Pastor’s Update

A new week and still it looks like winter. I had this feeling this year might look like this. We will just keep doing it a day at a time. Next Sunday is Easter and it falls on April fools day. I do wonder what that will be like. It could be a white Easter. Looking on the bright side of all that it will be one we won’t forget. See, there is always a silver lining to these things. No matter how it goes spring is coming. I’m really looking forward to that.

Then folks will be doing their annual fishing trip this coming weekend. I’m not sure how all of that will go. I guess I don’t even know if there is open water on the river. I haven’t been back that way in while. It will be another challenge for the fishing group. They are typically a very hardy group so I’m sure nothing will slow them down.

Thursday night we do our Maundy Thursday service at Community. This year we are going to do it a little different than most years. We are going to let you all just sit in the chairs and we are going to bring the elements to you all. We have never tried this in that big room, but we thought it might be a nice change and it fits my theme for the evening so well. I hope you can all come out and join us. It is a nice service to contemplate the journey of our Lord Jesus and his willingness to for us what we could never do for ourselves. It is one more time to consider what it is that Kings do. 7pm on Thursday!

Our search committee has nearly finished all of the job descriptions for the new transitions we have been talking about and we will be posting those in a couple of weeks. We are taking our time to do this right. I have been most impressed with the work of that group and also the care in which Consistory has been working through this as well. We have the surveys completed and Consistory will be looking at those at our next meeting and we will also be sharing those results with the entire church as well. Thanks so much for all of the great feedback we were given. We are learning how to do these next steps and trying to do it with great care and prayer. This is kingdom work!

Our Haiti guys did an outstanding job with their presentation on Sunday morning. You could tell they had prepared ahead of time that made an impact on the fine group that had gathered to hear them. I am sure this won’t be the last group that we see going down there. Our team has a challenge to see how many students we as a church can sponsor. You will be hearing more about this as the weeks pass. They have photos of the children you can sponsor and $100 will sponsor an elementary child for a year and $200 will sponsor a high schooler for a year. I just have a feeling there will be lots of you that take on one or more of the sponsorships. This is just the beginning of this Haiti Mission. Good job men! Go God Go!

Be praying for the group that is leaving this Thursday for KC. They are going to be a busy group and we are looking forward to their return and the stories they will bring back with them. It’s been a busy month of activity around here. I love it!

Sunday is Easter. I don’t have to say much more. What is it that Kings do? I think we are about to find out. We will talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

April 1: 9:00am—
  - Kari Kraayenbrink
  - Lynette Deutsch
  - Nathan & Amber Van Roekel
  - 11:00am—
    - Jamie & Jason Van Sloten
    - Becky Hinderks
  - Abbie & Tanner
    - Van Meeteren

April 8: 9:00am—
  - Keith & Laura, Emma Maloney
  - Wanda Houtsma
  - 11:00am—
    - Andrea Fisher
    - Jamie & Jason Van Sloten

**COFFEE SCHEDULE**

April 1: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
April 8: Daryl & Char DuBois
April 15: Steve & Becky Lee

**THE LINK SCHEDULE**

April 1:
  - 9:00am– Dick & Jeannette Jennings
  - 11:00am– Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

April 8:
  - 9:00am– Marshall & Angeline Lavin
  - 11:00am– Karen Roetman

**GREETER SCHEDULE**

April 1
  - 9:00am– Josh & Molly Kuehl, Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen, Darrin & Sherri Van Beek
  - 11:00am– Jerralynne Tjeerdsma, Larry & Gloria Smyrak

April 8
  - 9:00am– Wade & Diane Friese, Dennis & Helen Robinson, Lyle & Wilma Drenth
  - 11:00am– Donna Humme, Dennis & Helen Robinson

**Community Book Clubs**

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, April 11, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on MN Ave. We will be discussing Story Jar by Hatcher and Bedford.

Evening Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm at the Panera on E. 10th St. We will be discussing Where We Belong by Lynn Austin.

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

**Joy Circle** - 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 Group. Hostess: Dolly & Audrey. Guests are welcome!

**April Mission of the Month:**
Bethany Christian Services–Safe Families.

The Union Gospel Mission love gift for April is regular coffee. Please put in designated bin in the lobby.

**Our condolences go out to Car Tonjes on the death of his sister. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.**
Happy Spring!
I am very thankful for the volunteers and participants who made our kids’ Easter event special. Karen Roetman had this idea a few years ago and I am glad we were able to put it together and make it a reality this year! I heard many positive comments and even heard some specific comments about our great Middle School age volunteers and how welcoming they were. We had more than 50 children and their families join us. I think that is a good number for a first time event. If we do it again in the future, we have some ideas for making it better as well. We had some visitors join us too! I think that is always a good thing.

Sunday School was sure full this week! I can really see class sizes increasing as the year progresses. I love to see us growing in size but I am really loving watching what God is doing in the lives of the kids and in our lives as adults at Community.

Some reminders:
- March 28— No Midweek
- March 29— Maundy Thursday Service
- April 1— Easter! No Sunday School
- April 11— Last Week of Midweek (Pizza and Praise)
- May 6— Last Day of Sunday School
- August 5-8 Evenings- Vacation Bible School— Shipwrecked—Rescued by Jesus!

See you soon!  Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

The K-5 Midweek kids had a lesson in which they learned about the events leading up to Easter and Easter. They had small items that represented various moments. The 3 year olds and PreK kids had a similar Sunday School lesson as well with a simplified variation! When this idea was brought to me this summer by a wonderful member of our congregation, I knew we would have to try it!

- Palm Branch- Waved when Jesus came in on a donkey. Matthew 21:8-9
- Cracker- Jesus ate the Last Supper with His disciples. Matthew 26:26
- Coin- Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. Matthew 26: 14-15
- Leather- Soldiers beat and whipped Jesus. Mark 15:15
- Cross- Jesus carried His cross. John 19:17
- Nail- Jesus was nailed to the cross. John 19:18
- Cloth- Linen used to wrap Christ’s body Matthew 27:59
- Stone- A stone was in front of the tomb and was rolled away. Matthew 27:60
- Empty Egg- The tomb is empty. Jesus is risen! Luke 24:6-7

**MIDDLE SCHOOL Midweek Minute**

- We’ll take a week off on 3/28/18 for Easter Week
- On 4/4/18 is our 8TH GRADE SEND OFF WEEK. This is a special day for the eight graders where we pray over them, send them off with words of encouragement and of course give them a little high school survival kit.
Liz’s Update

I’d like to start my article this week by thanking our anonymous donor for the funds to attend the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra concert with the high school youth group kids! It was a fantastic night out full of amazing movie music. It is always such a treat to hear movie music played live by an orchestra. This year’s theme was superheroes, so all of the pieces came from movies like Superman, Batman, The Avengers, etc. And much to our surprise, there were people dressed as superheroes who made appearances during each of the pieces. Afterwards the superheroes were available for pictures, and let me tell you that even high school kids thought that was pretty cool. 😊 Thanks again!

Remember that this week, we do not meet for Mid-Week in preparation for the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday at 7:00 pm. Regular Mid-Week activities will resume next week.

The Sully Peaks Retreat is coming up on April 6-8. I’ve sent out a postcard with all of information about that retreat, and I’ll be sending out a final details postcard this week. It’s not too late to sign up for this retreat. My current list includes:

Colton   Jenna   Katie   Mady   Mikayla
Olivia   Slader  Sage    Joel    Ryleigh
Raegan   Ashlynn

Let me know right away if you want to add your name to the list! I’m working on transportation and room assignments this week.

I thought it was amazing to hear the stories from the guys who went to Haiti on their mission trip. It is obvious that God used them in big ways to bless the people of Haiti, and I know they were blessed in return. Thanks to Jaron DeWit, Doug Harms, Steve Bonnema, and Tom and Max Jacobs for sharing your stories with us, and for bringing a little of Haiti back with you!

And speaking of mission trips, the Kansas City Mission Trip is this weekend! Please keep the adults and students in your prayers as they head to Kansas City to offer their help to those in need. Those going on the trip are Sage Bultje, Mady Hanson, Jackson Klemme, Grace Maciejewski, Katie McKee, Slader Niewenhuis, Brooklyn Peterson, Jane Klemme, Sarah Powell, Karen Roetman, and Rhonda and Duane Niewenhuis. Pray them up as they go!

I hope you all have a blessed Easter!

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

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Thank you for your willingness to pray as a team from Community travels to Kansas City. Here are some details to help with specific prayer.

Our Team Members: Sage, Madalynn, Jackson, Jane, Grace, Katie, Duane, Rhonda, Slader, Brooklyn, Karen, Sarah

Here are some of our prayer requests:

- Our team To be united as a group for Kingdom work
- Our team To be healthy, safe and vibrant in our service with our minds, hands and feet
- Our team To be selfless
- Our team To celebrate and experience Easter perhaps a bit different than we are used to (away from our culture, our families, our traditions, but same MAIN CHARACTER!)
- Our team To be open to how God is/may use each of us in this journey
- Our team To understand and grow in that this is God’s mission, not ours
- All of the people our team will encounter to be open to God’s love.
- For “Mary,” our Argentine friend, whose home will be bombarded by our group and God-willing, transformed to bring her much joy and peace!
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Community Reformed Church
Consistory Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2018, 7:45 p.m.

Attendees: Clyde Teel, Nick Langerock, Aric Blom, Mary Burggraaf, Laura Maloney, Mark Van Meeteren, Eric VanDong, Jim Fischer, Mike Boyenga, Daron Van Beek, Jolene Larson, Bob Hein, Cleone Leistra, Randy Grotenhuis, Gerald Teunissen

Opening Scripture, Philippians 4:4-9 and Jaron DeWit’s devotional from Haiti mission trip read by Mary Burggraaf

MSA approving the February 2018 budget report

Software operation update reported; transition going well with the nursery having the biggest change.

Haiti mission trip gentlemen had a report of their week’s activities.

Liz Teel’s youth report was given.

Heather DeWit’s children’s report was given.

Report that the surveys went out this week; responses are coming back. The results will be reported at the April consistory meeting.

The February consistory meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to amend the minutes to read, “accept Liz Teel’s resignation from the youth ministry position effective June 15 and to encourage Liz to apply for the positions of adult discipleship and worship ministry at Community and for the board to actively begin the search for a part-time senior high youth pastor.”

MSA to approve the February consistory minutes as amended.

MSA to form a search committee of five (5) members to establish job descriptions and recommend salaries for consistory approval. The positions to be filled are adult discipleship, work ministry, senior high youth pastor, and IT tech. Two (2) members from the consistory and three (3) members from the congregation-at-large. Recommended Russ Robers and Jolene Larson from the consistory and Mike Hilbrands, Lori Blom, and Randy Grotenhuis from the congregation be asked to serve in this capacity.

The consistory is asked to think over the next month about the feasibility/necessity of staff having set office hours.

The next meeting is April 12.

Thank you for all the loving care, prayers, cards, visits, flowers, gifts, and memorials that you have given our mother, Dolly Hoogendoorn’s sister, Annetta Wiese, over these last few years while she was in the nursing home and then for her funeral. Pastor Thornton did such a wonderful, perfect job officiating at her service; and the piano music by Rhonda Van Roekel was just beautiful. We also greatly appreciated the church ladies who prepared and served the delicious lunch afterward. You have helped us to honor our mother/sister well, and we are very grateful for that. We can only imagine what this Easter will be like for her in Heaven!

Family of Annetta Wiese

Sponsor a Child with Mission Haiti!
- Join us in our dream to Sponsor every child in the Frederique Mountain School in Haiti. We are off to a great start!
- Provide education, supplies, deworming and a meal
- Only $100 PER YEAR for elementary or $200 PER YEAR for high school (grade 7 next year and older - currently in 6)
- You can send letters to your student if you want.

Email JaronDeWit@gmail.com to learn more or visit the table in the lobby. We could meet your sponsored child on our next trip!
Wednesday, March 28
NO MIDWEEK

Thursday, March 29
7:00pm–Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30
Office Closed

Saturday, March 31
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, April 1– Happy Easter!
No Sunday School

Monday, April 2
7:00 pm– Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, April 4
6:00 pm– Soup
7:00 pm– Class 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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No Nursery on Maundy Thursday

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BLACK QUILTED COAT WITH GLOVES & EAR MUFFS
Black quilted coat with gloves & ear muffs in pockets. Found in coat room, black quilted coat & gloves with Alaska embroidered on them. Please exchange.

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Last Night of Midweek
April 11

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Finances at a Glance:
March 25, 2018

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What's Happening @ Community

Men's Morning
Saturday, April 7th
9:00 am-Noon

Sign up at The Link.

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Congregational meeting
April 22nd @ 10:10am
E lecting elders/deacons

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Welcome

Give a Community welcome to Brad and Janelle Ellis. They live in Brandon where Brad works for BNSF railroad and Janelle works for Wells Fargo Banks. They have three daughters, two of who also joined our fellowship this week. They attend the 9 am service. Give a shout out to the Ellis’s family

Say hi to Adam and Emily Angerhofer who live in Brandon. Emily is a daughter to Brad and Janelle. They have three children active in Sunday school. Adam works for Midwest Rail Car repair and Emily runs her own daycare. You will see them at the 9 am service. give them a Community greeting.

Tyler and Erica Hanson also joined our fellowship. Erica is also a daughter of Brad and Janelle. They also requested baptism for their son. Tyler works at Shields in Sioux Falls and Erica is a hair stylist at Man Salad in Sioux Falls. They live in Baltic and also attend the 9 am service. Lets welcome the Hanson’s.

Stephanie Craft has joined the Community family. Stephanie requested baptism for her son, Theodore as well. Stephanie is a grand daughter of the late Rev. Dean and Gwen Meeter, former pastor at Community. Stephanie is married to Joe who is a fishing guide. Stephanie is a Nail Tech at Perfect Ten. They live in Sioux Falls and attend the 11 am service.
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!

March 25—Mary Burggraaf
April 1—Doug Harms