This first week of February is a bit on the cold side and even a little extra snowfall to add to our totals. We know winter is still far away from being over. We have lived here far too long to know how that works. It is nice to see the days getting longer. Someone told me on Sunday that we will gain a little more than an hour of sunlight this month. I think I do like the sound of that. I guess we will take it a day at a time.

I am actually writing this from home today. I little bug has found its way into my system. I am hoping it is a fast one and I can get back to doing things again. I’m taking it pretty easy today. I know rest has a great deal to do with getting over things. I hope all of you are taking good care of yourself. This is that season where there are lots of bugs out there. Get your rest.

This coming Sunday we have a little extra surprise coming for everyone. I won’t say what it is, but I think you will all like it. Now that should have brought up the interest in what might be coming our way. I hope we get a good day. You never know this time of year how all of that might go. We are not in charge of that.

Consistory meets this week and we have a number of important things to discuss this month. Our vision/dream team has been working on a number of things and they are going to bringing some ideas to the board this week it is all things that we need to working on as this place continues to grow. I think I have said plenty about that in the past so I don’t need to say more about that. We have some challenging and yet positive things to get done. I think this place is up to the task.

Our group going to Haiti in March has a table in the lobby. Stop by there and see if there are ways that you can become involved with that trip. There are plenty of things to do and plenty of extra things they need. The group going to Kansas City is working on their trip as well so we have a lot of things going on right now. It is all good! Great job Community!

Liz has a table set up for the annual Spring Fling. I’m not sure how many years we have been at this, but it is big number. It is such a great fundraiser and a lot of fun. It is a great way to invite a guest. Tickets are on sale in the lobby and we have been getting word there could be a new surprise during the game show this year. I don’t want to say more than that, but you might not want to miss that.

The final message from the robe series is coming this week. I have learned so much from all of my reading. I just never paid that much attention to the “robes”. I would read right past them. This has been good for me. Lent is now just around the corner and I want to end this series in a way that prepares us for what lent is really all about. Our focus will be Jesus. It will be a word about his robe. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
February 11: 9:00am—
Matt & Erin Weerheim
Kenny & Carrie Hartzell
11:00am—
Josiah & Kris Dunlap
Kelli Fantroy

February 18: 9:00am—
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands
Nick & Abbie Langerock
11:00am—
Josiah & Kris Dunlap
Kelli Fantroy

GREETER SCHEDULE
February 11:
9:00am— Josh & Molly Kuehl, Wade & Diane Freise, Lyle & Wilma Drenth
11:00am— Jean Nollman, Ken & Deb Meyer

February 18:
9:00am— Stan & Elaine Deelstra, Nic & LaDonna Freiborg, Ron & Juanita Palsma
11:00am— Donna Humme, Ross & Jolene Larson

COFFEE SCHEDULE
Feb. 11: Dick & Jeanette Jennings
Feb. 18: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
Feb. 25: Daryl & Char DuBois

THE LINK SCHEDULE
Feb 11:
9:00am– Chad & Diane McKee
11:00am– Ross & Jolene Larson

Feb 18:
9:00am– Bruce & Bonnie Wenzel/Overweg
11:00am– Grant & Leslie Boltjes

February Mission of the Month:
Feeding South Dakota– Backpack Program.

This program provides at-risk children with nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods during weekends and holidays when school is not in session. Food is distributed through the schools because of their relationship with students, easy access and safe environments.

Community Book Clubs
Morning Book Club will be meeting on Wed. February 14 at 9pm at the Bagel Boy on MN Ave. We will be discussing Double Bind by Bohjalian.

Evening Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7pm at the Panera on E. 10th St. We will be discussing Girl With All The Gifts by Carey.

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

Faith Circle will not be meeting in February. We will let you know about March at a later date.

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

Hope Circle will meet Feb. 20th at Helen’s house. Lesson: Jerralynne

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.

- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Pete Valentine
- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- 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
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
- William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Denny Robinson (broken leg)
- Dianne Friese-hip replacement
Hello,
This week I am starting out my article with a huge thank you to Cheryl Weerheim! If you don’t know me very well, you may not know this but I am not someone who loves to organize and sort “stuff.” Unfortunately, the supply closet has really needed a good dose of organization for awhile. FORTUNATELY, Cheryl came to the rescue. She dedicated a great deal of time and energy to sorting, organizing, labeling, and cleaning all of the fun supplies we have for Sunday School, VBS, Midweek and the various activities that happen around church. She didn’t even make me throw stuff away! :) (I know the stereotypically Dutch people and crafty people were panicking a little.) So, if you see Cheryl, please thank her. She made life a little easier for all of us.

Related to the Cheryl organizing topic, I have a fun story I have to share with you. One of the treasures Cheryl discovered in sorting through some of the donated supplies that I hadn’t put away yet was a collection of letter/ alphabet stickers and traceable letter/ alphabet shapes in various fonts and sizes. On Tuesday she put them neatly in a drawer and labeled the drawer so that I could find them when we needed them. Fast forward...but not very far forward...to Wednesday morning when I get a really amazing call from April. We were doing an Armor of God lesson and April had come up with a FANTASTIC extension of the lesson plan for her 4th and 5th graders to do. She had cut out shapes from cardboard and had everything she needed except...

Well...

....(I feel like you saw this coming.) Letter/ Alphabet stickers and shapes. She needed EXACTLY what Cheryl had found and neatly placed in a drawer for us to find the previous day. The Midweek class had a little something special and extra because someone donated supplies, then Cheryl organized the supplies, then April dedicated her time for a wonderful lesson. God worked it all out so nicely.

We were talking a little in the office about how beautiful it is to get to see God ahead of us the way He does so often. I find myself more and more noticing things like the alphabet stickers happening and saying, “of course He did.” I hope and pray that you get some moments in your week that you can notice God being a step ahead of you. He orchestrates our world in such sweet ways sometimes. In midweek the kids were talking about how God knows exactly how many hairs are on each one of our heads. The God that made everything cares about each one of us and knows everything about us and loves us. They thought that was pretty amazing. I wish you could hear them talk. It is good stuff. Actually, I wish we could see God’s love through the hearts of the kids. Wait, I think we can do even better. I wish we all (the kids too) could see the way God sees us and know the way He loves us through GOD’s eyes. Wouldn’t that be quite a thing?

I’ll see you soon!

Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

Donations Needed For the Haiti Mission Trip:
The Mission Team has a list of needed items on Amazon https://goo.gl/oRHBax. We will be distributing hygiene kits to the people of Haiti while they are on their trip in March. Please consider donating a few kits or money for supplies and travel costs. There is a table in the lobby: In a Quart Sized Ziplock (stronger plastic):

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Soap
- Shampoo-hotel or travel size
- Deodorant
- Washcloth
- Fingernail Clipper
- Lotion– hotel or travel size
- Comb
- Bandaids– 2 or 3
- {other small items are fine if they travel well but are not necessary.}
- You may donate entire kits or individual items. Both are wonderful gifts!
Tickets for the **Spring Fling Fundraiser** are on sale! **Tickets are $25 each and can be purchased at the table in the lobby or by contacting the church office.** Here are the details again:

* This is the only fundraiser the high school youth group does all year.
* The meal is catered by Chef Dominique. This year, the catered meal is **gluten free**, and we are able to accommodate for **vegetarian** meals. Just let us know!
* There is a **dessert auction** after dinner where tables combine their money and try to win specially prepared desserts. (Participation is optional, and everyone will get a homemade cookie no matter what.)
* We follow up the meal and auction with a rousing **game show of Let’s Make a Deal, which consists of incredible prizes donated by many people from Community**! If you’d like to make a donation, please let me know. We accept prizes as well as money to put toward prizes. And if you have a fantastic “ZONK” prize lying around your house, let me know!
* We offer free childcare for the evening. All you have to do is register them when you reserve tickets, and then feed them before you bring them that evening. 😊

**Something new this year for the Spring Fling is that we will be handing out tickets for this event.** Every year it’s a bit challenging to avoid duplicate entries and to figure out exactly how many tickets have been purchased. So this year, when you reserve your tickets, you will receive actual tickets. You can still pay for the tickets anytime, but my hope is that having a ticket in hand will be helpful for everyone!

**This Sunday morning between services, we’ll be celebrating an incredibly unique “coincidence” at Community.** On February 13, 1953, two of our charter members, John and Hen Timmer got married! This means they are celebrating 65 years of marriage this year! But the unique coincidence is that our Senior Pastor, Clyde Teel, was born on exactly the same day!! So Clyde (my dear old dad ) will be celebrating his 65th birthday on February 13 this year! **How amazing is it to think that on the same day John and Hen got married, a baby was born who would one day be the pastor of their soon-to-be-formed church!** Incredible! So this Sunday, February 11, we’ll be celebrating in the lobby with yummy treats and coffee. And I’ll have a couple of card baskets set out too in case you’d like to bring a card. Let’s celebrate!

**Upcoming Senior High Youth Group Activities**

- **February 23** Red Carpet Night at Minerva's at 6:00pm. **FREE**
- **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
What’s Happening @ Community

**Wednesday, February 7**
9:00am– Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN)
6:00pm– Midweek Meal– Pork Sandwiches
7:00pm– Classes for all ages

**Saturday, February 10**
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

**Sunday, February 11**
10:10am– Sunday School
10:10am– Adult Sunday School (chapel)
10:20am– The Best Yes (children’s wing)

**Monday, February 12**
Noon– Seniors @ Pizza Ranch
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

**Wednesday, February 14**
6:00pm– Midweek Meal– Soup
7:00pm– Classes for all ages

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**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.

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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.

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**Finances at a Glance: February 4, 2018**

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**Spring Fling**
Saturday, March 10th
6:00pm

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

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**MARRIAGE SEMINAR**

JC Chambers from Stronghold Counseling is back to present a 4 week marriage class “Spice Up Your Marriage in Seven Steps” based off of John Gottman’s book.

Wednesday January 31,
Feb. 7, 14, 21
7:00-8:00pm

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**NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

Check out the blue sheet at The Link to nominate 3 elders and 3 deacons for the upcoming year’s consistory. Nominations due: Feb. 25.

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**the Best Yes**

SUNDAYS @ 10:25-10:50am

In the Children’s wing
(Based off of Lisa TerKeurst’s book “The Best Yes”)

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**What’s Happening @ Community**

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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. 11—Bob Hein
Feb. 18—Pete Mellema
Feb. 25—Gerald Teunissen

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!