



December 13, 2017

# COMMUNITY

## Pastor's Update

December is now nearly half over. It will be Christmas day before we know it and I have lots of shopping to get done before that day gets here. I have to do a little decorating in my house as well. I'm not very quick to get that done it seems. I don't mind, it's just that there are so many other things that take all of my time. It was nice to see the weather relax a bit and give us a break from those sub-zero wind chills. I wasn't ready for that. I know it's winter, but I would rather break into it gradually if we could. It has been so nice to get all the activities of the season finished with such nice weather. That was a true blessing. I hope you are all making wonderful plans for the rest of the Christmas season. I know there are lots of things going on in the next few weeks. December is a fast moving month.

I want to take time to thank the choir for their performance on Sunday morning. It truly was one of the finest concerts we have done. The music this year was challenging and they worked so hard to make it special. I loved every part of it. Joel Blankers did so much behind the scenes work for all of that that I just have to mention him in my newsletter this week. Joel for all the extra building and adjusting, we thank for a job well done. Our musicians Liz and Rhonda. Our guest soloist Jeffrey Paul. Our guest composer/conductor Dan Goeller. It was a wonderful day of Christmas celebration and that is exactly what we want it to be. If you get a chance this week watch the end of the 11am service. Dan Goeller who directed and composed the final "Community Commissioned" piece shared some very kind words to our church. If you were there at 9am, you missed that. I would encourage you to listen. It is a special word for us. Thanks every-

one for such a great day!

The open house on Saturday afternoon was a big hit. We had a great turnout with some fun pictures and such a great cross-section of our church in attendance. It was a time to recognize the contribution so many have made over the course of these 60 years to have what we all get to enjoy. Abbie had the idea and she ran with it. I thought it was a great success. Thanks to everyone for stopping by. Community is a pretty special place and when we do things like that it shows up. Good job everyone!

Christmas Eve is coming. That will be a busy day. Let me just remind everyone again what is being planned for that. We are going to try to do one "regular" service that morning at 10am. Note the time change. Then the special candle light communion services will be at 4pm and 6pm. It will be busy day for sure. I know it will be memorable. I love Christmas! I think you all know that!

Sunday it's time to preach again and we need to get back to Joseph and his journey. This week we are going to look at how God was moving in Joseph's life to give Joseph the word he needed to keep moving forward in the crazy calling. He is being asked to make an amazing sacrifice himself. His entire life is going to change when he says yes to God. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION-2017 Donations

Please note that due to IRS regulations on charitable contributions, the church will not be able to accept any 2017 donations after December 31. Please make sure everything is to the deacons by 11:15am on Sunday, December 31.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

### December 17: 9:00am—

Keith, Laura & Emma Maloney  
Sue Harms

### 11:00am—

Arlan & Mary Burggraaf  
Jordan Lipp

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### December 31:: 9:00am—

Eric & Jamelle Van Donge  
Amy & Owen Van Es

### 11:00am—

Abbie & Tanner Van Meeteren  
Kristi Olson

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## COFFEE SCHEDULE

Dec. 17: Joel & Lisa Blankers

Dec. 24: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

Dec. 31: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

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## THE LINK SCHEDULE

### Dec 17

9:00am— Stan & Elaine Deelstra

11:00am— Darren & Tracee Ellwein

### Dec 24

10:00am— Brian & Holli Jans

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## GREETER SCHEDULE

### December 17:

9:00am— Carl Tonjes, Dave & Trish  
Mayer, Lyle & Wilma Drenth

11:00am— Carl Tonjes, Larry & Gloria  
Smyrak, Ross & Jolene Larson

### December 24:

10:00am— Dan & Kathy Carlson,  
Wade & Diane Friese, Doug &  
Sharon Harms

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## December Mission of the month is

### Bethany Christian Services— Safe Families for Children program

- 1) Keep children safe during a family crisis such as homelessness, hospitalization or domestic violence in an effort to prevent child abuse or neglect.
- 2) Support and stabilize families in crisis by surrounding them with caring, compassionate community.
- 3) Reunite families and reduce the number of children entering the child welfare system.

## COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

**Morning Book Club** will be meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 9am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *The Language of Flowers* by Diffenbaugh.

**Evening Book Club** will be meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7pm at the Panera on E. 10th St. We will be discussing *The Rosie Project* by Simsion.

**Both book clubs welcome new participants.** Contact Trudi Nelson at 371-3512 for more information.

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**Joy Circle—** Christmas Party at CJ Callawyas on Dec. 18th @ 11:30am. Sign up the The Link by Dec. 10th.

**Faith Circle** will be going to Minervas on Monday, Dec. 18th at 1pm. Call: Audrey at 605-371-1282 by Dec. 11.

**Hope Circle** meets on Dec. 19th at 6:30pm at Helen's house.

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**The Union Gospel love** gift for December is money for the Christmas Day meal. Please make the check payable to church and designate Union Gospel Mission in the memo.

# Prayer REQUESTS

**Join us for a time of prayer on Saturdays from 7am-8am at church.**

- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Pete Valentine
- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurrey's dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Susan Payne (cancer)
- Ryan Kortemeyer's grandma
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Susan Bierwagen (chronic hives)
- Ember
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
- Annetta Wiese
- William VamBram's wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Troy Hartman (prostate cancer)
- Marilyn Bosch's mom, Vivian
- Cleone Groen (leg surgery)

Congratulations to Jaron Ziegler & Hope Tuttle on the birth of their son, Corvo Orion. Grandparents are Steve & Darcy Barrett.

# Liz's Update

I'm sure that my dad is going to write about this too, **but the choir did an incredible job on Sunday morning!** Thank you to everyone who came out to listen. A choir concert is pretty hard to accomplish without listeners. 😊 So thank you for inviting friends and family to listen to that music! Choir, you all worked so hard, and you exceeded my expectations for how everything might go on Sunday morning! Thank you for being willing to work so diligently week after week on music that was especially challenging. And thank you for bringing that hard work and focus to both concerts on Sunday morning. Thanks to Rhonda for being willing to play those 4-hand piano parts with me! And thanks to Joel Blankers for building the extra pieces so we could extend our risers safely for our large number of singers! It was a wonderful morning, and I'm still feeling the giddy buzz from our time of worship. Well done, all!

**Last week's Youth Group Christmas party at my house was a hit as well.** There were just over 30 of us filling the nooks and crannies of my house, and we had an entertaining time! The kids ate nearly all the food I made, and the gift exchange was also a great time. And for those of you who know, I recently got a kitten, whom I named Kenny. Kenny is 6 months old, and he was a trooper with all those kids in the house! Wherever we went, he went with us. And he never once hid under a bed. Of course, the kids spoiled him, so I don't blame him for not wanting to hide! Anyway, it was a great night! Thanks for praying us up!

I would also like to say a special thanks to everyone who came out to the **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House!** It was awesome to have over 200 folks from Community come to the church to enjoy some cake and punch and to celebrate what has happened over the last 60 years. I also want to thank my sister, Abbie Coffey for all of her hard work and planning of this party. The open house was her idea, and she carried her vision through to beautiful completion. Thanks, Abbie! And thanks, Community!

And now as we head into our **homestretch of Christmas activities**, here are the dates to remember:

Wednesday, December 13  
Sunday, December 24 10:00  
Sunday, December 24 4:00 and 6:00pm

Last night of Mid-Week until 2018  
Morning Church Service  
Christmas Eve Communion Services

That's it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz  
youthpastor@communityrc.org



We are looking for anyone who is interested in working the nursery at 10:00 am, 4:00 or 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve.

Please contact Sheri at 605-261-2153 if you are interested in helping out.

# KANSAS CITY MISSIONAL JOURNEY ROAD TRIP 2018

## **DATE:**

Depart MARCH 29, 2018 -approximately 3pm

Return APRIL 1, 2018, approximately 10pm

**GROUP SIZE:** 40 Maximum

If you are interested in any way, it is important to sign up now.

Signup deadline is January 3, 2018

Those getting preference to attend will be those who sign-up.

It is a first-come, first-served mission journey opportunity for high school youth, then their parents, then general adults.

Number of adults that can attend will be based on our youth number on the commitment date.

Sign up at The Link, the KC table, or contact Rhonda at 605.310.5120, or Lisa at

605.728.6660.

## **ITINERARY:**

Random Acts of Kindness during travel to and from mission site.

Acts will be identified and arranged by final group.

Partner at Mission Site, directed by Youthfront!

## **COMMITMENT DATE:**

January 3, 2018

## **COST:**

\$150 per person at the mission site, which includes lodging, meals, and service involvement at mission site.

Transportation, travel meals and random acts cost to be determined by number of participants.

Partial scholarships are available from church.

## **FUNDRAISING:**

Midweek BBQ January 17, 2018 - All participants are encouraged to help and serve!

Other opportunities to be determined, as necessary.

**SITE INFORMATION:** Argentine, Kansas City, Kansas

"Youth missional journeys (YMJ's) are trips in the sense that we're about seeking conversion.

But each week is different and we're not always learn whom and how they're being saved. We

don't assume that our friends in our under-resourced neighborhoods are the ones with all the

problems (spiritually, economically, culturally or otherwise) and that we have the answers. So,

YMJ's are not mission trips in the sense that outsiders come in to help and save others in poor

neighborhoods. Rather, it's about recognizing that the privilege of some and the poverty of

others are connected to each other through complex histories and injustices.

Through YMJ's, we help to unpack that complexity so that we can better understand one

another and reveal the poverty (spiritual, relational, etc.) and gifts in each one of us. That

makes YMJs just as much of a camp or a school for formation, as much as they are mission

trips because we approach them with postures of learners rather than teachers. It's from this

place of recognizing our mutual brokenness that we can truly help one another, We look

towards Jesus Christ together as the one who saves all of us and who refurbishes us with an

imagination for life in our world as it was truly meant to be."



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## Can you help?

We need some teachers for Midweek at 7pm– 4/5 graders

- 1/10/2018 service
- 1/17/2018 cooking
- 1/31/2018 art
- 2/21/2018 science

# What's Happening @ Community

**Wednesday, December 13**

9:00am– Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN)  
 6:00pm– Midweek meal– BBQ  
 7:00pm– Classes for all ages

**Saturday, December 16**

7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

**Sunday, December 17**

10:10am– Sunday School  
 10:10am– Adult Sunday School (Chapel)

**Monday, December 18**

11:30am– Joy Circle @ Callaways  
 1:00pm– Faith Circle @ Minervas  
 7:00pm– Men's Bible Study  
 7:00pm– Full consistory

**Tuesday, December 19**

6:30pm– Hope Circle

**Wednesday, December 20**

NO MIDWEEK

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10:00am Combined Sunday Morning Service  
 4:00 & 6:00pm Christmas Eve Services

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**Finances at a Glance:  
 December 10, 2017**

General:..... \$12,563  
 2017 Weekly Goal:..... \$15,033  
 Ahead/(Behind):..... \$(2,469)  
 Vision: ..... \$2,752  
 Missions: .....\$395  
 Wed. Night: .....\$358  
 Sunday School:.....\$7

**YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 12/10/17**

Year-To-Date Offering: \$751,123  
 Year-To-Date Goal: \$751,654  
 Ahead (Behind): \$(531)  
 Year-To-Date Vision: \$341,016

Vision Account Balance: \$189,948



**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS**

**SCAVENGER HUNT**

Wednesday, Dec. 27th  
 6:30pm

Meet at church and we'll send you on a scavenger hunt around Sioux Falls to complete acts of kindness.  
 Fun for all ages! \$40/ carload.  
 Sign up at The Link or email connect@communityrc.org.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday, January 7th  
 10:10am

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**No Midweek Meal  
 & Classes**

Dec. 20 & 27

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**christmasgiving**

Lexi Valentine is collecting gifts for the Sanford Children's Hospital and NICU through December 17th. Gifts are available for children in the NICU and Castle during the holidays.

Any kind of toy, any size new clothing, books, make-up, hair care, etc... Are appreciated.  
 For a more complete list, they can contact Lexi at 376-4989.

Please drop off your gifts at the church office.

**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, January 21 @ 3pm.**

## Community Reformed Church

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## STAFF:

### Health Concerns / Congregational Needs

All needs should be called into the church. Leave a request with the office or on the office Voice Mail. For prayerline, please contact Susan Bierwagen, 331-3996 or John Thornton, 331-3028 ([prayerline@communityrc.org](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)). For emergencies during non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde or the elder on call.

Dec. 10—Pete Mellema  
Dec. 17— Gerald Teunissen

**Join us for worship at 8am, 9am or 11:00am.**  
**Deaf Interpreting available at 9am service. Check us out on**  
**the web: [www.communityrc.org](http://www.communityrc.org) or like our Facebook page!**



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