

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

Our last newsletter was in the middle of December and now January is in full swing. It's a new year and all. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your friends and family. We were a busy bunch! We didn't get home because of weather related issues so we are going to have to get that done another way. Christmas at the Cathedral was a great experience again this year with the girls. It is a very nice program and one that touches a lot of lives. It is a great way for me personally to do Christmas. Singing in a choir is not work! I enjoy that. So far, the new year is moving along well. I know weather issues are a factor almost every week now. You never know what might be coming our way. So far...not too bad. We will keep you up to date as best we can. Do remember, our snow removal people are doing a great job out here. As a matter of fact, our parking lot and sidewalks are better than the city streets... at least most of the time. We will do our best when it snows!

Thanks for those who gave their time to do nursery for us on Christmas Eve. That was a very special gift you provided for a number of our families, and we heard from them. That was a gift. We will be doing that each year from now on. Also, putting the services at 3 and 5 seemed to be the right call. That divided up the numbers nearly perfectly which makes putting that all together work so much better. Liz and Abbie were both down that evening with their singing voices which made for a very different service, but all in all I think it went well.

We are getting back into Midweek once again. We had couple of weeks off and now we jump back into our "2nd Semester". It has all gone so very well. Lots of good classes and so many adults involved in the class time which is just a great thing for all of us. I still maintain that Midweek is still one of the best things we do around here.

There are a number of churches in town that have started this kind of family ministry because of what they see use doing. I guess we are trend setters. Good Job Community! However, we all know who really put this together. All Glory to God!

The annual Congregational meeting for the approval of this year's budget is this coming Sunday morning. We have all those important numbers finished up for you to see and approve. I say often how very impressed I am the diligence and skill we see as our board puts all this in motion. I know Lisa Blankers spends a lot of extra time with Deacons running over the numbers and refining the end product. It is a well-oiled machine. We have put a lot of time into all of this so hopefully it will all make sense to everyone who comes. We do know that the street bill is coming in future and we have put some good thought into as well. See you all on Sunday!

We are doing a new series now called "Surprised By The Divine". It will be a series that deals with how God works. How He often doesn't do things the way we expect. Jesus speaks to crowds so differently. His message is so unique! Some would say his message was "wrong". He would not follow the typical rhythm of the Jewish leaders. For that He will pay the ultimate price. The cross will become the symbol of God's reason for sending His Son! It was a complete "surprise" to everyone! I love surprises! Especially, this kind! This week we will talk about the team Jesus chose to follow him. The disciples of this controversial Rabbi. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Jan 12: 9:00am—

Nathan & Amber VanRoekel
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

11:00am-

Abbie Van Meeteren
Jordan Lipp
Mary Burggraaf

Jan 19: 9:00am—

Grant & Lesley Boltjes
Melissa Beek

11:00am-

Brad & Katie Kennett
Leslie Cleveringa

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Jan. 12: 9:00am— Daryl & Char DuBois
11:00am— Bill & Dar Keizer

Jan. 19: 9:00am— Angeline Lavin
11:00am— Angie Hageman

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Jan. 12: Steve & Becky Lee

Jan. 19: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

Jan. 26: Gerald & Deb Teunissen

GREETER SCHEDULE

Jan 12:

9:00am—

Gary & Connie Parmley
Brad & Janelle Ellis
Trent Kooima

11:00am—

Duane & Rhonda Niewenhuis
OPEN

Dec. 29

9:00am—

Jeris & Maylene VanZee
Doug & Sharon Harms
Ron & Jaunita Palsma

11:00am—

Donna Humme
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JAN. 12TH

10:10AM

This meeting will approve the 2020 budget.

SENIOR CITIZENS

MONDAY, JAN. 13TH

NOON

Join the Seniors at the eastside Pizza Ranch at Noon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 8

6:00pm- Italian Night
6:30pm- K-5 Singing
6:45pm- K-8 Classes
7:00pm- Adult Classes
7:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

Thursday, Jan. 9

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN)
7:00pm- Elders/ 8:00pm- Consistory

Saturday, Jan. 11

7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am- Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Jan. 12

10:10am- Sunday School
10:10am- Congregational Meeting

Monday, Jan. 13

Noon- Senior Citizen (E. Pizza Ranch)
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Jan. 14

7:00pm- AA Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 15

6:00pm- Breakfast for Supper
6:30pm- K-5 Singing
6:45pm- K-8 Classes
7:00pm- Adult Classes
7:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

FINANCES

Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019

General:.....\$12,121
Vision:\$24,225
Missions:\$45
Wed night:.....\$—
Faith Ave:\$—

General YTD: \$879,350
Vision YTD: \$222,674
Vision Account Balance:\$132,819

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera on Foss Ave. They will be discussing *Rebecca* by duMaurier.

The morning book club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing *Peace Like a River* by Enger

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 Jan. 13th 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.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on January 21st at 7:00. Hostess is Jerralynne. Lesson is Jeanie.

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. Please join us at the church at 12:00 Noon on January 13 to pack cot kits for Church on the Street.

Adult Discipleship/Worship

Happy New Year! It feels like it's been a long time since I've written a newsletter article, so, to really grab your attention for this first article of 2020, I've decided to write about a riveting topic that will grab everyone's attention and make it hard to stop reading: *knitting*. ☺ Please keep reading!!

One of the hobbies I enjoy from time to time is knitting. Please hear me out on this! ☺ Knitting is a lot like wood working and even building construction. (I know this because I have helped my dad and even Grandma Lucy build many different things: you know...like with wood and nails and screws and everything). So, even if you can't relate to knitting, you can think about any type of construction!

One of the things I like about knitting is that I can't finish it in a day. If you know me well, you know that I'm someone who likes to do tasks quickly. I'm extremely efficient (sometimes to a fault), and I like to find the fastest way to get things done. They need to be done correctly and with excellence, but they also need to be done fast. Well, knitting throws that right out the window. With knitting, I first have to read the instructions carefully. I have to make sure I understand every single stitch and action that will be required of me to execute the pattern. Next I have to painstakingly gather the *correct* supplies before I can even start! You can't just get any old yarn and any old knitting needles. You need the correct needle sizes and types, specific yarns, and other knitting notions. (See how much this is like building construction? The type of wood, the size of the screws, the yards of concrete...it all matters. And you have to know all of this before you ever lay a foundation!).

Then once I understand the process, and have everything I need, I can actually start knitting. And you know what? Knitting is SLOW. It is row by row, stitch by stitch. If you knit too quickly, you will surely make mistakes, and you'll have to pull the knitting out and start all over again. It can be incredibly frustrating! So why is knitting something I enjoy when it's so much work? Read on.

Knitting is a first-rate metaphor for my spiritual walk with Christ. Knitting reminds me that progress is often slow and can be frustrating – just like walking with Christ. Knitting shows me that sometimes I make mistakes and have to stop and start over – just like walking with Christ. Knitting reminds me that I don't know everything, and I often need the expertise and experience of others who have done it before to help me accomplish my goal – just like walking with Christ. But when everything goes as planned, and all of my hard work ends up in a beautiful finished project, it's the best feeling in the world, and it keeps me coming back for more – just like walking with Christ!

My point this morning is that I want to encourage you to keep "knitting" in 2020. No matter where you are in your "project," keep going. If you need to learn a new skill, take the time to learn it. If you need the help of a friend or mentor, make that call. If you need to pull out some stitches and start over, get to pulling. Remember that deep and meaningful spiritual growth requires a slow and steady type of obedience, but the rewards are magnificent. As we work our way through 2020, just keep knitting. ☺

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)
- **Bruce Heinen** (Laura Maloney's brother-in-law) 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)
- **David Landegent**, Audrey's son (cancer)
- **Dree Mayer** (shoulder surgery)
- Matt Marcus' dad (prostate issues)

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

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KIDS MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

We're back in the swing of things and it is great to see everyone again after a little break. I was spending a little time looking ahead in the 2020 calendar and I'm so excited for what's to come!

First, Midweek starts again this week. Even if you and/or your children have never come to Midweek, you can jump in any time. We have classes for adults too. The kids are learning about some bad days in the Bible and how God is always good. Our last week of Midweek is 4/1/20 which is the pizza and praise gathering.

Sunday School is going again as well and our last week of Sunday School is 5/3/20 with a week off on 4/12/20 for Easter. To kick off 2020, the 3 year olds and PreK kids are learning about the disciples and when Jesus was an adult walking around on earth. The K-2 kids start by talking about the Light of the World and jump into the life of Jesus. The 3-5 grade kids are talking about forgiveness. The Congregational Meeting is on 1/12/20 so if you are a Sunday School teacher and want to attend that, you will want to give a substitute a call.

It is kind of fun that in the midst of the cold and snow, I get to start planning for summer! The VBS theme is fun this year with trains and the Rockies. I love that the motto is, "through life's ups and downs, Jesus' power pulls us through. Toss those dates on your calendar if you are interested.

We'll do a kids camp again this summer as well. I don't have dates picked or know which ages we'll do this year but I'm leaning toward a patriotic theme with red, white and blue and some fun serving opportunities for kids. I'll keep you posted as we get closer.

See you soon!

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DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Here we are in a new year and there is so much I'm looking forward to for my family, the youth ministry here at Community, and for goals I've set in place for myself as well. While I often miss gathering together for midweek and Sunday school during break; as I plan for the new year it brings excitement and energy to kick things back off in January.

Our high school group has a lot coming up this summer with a mission trip to Denver in early June, camp Pickerel at the end of June and it is a Rocky Mountain High year which will take place at the end of July. So there is a lot for students to look forward to. Before we get to the summer, the high school group also has their Spring Fling fundraiser which will take place in March again this year (I'm really hoping for a little nicer weather than what last year brought us!) I am also putting together some ideas and will be having a meeting for the middle school students and parents to discuss some ideas for Spring and summer events. As I finalize the spring calendar and look ahead to summer as well, there will be several meetings over the next few months for upcoming trips in the high school, some retreat ideas to go through for the middle school and planning of our big Spring Fling fundraiser that will be happening in March.

The student ministry has truly been blessed with the support, care and love of this congregation and I am looking forward to all that is ahead for the ministry this year! If you have any questions regarding the student ministries here at Community, please feel free to send them my way anytime!

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OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020

Please pick up your offering envelopes at the table in the lobby.
If you do not see your envelope number or you would like to request 2020 offering envelopes, please sign up at The Link.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to these families for losing a loved one over the last few weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

Jim Halling lost his dad, Daryl

Cheryl Weerheim lost her mom, Tress

Marla Stoops lost her brother, Todd

Jen DuBois & Rebecca Mehrens lost their dad, Marlin

Junella Wesslink lost her husband, Bob

**WE NEED
YOUR INPUT**

Community is seeking input about father/daughter ministries. We are interested in any and all ideas. Suggestions can be written on the clipboard at the Link in the lobby.

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 (mattress cover, pillow, pillow cases, sheet sets or comforters)

Community Nursery– 2T-5T clothes

(used for kids if they spill or have an accident)

Hygiene Kits– hotel sized shampoo, condition, body wash

Congratulations

Congratulations to Megan Timmer-Stubbe and Jason Stubbe on the birth of their son, Justin Edward on December 23rd!

Mission Trip TO HAITI

MARCH 1-7, 2020
(DATES MAY CHANGE SLIGHTLY)



EXPERIENCE HAITIAN CULTURE &
DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PEOPLE IN
THE MISSION FIELD OF HAITI.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

VISIT THE ORPHANAGE, SCHOOLS, FAMILIES, AND
MAYBE EVEN THE BEACH!



FOR MORE INFO OR
TO BE ADDED TO THE
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VBS AT COMMUNITY JULY 19-22, 2020 6PM

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Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Permit No. 7119

January 8, 2020

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 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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