PASTOR’S UPDATE

The last week of March is here. It has been an amazing month. The flooding has been so much a part of our conversation this month around the area and it is not over. There are so many folks that have been negatively affected by all that water. I’m sure many are starting to find some improvement, but for others it will take a long time. The power of nature is something to behold and there is nothing we can really do about it. It is at those times, that we understand just how very small we are. Let me remind you all that though we are powerless in that way...all things are possible with Christ. Continue to pray for those struggling with the spring. I think we are all ready for more of that.

We have certainly noticed a change in Sunday mornings since the weather is a little more favorable. It matters significantly as we have learned before. There were nearly 6 weeks with nasty weather that seemed to hit us right on the weekend. I’m not sure what to make of all of that, but it wasn’t fun. I am hoping that is behind. It was good to see the place full again.

As Easter draws closer there are several things attached to that celebration I would like to highlight this week. Heather is planning a fun day on April 13 for kids and parents. It goes from 10am to noon that day. If you want more info you can contact her. Also, we are doing a breakfast on Easter Sunday as we have done for the last couple of years. That always seems like a good morning to sit down with friends and share a table together. We need some help with so stop at “The Link” to sign-up. It’s all a part of the celebration.

This Friday evening we have a unique opportunity to have an early showing of the movie “Pilgrim’s Progress”. We will be starting at 7pm and having a few extra goodies during the movie. You are all invited to share that evening with us. This is a great opportunity for us so make the most of it. Invite a friend and do a movie night!

The fourth Sunday of Lent is now upon and this week I want to move the word “provision”. We will be looking at the story of Abraham and his faith journey with God. There are many things we can do in this life, but there are some things we cannot. I can’t pay for the sins of the world. Only one person can! We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, March 27**
6:00pm—Ham/Cheesy Potatoes
7:00pm—Classes for all ages

**Saturday, March 30**
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am—Closed AA meeting

**Sunday, March 31**
10:10am—Sunday School
3:00pm—Baptism Service

**Monday, April 1**
7:00pm—Men’s Bible Study
7:00pm—Writers’ Group

**Tuesday, April 2**
7:00pm—AA Meeting

**Wednesday, April 3**
6:00pm—BBQ
7:00pm—Classes for all ages

**UPCOMING MINISTRIES**

**COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS**
The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, April 10, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing One Perfect Spring by Irene Hannon.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, April 16th at 7 pm at the Panera on Foss Ave (Eastside). We will be discussing True To You by Becky Wade.

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

**GRIEF SUPPORT CLASS**
Starts April 17. Brochures can be found at The Link or The Corner. Pre-registration 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**
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

**FAITH CIRCLE:** Faith Circle will meet on Monday, April 15, 11:15am for lunch at the Olive Garden. This is an important meeting as we will discuss the future of Faith Circle.

**FINANCES**

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

**General:** $11,504
**Vision:** $1,775
**Missions:** $170
**Sunday School:** $19
**Wednesday night:** $189

**General YTD:** $181,124
**Vision YTD:** $61,163
**Vision Account Balance:** $102,651

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**SPRING FLING**
**SATURDAY, APRIL 6 6:00PM**
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@communityrc.org or call the church office 336-1475. Free childcare provided.

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Our Women’s Retreat was well attended this past Saturday morning. Over 70 women joined us for a morning of learning, devotional time, and some delicious caramel rolls. Once again, I’d like to publicly thank Joel Blankers for baking homemade caramel rolls for us, and for getting coffee, juice, and water all set up for us. That’s a huge part of our morning, and Abbie and I are very grateful that Joel takes care of that for us. Also, we’d like to thank Pastor Clyde for being willing to run sound for us that morning. He’s not only a good pastor, he’s a good dad. 😊 Thanks, Dad! And thanks to all of the women who came and gave us such helpful feedback. We are in the process of setting up a retreat to be held at a church in Inwood this fall at the request of a few women who were in attendance on Saturday. Abbie and I are excited to see what God has in store!

I’d like to put a little plug in my article for the Spring Fling Banquet. The last day to purchase tickets for this event is this Sunday. Remember this is the only fundraiser the senior high youth group does all year, and it’s a good one! The food is incredible and will be catered by Chef Dominique, there’s a fun dessert auction, and Doyle even has a game show planned for the evening. This year, I’m looking forward to participating as a guest rather than the organizer! I know it will be a fantastic night and I strongly encourage you to get your tickets this weekend.

Don’t forget about the Grief Support Class. Brochures can be picked up at The Link and in The Corner. The brochures 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. 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.

Have a great week!

Liz
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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- **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
- **Diane Johnson** (liver disease)
- **Cal Klein**
- **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)
- **Harriet Valentine** (breast cancer)
- **Duane** (Jerralynne Tjeerdsmas’s son-in-law)
- **Randy** (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn’s son)
- **Rika VanDenTop**
- **Trentin Kooima’s son** (NICU)
Hi Everyone!

I have a question for you….I’ve been thinking about what we can do to connect with and offer options for our kiddos (and young adults) with special needs. If that is you or if you know someone that may want to join us, could you tell me what your dream would be? Would a small, sensory friendly activity be appealing? Would take home activities and lessons be helpful? Are you good with what we offer now? I’m just wondering if we can be “church” with folks and I’m missing it so please let me know if you have any ideas. I’m all ears!

I want to put a quick plug in for our movie night this Friday. Trudi Nelson (one of our awesome librarians) was kind enough to help us get connected with the opportunity to show “The Pilgrim’s Progress” movie before it even comes out in theaters! (Thanks Trudi!) We’ll have popcorn and a movie this Friday night at 7pm.

Here is a description of the film:

“The epic tale of a pilgrim and his burden, based on John Bunyan’s Masterpiece. The most popular book of all time (next to the Bible) is coming to movie theaters for the first time ever as a feature length, animated movie! In this exciting film event we will join Christian on his epic journey from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City as the ultimate enemy tries everything in his power to distract him from his journey. This allegory challenges and strengthens young believers and draws them into the journey we all face like none other in history. This is the one movie our kids can’t miss.”

Here is a link to the trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04WXIAcO1S0

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Community Consistory  
March 14, 2019  
Community Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Attendance: Mike Boyenga, Michael Dick, Jaron DeWit, Jim Fisher, Chad Odens, Chad McKee, Curt Zwart, Doug Harms, Mark Koll, Jolene Larson, Bob Weerheim, Gerald Teunissen, Laura Malone, Seth Sundstrom and Clyde Teel.

Seth opened the meeting by reading Proverbs 29:18 and led the group in a discussion on leadership and church vision.

MSA of the February 2019 minutes.

MSA of the financial report for February 2019 given by Chad McKee.

New Business:
Bob W. shared copies of the proposed design of Faith Ave.

Liz and Heather submitted their monthly reports.

As a church, we pay half of the camp registration fee for Community Kids and their friends who attend camp at Inspiration Hills.

MSA to pay half of the registration fee up to $200 for Community Kids and friends who attend camps hosted by organizations other than Inspiration Hills. Full scholarships for camp are available if needed.

Security camera update: 2 additional cameras will be installed in the nursery per Sherri’s request.

The mission trip to Haiti has been moved to March 2020.

Gerald suggested we look into forming a long range Planning Committee.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2019.

MSA to adjourn.
Clyde closed with a time of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jolene Larson, Clerk

BAPTISM  
MARCH 31ST @ 3:00PM

Ada Kate & Oliver Logan Veurink  
Logan & Chelsea Veurink

Wyatt James Larson  
Zach & Kylie Larson

Nash Robert Hausmann  
Cooper & Heidi Hausmann

Mia Abigail Dinger  
Nik & Jennifer Dinger

Ellison Jean Park  
Eugene & Jordanne Park

Asher Jacob Varilek  
Jeremiah and Ann Varilek

Caleb Allen Peters  
Kurt & Rebecca Peters

Coen Eliot Tiilstra  
Jaris & Katelyn Tiilstra

Malcolm Otto Van Aartsen  
Brent & Amanda Van Aartsen

Addison Rose Klocker  
Jason & Melissa Klocker

Kyan William Behrens  
Chris & Briana Behrens

Tanner Douglas VanDeraa  
Ryan & Emily VanDeraa

Alexander Isaiah Hinderks  
Steve & Becky Hinderks
SARAH’S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Hello Community,

This week we will be removing tree sweaters, if the they aren’t to wet. We will wrap up our night with our youth group game night. We will play a few of our favorite games from the year and a couple of new ones.

Next week is our Eighth Grade Send Off night. We take time as a group to pray over the students heading to High School and send them with some gifts that are a little silly but meaningful.

We will have one more Youth Group activity before the school year ends. Plans are underway for what’s next so stay tuned for that.

That’s all for me this week!

Sarah Powell
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COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY FISHING TRIP

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. 605-734-5593 (hot breakfast included) 2 Queens= $76.

1 King= $72 or 1 Queen $68. Supper at Al’s Oasis, Friday at 7:30pm.

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.

3’s contact Arlan Burggraaf–359-9563

DOYLE’S UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Hello again!

We are in our last week of March, and this week is our last night of our March Madness series for the senior high students. I didn’t get to a few things last week so we are going to be talking about some practical steps to take in guarding our hearts when it comes to dating. I know we won’t be getting to everything students have questions about so students will also be able to submit questions they have that we will get to the first week of April.

This upcoming Sunday is our final week to get tickets for the Spring Fling. The weather has gotten out of winters grasp and it appears we will be in spring! We do still have tickets available, so if you have forgotten, or have been thinking about coming and supporting our youth, you can pick up your tickets Sunday or by emailing me throughout the week.

One final note, as we get closer to the end of the year our 8th graders are also getting closer to moving up. The last two weeks of April, our 8th graders are invited to join the high school group for a two week series. This can be a great way to be welcomed into the high school group and get a taste of what next year will look like.

That’s it for this week, if you have any questions about the high school ministry, or the Spring Fling, send them my way.

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CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to out to the family of Pete Valentine. Pete passed away last Saturday. Please keep his family in your prayers.
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.

**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.

**INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Baptism Service**
MARCH 31
JUNE 30

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