

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

I sure have enjoyed this November like weather in December. It has been a very nice relief from all the cold and winter we were having earlier. It does make things so much easier for us. Getting around for all the Christmas activities is much better when the weather is like this. I have been hearing that we are going to maybe have a brown Christmas this year, although that can change in a heartbeat. I'm ok with brown! I hope you are all getting to do some fun things this year during this season of celebration. Families and friends and all the things we get to do can be so life-giving. Enjoy!

I did have a busy week last week and as I was saying on Sunday, I had to buckle down a bit because I caught a nasty little bug that just kept poking away at my voice. It was still a good time with my girls to do some singing together. I do enjoy all that and I am so glad that you all let me do that. It is a wonderful gift I get to share. I will also tell you that it is not a bad way for people to get to know us out here either because I get to meet so many new faces and have lots of good conversations. God is using all these things to spread a good word. The church is bigger than just these walls on east 41st. I like that!

I big thanks to all of you who are doing things around the church with decorations and extra Christmas helpers. We simply couldn't do this as well without your time. What a great place this is! I am truly blessed!

I have been seeing some of the work that has gone into angle tree at the church this week. That ministry is so very amazing and the stories that some out

of that are just amazing. Community you need to be thanked for giving to that because it truly is inspiring to watch. You are blessing some very special needs. Be praying for those "gifts" to bring with them a message of care and love for people. We love making a difference, but we love it more when what we do reveals the Jesus that is within us...that's what changes the world.

We are making plans for Christmas eve. We are going to do two services that day and they both will be the same. We thought about making some changes, but if it ain't broke... don't fix it. Sometimes you just need to leave good things be. I am always looking for ways to improve, but I need to be careful not to get in the way. There will be some new songs this year, but I am going to trying to make that evening what that evening has always been. A good night to be with our friends at Community and share that wonderful gift of Christmas with all of you at the "table. I hope you can join us for a very special night.

Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent and our theme will continue with this week focusing on "Provision". God will provide! For advent and the coming Christ child that has a deeper meaning and one that will be so important as we prepare our hearts for Christmas eve as well. Who will bring the perfect gift? Who will provide what we cannot do for ourselves? Who will save us from all that is wrong with the world and our own struggles? Who will pay the price? We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

December 23: 9:00am—

Jason Stubbe
Megan Timmer
Chris & Briana Behrens
11:00am-
Brent & Katie Kennett
Dustin Brouwer

December 30: 9:00am—

Melinda Kissell
LaDonna Freiborg
Lorena Sazama
11:00am-
Josiah & Kris Dunlap
Kelli Fantroy

THE LINK SCHEDULE

Dec 23:

9:00am— Dick & Jeannette
Jennings
11:00am— Karen Roetman

Dec 30:

9:00am— Harlan & Judy
Van Meeteren
11:00am— Arlan Burggraaf

COFFEE SCHEDULE

Dec. 23: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
Dec. 30: Daryl & Char DuBois
Jan. 6: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

GREETER SCHEDULE

Dec. 23

9:00am—
Jean Nollmann
Rich & Carolyn Odens
Dennis & Helen Robinson
11:00am—
Bert Roetman
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

Dec. 30

9:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Chad & Diane McKee
Donna Humme
11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

MONDAY, DEC. 24

4:00PM & 6:00PM

Celebrate the real reason for the season! Join us for one of our Christmas Eve Communion Services.

(NEW) RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS SCAVENGER HUNT

THURSDAY, DEC. 27

6:30PM

Meet at church and we'll send you on a scavenger hunt with clues to help you complete acts of kindness in our community. Fun for all ages! \$40/ carload. To sign up, either email Holli (connect@communityrc.org or sign up at The Link at church. Grab a friend or two or five, fill a car and get ready for a night of blessing others:)

(NEW) HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

NO MIDWEEK– DEC. 19th & 26th

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL– DEC. 23 & 30

OFFICE CLOSED– DEC. 24 & 25/ DEC. 31 & JAN. 1

(NEW) NEWSLETTER INFO

Due to the holidays, there will not be a newsletter on Wednesday, Dec. 26th. The following week (Jan 2), the newsletter will be delayed 1 day. Thanks for understanding!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 19

NO MIDWEEK

Thursday, Dec. 20

7:00pm– Elders

8:00pm– Consistory

Saturday, Dec. 22

7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Dec.23

NO Sunday School

Monday, Dec. 24

4:00pm & 6:00pm– Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, Dec. 27

6:30pm– Random Acts of Kindness Scavenger Hunt

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

The **morning book club** will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *I Am Malala* by Yousafzai.

The **evening book club** will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 7 pm at the Panera on Foss Ave. We will be discussing *The Joy Luck Club* by Tan.

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Meet at the E. Pizza Ranch on Monday, Jan. 14 @ Noon.

FINANCES

Sunday, December 16, 2018

General:\$14,247

Vision:\$4,015

Missions:\$545

Wed Night:\$225

General YTD: \$761,284

Vision YTD: \$264,297

Vision Account Balance:\$180,768

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Pete Valentine**
- **Natallie 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)
- William VamBram's wife, **Cynthia** (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)
- **Kara Schouten** (kidney transplant)
- **Al Hoogendoorn** (multiple health issues)
- **Dee Elliott** (back surgery 12/20)
- **Jim Ludens** (radiation treatments)

MISSIONS

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries. We'll highlight 4 each month.

Love Lexi & Friends Christmas Closet: gifts for children hospitalized over Christmas- all ages

The Banquet- new hoodies & socks

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Bishop Dudley House

UNION GOSPEL MISSION:

December's love gift to Union Gospel Mission is: cash. You can make checks payable to the church and designate "Union Gospel" in the memo line.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on January 15 at 7:00pm. Donna is hostess and Helen has the lesson.

FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will not be meeting the months of January, February and March. If anyone has ideas for the April meeting, please contact Dolly, Florene or Connie.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jon & Natalie Eggers on the birth of their son, Luke Curtis, on December 12th!



welcome

Please welcome Jaris and Katelyn Tilstra to the Community family. The Tilstra's live in Brandon and are soon expecting their first child. Jaris presently works for Interstates Electrical and Katelyn is a therapist at Children's Home. Katelyn also works at a dance studio. Their upbringing was in Northwest Iowa. They attend the 9 a.m. service so make sure you welcome them when you see them.

Adult Discipleship/Worship



Hello, everyone! As we approach the Christmas season, it's been my pleasure to meet several new folks at Community. I've promised these new friends that I would put detailed information in my article about what's coming up for adults in 2019 during Mid-Week. And as I've thought about it, I realized it's never a bad idea to remind everyone about what's on the ticket for the new year. ☺

Remember that Mid-Week is our Wednesday night ministry here at Community. (Please note that we are currently on break from Mid-Week though Christmas.) We have activities available for every single age group on Wednesday nights, and we always start with a meal, which is served from 6:00 to about 6:50. We then follow the meal with youth groups for the middle and high schoolers, classes for K-5, nursery care for the little ones, and several adult classes. Here's a run-down of the adult options starting January 2. Clyde will continue to teach his adult class on the book of Romans. They meet in the chapel every week and discuss one chapter of the book.

Trudi will continue her Bible for 3rd graders for Adults class. They meet in the children's education wing in Room #5.

Josiah will teach the second part of the FPU class, Legacy. He meets in the Corner for class starting just a bit early at 6:45.

Andrea meets in the office area with her class for young women. They discuss identity, calling, and growth in Christ.

And I meet in the Fellowship Hall with my Just Ask class. We will finish up our final topics of questions the adults "just asked" by the end of January, and after that we'll dive into Dallas Willard's book, "Hearing God."

As always, if you have any questions, you are welcome to swing by The Corner on Sunday or contact me via email. I'm here to help!

And lastly this week, I'd like to mention two items you can find at the doors of The Corner. First of all, you may have noticed a small white board hanging on the doors of The Corner. This is a place where you are encouraged to share podcasts you've found especially helpful or inspiring. So if you are looking for good podcasts to listen to, you'll want to check out what's written on the board. And secondly, there's a small wooden box sitting on the welcome table just outside The Corner. If you have a prayer request that you'd like to anonymously share with the church, you can write it on a piece of paper and drop it in the prayer box. We will then send that request out on our prayer email and we'll share it with the church staff as well. We understand that sometimes, you may have a particular prayer requests on your heart, but for reasons you can't share, you need it to be anonymous. You are encouraged to include as many or as few details as you want. I'll check the box each week, and we'll pray for those requests. Have a good week!

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HEATHER'S UPDATE



Hello Everyone,

I hope that you are staying healthy and enjoying some quiet time here and there. I've been soaking up some extra quiet time with God and also some extra family time lately. It is good for my heart!

I don't have many new things to share with you but I did want to highlight a few opportunities for serving as we reach the end of the year.

First, one of my favorite events at Community is coming up soon. The Random Acts of Kindness Scavenger Hunt is coming on Dec. 27.

Email Connect@CommunityRC.org if you can join the fun! We all start at church and they send us on a scavenger hunt to complete acts of kindness in our community. For my family, it is a night of laughing and memories and I've heard we're not the only ones who have that experience. We saw other teams running, laughing and smiling as they made a difference in Sioux Falls. The cost is \$40 for the carload and that covers all of the stuff needed to do the acts of kindness. In order to have enough clues from everyone, the committee needs to know have many people to plan for so please let Holli know if you plan to come! Grab a friend or two or five, fill a car and get ready for a night of blessing others!

In the new year, I'd really love it if you could consider teaching and helping with Midweek. This is a great opportunity to serve without committing to every week. Even if you aren't a "teacher type" this is a fun way to get to know the kids and share God's word with them. The lessons are all written and ready for you with the supplies in the classroom so you can just read them and teach without spending hours prepping. We could also use folks to just assist in some of the rooms and be an extra set of ears and hands for the large classes. There is a clipboard at the link where you can sign up or better yet, just email me at Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org and I'll get you connected.

It was fun to see the photos of the Youth Group Christmas parties. Our youth are pretty awesome people. The K-5 kids also enjoyed some fun together on Wednesday and Sunday before heading off for Christmas break. I love the way they love others.

Merry Christmas!!!!

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SARA'S UPDATE



Christmas is just around the corner, so there is no midweek this week or next week.

Last week was our Christmas party. Jared Christensen brought the most creative sock to the party. The kids called it the sock with your every day items, but they were stuffed so well they were the longest socks there. All in all the kids had fun. We also had a face painting station and hot chocolate bar.

I hope you all have a great Christmas I'll be in touch soon about what's to come when we return back in January.

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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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