This will be the last few days of February. It hasn’t been the warmest month this year that is for sure. The snow is piled up around the church from all the snow this month as well. It is now going to be March. I know we are all looking forward to maybe a little extra thawing of that snow and maybe a little break from those single digit highs. So far this week, it has been a nice change. There will be more snow I’m sure and there will be more cold yet to come, but we are getting there one day at a time. There is much to be thankful for. We are all warm and for the most part we can all get around pretty well. Spring is coming! There you go!

Speaking of spring, remember the Spring Fling is just around the corner. It is fun evening and I know Liz has put a great deal of time and energy into making this a great evening for all of you. Get those tickets, invite a new couple or friend and join us for very nice evening. There are some new exciting changes for this year’s program. It should add a nice touch to the evening. We would love to see you all there.

Speaking of Liz, let me offer a word about all that went on during our informational meeting this past Sunday morning. All the information you were given on Sunday had been worked on over the course of several months and even years in some cases. I was trying to be so careful to explain the challenges ahead and at the same time allow you to have input as we move forward. The questions that came out and the suggestions we received were all heard. We are going to do our best to do all that was suggested. There will be a survey. As a matter of fact, there will be more than one. I thought all of that was good. We are putting those together right now and they should be going out in the next couple of weeks. Now, what I didn’t do as well was to explain clearly enough that the Consistory has offered to transition Liz into a couple of those positions if she feels led to do so. They believe she is qualified to do them. You can certainly give us feedback on that. However, as you all heard, there are still areas that need attention and we don’t have those positions filled. We will be looking for a new senior high youth person. We still are working on a position for all that “tech stuff” which has become such a valuable part of our church’s ministry. So…we are not done, and after we get the information collected from the surveys we might have even more work to do. I am trying so hard to move on these things with great care and prayerful discernment. So, talk to each other; talk to consistory people; talk to me…I’m always open to hearing from you! My last thought on this is I do hope we can find time to say thank you to Liz for 16 years of youth ministry at Community. She’s not leaving us, but not to recognize the difference she has made in the lives of our youth would be a rather empty way to close that chapter of her journey with us. 16 years is a long stay in youth ministry and I do know she has made a positive difference in the lives of many of our young people. We will miss that!

Sunday we keep talking about what Kings do. This week our focus will be on the words kings say! Words are powerful and convey so much to so many. Jesus didn’t speak like any previous King had ever spoken. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
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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)

Ember

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Jill Hanson

Randi VanDerSloot

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

March 4: 9:00am—
Linda Zwart
Val Huber
Lorena Sazama
Lyndee Kamrath
11:00am—
Arlan & Mary Burggraaf
Leslie Cleveringa

March 11: 9:00am—
Chris & Briana Behrens
Charlene Hopf
Amy Smil
11:00am—
Jonah & Brittany Nuenhuis
Kristi Olson

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March 18: Steve & Becky Lee

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**GREEN SCHEDULE**

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**COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS**

Morning Book Club will be meeting on
Wednesday, March 14, at 9am at
the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We
will be discussing Neverhome by Hunt.

Evening Book Club will be meeting on
Tuesday, March 20 at 7pm at the
Panera on E. 10th St. We will be dis-
cussing Double Bind by Bohjalian.

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

Faith Circle will not be meeting in
March.

Joy Circle will not be meeting the
months of January, February and
March. Please study lesson 9 for the
month of April.

The love gift for the Union
Gospel Mission in February is pasta. Please place in designated bin in the
lobby.

**Prayer REQUESTS**

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

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Hi!
I hope you find a moment to mark your calendar for some of the events in the box on the left. The event that will happen first is “The Great Surprise! Jesus Is Alive!” Join us on March 24 any time between 1 and 3pm. Let me know if you can help as well.

This is a new event for our church. It is something we’re trying out for the first time. It is for preschool age kids up through 5th grade and their parents. It is an event for parents to do with their child and we’ll have some fun hands-on activities to check out. Feel free to bring friends with you. Please sign up online or at the link so I know what to expect when I’m buying supplies. We’ll have a few different stations you can stop at with your child(ren) and you can stay for as long as you have time.

I do need more volunteers for this event! I need some adult volunteers to help with the stations and to welcome everyone and would also love some Middle School/High School age volunteers if any are interested and not busy that weekend.

I think this past Sunday was a good day in the life of our church but I have to confess there is a little part of me that is sad that Liz won’t have my daughters in High School Youth Group. With that said, I am so incredibly thankful that Liz is setting such a beautiful example for our church family and especially our children and of course our youth by following what God is calling her to do. That doesn’t really surprise me at all. As a matter of fact, I can’t imagine her doing things any other way.

So, to you LIZ...Thank you! Thanks for being who you are at Community as a High School Youth Leader and as you wear many other hats day after day. I know that God has a lot of next steps for you here at Community and I’m so very excited to enjoy the gifts that God has and will continue to use through you. Thanks for your willingness to share them with us here. It really matters. Before we jump to the next adventure with you at Community, thank you for all that you have (and will do for the rest of this year) with our youth. The impact is quite literally eternal, but I guess you already know that. :) We are forever grateful.

I’ll see you all soon! Heather DeWit

One Last Haiti Mission Trip Request:
You have all been so generous with gifts for the people of Haiti. The team will be packing up the bags on Wednesday evening. Please stop at the Haiti table and sign up to get an email, text or postcard to be reminded of prayer needs while the team is in Haiti. We’d love to know you are praying!
Well Sunday was a pretty big day of information and announcements. As many of you have heard by now, God has made it clear to me that this is going to be my last year of doing youth ministry at church. I’ve spent the last 16 years in this position, and although it’s always hard to see things change, I strongly believe that it’s time for me to be done, and that God has good things in mind for this group of kids and their future. I followed God’s calling into this ministry, and I want to be obedient to His calling out of it as well. I was able to chat with the high school kids about it all last week at youth group. We had a really good discussion about it and about what it’s like when God asks us to make a hard decision in our lives. And as I assured the kids on Wednesday, they are my priority through this time of transition. And I will make sure that we finish the year well!

When I spoke with the Consistory about the news that God was calling me away from youth ministry, we had a lot of discussion about other ministry needs at Community including the needs for a Worship/Music Leader and an Adult Discipleship Ministries Leader. I’m deeply passionate about both of these areas, and I’m certainly willing to step into these new ministry roles at Community if that would be best for everyone. If everything continues to move in this direction, I’ll gladly follow God’s next calling into these new ministries and stay at Community! I encourage you to talk with our Consistory members if you have any questions or thoughts about this. And please continue to pray for our church and seek God’s leading as we work through this transition. I believe these are not endings but new beginnings!

We still have about 60 tickets left for the Spring Fling, and we’d love to sell them all! Sunday is the last day to purchase tickets. Remember you don’t need to pay when you reserve tickets. Tickets are $25 each, and the Spring Fling is Saturday, March 10. It will be here before we know it!

Upcoming Senior High Youth Group Activities
- March 9  Decorating for Spring Fling Fundraiser at 4:00pm
- March 10  Spring Fling Fundraiser Banquet at 6:00pm
- March 24  South Dakota Symphony Concert at 7:30pm
- April 6-8  Sully Peaks Weekend Retreat FREE

That’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org

SPRING Fling  MARCH 10
@ 6:00PM
$25/ PERSON
FREE CHILDCARE
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**March 2018**
What’s Happening @ Community

Wednesday, February 28
6:00pm– Midweek Meal– ham/cheesy potatoes
7:00pm– Classes for all ages

Saturday, March 3
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
9:00-Noon– Men’s Morning

Sunday, March 4
10:10am– Sunday School
10:10am– Adult Sunday School (chapel)
10:20am– The Best Yes (children’s wing)

Monday, March 5
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, March 7
6:00pm– Tacos
7:00pm– Classes for all ages

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, April 8 @ 3pm.

MEN’S MORNING
MARCH 3 / 9:00AM-NOON

THE GREAT SURPRISE
Jesus is Alive
A HANDS ON EASTER ADVENTURE
FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS
PRE-SCHOOL - GRADE 5
3-24-18
1-3pm
#THISISCOMMUNITY

MEET and GREET

Lets give a welcome shout out to Jon and Chelsey Sundberg who joined our fellowship along with their daughter Lilahna.

Lilahna (who shares a birthday with Jesus, Christmas Day) will also be baptized.

Jon works at Interstate Battery and Chelsey is a nurse practitioner at the McGreevy Clinic in Sioux Falls. Welcome Sundberg’s to the Community family.

Finances at a Glance:
February 25, 2018

General: .........................$14,895
Vision: .........................$2,215
Missions: .......................$414
Wed. Night: ...................$299
Sunday School..................$14

General YTD: ..................$1121,820
Vision YTD: ...................$42,840
Vision Account Balance: $82,986

Tickets are $25 and can be purchased in the lobby on Sunday or by contacting the church office.

Join us on Sunday April 1st for our 3rd annual Easter Breakfast! It’s Free! No tickets needed. Breakfast served from 8-11am.
February 28, 2018

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). For emergencies during non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde or the elder on call.

Feb. 25—Gerald Teunissen
March 4—Cleone Leistra

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 or like our Facebook page!