

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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## PASTOR'S UPDATE

It's Thanksgiving week and here comes the snow. We did have some very nice days in November and I did get to sit right out in the middle of many of them. I did get out and enjoy that...I was so in a good place with that. Thanks for the trip to Nebraska. It was an interesting trip to be sure and one that I wasn't expecting, but God's ways are not mine that is for sure. This snow that is coming will change the landscape. It's not our first snow, but still we know what's coming. Winter is just around the corner. I guess we can get ready for that. You never know that maybe after this week passes we might get another warm-up and enjoy a little more fall. I am hoping for that! Happy Thanksgiving everyone!!!

There will be some empty chairs in homes during the holidays for many of our members. Lots of them are going through difficult times as well. Say an extra prayer for them this week. Let us be the church for each other. Let us be grateful for all that we have. Let us be mindful of the struggle. Let us share in the bounty. God is good! Thanks Jesus!!!!

Lots of business things are being finished up for the new year. The new budget has been finalized and we will be meeting in December to approve that. As I have mentioned the team that does that work is very dedicated to getting it right and keep that high level of trust that we have all experienced for so many years. I know you are seeing that short fall each week in our present budget, but so much of that comes from the terrible month of March we had. Missing two Sundays and then just battling all those spring storms can put a dent in our budgeting. We will trust God with all of this. I believe we do what we are called to do. Do the Kingdom's work and God will bring about the rest. Pray it up folks!

I decided this morning to share a word of thanks about Doyle. Doyle has been doing different gatherings throughout the year with all of our students. I am so pleased with how he does his job. He lines up things, takes kids on mini retreats and gets it done with very little fanfare. He is about our kids. I love that! He invests his time and heart with them and that means whatever it takes he does. Thanks Doyle for making a difference. Right beside him is Abby. We are blessed to have this team. She, too, brings a great deal to our church and we are very blessed to have them both. Great job Burnsides!

The Christmas programs and choir concerts and coming together. Those folks and kids put a lot into this and we hope both of those events bring a little Christmas cheer to all of you. December is nearly here now, and Christmas is right in front of us. I love this season as you well know. I hope it is a season that communicates so much more than just lights, trees and sleigh bells. The Lamb is about to be born. Music is about to fill the air. The season is getting close now.

Sunday, we start a new series called "It's About Time". God will bring together all these characters to do for us what only he can do. His plan is unusual! His ways are not ours! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Dec. 1: 9:00am—**

Darren & Tracee Ellwein  
Nick & Abbie Langerock  
**11:00am-**  
Jason & Jamie VanSloten  
Zariah Sittig

**Dec. 8: 9:00am—**

Alex Anderson  
Kim Becker  
Bob & Katie Deelstra  
**11:00am-**  
Leslie Cleveringa  
Zach & Jordan Seefeldt

### THE LINK SCHEDULE

**Dec 1: 9:00am-** Gerald & Deb Teunissen  
**11:00am-** Karen Roetman

**Dec 8: 9:00am-** Angeline Lavin  
**11:00am-** Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

### COFFEE SCHEDULE

**Dec. 1:** Joel & Lisa Blankers  
**Dec. 8:** Joel & Lisa Blankers  
**Dec. 15:** Denny & Sue Brunsting

### GREETER SCHEDULE

**Dec. 1**

**9:00am-**  
Jean Nollmann  
Dennis & Helen Robinson  
Nic & LaDonna Frieberg  
**11:00am-**  
Jean Nollmann  
Dennis & Helen Robinson

**Dec. 8**

**9:00am-**  
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma  
Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg  
Chad & Diane McKee  
**11:00am-**  
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma  
Mark & Pat Koll



## MISSION OF THE MONTH

LUNCH IS SERVED

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27

7:00PM

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service. No midweek meal.

## KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH

4:00PM

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

SUNDAY, DEC. 15th

9:00AM & 11:00AM

NO 8:00am Service

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, Nov 27

7:00pm– Thanksgiving Eve Service

### Thursday & Friday, Nov 28 & 29

Office Closed

### Saturday, Nov 30

7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

10:00am– Closed AA meeting

### Sunday, Dec. 1

NO Sunday School

4:00pm– Choir

### Monday, Dec. 2

7:00pm– Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, Dec 3

7:00pm– AA

### Wednesday, Dec. 4

6:00pm– Midweek meal– Soup

6:30pm– K-5th grade singing

6:45pm– K-8th grade classes

7:00pm– Classes for adults

7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

## FINANCES

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019

General:.....	\$97,535
Vision: .....	\$3,905
Missions: .....	\$400
Wed. Night: .....	\$268
Sunday School:.....	\$20
Faith Ave. ....	\$1,000

General YTD:	\$785,896
Vision YTD:	\$180,678
Vision Account Balance:	\$105,831

## UPCOMING MINISTRIES

### BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet on **Thursday**, December 12, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. They will be discussing *Whose Waves These Are*.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, December 17, at 7 pm at the E. Panera Break. They will be discussing *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Robinson.

### AA BIG BOOK MEETING

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

### JOY CIRCLE

Christmas Party: MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 Fellowship Hall at Community

10:45 Cooking demonstration

12:00 Noon Lunch

Please sign up at the Link

**SENIOR CITIZENS:** Seniors will meet on Dec. 9th at Noon at the Eastside Pizza Ranch.

### FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will meet for their annual Christmas gathering on Monday, December 16, 11:30am at the All Day Cafe, 2101 W 41st Street. Please **RSVP by December 10** to Connie 275-0030. Hope you can join us.

### HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will hold its Christmas party on Dec. 17th at 6:15. Hostess is Helen.

# Adult Discipleship/Worship



As we enter Thanksgiving week, I want to remind you once again of the holiday schedule for activities at church.

November 27	Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm (No Mid-Week Activities)
December 4	Regular Mid-Week Activities
December 8	Children's Christmas Program 4:00pm
December 8	Adult Christmas Choir Final Rehearsal 6:30pm
December 11	Final Mid-Week for 2019
December 15	Adult Christmas Choir Concerts at 9:00 and 11:00 services
December 24	Christmas Eve Services at 3:00 and 5:00pm
January 8	Mid-Week Activities Resume

As I write my article on Monday morning, I've been keeping an eye on the weather app on my phone. I was hoping to be able to spend Thanksgiving with the Teel side of my family at a hunting lodge just north of O'Neill, NE. But if the forecasters are right, and the weather does what they say it will do, it looks like my family will be having a cozy Thanksgiving right here in Sioux Falls. No use worrying about it, right?

And no use making big plans or changes just yet either. As my sweet sister always says, "We can only react to what we know." So, I'll just patiently wait and see what the next 48 hours brings before we make decisions about our holiday. In the meantime, I find myself being very thankful for weather forecasters, science, and alternate plan possibilities!

I was doing a little study on the Greek and Hebrew definitions of the word "thanksgiving," and I came across a little nugget of information I'd like to share with you. In Hebrew, the definition of "thanksgiving" includes not just gratitude, but *acknowledgement*. I absolutely love that. It's so important not to simply voice our thanksgiving to God in acts of praise, but to *acknowledge* that God is the source of the things for which we are thankful. Acknowledgement intensifies our thankfulness. We are not just thankful for the gift. We can acknowledge and worship the Giver because of His goodness. I think this brings a depth to our thanksgiving that we might otherwise miss. I'm thankful for that!

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving, everyone!

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)
- **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)
- **Verle Valentine** (back)
- **Dree Mayer** (shoulder surgery)

## HEATHER'S UPDATE

# KIDS

# MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!  
Happy Thanksgiving!

- For K-8 kids in the Christmas Program, please remember to work on your lines this week since the next time we get together is our program day! Our program is on 12/8/19 at 4pm with K-5 kids arriving at 3pm. The 3 year olds and Preschool age kids come at 3:30 and have been doing their practicing during Sunday School.
- An important note regarding SING N' SPROUT: We're going to take a little break from the Sing N' Sprout class for the winter but keep an eye out for an announcement when we restart this spring.
- There is NO MIDWEEK this week 11/27. We'll see you at 7pm for the Thanksgiving Eve Service.
- There is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on 12/1/19 so that our Sunday School teachers can travel for Thanksgiving if desired.

Looking forward, we'll take some days off around Christmas as well to allow volunteers to be with their family: Dec. 18, 25, Jan 1-No Midweek & December 22, 29-No Sunday School  
See you soon!

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## DOYLE'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

It's hard to believe, but there are only two more Wednesday nights for youth group this year! This week, there is no Wednesday night youth group as Community hosts a Thanksgiving Eve service. Then December 11<sup>th</sup> is our last night together. The high school group will meet the following week, December 18<sup>th</sup>, for our Christmas party (as they high school group will be helping with the middle school group party on the 11<sup>th</sup>).

With Thanksgiving being so late this year, I've got a feeling that December is going to come and go extremely quickly! December 4<sup>th</sup> will be our last night of lessons as we wrap up the series we are in with both middle school and high school. The middle school has their last night of the "You Asked It" series we have been going through. There were so many questions that were asked, and I wasn't able to get to them all (some I passed over will come up later in the school year), but we were able to get through a lot. As we wrap up on Wednesday, the encouragement for students will be to continue to ask questions! Then, the high school group will be finishing the series we have been doing in "Abiding In Christ".

Our high school and middle school Christmas Parties will be on different days this year. The middle school group will wrap up with the rest of our Wednesday nights on December 11<sup>th</sup>. I will have a card to send home with them this next Wednesday and Sunday before with some details and things to bring. The high school group will actually be joining in as they will be helping with some of the activities that will be taking place! Then, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the high school will come together to celebrate with some Christmas cheer together as well!

Again, it's hard to believe 2019 is already coming to a close. As we finish this year alongside the business that can come with the holidays, please feel free to reach out with any questions or clarification needed on the youth ministry here at Community!

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# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 No Sunday School 4pm—Choir practice	2 7pm—Men's Bible Study 7pm—Quilting Group	3 7pm—AA	4 6pm—Meal—Soup 6:45pm—K-8 Classes 7pm—Adult Classes	5	6	7 7am—Prayer 10am—AA
8 10:10am— Sunday School 4pm—Kids Christmas Program 6:30pm—Choir Practice	9 10:45am—Joy Circle Noon—Senior Citizens @ E. Pizza Ranch 7pm—Men's Bible Study	10 7pm—AA	11 6pm—Meal—Taco 6:45pm—K-8 Classes 7pm—Adult Classes	12 9am—Book Club @ Bagel Boy on MN Ave. 7pm—Elders 8pm—Consistory	13	14 7am—Prayer 10am—AA
15 10:10am— Sunday School	16 11:30am—Faith Circle @ All Day Cafe 7pm—Men's Bible Study	17 6:15pm—Hope Circle 7pm—AA 7pm—Book Club @ E. Panera	18 No Midweek	19	20	21 7am—Prayer 10am—AA
22 No Sunday School	23 7pm—Men's Bible Study	24 3 & 5pm—Christmas Eve Services	25 Merry Christmas! No Midweek	26	27	28 7am—Prayer 10am—AA
29 No Sunday School	30 7pm—Men's Bible Study	31				

Consistory Meeting  
November 14, 2019  
Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

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

MSA of the minutes from October

MSA of the financial reports for October 2019 given by Chad M.

**Old Business:**

Bob gave us a school/road construction update. We will be tying into the city sewer in the next 2 weeks. The plan is to fill the septic tank with sand rather than trying to remove it.

**New Business:**

Liz and Heather submitted their reports.

\*Mid-week and The Corner are going strong. Choir continues to rehearse and Liz will be participating in Christmas at the Cathedral again this year.

\*Community Kids & Youth have been packing shoeboxes, practicing for their Christmas program, and fellowshiping with an escape room and corn maze!

MSA of the 2020 Community Reformed Church Employee Benefit Plan

Care team report was shared.

The new round tables and middle school chairs are here.

Ideas were shared for new Missions of the Month.

Clyde handed out a project for the deacons to work on regarding budget operation.

Next Meeting: December 12, 2019.

MSA to adjourn.

Clyde closed with a time of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jolene Larson, Clerk



## NEW QUILTING GROUP

Interested in quilting? There's a new group you may want to check out! Join us on:  
Monday, Dec. 2nd @ church  
7:00pm

All skill levels welcomed! Contact Trudi Nelson if you have questions. [trudinelson@sio.midco.net](mailto:trudinelson@sio.midco.net)

## THE GIVE

THE GIVE wall in the lobby is a place to donate to local ministries.

**Union Gospel Mission**– caps, scarves & gloves

**Child Protection Services**– stuffed animals & blankets

**Community Nursery**– 2T-5T clothes  
(used for kids if they spill or have an accident)

**Lexi's Christmas Closet**– books, toys, electronics & gift items (items given to children/parents that in the hospital over the holidays)



We welcome Tanner & Jessica Daale. They have transferred to Community with their two children. The Daales live in Sioux Falls where Tanner works for DRG Mechanical and Jessica is a chiropractor . They attend the 9am service.

Also, transferring to Community is Ryan & Nicole Velgersdyk. They also lived in Sioux Falls with their two children, Evelyn & Patrick. Ryan is a graphic designer and Nicole is a mental health therapist. You will see the Velgersdyk at the 9am service.

Give a welcome to both of these families!

# VOLUNTEER DRIVER

Volunteer Drivers Needed at Hope Haven International Ministries. They need drivers to go from Sioux Falls to various sites within 2 hours to drop off and pick up wheelchairs that need refurbished along with delivering parts for the wheelchairs. Also available, long distance trips to haul pediatric wheelchairs.

Interested in finding out more?  
Contact Luke Russell (Manager at Hope Haven International Ministries)  
507-215-0004



### TREE MOVERS

Volunteers needed to move the Christmas trees from the garage to the worship center after the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, Nov. 27th. Contact Joel Blankers if you can help 366-7826.

### CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING HELP NEEDED NOVEMBER 29TH @ NOON

We have ornaments and hooks - but now we need help getting the ornaments on the eight trees that will be assembled in the sanctuary.  
If you have time to hang a few or more, please give Brenda Thornton a call @ 605.484.3142.

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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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