

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

It's another Monday and today the sun is shining. It's cold though and wow is the cold coming this week. We all know what 20 below feels like and that's not fun. It sounds like the weekend is going to be a dramatic change and back up into the 40's. I can do this cold when we get a break from it. We just have to get ready and get through it. So far it hasn't been too bad, but I'm sure on Wednesday morning we are all going to be chilled to the bone. It is really amazing that in South Dakota we can have summer temps at 110 degrees and then drop nearly 150 degrees in our winter. That is really something. See how flexible we are! Stay warm everyone!

There are a couple of meetings coming up on February 10. The softball meeting and then our Safe Family folks are going to be sharing as well. If any of those interest you, stop in for those meetings. Safe Families is our mission of the month as well. We will be highlighting them on that Sunday for everyone. That is a great ministry for folks to get involved in.

It is the cold and flu season as well so be praying for our little ones and their health. We only have a few weeks and spring will be coming. I am amazed at how quickly the months do go by. I think someone I know has a birthday in February. I don't know how excited he is about it. Where do the years go?

I wanted to take a little time to set up my sermons coming now for this new series with a little follow-up from Sunday's message. I have really been praying over this for some time and now I am very convinced to move us into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Not that we haven't done that in the

past, but I am going to pursue that with all of you. I am learning as well. It's not that I have all the answers yet, but rather that I am willing to share my heart's desire with you and then together workout this next part of our faith journey together. Again, let me just say that the first thing we as Christians should pursue is our love for our savior. That relationship is what changes these hearts we have within us. These broken hearts that need so much healing and so often so much softening. My concern is that Christian people get sidetracked or even confused. When I got off on my social justice "speech" on Sunday I was trying to make the point that if you take up any cause or any position without first loving Jesus...deeply with all your heart, what can come out is anger or even worse...hate. We see that in our culture now. We are the church. Jesus first...then our causes. Jesus first...then our ministry. Jesus first...then our opinion. I hope you can see my heart in this. Changed people...change people. I am looking forward to this new challenge.

Sunday is that first message in the series I am calling...Born Again! It will be the introduction to that series and our center piece story of Nicodemus! Who was he? What was he looking for? What was he searching for? What was the star that led him to Jesus? We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

February 3: 9:00am—

Nick & Abbie Langerock
Val Huber
Melissa Beek
11:00am—
Spencer & Rachel Larsen
Sage Larsen

February 10: 9:00am—

Bob & Katie Deelstra
Linda Zwart
Sue Harms
11:00am—
Grace & Joe Maciejewski
Leslie Cleveringa

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Feb. 3:

9:00am— Chad & Diane McKee
11:00am— Arlan Burggraaf

Feb. 10:

9:00am— Darren & Tracee Ellwein
11:00am— Tom & Robin Jacobs

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Feb. 3: Harvey & Karen Odens
Feb. 10: Steve & Becky Lee
Feb. 17: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

GREETER SCHEDULE

February 3

9:00am—
Donna Humme
Tom & Amy Bosch
Nic & LaDonna Frieborg
11:00am—
Donna Humme
Ken & Susan Vos

February 10

9:00am—
Rich & Carolyn Odens
Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
Den & Deb Meyer
11:00am—
Bert Roetman
Larry & Gloria Smyrak



SOFTBALL INFO MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
10:15am

Interested in playing softball this summer? Come to our informational meeting on Feb. 10th! All experience levels welcomed!

SAFE FAMILIES INFO MEETING

FEBRUARY 10
10:10AM

Wonder what it's like to be a host family for Safe Families? Here's your chance to ask questions and learn more about this ministry including other volunteer opportunities within Safe Families.



PROFESSION OF FAITH MEETING

FEBRUARY 10
7:00PM

For Middle School and High School Students and their Parents: We have an informational meeting scheduled for those of you interested in learning more about how Profession of Faith works here at Community. We'll have a meeting on Feb. 10 at 7pm to share information and answer questions .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, January 30
NO MIDWEEK DUE TO COLD WEATHER

Saturday, February 2
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am— Closed AA meeting

Sunday, February 3
10:10am- Sunday School

Monday, February 4
7:00pm— Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 5
7:00pm— AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 6
6:00pm— Pork Loin
7:00pm— Classes for all ages

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

The **morning book club** will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The View from Saturday* by Koningsburg.

The **evening book club** will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera on Foss Ave. We will be discussing *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Stein. **New participants welcome.** Book Club
Contact Trudi Nelson 371-3512

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

Every Tues at 7pm at Community— Open meeting. Use east door. Every Saturday at 10am Closed (Addicts/Alcoholics only) meeting.

HOPE CIRCLE

We'll will meet on Feb. 19 at 7:00pm. Jerralynne— host. Jeanie— lesson.

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries.

Safe Families— diapers (size 2 & up)/ wipes

LSS— Alarm clocks, light bulbs

Mission Haiti— hotel shampoos & soap

Union Gospel Mission— Regular Coffee

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Safe Families

FINANCES

Sunday, January 27, 2019

General:..... \$12,841
Vision: \$6,045
Missions:..... \$275
Wednesday night:..... \$149

General YTD: \$58,581
Vision YTD: \$39,346
Vision Account Balance: \$102,567

Adult Discipleship/Worship



By the time this newsletter is received, you will probably have been informed that we decided to cancel Mid-Week for this week because of the bitterly cold temperatures. That's always a challenging decision to make, but we all felt it was the wisest decision. We encourage people to stay safe and warm at home on Wednesday night rather than trying to make it to church.

For those of you who are in my class on Wednesday nights, here is how I'm intending to proceed:

I still plan to start chapter 1 of "Hearing God" on February 6. I've ordered a few more books because I sold all I had ordered, including the extra copies! (I'm hoping the books are here by Sunday, so if you ordered books, you can check with me then.) If you care about the answers to the 4 questions that we had left for "Just Ask," I will do a very short session from about 7:50-8:10 next week after our "Hearing God" discussion. That way, if you don't care about those answers, you can leave when we finish our "Hearing God" discussion for the night. And if you do care, you can stay and we will try to wrap it up

as fast as we can. 😊 I know this isn't ideal, but we're a little stuck! Perhaps this will create some thoughts about what class ideas and topics might be good for Mid-Week next year! I'm always open to suggestions!

For those who might be interested, Abbie and I are working on another Women's Retreat for the spring. And in fact, we are working out the details for other women's retreats we'd like to host during the rest of the year as well. We are hoping to have dates and topics published soon in order that you can plan ahead if you so desire. I'll be sure to keep you posted on that.

And lastly, don't forget about The Corner on Sunday mornings. The Corner is in the Northeast part of the sanctuary, and I'm always there from about 10:05-10:45 to answer questions and to help people find their place at Community. The Corner is a fantastic place to bring new people, but it's also intended for long-time attenders who might have questions about ministries or opportunities at church. We also have warm beverages and treats every week. 😊 If you've not stopped in to say hi, please do so!

Have a good week and stay warm out there!

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PRAYER REQUESTS



- **Pete Valentine** (pace maker surgery)
- **Natalie Baker** (seizure disorder)
- **Clayton Bierwagen** (heart)
- **Jodie Jensen** (cancer)
- **Chelle McMurrey's dad** (multiple myeloma)
- **Ellen Nelson** (chronic airway disease)
- **Lexi Valentine** (auto-immune disease) (surgery 12/18)
- **Jessica Vander Weide** (heart)
- **Lindsey Vander Weide** (heart)
- **Gloria Wierda**. Laura Maloney's mom (stage 4 breast cancer)
- **Joe Johnson** (cancer)
- **Sara Van Ruler's dad** (throat cancer)
- Lori Hein's mom, **Joan** (heart)
- Wade Persson's mom (cancer)
- **Randy Grotenhuis** (inflammation of the inner ear)
- **Al Hoogendoorn** (multiple health issues)
- **Jim Ludens** (radiation treatments)
- **Harriet Valentine** (breast cancer)
- **Junella Wesselink** (appendix surgery)
- **Duane** (Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's son-in-law)
- **Randy** (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn's son)
- **Olivia VanDerSloot**



Safe Families for Children is a movement fueled by compassion to keep children safe and families intact. We rely upon host families and a network of support, to open their arms, their hearts, and their homes. Community has recently become a part of this movement. Jamelee Van Donge & Robyn Niewenhuis are leading this new serving opportunity. If you have any questions or want to become involved contact them. Jamelee-360-5830 Robyn- 413-5667

Ways you can get involved:

- Be a Host Family**– Voluntarily host children in your home on a temporary basis
- Be a Family Friend**– Provide support to host families and families in need
- Be a Resource Friend**– Provide goods & services to families in need
- Be a Family Coach**– Help families in need reach their goals and provide encouragement to host families
- Donate**– Your financial support keeps children safe and families intact
- Pray**– pray for families in crisis, our volunteers, our staff and the movement.

There is also a Safe Families informational meeting on **SUNDAY, FEB. 10th at 10:15am in the fellowship hall** if you're interested in learning more.

Thanks Community for getting behind this great cause! Go Community Go!



Interested in learning more about this trip to Haiti? Email Jaron DeWit (jarondewit@gmail.com).

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MIDDLE SCHOOL TUBING EXTRAVAGANZA!!!

2-17-19 5:00-8:00PM

Great Bear Ski Valley
Bring \$10 (if possible)
We will provide dinner



February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7am-Prayer 10am-AA
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 7am-Prayer 10am-AA
10 10:10am- Softball meeting 10:10am- Safe Families meeting 7pm- Profession of	11 Noon- Senior Citizens @ E. Pizza Ranch 7pm- Men's Bible Study	12 7pm-- AA Meeting	13 9am- Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN Ave) 6pm- ham/cheesy pota-toes 7pm- Classes for all	14 7pm- Elders 8pm- Consistory	15	16 7am-Prayer 10am-AA
17 5pm- M.S. Tubing at Great Bear	18 7pm- Men's Bible Study	19 7pm-- AA Meeting 7pm- Hope Circle 7pm- Book Club (E. Panera)	20 6pm- BBQ 7pm- Classes for all ages	21	22 H.S. Red Carpet Night	23 7am-Prayer 10am-AA
24	25	26	27	28		
	7pm- Men's Bible Study	7pm-- AA Meeting	6pm- Chicken/taco salad 7pm- Classes for all ages			

Community Consistory

January 10, 2019

Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Attendance: Russ Robers, Doug Harms, Mike Boenga, Gerald Teunissen, Eric Van Donge, Nick Langerock, Jaron DeWit, Jim Fisher, Clyde Teel, Chad Odens, Chad McKee, Curt Zwart, Michael Dick, Jaron DeWitt, Bob Weerhiem, Pastor Clyde.

We waited for Chad McKee, but it was worth the wait. Costco was good to him. His devotion was also very good. It was on New Year's resolutions. I guess we all quit on January 12. So this is a reset.

MSA Minutes from our meeting in December.

Amended – this amount was also added to the 2019 budget.

MSA Finance statement for the month of December 2018. We had an amazing month.

It was moved toward \$110,000 on the first note.

Discussion about Sunday's congregational meeting.

Discussion on the street project coming in this calendar year. There is some great planning going on for that.

Filled out the Green sheet for Classis.

Jaron share about the upcoming mission trip to Haiti in May. There is a project that is being considered. More information will be coming to us as the time draws near. We are looking at a \$10000 for this mission project. VBS days there and home visits as well. Looking for 10 to 12 people to go. That is the goal.

Reports:

Liz and Heather did an outstanding job of filling us in on so many exiting things going on right now. There are a number of new classes and opportunities coming in the next months. Things are moving a good direction right now. Very healthy.

Seth Sundstrum will be coming in our March meeting to discuss things about the RCA.

Discussion our future. Questions to be answered. What will be the pressing need for our ministry and building needs. We are going to be looking more on this in the coming months.

Meeting next month 14 of February

MSA to adjourn.



HEATHER'S UPDATE



Hi Everyone!

It was another good week here at Community. The kids are learning and growing here at church but also at home and at school. It is amazing to think about the transformation that happens for them through the course of a year. It seems like this time of year I end up reflecting on that a little more. It seems cliché to say, "they grow so fast." However, they really do grow fast in many different ways. I encourage you to talk to the kids in your world about the growth you are noticing in them. Have you noticed God changing them from the inside out?

Here are some dates for you to plug into your calendars:

- For Middle School and High School Students and their Parents: We have an informational meeting scheduled for those of you interested in learning more about how Profession of Faith works here at Community. We'll have a meeting on Feb. 10 at 7pm to share that information and answer any questions.
- February 17- Middle School Youth Group Tubing
- February 22- High School Youth Group Red Carpet Night
- March 2- Spring Fling Youth Group Fund-raising Dinner
- April 13- 10am-noon- Rise Up Easter Event for Children and their Families
- July 28-31- evenings- Vacation Bible School: Roar! Life is wild. God is good.

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DOYLE'S UPDATE



Well it wasn't the start to the week I thought I would have. Instead of enjoying a night of games, food and fellowship with the high school students Sunday, I ended up catching the flu bug. Then Wednesday night is also canceled due to the weather. And while I am bummed that we won't be meeting I am glad to be able to stay in the warmth of our home. Makes me even more excited for the warmer weather ahead!

This week is still busy however as we have several things coming up! First, tickets for the Spring Fling will be available starting Sunday. There will be a booth out in the lobby during the morning. If you are free on March 2nd and would like to support the youth, come enjoy a nice meal, some entertainment and fun fellowship for the evening! The meal will start at 6 that Saturday. Childcare will be provided for those that need it!

Then February 22nd is our Red Carpet night for high school students. [We will meet at Minervas at 5:30 for a meal and then head back to the church for a movie following supper.](#) Students can RSVP to me by February 17th.

Finally, I have been working on putting together an in city mission trip for the students this year. While we often think mission trips involve getting out of the state, or out of the country; I believe there is a lot of amazing work to be done right here in/near our own home. We will be working with several organizations that Community supports throughout the year as we focus on serving our community and sharing our faith this spring. I am looking forward to this and am excited to serve alongside ministries here in Sioux Falls! [Dates will be June 5th - 8th so mark your calendars!](#)

So looking forward to this second semester! If there are any questions feel free to reach out anytime!

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service
MARCH 31

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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 of-
fice 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 par-
ents needs to be a member at
Community. **Next Baptism
Service: Sunday, March 31 @
3pm.**

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