

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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## PASTOR'S UPDATE

And now it is February! Here we go into a new month. It's the shortest month of the year. It was nice to see a little warm air find us on Sunday. I love when you can have 40-degree days in February. It sure makes doing church much easier without snow and ice to contend with. I hope there might be more of those kinds of days ahead of us. We shall see. As this new year marches along we will continue to stay busy around the church. We have seen a number of new faces around this year already. I'm not sure what to make of all of that, but the number of visitors is very obvious. I have been wondering if that school being out here will bring more people to us. Is this the start of that trend? Are we ready for that? What all does that mean for us? Planning ahead! I know...I can't get too far ahead of myself with all of this. Do the next day. That is all that is required.

Sunday was another good day to be in church. We had such a nice group at 8am to get things started. The Spirit was working there and that set the tone for the rest of the morning. I need to calm down a bit though. I watch myself on-line and I can get to shouting, can't I? I have to be careful with that. I get excited about what we all get to share together and how those words we use can affect someone's tomorrow. It is Kingdom work we do in that place. I want you all to know...this is a team effort. I need you all to come prepared to enter in. Pray. Seek God's direction. Give Christ honor. Ask the Spirit to touch hearts, heal the broken, and encourage the saints. Do church the best we can. It's all good, Community! There is a calling on this place right now.

The Haiti team is sponsoring a movie night on the 14<sup>th</sup>. If that sounds like something you would like to do, make plans to attend. I'm sure there will be great food and a good evening to bring folks together for an enjoyable evening as well as

raise money for the team. Check this out! Go God Go!

Hey!!!! Spring Fling tickets are on sale. Let's get behind that youth program. Join us for a wonderful evening and a great fundraiser for our young people. Invite a friend! Pay someone's way! Get excited! Come on everyone...let's do this!

I will say again this week, MidWeek is going strong this year. It is always about this time of year when everyone is a little tired fighting weather and schedules. We usually see folks taking a break from the rat race of the life, but this year we have seen a very consistent flow of people. The weather has helped for sure, but I think it is a testament to the folks who are leading those classes and the many volunteers who prepare the evening for us. What a wonderful gift that night has been to this church! Thank you everyone! This is so good for us!

The series of "surprise" continues on. I have loved this! This week we will be doing the journey of the Apostle Paul. Most of you reading these words will be very familiar with his story. I'm sure Paul would be the first to say he was indeed surprised by the Divine! He thinks he is doing the will of God by persecuting the church and finds that he could not have been more wrong. Then right in the middle of this "wrong" Jesus appears...and surprise...Saul becomes Paul! Then Paul goes out and begins to share a new message. It's another surprise! God is full of surprises! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Feb. 9: 9:00am—**

Logan & Chelsea Veurink  
Amy Smit  
Juanita Palsma  
**11:00am-**  
Brad & Katie Kennett

**Feb. 16: 9:00am—**

Lucas & Lindsey Leloux  
Ryan & Emily Van Deraa  
**11:00am-**  
Tyler & Amber Nieuwsma

## THE LINK SCHEDULE

**Feb. 9: 9:00am-** Harlan & Judy

Van Meeteren  
**11:00am-** Brian & Holli Jans

**Feb. 16: 9:00am-** Bob & Lori Hein

**11:00am-** Alex Hoogendoorn

## COFFEE SCHEDULE

**Feb. 9:** Steve & Becky Lee

**Feb. 16:** Dick & Jeannette Jennings

**Feb. 23:** Gerald & Deb Teunissen

## GREETER SCHEDULE

**Feb. 9:**

**9:00am-**  
Donna Humme  
Gerald & Deb Teunissen  
Daron & Sherri Van Beek  
**11:00am-**  
Donna Humme  
Al & Cherri Price

**Feb. 16:**

**9:00am-**  
Galen & Mavis Scholffelman  
Wade & Diane Friese  
Ken & Deb Meyer  
**11:00am-**  
Bert Roetman  
Myron & Kathy Garrels



## BAPTISM SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

3:00PM

Join us for baptism of:  
Brynlee Gacke (Parents are  
Joshua & Bridgett Gacke)

Charlie Fantroy (Parents are  
Sean & Kelli Fantroy)

Logan Van Meeteren (Parents  
are Jordan & Megan  
Van Meeteren)

Bo Kreutzfeldt (Parents are  
Derek & Molly Kruezfeldt)

## MOVIE NIGHT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:30PM

It's a Movie Night at Community  
to fund raise for travel supplies  
and costs for those going on the  
Haiti Mission Trip in March.  
Concessions will be sold begin-  
ning at 5:45pm for those who  
would like to eat before the mov-  
ie. Overcomer is showing at 6:30.  
A children's movie and nursery  
care provided too.

Free will donation for the movie.

## 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 and washcloths, tarps, bungee cords,  
sheets, work gloves, durable dishes, silver-  
ware, Band-aids, hotel size shampoo, conditioner,  
lotion, soap, nail clippers, toothbrushes, travel  
toothpaste, matchbox cars, duffel bags,  
fruitsnacks. Here's the Amazon Wish List:  
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/  
ls/3Q8CO94R74AUH?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3Q8CO94R74AUH?ref=wl_share)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, Feb. 5

6:00pm– Soup Night  
6:30pm– K-5 Singing  
6:45pm– K-8 Classes  
7:00pm– Adult Classes  
7:30pm– H.S. Youth Group

### Saturday, Feb. 8

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

### Sunday, Feb. 9

10:10am– Sunday School  
3:00pm– Baptism Service

### Monday, Feb. 10

Noon– Senior Citizens  
(E. Pizza Ranch)  
7:00pm– Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, Feb. 11

7:00pm– AA Meeting

### 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

## UPCOMING MINISTRIES

### BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 9 am at  
Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 pm 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 Feb. 10th at noon at  
the eastside Pizza Ranch.

### MISSION OF THE MONTH

CHURCH ON THE STREET– A faith community serving the unhoused  
and people struggling with poverty in Sioux Falls.

### FAITH CIRCLE

Faith Circle will not be meeting the months of January - March.

### JOY CIRCLE

Joy Circle will not meet in the months of February or March for  
Bible Studies.

### HOPE CIRCLE

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

## FINANCES

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020

General: .....\$13,898  
Vision: .....\$4,430  
Missions: .....\$800  
Wed night: .....\$320  
Faith Ave: .....\$—  
Sunday School: .....\$5

General YTD: .....\$62,142  
Vision YTD: .....\$17,652  
Vision Account Balance: \$127,962

## LIZ'S UPDATE

# Adult Discipleship/Worship

If you read my article last week, you know I encouraged everyone to give some prayerful thought to how you might like to observe Lent, which begins Ash Wednesday, February 26. A mighty little book you might want to consider reading during Lent is called, "Doors into Prayer; An Invitation" by Emilie Griffin. This little book is made up of many brief chapters which describe all sorts of different kinds of prayers, their value to the Christian walk, and how you might practice them. It's a very easy read, each chapter is only about 1 page long, and the words and writing are power packed! I highly recommend this little book for anyone who wants to learn more about prayer.

As most of you probably know, 2020 is a leap year, which means that we'll have an extra day in February. As you may have figured out by now, one of the things I'm trying to encourage people to do more is to live intentionally. Let's not fill our empty times and spaces with activities that don't matter. Let's take some time to really consider *what* we are doing and, most importantly, *why* we are doing it. The same holds true for February 29. This really is a gift of a day. Not only is it an extra day to our year, it falls on a Saturday! So, most of us won't be at work!

Now listen, right now you have time to plan your gift day. What would you like to be doing on February 29? Who do you want to spend time with? How can you make this gift day memorable? How can you thank God for the gift of an extra day? February 29 only happens once every 4 years. This year try to do something to give a little extra weight and value to that gift day. I'm giving myself the same challenge! Let me know what you decide(d) to do!

Thanks to everyone who has been willing to fill out the short choir survey online! I've received a lot of completed surveys, and the information has been incredibly helpful as I look at how to structure choir next year. The survey is still open, so if you would be willing to complete one, just send me an email and I'll send you the link.

Have a great week!

Liz  
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Our condolences go out to Cherri & Al Price for the recent passing of Cherri's mother, Evelyn. Please keep their family in your prayers.

## PRAYER REQUEST

- 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)
- Laura Maloney's brother-in-law, Bruce (lymphoma)
- Diane Johnson (liver disease)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- Jamelee Van Donge's dad, DeLyle (cancer)
- Sara Van Ruler's dad (throat cancer)
- Wade Persson's mom (cancer)
- Al Hoogendoorn (multiple health issues)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
- Melanie Oden's dad, David (motorcycle accident)
- Audrey Landegents' son, David (cancer)
- Matt Marcus' dad (prostate cancer)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (prostate cancer)
- David Baker (triple bypass surgery Feb. 5)

Prayer Group meets at 7:00am on Saturdays in the chapel. Everyone Welcome!

## HEATHER'S UPDATE

# KIDS MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

I've been featuring different age groups in my newsletter recently and have done toddlers and preschool age so far. You can see past newsletters at <https://www.communityrc.org/news-feed/newsletters/>. This week I'll focus on EARLY ELEMENTARY. A beautiful and challenging feature of this age group is how unique and different they all are from one another! So, how do we seize this opportunity as we seek to nurture our child's growing relationship with Jesus?

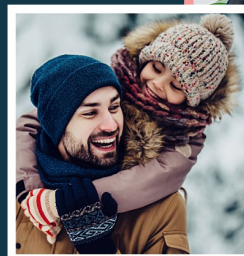
- **Set an example:** Be sure your child gets to hear and see you talk with God, read your Bible and enjoy church. Tell them what you are doing if it isn't obvious to them. Invite them to join.
- **Encourage:** Kids this age want approval from adults. **As parents, this means we put down our phones and notice our kids and what makes them tick. Crawl into their world and celebrate the things that bring them joy.** Not only will this pay off later, it will save time and drama in behavior challenges now.
- **Be consistent:** At this age, many kids have a hard time with grey area and are frustrated when a situation doesn't fit in their understanding of right and wrong. You might see this in their concept of fairness and rules but you may also see it in how they view Bible stories. Structure, rules and routines make them feel safe, even if they complain. Help your kids understand how to be kind to peers and adults. Tell them what is expected of them and hold them accountable with age appropriate consequences.
- **Listen:** Kids are starting to decide what they think. They usually still match their parents on "beliefs" or the big things in their world but might start to tell their parents facts or concepts that they have picked up at school or church and test their own "logic." Listen now so they keep talking as they get older.
- **Offer choices:** Watch as a kid basks in new found independence. Allow them to approach God, the Bible and church with ownership. Kids this age learn best through hands-on discovery and trying new things. Offer choices and opportunities to be leaders. Do what you can to give kids time and space to explore without being rushed or controlled.
- **Enjoy friends:** Use opportunities like Sunday School, Midweek or VBS to connect them with God's Love in a setting that they enjoy. In school or in friend groups, early elementary age kids are playing more independently. They want to imagine and create rules together with peers but need some coaching on how to behave and social expectations. If your child is struggling to connect with peers, empower them with strategies that they can use like finding someone who is playing alone, inviting others to join them, introducing themselves, etc.

- **Incorporate music:** At this age, most love to sing and play instruments but some may be shy about an audience. This age can be tricky because kids are exposed to music outside the home and peers who listen to different music. Try to find music in styles they like with positive messages. Try out Christian radio or other artists you enjoy. Again, kids this age love their favorites but have a new favorite every few months.
- **Use books:** Non-fiction and fiction books are both wins at this age. Now more than ever, let the kids pick. Our Church Library and public libraries have great options. Just because kids this age can sometimes read on their own, doesn't mean they don't benefit from a read aloud with a parent. Share a good book and the conversation that comes with it.
- **Add movement:** Do not assume that because a child has started school that they need less movement. They might need more because they aren't moving as much all day. They particularly need chances to jump, spin, roll and swing as their brain develops.
- **Prayer:** Kids this age are developing inhibition and might not want to talk with God in front of you. However, praying in front of them and talking about prayer are still critical. Leave time/ space in the day for praying and spending time with God. As worries for kids become less in parent control, kids need to lay their struggles, hopes and fears at the feet of Jesus. See you soon!

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## Daughter Hanging with Dad Day Tubing at Great Bear

Feb. 18  
5-9pm  
\$5/ea



*Making  
Memories*

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



# Thank You

Thank you Community for supporting "Laundry with Love". This is a part of Church on the Street. We were able to help 32 people, which does not include their family members, do laundry. We helped them with 71 loads of laundry which equates to 309 loads if we went by what washing machines hold. We spent \$514.75 for the laundry and used additional funding to provide a meal. You can ask any of the 5 of us that helped and they will share how we all benefited from this night.

Thanks for giving to this mission!  
Jolene Hilbrands



## Saturday, March 7th

Don't miss out on this fun event to raise money for Community's H.S. Youth Group. Come for a delicious catered meal, dessert auction & game show! Tickets go on sale this Sunday in the lobby! Tickets are \$25/ person.

## DOYLE'S UPDATE MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

The start of February brings about a new series for both the middle and high school students. Our middle school students will be turning to Luke and spending some time in a few of Jesus' parables Luke brings to us. The high school group will be diving into the book of Ephesians. I'm looking forward to both of these series and am excited to get going to-night!

Our senior high fundraiser – the Spring Fling – is a month away. This is our only fundraiser we do for the students in the year and I was blown away by all the support and generosity of last years event. It is a lot of work, a lot of fun and we are looking forward to this years Spring Fling. It will be held March 7<sup>th</sup>, as the students serve a catered meal, host a dessert auction and end the night this year with the Price is Right game show. Tickets are on sale Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights for \$25 a piece. If you are able to join us, head to the table Sunday or find me in the high school or middle school room Wednesday nights!

The middle and high school are having a last minute service opportunity this Sunday. We will be sorting shoe bins for mission Haiti from 3:00 – 5:00 Sunday afternoon. Parents, you are welcome to join us as well. If anyone would like to donate shoes for mission Haiti, you can drop them off in my office anytime up to this Sunday services. Students/parents, if you plan to join us please let me know so I can have an idea of how many people are coming and to know who to keep an eye out for.

If you have any questions about the youth ministry or any of these events coming up, please feel free to reach out any time!

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A promotional poster for a movie night event. The background is black. On the left, the text "MOVIE NIGHT FOR VALENTINE'S DAY" is written in large, bold, white letters, with two yellow stars above it. Below this, it says "FRIDAY, FEB. 14" and "CONCESSIONS OPEN @ 5:45PM" and "MOVIE STARTS @ 6:30PM". On the right, there is a movie poster for "OVERCOMER" featuring a man in a white cap and a woman. The text on the movie poster includes "FROM THE KENDRICK BROTHERS", "★★★★ 'HEARTWARMING! POWERFUL! INSPIRING!'", and "An Inspirational Movie for the Whole Family".

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## INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Baptism Service**  
FEB 9

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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 office at [connect@communityrc.org](mailto: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, Feb. 9 @ 3pm.**

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