

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

It's the fourth week of February and still...ok I'm changing it. It's 60 degrees and the sun is shining. Wishful thinking? Well, sometimes it just feels good to write it that way. It has been a long month and Sunday we just couldn't make it go. We can do a twenty mph wind out here but when it gets above the thirty, it gets pretty nasty. The snow was filling in that driveway so fast there was no way to keep it from blowing back in and the snow around the building was just miserable...so...we canceled. I realize that as soon as they start working on the school to our west, that will make a big difference. That is one very nice thing about having some neighbors out here. The wind and snow will change, and I will like that. I don't like missing Sundays. My week just doesn't feel right! March is almost here so maybe things will change a little bit. Hang in there everyone!

Doyle is working on rescheduling the "Spring Fling" not because of the cold this weekend, but because he just couldn't get enough good days to sell tickets. Missing a Sunday and a Wednesday night the week before, changed the ticket sales and we all felt it would be good to move it ahead a few weeks and give people more time to get those tickets purchased. It is a lot of work to move it, but it seemed like a good decision. I am sure that some of you who got tickets might not be able to come on the next date...we will make sure you get a refund. We are still trying to get a date for that. We will let people know as soon as we get things finalized. This is just an unfortunate thing that happens when the weather is fighting us.

There are nomination ballots at "The Link" for those who still need to vote. The ballots are and there as well as a list of all the candidates.

Please get that done ASAP. This too has been hit by the silly weather. We are all just fighting the calendar and the weather. When I told the church and the beginning of February to "hunker down" I never dreamed things would go like this.

On March 23, Liz and Abbie are going to do another women's retreat. Their theme this year is "If You're Happy and You Know It...". It sounds like an interesting subject. It will be a fun morning with some good singing and sharing. Invite a friend and join them for a great morning at Community.

If you are a writer or would like to learn a bit more about it join Abbie Coffey during Lent for a time of sharing. The group is going to meet on Monday evenings at 7pm starting next Monday night. All levels are welcome! If you have questions talk to Abbie on Sunday. She will be in "The Corner".

I gave a lot of thought about just skipping the message from Sunday and doing the last one this weekend, but I just can't do it. These last two messages need to be done together so I'm going to do last Sunday's message this week and then do the final "Born Again" message on the first Sunday. Actually, it works out very well. I feel like I need to stay focused on this entire idea to the end. So, I'm changing the schedule a bit. I don't do that very often, but this time I just have to do that. I am sure when it is all finished you will see why. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 3: 9:00am—

Charlene Hopf
Amy Smit
Nathan & Amber Van Roekel
11:00am—
Tyler & Amber Nieuwsma
Jordan Lipp

March 10: 9:00am—

Josh & Molly Kuehl
Kim Knochenmus
Juanita Palsma
11:00am—
Brent & Sue Dekker
Kelli Fantroy

THE LINK SCHEDULE

March 3:

9:00am— Gerald & Deb Teunissen
11:00am— Brian & Holli Jans

March 10:

9:00am— Grant & Lesley Boltjes
11:00am— Lance & Robyn
Niewenhuis

COFFEE SCHEDULE

March 3: Steve & Becky Lee

March 10: Joel & Lisa Blankers

March 17: Denny & Sue Brunsting

GREETER SCHEDULE

March 3

9:00am—
Stan & Elaine Deelstra
Tom & Amy Bosch
11:00am—
Donna Humme
Eric & Heidi Blom

March 10

9:00am—
Gary & Connie Parmley
Gerald & Deb Teunissen
Ron & Juanita Palsma
11:00am—
Bert Roetman
Mark & Pat Koll



SPRING FLING POSTPONED

CHECK BACK FOR
RESCHEDULED DATE

(NEW)

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 27

6:00pm- Chicken/ Taco Salad
7:00pm- Classes for all ages

Saturday, March 2

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

Sunday, March 3

10:10am- Sunday School

Monday, March 4

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 5

7:00pm- AA Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

6:00pm- Soup
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 Pi-coult.

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: Mission Haiti

PRAYER REQUESTS



- **Pete Valentine**
- **Natalie 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

- **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** (Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's son-in-law)
- **Randy** (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn's son)

LIZ'S UPDATE

Adult Discipleship/Worship



Monday morning during our staff meeting, we were discussing the fact that we have never had a week where we had to cancel our Mid-Week Activities as well as our Sunday morning services! It's been quite a week of weather, hasn't it? These cancellations have changed a few things on the calendar around here, so it isn't a bad idea to call ahead or check with those in charge if you were planning to participate in or attend an upcoming event. The Spring Fling is in the process of being postponed (Doyle is your contact person for that event), and the Haiti deadline is bumped back too (Jaron DeWit is your contact person for that trip). We'll do our best to keep you informed of those changes.

Something I'm working out at my desk this morning is the schedule for the "Hearing God" study. We were scheduled to do chapter 3 last week. And since the book has 9 chapters, we need every week of Mid-Week to finish on time. As of today (Monday) my plan is to try to do Chapters 3 and 4 this week at Mid-Week. That way we will be back on schedule for the rest of the book. Thanks for your flexibility as we work through this great study!

Don't forget about Abbie Coffey's Lenten Writer's Group,! 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. If this interests you, please contact Abbie!

Stay warm this week!

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Women's Retreat
The Happiness Factor
Session 1

- March 23, 2019
- 9am to Noon
- @ Community Reformed Church
- Bring Friends
- Sign up at The Link or email Liz / Abbie

★ If you're
★ HAPPY
★ and you know it ★

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

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All levels welcome!
Questions? Email abbieteel@yahoo.com



HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!

I went on a little trip to Minneapolis with my family and as usual, a little quiet time was good for my heart. We enjoyed some down time, some adventures, some great food and a lot of laughter. We managed to encounter a bit of yucky weather but made it home safe and sound, even if it was later than we planned.

As I was looking through the photos from our trip on the drive home, I got to thinking about how my approach to taking photos, saving photos and posting photos on social media has changed over the last few months. I do really enjoy seeing what is posted by my friends and family. I love watching kids grow up and hearing about the funny things they say and the amazing things they do. It is fun to see birthday celebrations or sporting events. It is a great way to connect with conversation in person later. So, with what I'm about to share, I want to be sure to say that I don't think social media is all bad. Sometimes I get great ideas or inspiration from posts by friends and family. I also like sharing photos and events so that the people who care about my kids can see what we are up to. However, I feel myself thinking a bit more carefully about what I post lately. There are a few reasons:

- I never know what people are going through when I share what my experiences are: When I talk with friends in person, I can usually more effectively gauge how they are doing (but not always.) If I post about my kid and her academic achievement but a friend is struggling with a child who is having a tough time with school right now, it feels a little rough. I'd rather skip that particular post than rub salt in the wounds of someone I care about just to post a fun picture of my kid doing something well. Sharing my stories and photos in person is safer because my friends and family can ask questions and I can in some ways judge their reactions in deciding what else to chat about. That doesn't mean it is never ok to share an achievement. I do find joy in celebrating with my friends online when their kids are having fun doing what they love, whether that is music, sports, loving animals, etc. I'm only saying I think a bit more about that than I used to.
- My kids might be embarrassed by what I post: Whether I like it or not, kids grow up. While it was once hilarious to post about the ridiculous thing my girls did or said, they are growing up and might not find it so comical. What is posted on the internet sticks around for a very long time and I don't want something that made me giggle now to hurt them later. I still sometimes share funny moments, but I think pretty carefully about whether my girls will think that moment is funny 5 or 25 years from now. My quip about my teenage daughter sleeping in on a Saturday may not be hilarious to her future prospective employer.
- Social media will never show the whole picture of a family: It is easy to see smiling faces, successful kids, and cute quips and think everyone else "has it all together." Reality is, we all post what we want people to see. For most of us, we post what makes us feel proud. Airing dirty laundry (literally and figuratively) on social media would be unusual, but because we share the good stuff, it paints a pretty rosy picture. It is really easy to see what everyone else posts and compare ourselves. It is hard enough to "do life" the way it is. I sometimes worry that social media makes that even harder. In the same way I remind me kids that their friends have bad hair days or embarrassing moments too, I sometimes wish social media had daily reminders that "adulting" is hard, parenting is hard and that I'm not the only one who struggles sometimes.
- Privacy is a big issue: In some ways, it can be dangerous to post about where we are all the time. My friends all have friends and we probably don't know them or want them to know what school our kids attend. Images I share could be shared or at least have a screen shot taken of them, regardless of my privacy settings. The internet is full of strangers and I don't need to live in fear but I do need to use wisdom.
- In some ways, I think it is healthy for families to have moments and experiences that are just theirs: Perhaps it is good not to share everything because it helps us bond. Not everything has to be shared. Sharing life together is part of what makes a family grow together.
- It isn't necessary to document everything with photos: It was really fun to enjoy the moments, memories and experiences of our little vacation without feeling like I had to document every moment with a camera phone. I snapped a few pictures to help us remember our fun but spent most of our adventures "in the moment" rather than capturing the moment.
- I often need to examine my motives: Am I posting this photo so my kids' grandparents can enjoy it or do I enjoy seeing all of the "likes" and "comments." It can be hard to admit but I wonder how often we as adults fall prey to our brains' response to social media. Our brain reward center goes bonkers when people respond to our posts (whether we want it to or not) in the same way it would respond to drugs (and in the way it would respond to some good things as well.)

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• On top of it all, I am starting to think a little harder about how much time I'm spending on my phone. I want to set a good example for my kids on using technology wisely and not wasting time and the only way to do that effectively is to be careful about that myself. I have a long way to go on this one. It is so easy to lose track of time or not noticed opportunities for interaction with others or with God while I'm on my phone. There is a body of research regarding "fomo" which is "fear of missing out" that says we check our phones with increasing frequency to keep up with social media and that for many people it can have a detrimental impact on their relationships, sleep, diet and life in general. This makes me so sad.

Again, I am totally good with sharing some photos and stories online and I probably will continue to share on occasion. (Otherwise, how would people know how cute my pets are? ☐) I certainly never judge when others post more than I'm comfortable with posting myself. I use social media and let my kids have access to limited social media (ask me if you want to know more about that as I have done a good amount of research and have some recommendations on some big limits that kids might not appreciate now but are for their own protection.) I have friends who don't share their children's names and some friends who don't have social media accounts. I have some friends who post a few things daily. All of that is up to each person individually and I am certainly not qualified to judge others! I think what I'm pondering more is what God is asking of me and what He's nudging me about. It seems right to share that prompting that I'm working through incase He's been nudging you as well and you want someone to chat about that with.

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PS- This one is for anyone on social media, whether you have kids or not:

I've seen a bunch of posts recently (and previously) that ask people to post various "random" facts such as favorite foods, places we've visited, broken bones, childhood schools, pet names, parent names, middle initial, etc. Please be careful as you choose whether to share those details. MANY of the questions in "21 random facts about me" type posts happen to coincide with the security questions used for online banking, password recovery, etc. Sharing that information isn't always safe, particularly when facts like name, maiden name, date of birth, etc. can be easily found online. Knowing your first pet from a "what's your rapper name" joke post might just be the piece of the puzzle someone needs to steal your identity. Don't get me wrong, I'm not paranoid or encouraging you to be paranoid. I just couldn't help worrying a little when I see posts that seem harmless but might cause you big time stress later.

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SPRING FLING

POSTPONED

Because we had to cancel midweek and Sunday services, ticket sales and planning for the spring fling have been compromised.
New date to be announced.



Congratulations to Gary & Linda McCann for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 1st!

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7am-Prayer 10am-AA
3	4 7pm- Men's Bible Study	5 7pm-AA meeting	6 6pm- Soup 7pm- Classes for all ages	7	8	9 7am-Prayer 10am-AA
10	11 Noon- Senior Citizens @ E. Pizza Ranch 7pm- Men's Bible	12 7pm-AA meeting	13 9am-Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN Ave) 6pm- Tacos 7pm- Classes for all	14 7pm- Elders 8pm- Consistory	15	16 7am-Prayer 10am-AA
17	18 7pm- Men's Bible Study	19 7pm- Hope Circle 7pm-AA meeting	20 6pm-BBQ 7pm- Classes for all ages	21	22	23 7am-Prayer 9am- Women's Retreat 10am-AA
24	25 7pm- Men's Bible Study	26 7pm-AA meeting	27 6pm- Ham/ cheesy potatoes 7pm- Classes for all ages	28	29	30 7am-Prayer 10am-AA
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3pm- Baptism						

Community Consistory February 14, 2019 Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Attendance: Mike Boyenga, Michael Dick, Russ Robers, Jaron & Heather DeWit, Liz Teel, Curt Zwart, Doug Harms, Mark Koll, Jolene Larson, Bob Weerheim, Gerald Teunissen and Clyde Teel.

Mike B. began the meeting with a devotion centered on love in honor of Valentine's Day. He read John 15:13 and reminded us we all "lay down our lives" for a few minutes to meet together and do the work of the church. Best line of the night: "A church that is alive is worth the drive"!

MSA the January 2019 minutes.

MSA the financial report for January 2019 given by Russ Robers

Bob W. gave an update on meeting with the Sioux Falls School District in regards to sharing improvements to Faith Ave.

MSA the following: Community Reformed Church agrees to participate with SFSD in planning and developing of Faith Ave., north of 41st St. adjoining the church property.

New Business:

Heather gave the following reports:

Middle school will be tackling some tough topics including relationships and identity. There were 12 families that attended the Profession of Faith meeting, 3 youth have expressed an interest and begun the process. The high school youth group has started a new study on Philippians. Doyle is busy planning the Spring Fling fundraiser.

Liz submitted her report. Highlights are as follows:

Mid-week continues to have large adult classes. The Hearing God study is off to a great start! Liz is planning to conduct a survey to see what adults are interested in for classes next year. The Corner continues to be a wonderful place to connect with people. Liz is working on developing a Grief Group, Small Group and Men's Ministries. Liz and Abbie will be hosting a Women's Retreat in March.

Syl Casperson is retiring from playing piano at the 8:00 service. Liz is currently organizing the choral music in our new filing cabinets.

Seth Sundstrom will be speaking at our March meeting.

Bob W. shared a proposal to update our current security system and add 6 additional security cameras. He will share this proposal with Josiah Dunlop and consistory will discuss at our March meeting.

Next Meeting: March 14, 2019.

MSA to adjourn.

Clyde closed with a time of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jolene Larson, Clerk



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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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