I don’t want to get too far ahead of myself, but I have heard that maybe we might see some 40-degree temps this week. I think I am ready for such a change as that. Now I don’t know how long that may last, but it all helps. I do enjoy the sun on this fine Monday, that is for sure. I was not too thrilled with that little bit of ice on things this past Sunday. That can sure happen on these spring mornings. I always try to caution you all about that as you leave, but those things can happen so fast. We think we are being careful and then just like that down we go. I’ll be really happy when spring is finally here.

I have heard so many wonderful things about “Spring Fling”. I mentioned all that on Sunday morning and the wonderful generosity of so many of you. Also, a big thanks to so many others. I won’t try to list names since I certainly could miss someone. It takes a lot of work to put all of that together. I know Mary Burggraaf does the desserts for the auction and of course the fine job that Bruce Gebauer does with all of that, but there are many others who donated so much for the games and so many other ways to make for a wonderful evening. I’m sure Liz posted the final numbers of how much was actually raised. I know that number is close to $10,000 dollars. Isn’t that something?

We have been collecting all the results from the survey that has gone out. We are still waiting though for all the results to get turned in. I know you all have busy lives and forget to get it done. We are not in an urgent hurry, but we are going to try to get all those results to the Consistory for next month’s meeting so you have a few more days yet to get those done. I’m not going to give much info on what we are seeing those, but I have a feeling that most of you know kind of how they are turning out. I’ll just say that much for now. The main thing is that I do want you all to know that when you speak, we do listen and if it is at all possible we try to make all those things happen as quickly as we can. I know we don’t do that perfectly, but we do listen.

As Lent is moving along, I want to remind you all that we do a Maundy Thursday service at Community. It has been a long time tradition of this church. That will be coming up on March 29 at 7pm. We are going to do things a little different for that evening. I will leave it at that. You’ll have to come and see exactly what I mean. I know that doesn’t always make you feel the most comfortable, but do remember that when Jesus gathered the disciples in the upper room for their last meal together they didn’t know what was coming either. Jesus was about to change the course of their evening and about to change the course of their established religion forever. I don’t think our little change will be anything like that! We would love to have you all join us for a wonderful evening of reflection.

Sunday our messages keep moving ever closer to the end of the earthly journey of our “King”. This week our focus is on the phrase “Be Strong and Courageous”. It is a phrase that was used when Joshua was about to march around the walls of Jericho. Kings are to be strong and courageous. It is what we expect of them. They are to set an example for us. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
March 18: 9:00am—
Shawn & Lori Blom
Sue Harms
Barb Niessink
11:00am—
Shawn & Debbie Hubbard
Heidi Blom

March 25: 9:00am—
Bob & Katie Deelstra
Tanner & Larissa Corbin
11:00am—
Randi VanDerSloot
Katie Hansen
Jordan Lipp

COFFEE SCHEDULE
March 18: Steve & Becky Lee
March 25: Dick & Jeanette Jennings
April 1: Jim & Kathleen Ludens

THE LINK SCHEDULE
March 18:
9:00am– Stan & Elaine Deelstra
11:00am– Darren & Tracee Ellwein

March 25:
9:00am– Laurie Long
11:00am– Jerralynne Tjeerdsma

GREETER SCHEDULE
March 18
9:00am– Gary & Connie Parmley,
Tom & Amy Bosch, Jeris & Maylene VanZee
11:00am– Jerralynne Tjeerdsma,
Duane & Rhonda Niewenhuis

March 25
9:00am– Carl Tonjes, Bruce Wentzel
& Bonnie Overweg, Dave & Trish Mayer
11:00am– Carl Tonjes, Mike &
Jolene Hillbrands

MONTHLY MISSION
Mission Haiti—They desire to reach
the people of Haiti one village at
a time and keep Christ at the cen-
ter of their ministry.

The Union Gospel Mission love gift
for March is plastic forks & spoons
and disposable bowls. Please put
in designated bin in the lobby.

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

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

Joy Circle will not be meeting in
March. Please study lesson 9 for the
month of April.

Faith Circle will meet at church on
Mon. April 16th at 1pm. Program and
devotions by The Kansas City Mission
Guests are welcome!

Hope Circle will meet March 20th @
7pm at Jerralynne’s house. Lesson: Donna.

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

- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Pete Valentine
- Natalie 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
- Lori Hein’s mom, Joan (open heart surgery)
- Jill Hanson
- Randi VanDerSloot (surgery recovery)
Heather’s Children’s Ministry Update

**THE GREAT SURPRISE**

*Jesus is Alive*

*A Hands on Easter Adventure For Families With Kids*

Preschool - Grade 5

**3-24-18**

1-3pm

#THISISCOMMUNITY

**SIGN UP ON FACEBOOK OR AT THE LINK**

- Event for parents to do with their child
- Fun hands-on activities to check out.
- Bring a friend!
- 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.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

I 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. Please email Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org if you can help.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL Midweek Minute**

This is a spot for Middle School parents to check out what their kids have been and will be learning on Wednesday evenings to facilitate discussion at home. We’ll also include events and activities that are scheduled.

- Last week we talked about Humility
- This coming week we’ll talk about Missions

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: ESCAPE ROOM**

⇒ Underground Church and Missions Themed
⇒ Follow clues and work together to “escape.”
⇒ It is happening here at church! 6:30-8pm March 17
⇒ Bring a friend!
What a weekend! Community, once again you completely blew my mind with the support you showed to the high school youth group by coming out to participate in the Spring Fling and all its festivities. I am still working on the final numbers, but it looks like we will have another record-breaking year for this fundraiser! Your generosity is deeply encouraging to the kids and to me, and I know God was honored by the things that took place Saturday night!

I’d like to specifically thank a few people who made the Spring Fling an exceptional success. Thanks to Mary Burggraaf for making those incredible desserts. Thanks to Bruce Gebauer for being our auctioneer and for giving us all such an entertaining auction experience. Thanks to Arlan Burggraaf for helping both Mary and Bruce with all of the dessert things, and for setting up tables for the Fling. Thanks to Pastor Clyde for being our “sound guy” for the evening. Thanks to Dalton Coffey for being willing once again to step into those famous and beloved Gern Schwartzman shoes. And thanks to Abbie Coffey for doing the hair and helping with costuming for both Gern and Fern. 😊 Thanks to Carrie and Lexi Valentine for those super cute candy centerpieces. Thanks to the gals who baked the homemade cookies for each table; Abbie Langerock, Robyn Niewenhuis, Diane McKee, Jamelee Van Donge, and Abbie Coffey. Thank you to the large group of people who donated money or prizes to our game show. We gave away well over $1000 in prizes to our contestants, and frankly, I think we had some of our best prizes (and ZONKS!) ever! And last, but certainly not least, I’d like to thank the kids who came out and worked so hard that night. Thank you for being great servants, for caring for children in the nursery, for helping with the auction and game show, and for cleaning up like champs. You amaze me every single year, and this year was no exception. What a fantastic night!

Of course, the schedule keeps running ahead, so here are the Upcoming Senior High Youth Group Activities.

March 24  South Dakota Symphony Concert at 7:30pm
April 6-8  Sully Peaks Weekend Retreat FREE
May 2     Last night of Youth Group (SYG Awards and Elk Pie)

And lastly this week, if you happen to be free on Saturday morning, South Dakota Harmony will be presenting their next concert at 10:30 am at the St. Joseph Cathedral School Gym. If you’re free, I highly recommend you attend. The concerts aren’t long, and they are totally worth your time! SD Harmony is an organization for kids that Community has been sponsoring as a mission for a few years now. The work the leaders do with these students is exceptional. If you’re free, check it out!

That’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org

The Northwestern College Music Department is seeking host families to provide hospitality and friendship for the Symphonic Band members while they are on tour April 12 - 15. The concert in Sioux Falls will be Thursday evening, April 12th at 7:00pm at LifeScape – 26th Street. Host families would host the night of April 12th− only one night! Host families are able to offer a sense of home to those away from home and, of course, are welcome to attend their tour concerts! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you’re interested in being a host family, please contact Brad & Dr. Carlyln Van Kalsbeek at (605) 359-5588 for further details.
What’s Happening @ Community

**Wednesday, March 14**
9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN)
6:00pm- Pork Sandwiches
7:00pm- Classes for all ages

**Saturday, March 17**
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
6:30pm—M.S. Escape Room

**Sunday, March 18**
10:10am—Sunday School
10:10am—Adult Sunday School (chapel)
10:20am—The Best Yes (children’s wing)

**Monday, March 19**
7:00pm—Men’s Bible Study

**Tuesday, March 20**
7:00pm—Book Club (E. Panera)

**Wednesday, March 21**
6:00pm—BBQ
7:00pm—Classes for all ages

In moving things forward from the informational meeting held Sunday, the 25th of February, the Consistory voted to form a 5-person Search Committee to review the 4 proposed job descriptions (Adult Discipleship, Youth Pastor, Worship Leader, Technology), salary ranges of each job description and time frame for them to be implemented. That Search Committee will then publish the job descriptions to search for qualified candidates for each position, interview the applicants and make hiring recommendations to the consistory.

Sincerely,
Gerald Teunissen

**Community Fishing Trip**
Friday, March 30th
Near Chamberlain

Supper at Al’s Oasis, Friday at 7:30pm

Come for just the day or stay the night. If staying, you are responsible for making your own reservation under the block of rooms for Community at the Quality Inn, Oacoma, SD for $75. 605-734-5593 (Includes 2 queen beds & hot breakfast.)

Sign up at The Link and answer these questions:

1) Do you have your own boat?
2) Do you have room in your boat? (If you are a boat owner & have extra space, let us know)
3) Don’t have a boat? No problem! Just indicate that when you sign up and we’ll pair you with someone who does.

Contact Arlan Burggraaf—359-9563

**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.
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.

March 11—Laura Maloney
March 18—Randy Grotenhuis

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!