

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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## PASTOR'S UPDATE

March is finally here and not much relief in sight. It has been a long winter now, but I am finding people are really doing pretty well. I think we just all get into this attitude of getting tough and getting through it. That is what makes us mid-west people. We do adapt pretty quickly and if winter drags on, we moan a little and then we get on with it. Do life! Sunday was not very nice and yet the crowd in church was pretty good. It makes me smile! Good job everyone. It sounds like we might get another nasty one this coming weekend. I am pretty sure by June this will all be different.

The Spring Fling has been moved so you have a little more time to get those tickets. If you bought tickets for the first one and now you can't go on April 6, just get in touch with us and we will make sure you get a refund. Remember this is the only fund raiser those kids do the entire year so please help them out. Besides, it's a great night!

Voting for Elders and Deacons is winding down so get those ballots all completed so we can keep this process moving along in a good direction. Holli will start making calls to the candidates soon but, we want to make sure you have all had the opportunity to vote. The ballots are at "The Link".

The women's retreat is March 23. Their theme this year is "If You're Happy and You Know It...". I hope many of you ladies are planning on being here for that morning. I run sound for that even and I always learn some great stuff that morning. The food is good too! Check it out!

Our mission of month is Mission Haiti. There is a lot going on there right now and so a few prayers can be offered for what can be troubling times in that land. We have had number of folks who have gone there on various mission trips and they all return with full hearts. It's a wonderful ministry.

The first Sunday of Lent is this coming week. I know if sure feels a lot more like Christmas than Easter, but it is coming. Abbie is doing a writing class starting this week if you would to do that with her. It is a new way to do Lent. She has all ages joining her for the class. It sounds like a fun thing...and I am sure will produce some great words. So, all of you reflective folks this is your opportunity.

The message for Sunday is the last in this series on "Born Again". This series has been a good one for me and I am hearing from you as well. We have been fighting the weather every single weekend, but we are going to get this done. I am not going to be deterred. The last one will be one of commitment time and dedicating our church and our lives to the message of the Jesus who died, was raised, and is in heaven waiting for his children to come home. A day to celebrate together and one to review all we have learned about this amazing gift and how all of us can receive it. I am looking forward to it. Pray it up everyone! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**March 10: 9:00am—**

Josh & Molly Kuehl  
Kim Knochenmus  
Juanita Palsma  
**11:00am—**  
Brent & Sue Dekker  
Kelli Fantroy

**March 17: 9:00am—**

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

## THE LINK SCHEDULE

**March 10:**

**9:00am—** Grant & Lesley Boltjes  
**11:00am—** Lance & Robyn Niewenhuis

**March 17:**

**9:00am—** Daryl & Char DuBois  
**11:00am—** Bruce Wenzel & Bonnie Overweg

## COFFEE SCHEDULE

**March 10:** Joel & Lisa Blankers

**March 17:** Denny & Sue Brunsting

**March 24:** Dick & Jeannette Jennings

## GREETER SCHEDULE

**March 10**

**9:00am—**  
Gary & Connie Parmley  
Gerald & Deb Teunissen  
Ron & Juanita Palsma  
**11:00am—**  
Bert Roetman  
Mark & Pat Koll

**March 17**

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



**(NEW)**

## 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wednesday, March 6

6:00pm— Soup  
7:00pm— Classes for all ages

### Saturday, March 9

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

### Sunday, March 10

10:10am- Sunday School

### Monday, March 11

Noon— Senior Citizen's @ E. Pizza Ranch  
7:00pm— Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm— Writers' Group

### Tuesday, March 12

7:00pm— AA Meeting

### Wednesday, March 13

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

## FINANCES

Sunday, March 3, 2019

General:..... \$18,529  
Vision: .....\$5,995  
Missions:.....\$565  
Sunday School:.....\$255  
Wednesday night:.....\$189

General YTD: \$128,757  
Vision YTD: \$51,114  
Vision Account Balance: \$99,995

## 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.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, March 13, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Girl of Atomic City* by Kiernan. **New participants welcome.** Book Club Contact Trudi Nelson 371-3512

### 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

# Adult Discipleship/Worship



Well, here we are in March, and it looks and feels more like January! I don't know about you, but if I were calling it, I wouldn't say March came in like a lion - I'd say it came in like an enraged polar bear! Maybe, considering the extremes of these metaphors, March will go out like a tranquil butterfly. We can only hope!

This week marks the first week of Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday. As many of you probably know, the season of Lent is a time when we begin to prepare ourselves for the remembrances of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many Christian traditions celebrate the season of Lent with fasting. This is where some get the idea to "give up something for lent." The problem with this is that often the "fasting" of Lent tends to become the "goal" of Lent. And that's flat out wrong.

When a Christian decides to participate in fasting, what he or she is doing is purposely creating an empty space for God to fill. Fasting can be practiced in a number of different ways. We can fast from food we need, like an entire meal or an entire day's worth of meals. We can also fast from food we want, like coffee, chocolate, soda pop, or potato chips. It's also possible to fast from activities like coffee with friends, Facebook scrolling, or going to movies or sporting events. The key to fasting is to remember that the whole point of doing without something means that you fill that newly empty space with God. Our focus and attention need to be directed toward the One we are celebrating in the first place.

If you decide to fast from Facebook, you might exchange those minutes with time reading Scripture, praying, or actually calling one of those friends to set up a face to face conversation. If you feel you want to fast from spending time with friends, you could exchange that for coffee dates with Jesus. Fasting isn't about self-improvement. It's about creating intentional space to focus on God and what He's up to in your world.

Fasting can also be practiced by adding new practices into our lives. Maybe there's not really anything God is asking you to give up. Instead, He might be asking you to sacrifice a bit of time to do a devotional every day for 15 minutes. Maybe He's inviting you to pray on your commute. Perhaps God is inviting you to pray once a day for people who have hurt you. Or maybe you feel yourself being encouraged to write a letter of encouragement once a week to different people who needs encouragement. See? There are many ways to sacrifice ourselves during Lent to prepare to celebrate the Ultimate Sacrifice on our behalf.

Whatever you choose to do (or not do), it is my prayer that this season of Lent might be a fresh season of preparation for you, and that you will find new places where you can meet God.

Stay warm this week! Spring is coming!

Liz  
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## PRAYER REQUESTS



- **Pete Valentine**
- **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
- **Nikki Urban** Troy & Susan Payne's daughter
- **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 Tjeerdsma's son-in-law)
- **Randy** (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn's son)
- **Marcia Thornton's mom** (Mabel)
- **Rika VanDenTop**



## HEATHER'S UPDATE



Hello Everyone,

Every so often I'm struck by the way God has blessed us by growing our kids at Community and this week it happened again. It is so much fun to see the work He is doing in their lives. Parents, thank you for living your faith in front of your kids. It truly does open doors for them. I've got a very tentative date for Community Kids Day Camp for this summer. I've got my eye on June 11-12 for camp for kids who going into 1<sup>st</sup> grade through going into 5<sup>th</sup> grade. I'd love to have adult, Middle School and High School helpers so everyone can save this date. As I said, I'm not quite ready to make this date "final" but I wanted to get it out there as a possibility. Our theme this year will be Babylon and we're going to do some arts and craft projects, science, and games all mixed into a single two day camp. We'll spend some time with Daniel and his friends and learn about how God is with you in all circumstances. With Babylonian gardens and flutes, lions made of hand an foot prints, solar changing paper and games like dream tag, I think it will be memorable.

Speaking of memorable, VBS is shaping up to be a great experience again this year! I'm enjoying spending some time with God as I prepare lessons and activities. I think the kids are going to be fascinated by the lessons including plagues and Ark of the Covenant and we'll have a blast with the lion theme. We'll learn that:

- Sunday: When life is unfair...God is good!
- Monday: When life is scary...God is good!
- Tuesday: When life is sad...God is good!
- Wednesday: When life is good...God is good!

Upcoming events:

- April 6- Spring Fling Youth Group Fundraising Dinner <<<<NOTE THE NEW DATE and buy tickets
- April 13- 10am-noon- Rise Up Easter Event for Children and their Families
- Possible Community kids Babylon day camp for kids going into 1st through 5th with Middle, High and adult volunteers needed- 1-4pm
- July 28-31- evenings- Vacation Bible School: Roar! Life is wild. God is good.

Last, but definitely not least, I want to remind you of the Rise Up Easter Event coming in April. Get that on your calendars and plan to invite friends. We'll do science experiments, a photo booth, art projects, and games. We'll need volunteers to make this event go well. It is only 2 hours long so I hope you are able to fit it into your weekend. I think it should be fun.

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

Hello Community,

In spite of all this icky weather, time seems to keep zooming by. During Sunday School, we talked about the way the Bible uses plant analogies to explain our faith. We talked about the way plants are rooted beneath the ground, making them difficult to be pulled. The same is true with our faith. The deeper we are rooted in Christ the stronger we are when we face trials or temptations.

During Midweek are going to spend some time digging into Psalm 23. There is a lot to talk about with this Psalm. It gives us visions of green pastures and peaceful abundance but we'll also talk about the presence of valleys and enemies. I am looking forward to getting to reflect on this during Midweek. I hope you are all enjoying your week!



## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Jan Mellema for the recent passing of her brother-in-law, Al Brueggeman.



**PRAYER GROUP MEETS AT 7:00AM ON SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL. EVERYONE WELCOME!**



## DOYLE'S UPDATE

# HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Our new date for Spring Fling is set for April 6th. It has been a crazy week working on getting that rescheduled, but I am thankful that the same weekend worked for a majority of students and our catering. Hopefully the later date will also let us have a little more hope of spring! Tickets will be available in the lobby Sunday mornings and in the high school room Wednesday nights as we get ready for our new night.

As we get into March, we will be doing what students/Liz always called March Madness – aka relationship month. We will be having conversations around relationship with our parents, friends, and dating. I look forward to what the students have to say and what they have retained from the years with Liz.

Since our fundraiser was moved to April, we will be doing a game night later this month. Students can bring their favorite games (board, card, group) and I will make some soup as we enjoy some time together! This also works out well as a reschedule of our January event as I got the flu over that weekend. Here's hoping that bug doesn't follow the event!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the high school youth ministry, please feel free to contact me anytime!

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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 of-  
fice 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 par-  
ents needs to be a member at  
Community. **Next Baptism  
Service: Sunday, March 31 @  
3pm.**

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