

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

March is moving along and finally I think we are starting to see a change in our winter pattern. It is going to be a little extra wet around the area, but maybe this is the start of a new trend. I think we would all be ok with a change. It has been long battle and let's hope that is behind us. Those Saturday snow storms were getting old. You never know what to do for Sunday then. What a crazy battle that has been. I have heard other pastors talk about that as well. We get our one day and when that is messed up it really changes things for us. Community, you did a great job during all of that. I know it wasn't always the easiest thing to do on a Sunday morning for you. The guys told me there were 40 families watching from home on Sunday morning. I'm glad we have the live feed. That has been a good thing for us. It's not the same as being here, but when it's all you can do...it works!

Let me do a quick reminder of all the things going on right now. Spring Fling tickets are being sold in the lobby. That date is now April 6. I sure hope lots of you are able to come and support our kids. Don't forget the women's retreat is coming up on March 23. Liz and Abbie are doing that free event for our ladies. Bring a guest and join them. Also, Abbie is doing that writing class on Monday nights. She said she has a great group in there with all different ages of folks. Sounds like fun! The Elder and Deacon ballots are due in. We need to get all of that finished up. Holli needs to put the list together and make phone calls.

We announced on Sunday that the trip to Mission Haiti has been moved to next March. There were just too many obstacles to overcome for this year, so it has been moved. The mission of the month is still Mission Haiti so give to that wonderful ministry.

The folks that do our parking lot and sidewalks have been doing a great job of keeping up with things. Jason and his crew are very diligent about making it work out here no matter what. Mark VanMeeteren is one of the main ones doing things out here. I know personally that he puts in a little extra for us when it comes to checking and getting that snow removed. Let's just say he can back that pickup up in a hurry. Stay out of his way! I'm sure he's getting tired of the snow too. But again, thanks to all those guys!

Our first Sunday of Lent is behind us and I sure hope things start to look a little more like spring now. I was just not sure which sermon to do on Sunday morning. That was a tough decision for me. I am pretty sure I can see which one happens this weekend. I even heard it might be 40. We won't know what to do! I won't get too excited yet, but it's looking better.

Having said that, let's look ahead to Sunday. I know some were disappointed we didn't finish the "Born Again" series, but I'm pretty sure this week is our week. I can't hold on to that forever. Once again, I'm asking for prayers for that day. It gives us two weeks to get ready...whatever that means for you. I'm ready...very ready. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 17: 9:00am—

Keith & Laura Maloney
Emma Maloney
Lynette Deutsch
11:00am-
Brent & Katie Kennett
Michael Dick

March 24: 9:00am—

Tom & Amy Bosch
Andy & Tessa Benson
11:00am-
Jonah & Brittany Nyenhuis
Heidi Blom

THE LINK SCHEDULE

March 17:

9:00am— Daryl & Char DuBois
11:00am— Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

March 24:

9:00am— Bruce Wenzel & Bonnie Overweg
11:00am— Arlan Burggraaf

COFFEE SCHEDULE

March 17: Denny & Sue Brunsting
March 24: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
March 31: Daryl & Char DuBois

GREETER SCHEDULE

March 17

9:00am—
James & Jennifer Bauman
Brad & Janelle Ellis
Randy & Gail Grotenhuis
11:00am—
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands
Al & Cherri Price

March 24

9:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Chad & Dian McKee
Jeris & Maylene Van Zee
11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Myron & Kathy Garrels



SPRING FLING NEW DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
6:00PM

Let's try again—spring is coming! Join us for a catered meal & desert 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.brnside@communityrc.org or call the church office 336-1475. Free childcare provided.

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. Sign up at The Link or email Liz or Abbie.

VOTING FOR ELDERS/DEACONS

Ballots and a list of eligible names are located at The Link in the lobby. Nominations due: March 17.

(NEW) CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
10:10am

At this meeting, new consistory members will be chosen. Slate of names will be published as soon as possible.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 13

9:00am– Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN Ave)
6:00pm– Tacos
7:00pm– Classes for all ages

Thursday, March 14

7:00 pm– Elders
8:00pm– Consistory

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

10:10am- Sunday School

Monday, March 18

7:00pm– Men's Bible Study
7:00pm– Writers' Group

Tuesday, March 19

7:00pm– AA Meeting
7:00pm– Hope Circle

Wednesday, March 20

6:00pm– BBQ
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 Picoult.

New participants welcome. Book Club Contact
Trudi Nelson 371-3512

GRIEF SUPPORT CLASS **(NEW)**

Starts April 17. Brochures can **(NEW)** be found at The Link or The Corner. Preregistration to this class is required. Please read Liz's article for more info.

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 **(NEW)**

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries.

Safe Families– diapers (size 2 & up)/ wipes/ pull-ups

Simon Says Give— new toys

Community Kids– plastic table cloths

Union Gospel Mission– Canned vegetables

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Mission Haiti

HOPE CIRCLE: Meets Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00pm. Hostess– Barb K. Lesson– Margie

LIZ'S UPDATE

Adult Discipleship/Worship



This week I'm excited to announce the details for our first Grief Support Class at Community. This was an idea first suggested to me by one of our church people, and I have been working closely with professionals in this area to design a class that I pray will be incredibly effective. Fliers can be picked up at The Link or in The Corner. The fliers contain information about who the group is for, the dates of the meetings (it begins April 17), and how the group will be structured. Within the flier, you'll find a preregistration form that will need to be filled out by those who are interested in participating. With this group, we want to make sure that we make the classes as effective as possible, so it will require a bit more preparation and planning prior to the class beginning. Then once the class members are set, it's a closed class, meaning that you won't be able to join in the middle of the sessions. However, we are already planning for 2nd and 3rd sessions for new groups to meet throughout the year, so if you miss the registration for the first session, you'll still be able to participate in a later session. Laura Maloney and Julie Brown will be facilitating our Spring session, and you can connect with them if you have any questions. And of course, you can always check in with me if you have questions.

I'd like to remind the women that Abbie and I will be hosting another Women's Retreat on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00-noon at church! Our topic this time is "The Happiness Factor; If You're Happy and You Know It..." You might be surprised at how we will approach the topic of "happiness." ☺ We are really excited about this event, and we've already set the dates for our follow up retreats for June 8 and September 1. These follow up retreats will continue to grow and develop the concepts from the March 23 Retreat, though you are certainly welcome to participate in each retreat independently of the other retreats. This is a free event, although this time if you feel led, you can make a donation at the event, which will go toward a fund that Abbie and I will use to share these Women's Retreats with churches in small towns around the region. We already have an event scheduled for the end of May in Burke, where we will pilot this idea of taking a bit of Community into the world! Registration for the March 23 event is not required but it is appreciated! And you can register at The Link, The Corner, or by contacting Abbie or me. We hope to see you there, and we encourage you to invite a friend or 10!

Have a great week!
Liz

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PRAYER REQUESTS



- **Pete Valentine** (hospice)
- **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
- **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 Tjeerdsmas's son-in-law)
- **Randy** (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn's son)
- Marcia Thornton's mom (Mabel)
- **Rika VanDenTop**
- **Trentin Kooima's son (NICU)**
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HEATHER'S UPDATE



Hi Everyone!

This week the K-5 Midweek kids get to make ice cream while we're learning about Titus. Part of our lesson will be talking with kids about Jesus as their Savior. If you have kids in this age group, ask them if they have any questions and chat at home.

For Sunday School:

The 3 year olds and PreK kids are learning about the life of Jesus here on earth and miracles.

The Kindergarten crew is finishing Elijah and into Jonah. Next is Daniel!

1st Grade has Esther on their list

2nd Grade is starting to talk about Palm Sunday and Jesus praying

3rd Grade is talking about Paul's letters

4th and 5th grade do a curriculum called Grapple where they talk about what the Bible says about topics they are facing. On Sunday the 4th graders were talking about how God sees them and how nothing can separate them from the love of Christ. Good stuff!

Talk to you soon!

Heather DeWit

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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







SARAH'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

With the season of lent among us, and mid-week winding down for the year, I have really been thinking Jesus' life and sacrifice. Jesus didn't shy away from His suffering but endured it all for us. I am going to be talking with the students about that this week and asking them some deep questions about their faith. I am excited to see how that all turns out!

If you are the parent of an eighth grade student, mark your calendars for April 3rd as that will be our eighth grade send off night. That Wednesday we take the time as a youth group to pray over the students and send them off.

That's all for this week!

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sean & Kelli Fantroy on the birth of their daughter, Charlie Jane, on March 8th!

Grandparents are Mike & Jolene Hilbrands.



DOYLE'S UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Hello again!

The warmer weather this week has me believing the Spring Fling may actually be in Spring Weather. It is South Dakota though, so I'll wait on making any fact based statements on that. There are still tickets available, but tickets sales have gone up the last few Sundays. Thank you everyone for being flexible with us and the weather! A reminder to let me know if the new date does not work for you. We will reimburse those tickets sold. Looking forward to April 6th!

This month we are doing our March Madness. This week, we will be addressing our relationship with our parents and friends, and talking about how those relationships can impact our dating life as well. It was fun hearing some of the things students have remembered from past years. I am amazed at how this topic never gets boring to discuss.

On March 24th we will be having our re-scheduled game and soup night at church. Students, bring along one of your favorite games to play and we will enjoy some time together.

That's it for this week. Let me know if there are any questions!

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service

MARCH 31
JUNE 30

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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 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, March 31 @ 3pm.**

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