PASTOR’S UPDATE

Our February is nearly half over which means spring is getting closer. I shouldn’t even say a crazy thing like that! There is a lot of winter yet to come, but I would love for it not to happen on Saturday nights. That is getting old! As I mentioned on Sunday, that is very interesting…not really sure what to make of that. It makes you think. I will be having a birthday this week. That’s making me think as well. I guess I’ll be doing a lot of thinking this week. It’s also Valentine’s Day. Just a reminder to all the husbands who might be reading this. You’re welcome! 😊

Our Haiti mission team is putting the final pieces together for their approaching trip in March. They have been getting together some of the things they are going to take to our friends there and well as getting prepared to do their Vacation Bible School there. I do believe the most important thing they will bring will be their hearts for those people and love they can share. I am sure they will return with great stories about the people and all the new friends they have made. Be praying for the trip. God Go Go!

I have met a number of new faces in our church in the last month. I don’t know if that’s a trend that will continue, or just something just happening, but it’s very real right now. Be aware that there are new friends in our midst. They might be checking us out. If you see someone you don’t know and feel the need to meet them, walk up and say hi. Be a friend they might be seeking. It’s exciting!

There is also a “Dads hanging out with daughters” event being planned for the 18th at Great Bear. There is a sign-up at “The Link”. Check it out! It is a good time for dads and daughters to have a little crazy fun together. Sounds like a fun time! Come on dads…let’s do it!

Also, don’t forget the movie night coming this week on Friday. This is a time to recognize our team from Haiti and a last-minute fundraiser for their trip. If you don’t have plans for Valentine’s Day, or you are just looking for another choice…add this one to the list. Some good food and a great movie…oh…and…awesome company!

It is time to move our sermon series to a little different focus, but we are going to keep some of the themes going. I want us to begin a fresh way of sharing Jesus with people. It’s good for our own journeys, but also for the focus and heart of this church. I am going to do a two-part message on “Free”. We will use the story of Moses as our backdrop for these two sermons. I will try to illustrate how the idea of deliverance has been a part of our faith’s tradition from early on in the history of the Jews. I want us to look a little deeper at mercy and grace. God has heard his people crying out. He is about to surprise them! We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE
Feb. 16: 9:00am—Lucas & Lindsey Leloux
          Dustin & Sheri Brouwer
          11:00am—Tanner & Larissa Corbin
Feb. 23: 9:00am—Andy & Tessa Benson
          Chris & Briana Behrens
          11:00am—Grace & Joe Maciejewski

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Feb. 16: 9:00am—Bob & Lori Hein
          11:00am—Alex Hoogendoorn
Feb. 23: 9:00am—Jerraylnne Tjeerdsma
          11:00am—Karen Roetman

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Feb. 16: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
Feb. 23: Gerald & Deb Teunissen
March 1: Daryl & Char DuBois

GREETER SCHEDULE
Feb. 16:
          9:00am—Galen & Mavis Scholffelman
          Wade & Diane Friese
          Ken & Deb Meyer
          11:00am—Bert Roetman
          Myron & Kathy Garrels
Feb. 23:
          9:00am—Tom & Amy Bosch
          Dave & Trish Mayer
          Trent Kooima
          11:00am—Jean Nollman
          Ken & Susan Vos
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, Feb. 12
6:00pm– Taco Night
6:30pm– K-5 Singing
6:45pm– K-8 Classes
7:00pm– Adult Classes
7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

Thursday, Feb. 13
9:00am– Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN. Ave)
7:00pm– Elders
8:00pm– Consistory

Friday, Feb. 14
6:30pm– Movie Night

Saturday, Feb. 15
7:00am–Prayer ministry
(Charp)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, Feb. 16
10:10am– Sunday School

Monday, Feb. 17
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study
7:00pm– Quilting Group

Tuesday, Feb. 18
7:00pm– AA Meeting
7:00pm– Book Club (E. Panera)
7:00pm– Hope Circle

Wednesday, Feb. 19
6:00pm– Italian Night
6:30pm– K-5 Singing
6:45pm– K-8 Classes
7:00pm– Adult Classes
7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

FINANCES

Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020

General: ..................$7,476
Vision: ......................$3,620
Missions: ...................$85
Wed night: ...................$253
Faith Ave: ....................$100
Sunday School: ...............$–

General YTD: .............$69,618
Vision YTD: ...............$21,272
Vision Account Balance: $311,582

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BOOK CLUBS
The morning book club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 9am at Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.
The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7pm at the Eastside Panera on Foss Ave.
Ask for books at the library.

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 March 9th at noon at the eastside Pizza Ranch.

MISSION OF THE MONTH
Call to Freedom provides supportive services for victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

HOPE CIRCLE
Hope Circle will meet on February 18th at 7:00pm. Carol is hostess and Jerralynne has the lesson.

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

Union Gospel Mission– canned veggies
Sleep in Heavenly Peace– normal sized twin bedding (pillow, pillow cases, sheet sets)
Haiti Mission Trip–
Towels, bungee cords, sheets, work gloves, durable dishes, silverware, nail clippers, duffel bags.
Here’s the Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3Q8CO94R74AUH?ref=wl_share

OVERCOMER MOVIE ON VALENTINE’S DAY
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
6:30PM

It’s a Movie Night at Community to fund raise for travel supplies and cost of the Haiti Mission Trip in March. Concessions will be sold beginning at 5:45pm for those who would like to eat before the movie. Overcomer is showing at 6:30. A children’s movie and nursery care provided too.

Free will donation for the movie.

DAUGHTERS HANGING WITH DAD DAY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
5:00-9:00PM

Dads & Daughters– Come tubing at Great Bear in Sioux Falls on Tues., Feb. 18th from 5-9pm, $5 per person. To sign up call Rick Hanson 605-201-5135.
It’s Valentines week, so clearly, we need to talk about luuuuuuuuv. 😉 (It’s also my dad’s birthday week, but I’m not going to focus on that!)

Actually, in honor of love, I’m going to write about my dear friend Karen Sumner. Some of you will remember Karen from her days at Community when she worked as our Connection Pastor for a few years while she also worked full time at USF in student development. I first met Karen during my Freshman year of college at USF, over 25 years ago. Her high school youth pastor was an old friend of my family, and he suggested we connect when we both got to school that fall. I think it’s fair to say that neither one of us knew how powerfully God would work in our lives to grow and challenge us both with His immense gift of friendship.

If you’ve never met Karen, what you need to know is that Karen is always the life of the party. She is fun. She always looks on the bright side. With Karen, there are no strangers – only friends she hasn’t met yet. 😊 Karen taught me a lot about what it means to shower others with meaningful love and friendship and how to step out of my comfort zone to include others in meaningful relationships.

One of the things that Karen often said was, “I love love!” The first time I heard her say that, I must admit that my reaction was to roll my eyes and say, “Oh good grief.” But as I watched her show love to others, I saw what she meant. Karen was certainly the giver of many blessings of love, but she was mostly in love with what love was doing to people. She noticed, perhaps more than I gave her credit for, how deeply love was impacting people. She saw love change the downcast into the hopeful, lift up the sad into joy, and transform the lost and unseen into the valued and noticed.

Karen now lives in Montana with her husband, Russ and his sons. And although we don’t see each other regularly, we still stay in touch. This week, my challenge to you is to take on Karen’s theme and try to see the value in falling in love with love. When we shift our focus to the love itself, which truly is just shifting it to God Himself who is Love, we can see that Love does so much more than we ever could have imagined. Karen’s love of Love changed my life and the lives of so many others. I always think of her at this time of year, celebrating that ridiculous phrase, “I love Love!” I love Love too, my friend!

Happy Valentine’s Day!

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Prayer Group meets at 7:00am on Saturdays in the chapel. Everyone Welcome!
Hi Everyone!
I hope you are all having a wonderful week. It has been a fun one here at church and more excitement and learning is coming up this week.

In Sunday School, the preschool age kiddos learned about Jesus saving the lost sheep and made their own fluffy little sheep with cotton balls and plates. I heard some baah-ing in the 3 year old room which was pretty adorable. Next week they’ll learn about Zacchaeus.

The K-2 kids learned about the Sermon on the Mount and next week they’ll see Jesus calm the storm on the lake.

The 3-5 grade kids are learning what the Bible says about other people. What do I do if someone hates me? What if someone is weird? How do we avoid judging others? What if someone needs my help? Their next unit is about where God came from, how God can be everywhere, why God allows bad things to happen and other big concepts.

The Midweek kids made Resurrection Rolls this week. It was a tasty way to talk about the empty tomb. https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/84289/resurrection-rolls/ This coming week is Service Learning week and we’ll have a Bible lesson and do some fun projects the kids picked out. If any adults want to join us, we can always use extra hands. We are doing fleece tie blankets, signs for the Humane Society, hygiene bag kits for the Haiti Mission trip (if you’d like to donate items, there is a wish list at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3Q8CO94R74AUH?ref_=wl_share ) and maybe a couple more projects if we have time and supplies left.

We have such good Helpers, Teachers and Shepherds for Sunday School and Midweek and I am so thankful for their dedication and willingness to spend time helping our kids as they grow in Jesus.

See you soon!

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DOYLE’S UPDATE

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Have you ever had a big dream or vision for how something would go? It was spectacular and there was so much excitement about how everything would be. Then, when it finally comes things don’t go as hoped and all the planning and good intentions you had were quickly overtaken by new plans and priorities that leave your vision on the back burner. That’s a little picture of how the start of 2020 has gone for me. It hasn’t all been bad (actually fairly good for the most part), it just looks so much different than what I was thinking back in December.

As I’ve been working on adapting to all the different things, I’ve drawn back and have been reminded during my time with God to sit with Christ. Between Clyde’s messages on Sundays, my personal reading time and in the busy start of the year; I am continually hearing from God to stop and rest in Him. I can so often get caught up with doing and getting things done, that I forget to stop and be still. To be refreshed by setting the to do list down and turn to the one who lavishes His grace upon us.

As I find time to sit with Christ, there is more excitement for all that is coming up even though I know there is plenty to do this week and month. The front runner being the Spring Fling fundraiser. This is our only fundraiser we host every year for the youth, and last year I was blown away by all the support and donations made for our students. So many people make this event possible and I am so thankful to be serving alongside all of you here at Community. It will be held on March 7th, with our meal beginning at 6:00. Tickets are $25 dollars as we cater a meal, have a dessert auction and end our night in a game show – this year we are hosting the Price is Right. If you are free on the 7th, come get a ticket Sunday morning or Wednesday night! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me anytime!

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It’s a Movie Night at Community to fundraise for travel supplies and costs for those going on the Haiti Mission Trip in March. Concessions will be sold beginning at 5:45pm for those who would like to eat before the movie.

Overcomer is showing at 6:30.

A children’s movie (Veggie Tales) and nursery care provided too.

Free will donation for the movie.

Sign up at The Link in the lobby or call Rick Hanson 605-201-5135.

We welcome Marvin & Jan Sturing to Community! They are both retired and live in Sioux Falls.

Wish List: https://amzn.to/2uqnZ57
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).

Next Baptism Service: Sunday, June 7 @ 3pm.