Pastor’s Update

It’s the first full week of March and I’m sitting in my office this morning. There is a snowstorm getting a good start just outside my window. It is too early yet to know how bad things are going to get, but I have a feeling it’s going to be that wet, heavy snow that so often we can get during these spring storms. Hopefully it will pass quickly and we can get back to that nice weather we were having last weekend. I sure did enjoy that!

Be praying this week for our folks heading off to Haiti this week. Right now, I am wondering how all the flight things are going to go with this snow coming in. They will have a busy 7 days there and we are praying that all goes well. That team was very thrilled with the amount support they have received from all of you in prayer and items you gave for them to deliver. We will be having a time for them to share their experiences there once they return. I’m sure we are going to hear that God was moving. That always seems to be how things unfold. Go God Go!

This Saturday is the annual “Spring Fling”. I know we have a great number of people who are coming and there are still some free tickets available if any of you have a guest you would like to bring. Let us know as soon as possible. We can’t accommodate everyone at the last minute, but we can do some. It is going to be a great evening. It always is and those who come are always so generous. I hope to see you all there. There are a couple of new elements in the program this year. It sounds like a very fun time.

We have sent out a couple of the surveys that were requested at our informational meeting last week. We got right on those. I hope you will all take the time to fill those out and give us some good responses so we can gather that information to help us as we plan. All the feedback we can get is valuable. If you don’t receive one, please let us know so we can get one too you. They should be available at The Link as well.

Consistory meets this week and we are going to work very hard to get a good handle on how to best move things forward. As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we listened to you and those things are going to be worked through. I know these are not easy things to all agree on, but we are a family through all of this. I just hope we can find a good place to make what I would call the first step. In a growing church this will not be the only step… remember that. We can make one step… check to see how that goes… adjust… make changes… adjust again and so on. That’s how healthy places do what they do. These are exciting opportunities folks to grow us deeper and closer. That’s how I am proceeding! Go God Go!

Sunday we keep moving through the messages on Kings. I know that Sunday’s message really spoke to me. That may sound strange that the person delivering the message would say such a thing, but messages often either when I’m preparing them or even while I’m giving them can speak to me. Not because I’m doing anything special, but rather because when the Holy Spirit gets involved things happen. I love that! This week: “King of Kings, Lord of Lords”. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
March 11: 9:00am—
Chris & Briana Behrens
Charlene Hopf
Amy Smit
11:00am—
Jonah & Brittany Nuenhuis
Kristi Olson

March 18: 9:00am—
Shawn & Lori Blom
Sue Harms
Barb Niessink
11:00am—
Shawn & Debbie Hubbard
Heidi Blom

COFFEE SCHEDULE
March 11: Joel & Lisa Blankers
March 18: Steve & Becky Lee
March 25: Dick & Jeanette Jennings

THE LINK SCHEDULE
March 11:
9:00am– Gerald & Deb Teunissen
11:00am– Grant & Leslie Boltjes

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

GREETER SCHEDULE
March 4
9:00am– Nic & LaDonna Freiborg,
Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink, Chad &
Diane McKee
11:00am– Bert Roetman, Wilmer &
Marilyn Rensink

March 11
9:00am– Lyndee Kamrath, Ron &
Juanita Palma, Rich & Carolyn
Odens
11:00am– Jean Nollman, Brian &
Janet Bartscher

March Mission of the Month:
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.

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
Morning Book Club will be meeting
on Wednesday, March 14, at 9am at
the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We
will be discussing Neverhome by
Hunt.

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

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

Faith Circle will not be meeting in
March.

Joy Circle will not be meeting the
months of January, February and
March. Please study lesson 9 for the
month of April.

Our condolences go out to Matt Mouw and his family on the passing of Matt’s dad, John. Please keep
their family in your prayers.
Heather’s Children’s Ministry Update

Hi!
I don’t have anything new to share with you this week but I want to take a moment to say thank you to our Sunday School and Mid-week volunteers. It takes many, many people to teach our kids each week and I don’t say “thank you” often enough, partly because I just can’t quite find the words to say how thankful I am for all of you! That doesn’t mean I can’t give it a try. :) THANK YOU! I’ll see you all soon! Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

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 do 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.

Haiti Mission Trip update:
As you read this, the team is in Haiti! Please continue to be in prayer. Here are some details to help with specific prayer:
There will likely be opportunities for ministry to families, children, youth, elderly, men, women, teachers, people in the mountains, people at the orphanage, people at the Mission Compound, and many others. There may be opportunities to meet and pray with some of the sponsored Haitian students of many folks from Community. They might get to see the vehicle the VBS kids purchased as well!
Our Team Members: Max, Tom, Steve, Doug, Jaron
• March 6: Pray for travel and for the team to connect with people as they arrive in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
• March 7: Leave Port-au-Prince and travel through Haiti to the Mission Compound. Time at the Mission Compound, Time with Haitians at the basketball court. Stain furniture.
• March 8: Spend time at the Frederique school including photos, vision checks. Afternoon hike to bring family supplies and meet Doug’s sponsor students.
• March 9: Early morning fishing, JAK school visit, recess help, distribution shoe sorting, new medical clinic tour, dodgeball activity with orphanage kids, meal with orphanage kids.
• March 10: Early morning fishing, Awana, Port Salut beach with orphanage kids, youth market
• March 11: Church, Elderly home visit, English class, movie at ministry center.
• March 12: Tour block plant, visit hospital in Cayes, Return to Port-au-Prince
• March 13: Leave Haiti and travel. Pray for safe travels and for transition back for the team as a little piece of their heart will probably stay in Haiti.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: ESCAPE ROOM
Sarah has a really fun and unique event planned and I’ve heard some of you say you are really looking forward to it so I figured I’d put a reminder here too! Follow clues and work together to “escape.”
It is happening here at church! 6:30-8pm March 17

Sewing Help Wanted!
Is there anyone who could sew us 16-20 bean bags for bean bag toss in two colors (8 to 10 of each color)? We’d like some for the Easter kids event.
The Spring Fling Banquet is Saturday, March 10th!! If you reserved tickets, here are the basic things you need to know before we get to the weekend!

The doors will open at 5:00, and the banquet will start at 6:00.
If you are using nursery care, please feed your children before you come to church.
A host or hostess will help you find your table and seat at the banquet.
You do not need your ticket to get in. If you still need to pay, you may do so that night. Please make checks out to The Light.
The dessert auction will take place after the meal. Remember that tables often combine with other tables for bidding! And also keep in mind that everyone will get a homemade cookie for dessert, so bidding for the fancy desserts is optional.
The Game Show will take place in the sanctuary. This year, we'll be drawing our competitors from a random drawing. We'll be coming around during dinner to take the nametags of anyone who would like a chance to participate in the games!
The evening should wrap up around 8:30 pm.

If you have any questions, please let me know!

Now for the high school kids, here are the things you need to know for the weekend.

We’ll be decorating on Friday afternoon at 4:00. If you are free, please come!
Please be at the church at 5:00 on Saturday to fill water glasses, make coffee, etc.
No jeans unless you are working in the nursery. You know who you are. 😊

If you have questions, let me know!

And lastly, every March, in senior high youth group, I do a series of lessons on dating and relationships. I refer to this as “March Madness.” 😊 For the next 3 weeks, we’ll be talking about how to honor God and each other in dating relationships. I sent letters home to the parents to let them know these lessons were coming, and as always, if you’d like to chat about what we’ll be talking about, just let me know. Please pray for us, that God would be honored by what we’ll be discussing and that kids hearts would be open to His leading in this area of their lives.

Upcoming Senior High Youth Group Activities
March 9   Decorating for Spring Fling Fundraiser at 4:00pm
March 10  Spring Fling Fundraiser Banquet at 6:00pm
March 24  South Dakota Symphony Concert at 7:30pm
April 6-8  Sully Peaks Weekend Retreat FREE

That’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org
What’s Happening @ Community

Wednesday, March 7
6:00pm – Midweek Meal – Tacos
7:00pm – Classes for all ages

Saturday, March 10
7:00am – Prayer ministry (Chapel)
6:00pm – Spring Fling

Sunday, March 11
10:10am – Sunday School
10:10am – Adult Sunday School (chapel)
10:20am – The Best Yes (children’s wing)

Monday, March 12
Noon – Seniors @ Pizza Ranch
7:00pm – Men’s Bible Study

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

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.

Questions? Contact Arlan Burggraaf – 359-9563

Join Us THIS EASTER

Looking for someone to make 3 large, wood frames for our mission giving wall. Contact the office 336-1475 for more info.

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.

Finances at a Glance:
February 25, 2018
(No New Data)

- General: $14,895
- Vision: $2,215
- Missions: $414
- Wed. Night: $299
- Sunday School: $14

- General YTD: $121,820
- Vision YTD: $42,840

- Vision Account Balance: $82,986
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 4—Cleone Leistra
March 11—Laura Maloney

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!