

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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## PASTOR'S UPDATE

Winter is leaving its mark on us now! It was cold this morning coming out to the church. I believe the week ahead is supposed to be a little chilly so, bundle up everyone! I was so glad that we were able to get a good morning for church in and get that kids Christmas program done before this weather change came. It is that time of year when one has to keep an eye on the weather systems when planning events. Winter is really here! However, the shortest day of the year is not too far away now and then the sun starts back the other way. More sunshine! See, there is a silver lining in all of this. 'Tis The Season!

Good job kids! The Christmas program is now history for another year. We had a packed house on Sunday afternoon for the kid's program. Once again, I want to thank all the adults who put in so much energy to make all that happen. I couldn't possibly know who you all are, but I know it takes a lot of people behind the scenes to make it work. Heather did a great job putting all those things together, but she would be the first to thanks to everyone who stepped up and did so much. Aric and Doug Harms...such great people...such a great job of herding the little ones! Christmas is here! 'Tis the Season!

The choir is rehearsed! Their concert is on Sunday! It is a little smaller group this year, but they are doing a great job! When the choir is smaller it really puts more pressure on each of the singers to bring their best...and they have. It has been a full season for all of them and they have stepped up to the challenge. Choir...you are doing just fine. You'll do great on Sunday! We have a message to share, and we are going to do that! I am humbled each year by the dedication of that group of people. I'm so proud of your diligence with all of this as your

efforts will bring so much to so many next Sunday. The work we do is far more than singing. It is why I love music so much. Sunday morning...bring it! Invite a friend everyone and join us for a Christmas Celebration!

I am still looking for help in the nursery for Christmas Eve. I am going to be getting much more focused on that in the coming days. High School students...you are welcome to help as well. I think this is a great way to give families an opportunity to join us and not be distracted by little ones who have a hard time sitting that long...and the room is dark which is extra challenging. We want to provide an option, so you will be free to come. Let me know if you can help!

January 5<sup>th</sup> has been set to approve the 2020 budget. I have looked over the proposal and what I see is the result of lots of hard work and thoughtful consideration of everything we do here. Putting this all together is no small task anymore. I know next year's totals are only a slight increase from this past year. It wasn't even a full percent higher. This is amazing folks. I hope you all can appreciate the careful/prayerful work that goes into the process. We want to be about Kingdom work first and foremost. God will bless that every single time! Good job everyone!

Sunday morning is the choir's day to bring the message. We are all going to sing the songs of the season. Music and Christmas...there is something right about that! The series will continue as we talk about God and time. There will be a message! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Dec. 15: 9:00am—**

Nick & Abbie Langerock  
Linda Zwart  
**11:00am-**  
Josephine Bonnema  
Brent & Sue Dekker

**Dec. 22: 9:00am—**

Grant & Lesley Boltjes  
Mike & Angie Boyenga  
**11:00am-**  
Sean & Kelli Fantroy  
Michael Dick

## THE LINK SCHEDULE

**Dec 15: 9:00am-** Bob & Lori Hein

**11:00am-** Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

**Dec 22: 9:00am-** Dick & Jeannette  
Jennings

**11:00am-** OPEN

## COFFEE SCHEDULE

**Dec. 15:** Denny & Sue Brunsting

**Dec. 22:** Steve & Becky Lee

**Dec. 29:** Dick & Jeannette Jennings

## GREETER SCHEDULE

**Dec. 15**

**9:00am-**

Donna Humme  
Wade & Diane Friese  
Galen & Mavis Schoffelman

**11:00am-**

Donna Humme  
Al & Sherri Price

**Dec. 22**

**9:00am-**

Denny & Helen Robinson  
Dave & Trish Mayer  
Ken & Deb Meyer

**11:00am-**

Bert Roetman  
Myron & Kathy Garrels



## CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT

SUNDAY, DEC. 15th  
9:00AM & 11:00AM  
NO 8:00am Service

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

TUESDAY, DEC. 24  
3:00PM & 5:00PM  
Childcare will be provided.

## OFFICE HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

Church office will be closed Dec. 24-26.  
Merry Christmas!

## **(NEW)** CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JAN. 5TH  
10:10AM  
This meeting will approve the 2020 budget.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, Dec. 11

6:00pm- Midweek meal- Tacos  
6:30pm- K-5th grade singing  
6:45pm- K-8th grade classes  
7:00pm- Classes for adults  
7:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

### Thursday, Dec. 12

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

### Saturday, Dec 14

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

### Sunday, Dec. 15

9:00am & 11:00am- Choir Concert  
10:10am-Sunday School

### Monday, Dec. 16

11:30am- Faith Circle (All Day Café)  
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm- Quilting Group

### Tuesday, Dec 17

6:15pm- Hope Circle  
7:00pm- AA  
7:00pm- Book Club (E. Panera)

### Wednesday, Dec. 18

No Midweek

## 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.

**SENIOR CITIZENS:** Seniors will meet on Jan. 13th 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.

### MISSION OF THE MONTH

LUNCH IS SERVED

## FINANCES

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019

General:..... \$35,968  
Vision: ..... \$7,290  
Missions: ..... \$1,185  
Wed night:..... \$348  
Faith Ave: ..... \$1,852

General YTD: ..... \$828,997  
Vision YTD: ..... \$190,273  
Vision Account Balance: \$107,811

## LIZ'S UPDATE

# Adult Discipleship/Worship



Once again, here is the list for the most recent upcoming events at church.

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| 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                                |

I'd like to put in a little plug for the upcoming choir concerts this Sunday. Every year these people work so hard on very challenging choral literature to bring a concert to the church in the hopes that it will help draw people closer to God and to each other during the advent season, and this year has been no exception. The choir is a bit smaller this year, but the singers have worked just as hard as ever! And they are doing a tremendous job with some really hard music. I'm really proud of the work they've done, and I'm also really thankful that they have been willing to give of their time and talents to make this happen. The concerts will be held this Sunday at both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. If you've ever considered inviting a friend to church, this would be an excellent Sunday to do so. We'll be singing Christmas carols before and after the choir sings, and it is simply a Sunday filled with all of the traditional things that make Christmas feel like Christmas.

I hope you'll all make plans to attend so we can fill the church with the sounds of voices praising God for sending His Son to earth!

And since I'm talking about choir, there's one other thing I'd like to mention. After the first of the year, I will send out a short survey to current and former choir members regarding rehearsal times, music, the commitment, and other things. If you have ever been a part of the church choir, and you'd be willing to take this survey, please email me at [Liz.Teel@communityrc.org](mailto:Liz.Teel@communityrc.org). Since choir is a more official part of my job at church, I'd like to gather some good information and organize the choir members a bit better for the future. 😊 All input will be welcome, so again, if you are willing to take the survey, please email me.

And lastly this week, I'd like to say a huge congratulations to Heather DeWit on a successful Children's Christmas program! I know how hard she worked to make this show a success, and I think we can safely say it all turned out beautifully! We laughed, we learned, and we were entertained. Well done, Heather! Now take a much deserved nap! 😊

Have a great week!  
Liz

## 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)
- **Beth Halverson** (3 year old who experienced seizures)
- **Mackenzie Daale** (child in PICU for RSV)

## HEATHER'S UPDATE

# KIDS MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

The kids had their Christmas Program on Sunday afternoon and I am so, so very proud of them! The 3 year old and PreK kids sang with Doug, Eric and Cheryl and I really think they were the loudest they've ever been! Their enthusiasm and joy certainly made my world a little brighter! I am so thankful to Doug and Eric and Cheryl for singing with them each week year round and preparing for the program. They do such a great job and the kids love them!

The older kids really shined as well! I was so proud of them. The program was really challenging and they rose to the occasion! Randi V was so kind to help by providing her musical expertise. I couldn't have done it without her! I forgot to say thanks on Sunday but my husband, Jaron, and daughter, Mickila, were back running the sound and screen and they came to every practice! Abby Hageman was also a life saver this year, helping to give the kids their cues, helping with crowd control, helping with props and just being awesome. Cathy Keith made the camel! The rest of the staff here at church were so helpful as well! Many, many parents and volunteers helped in addition to these folks! I'm also thankful for the parents who brought their kids to all of the practices and helped them find the perfect costumes! If you didn't get a chance to watch, check it out online. The kids brought us some laughs and a great message. We noticed that the adults found some of our tunes to be pretty familiar.

Coming Up: 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 . On January 5 there will be a Congregational Meeting. Sunday School teachers, if you want to attend that meeting, please feel free to use a sub or check in with me to have your class covered.

**Parents of third graders**, your child's Sunday School teachers have asked if you could please help them remember their Bibles this week (and every week.) They are hoping to use them on Sunday in particular!  
See you soon!

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## DOYLE'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

We are at the end of the year for the youth ministry which means it's time for some Christmas parties! Liz's point this last Sunday did have me pondering the advent season and waiting. That may be something we look at doing next year, but as I've already hyped up the party and sent things out we are going to stick with it!

The middle school will have their party this Wednesday and the high school group is going to be helping out with the event. We will be having some fun minute to win it challenges, Christmas goodies, and a Christmas sock exchange! It should be a great time as we end this year celebrating the season together.

The high school group will come together one more week and on Wednesday Dec. 18th we will gather from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at church. We will have supper, a white elephant exchange and some fun celebrating together.

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the year! It also means there are several things to be looking forward to in regards to planning. I'll highlight those next week! If you have any questions regarding the youth ministry, feel free to send them my way anytime!

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## NEW QUILTING GROUP

Interested in quilting? There's a new group you may want to check out! All skill levels welcomed! **Meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00pm at church.** Contact Trudi Nelson if you want to get involved. [trudinelson@sio.midco.net](mailto:trudinelson@sio.midco.net)

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.

# CHRISTMAS EVE NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Give back to families this Christmas! Volunteer in the church nursery for one or both Christmas Eve Services (3:00pm & 5:00pm). Contact Pastor Clyde ([pastor@communityrc.org](mailto:pastor@communityrc.org)) or Holli ([connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org)) to sign up.

**THIS CHRISTMAS**  
**HELP US BRING SMILES TO CHILDREN SPENDING THE HOLIDAYS IN THE HOSPITAL**  
**BRING GIFTS TO "THE GIVE" IN THE LOBBY**

## DONATIONS NEEDED

This year for Angel Tree, Community is sponsoring 3 families! We'd love to give these families food trays for the Christmas season so we're looking for donations of food (cheese, crackers, fruits, cookies, etc) to be brought to the church by 1:00pm on Wed. Dec. 18th.

Also if you love wrapping gifts, we could use an extra hand on Wed. Dec. 18th from 1-4pm at church.

### 2019 Holiday Wish List for Lexi's Christmas Closet

#### Infant/Todder

- Wub-A-Nubs
- Hardcover books
- Infant rattles, links
- Infant musical toys
- Infant clothing
- Bath Toys

#### School Age

- Lego Sets
- Playdoh packs
- Trains, tractors, matchbox cars
- Crayola Coloring Sets
- Board Games
- Barbies
- Fisher Price Medical Kits

#### Teen/ Adults

- Gift cards (gas, restaurant, retail, groceries, Visa/MasterCard)
- Adult coloring books
- Cellphone accessories, ear buds, speakers
- Sports caps or clothing
- Activity kits (cars, jewelry, science, etc.)
- Card Games

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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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