PASTOR’S UPDATE

February. A new month and already we have seen the temps change drastically in only a couple of days. It is amazing how that happen. We are into February and that means we are moving along with this new year. I want to see spring, but I don’t like it so much when the time seems to get away so quickly. I do want to take time to enjoy the days as they go and not get all caught up in wanting the next month to get here. It will get here soon enough. I might try to enjoy the day. Even if the day is a little cold or windy… it is still a gift. I’m sure I can find something in it to enjoy. So…enjoy the days of February. We’ll see what it brings. I’m sure whatever it is we will be just fine.

I want to highlight a couple of things this week in the newsletter. The first is our church mission of the month. Safe Families is our church mission of the month. You probably saw their display in the lobby on Sunday. We have a number of couples in our church who are highly involved with that ministry. It truly is an amazing calling to take on the fullness of what this ministry does. We will be offering more information this coming Sunday but let me just say what a great job our folks do with this. A blessing for sure.

Doyle and the Senior High are now selling tickets to the annual Spring Fling night coming in March. You will want to get those tickets as they typically go fast. A great night of fun, a good meal, and some high-level entertainment. You won’t want to miss that. You can pick up tickets in the lobby at church.

The softball team will be having an informational meeting this coming Sunday as well. If you have questions about that attend that meeting. You can give the church office a call as well and we will do our best to get the info to you. Last year, we had enough players for two teams. I’m not sure how all of that is going to play out, but we would love to see you there if softball is your thing.

We also have ballots at “The Link”. You can stop by and pick up the names of eligible people and a ballot. There are lots of names on that list. I mean a lot of names. It is not easy to know who all of those people are, but for right now we can only do the best we can with that. That is one of the difficult things about getting to the size we are. It is impossible for us to know everyone. You know who you know. All churches as they grow have these kinds of growing pains. Check out the list…pray…vote!

Sunday is the second message on the series of being “Born Again”. This week we will continue our story of Nicodemus. When Jesus engages in this next part of the story he is going to share an idea that no one has ever spoke before. Not the prophets, not any of the kings, nor even any other leader of the church of their day. This is going to be a brand-new idea. Nicodemus is going to be very confused as probably any of us would have been. It is a revelation of life-changing magnitude. Nicodemus has come to the right source for this new life he is seeking. I’m sure he never imagined it would sound like this. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE
February 10: 9:00am—
Bob & Katie Deelstra
Linda Zwart
Sue Harms
11:00am—
Grace & Joe Maciejewski
Leslie Cleveringa
February 17: 9:00am—
Emma & Lydia Niessink
Barb Niessink
Lyndee Kamrath
11:00am—
Jason & Jamie Van Sloten
Kristi Olson

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Feb. 10:
9:00am— Darren & Tracee Ellwein
11:00am— Bob & Lori Hein
Feb. 17:
9:00am— Mark & Pat Koll
11:00am— Tom & Robin Jacobs

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Feb. 10: Steve & Becky Lee
Feb. 17: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
Feb. 24: Harvey & Karen Odens

GREETER SCHEDULE
February 10
9:00am— Rich & Carolyn Odens
Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
Den & Deb Meyer
11:00am—
Bert Roetman
Larry & Gloria Smyrak
February 17
9:00am—
Jeralynne Tjeerdsma
Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
Ron & Juanita Palsma
11:00am—
Jeralynne Tjeerdsma
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 6
6:00pm – Pork Loin
7:00pm – Classes for all ages

Saturday, February 29
7:00 am – Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am – Closed AA meeting

Sunday, February 10
10:10am – Sunday School
10:15am – Softball meeting
10:15am – Safe Families meeting
7:00pm – Profession of Faith

Monday, February 11
Noon – Senior Citizens @ Pizza Ranch
7:00pm – Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday, February 5
7:00pm – AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 13
6:00pm – BBQ
7:00pm – Classes for all ages

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing The View from Saturday by Koningsburg.

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 7 pm at the Eastside Panera on Foss Ave. We will be discussing The Art of Racing in the Rain by Stein. 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.

HOPE CIRCLE
We’ll will meet on Feb. 19 at 7:00pm. Jerralynne– host. Jeanie– lesson.

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

SOFTBALL INFO MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
10:15am
Interested in playing softball this summer? Come to our informational meeting on Feb. 10th! All experience levels welcomed!

SAFE FAMILIES INFO MEETING
FEBRUARY 10
10:10AM
Wonder what it’s like to be a host family for Safe Families? Here’s your chance to ask questions and learn more about this ministry including other volunteer opportunities within Safe Families.

PROFESSION OF FAITH MEETING
FEBRUARY 10
7:00PM
For Middle School and High School Students and their Parents: We have an informational meeting scheduled for those of you interested in learning more about how Profession of Faith works here at Community. We’ll have a meeting on Feb. 10 at 7pm to share information and answer questions .

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.

FINANCES
Sunday, February 3, 2019
General: $17,690
Vision: $3,005
Missions: $560
Wednesday night: $—

General YTD: $76,271
Vision YTD: $28,690
Vision Account Balance: $97,985
Adult Discipleship/Worship

Things feel a little discombobulated this week for some reason. Maybe it’s because we missed Mid-Week last week, or maybe it’s because we experienced a 100º temperature shift in 24 hours, or maybe it’s because we’ve had freezing rain, fog, snow, and sunshine in less than a week! Ah, South Dakota, always keeping us on our toes!

I’m very excited to begin our “Hearing God” book study this week! As of today (Tuesday) the second order of books has been shipped, but they haven’t arrived yet. I’m hoping they show up by tomorrow night. But remember, even if you don’t want to read the book, or if the rest of the books don’t come in on time, you can still participate in the class. (It’s not necessary to read the book to be in the class.) I am working hard in my prep to help ensure that we can all learn and understand what Dallas Willard is writing about, and I’m planning some good questions for discussion as well. I hope to see you on Wednesday night!

And for other adult Mid-Week classes, don’t forget about Trudi’s “The Bible for 3rd Graders for Adults” Class, Clyde’s Romans Study, and Andrea’s Young Women’s Group. These all meet on Wednesday nights from 7-8. You can jump into these groups at any point in the year for some good study and conversation!

And lastly this week, I’d like to say thanks for doing such a great job with the new song “Little Faith” on Sunday! The song is very different than any I’ve written before, and I wasn’t sure if the words would be sing-able for a large group of people. But you showed me you could sing it and sing it well! Thanks also to all of the band members for coming a little early to run the song and for playing it so well. I’m including “Little Faith” in our worship sets for the next two Sundays to help solidify our learning of it. Hopefully it will find its way into your long-term memory bank soon! It’s a blessing to be a part of a church who is so willing to try new things. I believe we are honoring God and His Word when we, “Sing to the Lord a new song!” (Psalm 96:1)

Have a great week!

Liz
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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pete Valentine (pace maker surgery)
- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurray’s dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease) (surgery 12/18)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Gloria Wierda, Laura Maloney’s mom (stage 4 breast cancer)
- 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)
- Junella Wesselink (appendix surgery)
- Duane (Jeraldynne Tjeerdsma’s son-in-law )
- Randy (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn’s son)
Safe Families for Children is a movement fueled by compassion to keep children safe and families intact. We rely upon host families and a network of support, to open their arms, their hearts, and their homes. Community has recently become a part of this movement. Jamelee Van Donge & Robyn Niewenhuis are leading this new serving opportunity. If you have any questions or want to become involved contact them. Jamelee-360-5830 Robyn- 413-5667

Ways you can get involved:
Be a Host Family– Voluntarily host children in your home on a temporary basis
Be a Family Friend– Provide support to host families and families in need
Be a Resource Friend– Provide goods & services to families in need
Be a Family Coach– Help families in need reach their goals and provide encouragement to host families
Donate– Your financial support keeps children safe and families intact
Pray– pray for families in crisis, our volunteers, our staff and the movement.

There is also a Safe Families informational meeting on SUNDAY, FEB. 10th at 10:15am in the fellowship hall if you’re interested in learning more.

Thanks Community for getting behind this great cause! Go Community Go!

Interested in learning more about this trip to Haiti? Email Jaron DeWit (jarondewit@gmail.com). Deadline to contact Jaron is Feb. 24th.
Hi!

This coming Sunday we have our informational meeting for parents and students regarding Profession of Faith. I want to encourage you to come learn more about what Profession of Faith looks like here at Community. Our informational meeting is on February 10 at 7pm. Some of the basics we will cover are:

- In the Reformed Church, individuals have the opportunity to profess their faith publicly in front of the church. It is about celebrating God's work!
- This is different from accepting Christ for the first time. Profession of Faith doesn't save us from our sins or send us to Heaven. That is JESUS in our lives!
- It is part of transformation but NOT a graduation.
- Our Profession of Faith experience uses a mentor for each student and isn't a class or a group process.

Join us at the meeting to learn what you need to know!

Other upcoming events:

- February 17 - Middle School Youth Group Tubing
- 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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SARAH’S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

So many things change in middle school. They start to reach a new level of independence for some they are finally allowed to be home alone, get a job, and I don’t know if you realized but some of our eighth graders can drive a car. In middle school it’s easy to feel overlooked (whether or not they actually are being overlooked). This week we will talk about how God will always listen no matter what age you are whether you are 2 or 102. He even encouraged adults to have faith like children. I’m excited to jump into this topic with them this week. We have some pretty amazing students here.

I have started sending youth group activity waivers home with students. It is a good thing to have on hand in the event that something happens. Even if your student isn’t attending the tubing trip we would like to have a copy on hand for future activities as well. We will be tubing from 5-8pm on February 17th. Also, please remember to send me a quick email or text to let me know if your student will be coming.

On February 20th our lesson is going to talk about relationships. It’s something I have heard students talking about on Wednesdays and I think it’s important to discuss and navigate through together. We will focus on what the bible says about dating relationships.

That’s all for this week! Stay warm.

Sarah Powell
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Middle School Youth Group Coordinator

DOYLE’S UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

February is already here... wow time is flying by so fast. This week we are starting a new series on Wednesday nights that will be based in Philippians. We will be using our study on Eternity and shift our focus in growing in Faith. This week, we will be using Paul’s encouragement and prayer in chapter 1 to challenge each other to follow suit. We can be encouraging, praying and walking alongside one another as we continue to grow in our faith. Living in community is a gift God has given us as we don’t walk alone. This week will be a great reminder of that gift.

Tickets are on sale. Our Spring Fling fundraiser for the high school group is going to be here soon – March 2nd with the meal starting at 6:00 pm. You can purchase your tickets on Sunday morning at the table set up, getting a hold of me throughout the week, or by contacting the church office. Tickets are $25 dollars, and money raised will go toward funding our high school events and activities. I have heard great things from the past years and am excited to be a part of this year’s event. Feel free to contact me with any questions!

Final reminder for this week. Our Red Carpet night for high school students is February 22nd! We will meet at Minervas downtown at 5:30 for a meal and then head back to the church for a moving after! Students, RSVP by Sunday Feb. 17th, and let me know if you need a ride from Minervas back to church so I can plan accordingly.

Hopefully Saturday’s warmth can hold us through this week and serves as a reminder that Spring is on the way.

Doyle Burnside
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Are you ready for spring? We are!

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@communityyc.org) or calling the church office (336-1475).

Free childcare provided.

JOIN US

MIDWEEK

WEDNESDAYS

6:00PM- MEAL
7:00PM- CLASSES FOR ALL
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 of Community.

Next Baptism Service: Sunday, March 31 @ 3pm.

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

Gift cards for Hy-Vee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased on a Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our vision fund.

Baptism Service MARCH 31...

Baptism & Membership Requests for Church...

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