It’s the third week of February and still very cold. I wrote that same sentence for three weeks now and I don’t see any change coming. I have a feeling we are going to set some records for the coldest February. I wonder if we will all get some kind of a trophy or something for that? A memento of our accomplishment! So...hunker down for a few more days. We are not done with this yet and more snow is coming too. We have been doing a very good job keeping the parking lots and sidewalks clear for Sunday mornings, but be careful as you move about. Stop out and join us this coming Sunday for another Christmas special. We miss you all when you can’t get here. Just think how excited we are all going to be when the temp hits 50! That’s what we have to look forward to! It’s coming!

There is only one more Sunday to buy tickets to the “Spring Fling”. I’m sure that most of you are not realizing that this event is that close. It still feels like winter in every way. How can it be spring? Well...it is that time of year. Doyle has some great things planned for the evening. Remember, this is the only fundraiser the kids do all year so let’s support them in this. Get those tickets!

I had a nice birthday week last week. I want to thank everyone for the nice cards and treats. I did manage to land a few Scheels cards too. I am a very fortunate person to be around this place. You folks spoil me with your generosity...Thanks so much!

We are having a great turnout for our adult classes on Wednesday nights. Even on weeks where the weather is bad, we still have a great number of adults participating.
SPRING FLING
MARCH 2
6:00PM
Ready for a great catered meal, delicious desserts to be auctioned and free childcare? Spring Fling time is almost here! Get your tickets on Sunday morning, email Doyle or call the church office. Tickets $25.

WOMEN’S RETREAT
MARCH 23
9:00AM-NOON
Ladies, get ready for a morning of truth and fellowship. Hosted by Liz Teel & Abbie Coffey. Theme for the morning: “If You’re Happy and You Know It…” No childcare provided.

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)
• Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
• Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
• Bruce Heinen (Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law) lymphoma
• Nikki Urban Troy & Susan Payne’s daughter
• 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)
• Al Hoogendoorn (multiple health issues)
• Jim Ludens (radiation treatments)
• Harriet Valentine (breast cancer)
• Duane (Jeryllyne Tjeerdsma’s son-in-law)
• Randy (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn’s son)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Wednesday, February 20
6:00pm– BBQ
7:00pm– Classes for all ages
Friday, February 22
H.S. Red Carpet Night
Saturday, February 23
7:00am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting
Sunday, February 24
10:10am– Sunday School
Monday, February 25
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study
Tuesday, February 26
7:00pm– AA Meeting
Wednesday, February 27
6:00pm– Chicken/ Taco Salad
7:00pm– Classes for all ages

UPCOMING MINISTRIES
COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
The evening book club will meet Tuesday, March 19, at 7 pm at the Panera on Foss Ave [Eastside]. We will be discussing Storyteller by Picoult.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, March 13, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing Girl of Atomic City by Kiernan. 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.

THE GIVE
Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries. Safe Families– diapers (size 2 & up)/ wipes
LSS– Alarm clocks, light bulbs
Mission Haiti– hotel shampoos & soap
Union Gospel Mission– Regular Coffee

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Safe Families

FINANCES
Sunday, February 17, 2019
General: ......................... $10,109
Vision: ........................... $2,335
Missions: ......................... $360
Wednesday night: ............. $202
General YTD: ................... $96,689
Vision YTD: ..................... $32,270
Vision Account Balance: $101,565
Adult Discipleship/Worship

Having the privilege to work in adult discipleship at Community has been so exciting lately! This past week at Mid-Week, we had over 100 adults participating in 6 different classes! I am so encouraged to know that we seem to be meeting many needs and desires for more adult learning opportunities at church. This makes me even more eager to cultivate other opportunities to help adults to grow in their relationships with God. Discipleship is a long, and often slow-moving track, but I don’t mind that one bit. True, deep growth in Christ takes time, but it’s totally worth it.

I’d like to thank everyone for being so willing to learn the new “Little Faith” song for worship! You all stuck with it beautifully, and I can absolutely hear you singing it. It will become a regular part of our worship in the weeks to come! I also have a couple of new songs by other composers that I hope to teach everyone soon, and I’m working on more new songs too. Stay tuned!

I mentioned Abbie Coffey’s Lenten Writer’s Group on Sunday, and she’s already had a very positive response! This group is open to anyone who loves to write no matter their writing ability or age. They will meet Monday nights from 7-8 at the church, and the first week for the meetings is March 4. At the bottom of this article, you’ll see an advertising graphic with even more info. If this interests you, please contact Abbie!

On Sunday, I also mentioned that February 24 is the deadline for signing up for the mission trip to Haiti in May. Jaron DeWit is leading this group, and he’s been to Haiti many times over the last several years. If you have questions, you can talk to Jaron this Sunday. He’ll be in The Corner! 😊

Be sure to check out the graphics at the bottom of my article!

Have a great (albeit snowy) week!

Liz
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OPPORTUNITY!

WRITERS’ GROUP

Do you enjoy writing? Do you wish you enjoyed writing? Come on a Lenten Journey!

Join Abbie Coffey Monday nights @ Community 7-8pm March 4 - April 15

All levels welcome! Questions? Email abbiecoffey@yahoo.com
Hi Everyone!

I hope you are having a great week. I’ve really been enjoying reading the Epistles with the K-5 kids on Wednesday nights. I am reading with new eyes and am learning so much. When I think about what Paul was writing in some of the letters we’ve read and trying to imagine his tone and even what his body language would have looked like had he been reading them out loud, it struck me so differently than when I’ve read in the past. His wit and wisdom are both enjoyable to me and I find myself unable to set down my Bible. His way of thinking and communicating are a bit captivating. I’m so thankful for the volunteers who are willing to help the kids understand the challenging and exciting topics we’re encountering in our classes. We’ve talked with the kids a bit about what his journeys were like and I am just amazed.

Did you know…..
- Paul traveled over 10,000 miles proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Paul traveled on foot (I bet those sandals left blisters) and by boat. He was a tent maker by trade so he probably had shelter but even those supplies would have been hard to carry for so many miles.
- He mostly traveled through present day Israel, Syria, Turkey, and Greece.
- He was in danger due to bandits, snakes, sun, heat, wind, rain,
- Paul started more than 14 churches (possibly many more but it is hard to nail down an exact number)
- Paul spent time in prison and under house arrest
- Paul’s letters were to churches and to church leaders.

We talked with the kids about what in the world could make a man do such a crazy thing- only a heart encounter with Jesus of course! Paul wrote about the love, forgiveness and grace that transformed him and fueled his challenging travels. He wrote about a mystery that had been revealed to him. There is a great children’s video in the church library that we’ve been watching little bits of from the series called “What’s in the Bible?” It has been a fun way to learn new things in addition to our lesson each week. We particularly liked this excerpt: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1m8dzjMEDk

Upcoming events:
- February 22- High School Youth Group Red Carpet Night
- March 2- Spring Fling Youth Group Fundraising Dinner
- April 13- 10am-noon- Rise Up Easter Event for Children and their Families
- July 28-31- evenings- Vacation Bible School: Roar! Life is wild. God is good.

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Interested in learning more about this trip to Haiti? Email Jaron DeWit (jaron dewit@gmail.com). Deadline to contact Jaron is Feb. 24th.
SARAH’S UPDATE

Hello Community,

As I have been mentioning the last couple weeks, we will be discussing what the Bible says about dating. That is during midweek this week. On Sunday, we talked about the difference between spiritual gifts and talents. We had some really good group discussion and also donuts :).

We had a good turn out for tubing Sunday night. The weather wasn’t bad and everyone had a good time. I hope you got a chance to rest up some over the Presidents day break and aren’t struggling too much to get back in the routine of things.

Until next time,

Sarah Powell
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Middle School Youth Group Coordinator

DOYLE’S UPDATE

Join us for a catered meal & dessert auction to raise money for our High School Youth group. Tickets are $25/ person and can be purchased on a Sunday morning or by emailing Doyle (doyle.burnside@communityrc.org) or calling the church office (336-1475). Free childcare provided.

Are you ready for spring? We are!

SPRING FLING AT COMMUNITY
Saturday, March 2 | 6:00pm
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, March 31 @ 3pm.