

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

Another week of April and once again we are wondering what the week's weather is going to bring us. It sounds like a pretty healthy storm is coming at us again. I have heard over a foot of wet snow. If that happens it will be more than I really want to see at this time of year, but I can't stop it. I know it won't last, but that doesn't really make me feel much better. I am really ready for spring. These warm days are very nice. I just want more of them. I'm sure I am not along in that thought. It is supposed to be done for the week-end. Good thing...this is Palm Sunday weekend, not Christmas!

This will be our last MidWeek of the year if we get it in. I hope we can. It will be pizza night and music. This is always our night to celebrate together for another great year of food and fellowship. There were more classes this year which were well attended. We did have some weather-related setbacks, but all in all things went very well. Janet Bartcher needs a big thank you for coordinating all those meal groups. That is a big job and as a matter of fact, I am thinking about getting a helper for some of that as this thing continues to grow. Also, a thank you to Heather for keeping all the kid's activities moving along and of course all of you volunteered to teach, help in the kitchen, and do whatever else it takes to make this work for us. I still maintain this is one of the best things we do and if you want to really get connected, get involved in Mid-Week! Great job again Community!

Our meeting on Sunday had a little humor involved, but we got it all done once again. This is process that works very well. I love it when we let God do the choosing! There has been some

discussion on getting the nomination part to work a little better. We never get a lot of ballots turned in, but I'm not sure how to change that. I also hear the words that pertain to us not knowing everyone. I don't know what to do about that folks. It is a part of growing. I personally don't know all of the people anymore. It's just too difficult to do that. What that means is we have to find new ways to make sure those people feel a part a group. A smaller group! Liz is working on some of that for the fall. "The Corner" does help, as Liz has been meeting with people who are looking to connect almost every week, but even then, it's not perfect. We keep trying things to make sure people get connected, but we can only do so much. Sometimes that falls on them as well. In the meantime, introduce yourself to a new friend in the coming weeks. I am sure there are plenty to choose from.

The "Spring Fling" is in the history books for another year and it was a success. Doyle was very pleased with the folks who came and their generosity. It can be very humbling. Good job everyone. The game was fun, the food was great, and the night was a success. I love it when that happens!

Sunday is Palm Sunday! I know...who can believe that? It might look like Christmas, but there is a parade happening. Our word for Sunday is "proclamation". Jesus was coming to town and many in the crowd believed this was it. He was coming for reason and they knew exactly what that was. They wanted the whole world to hear the shouting and watch the spectacle. They were right! They were wrong! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

April 14: 9:00am—

Kenny & Carrie Hartzell
Darrin & Tracee Ellwein

11:00am—

Spencer, Rachel & Sage Larsen

April 21: 9:00am—

Tanner & Larrisa Corbin
Kari Krayenbrink
Robyn Niewenhuis

11:00am—

Zach & Jordan Seefeldt
Leslie Cleveringa

THE LINK SCHEDULE

April 14:

9:00am— Angeline Lavin

11:00am— Bill & Dar Keizer

April 21:

9:00am— Gerald & Deb
Teunissen

11:00am— Bob & Lori Hein

COFFEE SCHEDULE

April 14: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

April 21: Steve & Becky Lee

April 28: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

GREETER SCHEDULE

April 14

9:00am—

Rich & Carolyn Odens
Dennis & Helen Robinson
Nic & LaDonna Freiborg

11:00am—

Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Dennis & Helen Robinson

April 21

9:00am—

Carl Tonjes
Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
Ron & Juanita Palsma

11:00am—

Donna Humme
Mark & Pat Koll



EASTER EVENT FOR FAMILIES

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
10am-Noon

Kids and parents, join us for an Easter event on Saturday! Fun stations will be planned for kids! Free. Bring a friend!

(NEW)

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
7:00PM

Join us for communion as we celebrate The Last Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY FISHING TRIP

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
NEAR CHAMBERLAIN

More info on page 7

(NEW)

EASTER BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 21
8:00am-11:00am

We'd love for you to join us for breakfast Easter morning! Invite friends!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 10

6:00pm- Pizza
7:00pm- Praise & Worship

Thursday, April 11

7:00pm- Elders
8:00pm- Consistory

Saturday, April 13

7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am- Closed AA meeting
10:00am-noon- Easter Event for Families

Sunday, April 14

10:10am- Sunday School

Monday, April 15

11:15am- Faith Circle (Olive Garden)
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study
7:00pm- Writers' Group

Tuesday, April 16

7:00pm- AA Meeting

FINANCES

Sunday, April 7, 2019

General:\$16,773
Vision:\$3,195
Missions:\$560
Sunday School:\$10
Wednesday night:\$191

General YTD: \$222,925
Vision YTD: \$67,858
Vision Account Balance: \$101,752

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, May 8, 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- creamed soups

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Bishop Dudley House

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.

HOPE CIRCLE: April 16th at 7:00pm. Hostess : Helen Robinson.
Lesson: Jerralyne.

JOY CIRCLE: Please meet for our yearly planning meeting on Monday, April 29th at 9:30am. Bring ideas for Bible Study & fun events.

LIZ'S UPDATE

Adult Discipleship/Worship



Our last week of Mid-Week is this week, April 10. It's been such a fantastic year of classes and connections for people of all ages! Thank you to everyone who took time to fill out the surveys last week. Heather and I read through over 100 surveys! Your feedback was honest and very helpful. We did learn a lot from your responses, and we are already thinking about how we can implement many of the suggestions we received for the 2019-2020 Mid-Week year.

Once again, here is our upcoming schedule:

April 10 Last night of Mid-Week for the year
April 13 Palm Sunday, regular services and Sunday School
April 17 Grief Support Class Begins (pre-registration required)
April 18 Maundy Thursday Communion service 7:00pm
April 20 Easter Sunday, 8:00, 9:00, 11:00 services, NO Sunday School
Free Breakfast served from 8:00-11:00am

Remember, Easter Sunday would be a great day to invite a new friend to church. It's always a powerful time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the Good News of Christianity! And of course, free breakfast doesn't hurt a thing! I'm already looking forward to it. 😊

Please note that this is the last week to register for the first cohort of our Grief Support Group. Class begins April 17. 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, 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 cohorts 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.

And lastly this week, I'd like to give a special shout out to Doyle and the youth group kids! They did a fantastic job with the Spring Fling last week! And I must say it sure felt nice to be able to sit and enjoy that event as a guest. 😊 Great job, everyone!

Have a wonderful 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)
- **Randy** (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn's son)
- **Rika VanDenTop**
- **Trentin Kooima's infant son**
- **Kara Schouten**
- **Jennie Getting**



HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hello Everyone,
This weekend is our Easter Event for families and kids! We will be having fun from 10am to noon on Saturday.

We need a few more volunteers. Could you help welcome the kids with:
-science activity to learn about our Bible lesson
-art sun catcher project
-game room with flicker flyers
-art project with fun foam pieces

Volunteers, can you come at around 9:45 to be sure you have a few minutes to look things over before we start?

Thanks!

Heather DeWit
Director of Children's & Youth Ministries
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Thank you to those have already signed up to help with Easter Breakfast! We are looking for a few more people to help clean up at 11am. Please sign up at The Link in the lobby or email connect@communityrc.org.

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Thank You for all of your thoughts, prayers, calls, and visits through the years. Pete was always so thankful, as was Harriett. Thank You also for your thoughts and prayers in Pete's passing. Also, we'd like to thank Marilyn, Char, Daryl, & Todd for helping in the kitchen; Clyde & John for officiating the funeral and Clyde, Liz, Abbie & Dalton for the special music.
Love & Blessings,
Harriett, Verle, Carrie & Lexi

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.

For contact Arlan Burggraaf- 359-9563



SARAH'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Hello folks,

Our next youth group activity will be Sunday, May 5th from 12-3pm. It was discovered recently that half of our students had seen the original Mary Poppins and the other half had not. As you can imagine, this created a small ruckus, so a movie day was suggested. We will eat lunch, watch Mary Poppins and play some games right after the 11 o'clock service in the middle school room. This is open to current 6th-8th graders. Post cards will go out this week. 😊

That's it for me!

Sarah Powell
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DOYLE'S UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Well, our Spring Fling was this past weekend and the weather let us enjoy Spring for a little while. I had heard so much about the Spring Fling from past years, but knowing what to expect is a lot different than experiencing it. It is truly a blessing to be working with a congregation that supports, cares for and encourages our youth. Thank you everyone who came out for the event, who gave to the youth even though you couldn't make it Saturday and for everyone's flexibility leading up to the event. The youth did a fabulous job serving and cleaning up. We do have a great group of students here at Community!

Leading up to the Spring Fling, our students had been asking for a Lock-In. After some negotiations, I said I would host one if we got 16 students to help out between Friday and Saturday night. We got 15. So I gave them one more opportunity and the event was in the hands of the adults. Our game show was Family Feud this year, and the fast money round became a "fast Lock-In" round. Our contestants easily hit the mark (they would have got over 250 points in the round). Therefore, this week I will be getting our Lock in set up and on the calendar. Hopefully we can get it in before tests and graduation comes.

Finally, our high school group will continue to meet through the first week of May. We will be doing a series on Wisdom in April before ending the year on May 1st.

Thank you again Community!

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INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service
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 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.**

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