteren  
**11:00am—** Brian & Holli Jans

### COFFEE SCHEDULE

**Feb. 2:** Joel & Lisa Blankers  
**Feb. 9:** Steve & Becky Lee  
**Feb. 16:** Dick & Jeannette Jennings

### GREETER SCHEDULE

**Feb. 2:**

**9:00am—**  
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma  
Doug & Sharon Harms  
Chad & Diane McKee  
**11:00am—**  
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma  
Mark & Pat Koll

**Feb. 9:**

**9:00am—**  
Donna Humme  
Gerald & Deb Teunissen  
Daron & Sherri Van Beek  
**11:00am—**  
Donna Humme  
Al & Cherri Price



**BAPTISM SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
 3:00PM

**MOVIE NIGHT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
 6:30PM

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.

**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 (pillow, pillow cases, sheet sets )
- Hygiene Kits**– hotel sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash
- Community Nursery**– 2T-5T clothes

**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  
 6:45pm– K-8 Classes  
 7:00pm– Adult Classes  
 7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

**FINANCES**

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020

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

General YTD: .....\$51,518  
 Vision YTD: .....\$13,222  
 Vision Account Balance:\$131,140

**UPCOMING MINISTRIES**

**BOOK CLUBS**

The morning book club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 9 am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera on Foss Ave.

Ask for books at the library.

**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.

**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.

**HOPE CIRCLE**

Hope Circle will meet on February 18th at 7:00pm. Carol is hostess and Jerralynne has the lesson.

# 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!

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)
- 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!

## HEATHER'S UPDATE

# KIDS MINISTRY

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! If you sign your child up, please be sure to send me a quick email so I can add them to my list for prayer as well as take care of any payment.

See you soon!

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## DOYLE'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

It's the final Wednesday night of January which means we are wrapping up our series in both middle and high school this week. The middle school group has been going through a series called New Life which has been a lot of fun for me, and also a great reminder as we've been focusing on the hope of Christ in the past, the present and the future. This week we will finish by diving into our eternal hope through Christ. Meanwhile, the high school group has been in a series on the Power of Testimony. To wrap things up, we are going to be hearing from a student named Kelly as she shares her story about being led astray by friends, and the impact church had on her life following.

With the new month also brings on a deadline for high school students. Rocky Mountain High is this summer and February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for students to register so that I can get all our things set and ready to send by the 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 turn out, 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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# February 2020

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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2	3 7pm- Men's Bible Study 7pm- Quilting	4 7pm- AA	5 6pm- Soup Night 6:45pm- K-8 Classes 7pm- Adult Classes 7:30- H.S. Youth Group	6	7	8 Zam-Prayer ministry 10am-AA
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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

MSA of the financial reports for 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 an 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 7<sup>th</sup>

\*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

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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!

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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.

**Movie Night  
for  
Valentine's Day  
2.14.20**

Concessions open at 5:45pm  
Movie starts at 6:30pm

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



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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](mailto: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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