I know…it’s April, and I know it is supposed to be warming up, but I’m not going to get too excited about that yet. I am still hearing of a snow event at the end of the week. That sounds more like how things have been going so I have a feeling we can almost depend on that. It sure has been an interesting spring/winter or whatever you call this particular season we are now in. I have never seen anything like this before. We are looking into just how possible it might be to rent horses and sleighs for next year’s Easter celebration. I think planning ahead is a good idea! I do hope we can get a little break from it all. I know it will sure put smiles on our faces to see a little warmer temps and some green start to show itself.

Sunday morning was a much different morning than last week, but I was sure encouraged by the number of you who braved the weather and joined up in worship. You are great people. We did get the baptism in as well. The snow let up a little bit and we got it done. We actually had a very nice group come out for that. We had people who had driven down from Aberdeen. Wow! I was so glad we could do it for them especially.

Wednesday night will be our last MidWeek of the year. It hardly seems possible with the weather being so crazy, but we are at that point in the middle of April once again. The numbers for last week were just amazing. Well over the 300 mark for soup night. We are all trying our best to calculate just how many pizzas we are going to need for the event. I’m sure we will have plenty. It will be a fun night. It is just hard to believe it’s over for another year.

I do want to put in a reminder that a group of folks are still meeting on Saturday mornings for prayer. It is a small group, but they are so faithful in their calling to do that ministry. If you ever would like to join them I’m sure they would love to have you. It’s an early start to a Saturday morning, but I think what they do there is very important to the health of this place. It’s one of those things I talk about on Sunday mornings that can go a bit unnoticed. It’s one of the many “behind the scenes” things that people do here that make such a difference for us. That is a blessing.

Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour the folks who went to KC will be sharing photos and stories about their trip in the worship center. I hope you can all grab a cup of coffee and join them for what I’m sure will be some great stories.

I want to say a word of thanks to so many of you helped out with the funeral last Saturday. I couldn’t began to remember all the names of who was there helping, but we had guys helping with parking, people moving chairs, kitchen folks, and people just being there to do whatever needed to be done. It was an amazing display of Community’s kindness in a very difficult moment. Lots of you have lost loved ones and I know you will reach out to that family just as you have to so many of the others. Wonderful job Community!

Sunday is number two in the series on Resurrection Living. This week I’m moving on with more of the writing of Paul and once again giving us a look into his passion and understanding of the Jesus death and resurrection. This week we will be talking about the difference redemption makes. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)

Pete Valentine

Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)

Clayton Bierwagen (heart)

Jodie Jensen (cancer)

Chelle McMurrey’s dad (multiple myeloma)

Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)

Susan Payne (cancer)

Ryan Kortemeyer’s grandma

Lexi Valentine (autoimmune disease)

Ember

Jessica Vander Weide (heart)

Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)

Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)

William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)

Dianne Friese-hip replacement

Jill Hanson

Gloria Wierda, Laura Maloney’s mom (stage 4 breast cancer)

Randi VanDerSloot (surgery recovery)

Beth Vroman– knee replacement

Al Brink (knee replacement)

Judy VanMeetern (ankle replacement)

Phyllis DeHaai (lymphoma)

Dree Mayer (bypass surgery TBD)

Betty Carnes (Jeff Carnes mom)

NURSERY SCHEDULE
April 15: 9:00am—
   Tyler & Amber Wolf
   Amy & Owen VanEs
11:00am—
   Tyler & Amber Nieuwsma
   OPEN

April 22: 9:00am—
   Logan & Chelsea Veurink
   Andy & Tessa Benson
11:00am—
   Irwin & Helen VanLeeuwen
   Kelli Fantroy

COFFEE SCHEDULE
April 15: Steve & Becky Lee
April 22: Joel & Lisa Blankers
April 29: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

THE LINK SCHEDULE
April 15:
   9:00am– Bonnie Overweg/ Bruce Wentzel
   11:00am– Bob & Lori Hein

April 22:
   9:00am– Daryl & Char DuBois
   11:00am– Arlan Burggraaf

GREETER SCHEDULE
April 15
   9:00am– Stan & Elaine Deelstra,
            Randy & Gail Grothenhuis
            Jerralyne Tjeerdsma
   11:00am– Jean Nollmann, Myron & Kathy Garrett

April 22
   9:00am– Gail Babcock, Gerald &
            Deb Teunissen, Nic & LaDonna Freiborg
   11:00am– Bert Roetman, Ken &
            Susan Vos

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.

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
Evening Book Club will be meeting on
Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm at the
Panera on E, 10th St. We will be dis-
cussing Where We Belong by Lynn
Austin.

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

Joy Circle will meet on Monday, April
16 at Community Reformed at
7:00. We will be studying Lesson 9
which completes our study on
Joy. Please bring ideas for 2018. Eve-
ryone is welcome.

Faith Circle will meet at church on
Mon. April 16th at 1pm. Program and
devotions by The Kansas City Mission
Guests are welcome!

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Prayer REQUESTS

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See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

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**Heather’s Children’s Ministry Update**

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

- 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!

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**Wanted for VBS decorating:**

Old Crates, Carpet Rolls, Old row boat, Oars

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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5"
Liz’s Update

It’s hard to believe we are approaching the midpoint of April already! I’ve listed the upcoming schedule for Senior High Youth Group and Mid-Week below. And just a little reminder that the Senior High Youth Group will continue to meet at church for supper and a lesson through May 2!

- April 11  Pizza and Praise and Worship for everyone
- April 18  Supper and a Lesson for Senior High Youth Group Only
- April 25  Supper and a Lesson for Senior High Youth Group Only
- May 2  SYG Awards and Elk Pie for Senior High Youth Group Only
- June 7-9  Sully Peaks Retreat (see next paragraph for more info!)

The Sully Peaks Retreat has been rescheduled. Due to some unexpected circumstances, we are postponing the retreat to June 7-9. I’ve sent out a postcard with this information, and if you have any questions about this, just let me know. Also, I’m starting a new list of kids who will be attending this retreat, so please RSVP to me as soon as you know you can come. We’ll be ordering sweatshirts and t-shirts for this retreat as well, so you can text me your shirt preference and size anytime you know you want one. More information will be available as we work our way through May.

The Kansas City mission group is going to be sharing about their experiences during the 10:00 hour this Sunday! I hope you’re all able to come and hear about the work they did and how they saw God move. I know it will be a blessing to hear them share!

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz

youthpastor@communityrc.org
Wednesday, April 11
9:00am– Book Club @ Bagel Boy
6pm– Pizza Night
7pm– Praise & Worship Night

Thursday, April 12
7:00pm– Elders meet
8:00pm– Consistory

Saturday, April 14
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, April 15
10:10am– Sunday School

Monday, April 16
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday, April 17
7:00pm– Book Club @ E Panera

Wednesday, April 18
6:00-8:00pm– H.S. Youth Group

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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, August 19 @ 3pm.

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What’s Happening @ Community

“Crack of Dawn Connection”

What? Short devotion and Run
When? Starting Wed. May 9th 5:15am
Where? Meet at church
There will be routes mapped out for all running abilities

More info to follow.
Questions? Contact Kate Hansen – 759-0370.

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A Special Treat
April 15th to celebrate Florene Meier’s 90th birthday...
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Finances at a Glance:
April 8, 2018

General: ....................$7,339
Vision: ......................$1,330
Missions: ......................$895
Sunday School: ..............$15
Wed Night: ....................$399

General YTD: $190,824
Vision YTD: $60,705

Vision Account Balance: $83,287

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Congregational meeting
April 22nd @ 10:10am

ELECTING ELDERS/DEACONS

Nominees for Elder: Bob Weerheim, Curt Zwart, Al Bolton Russ Hoogendoorn, Tom Van Roekel, Mark Koll
Nominees for Deacon: Chad Odens, Michael Dick, Ryan VanDeraa, Matt Marcus, Chad McKee, Steve Bonnema

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NEW

Spring Kitchen Cleaning Day
Saturday, May 5
9:00am-12noon

Live:

Last day of Sunday School
May 6

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A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DONUT HOLE TO SHARE

Please welcome to the Community family Scott and Eve Langerock. They attend the 11 am service and live in Harrisburg. Eve teaches high school English and is a part time librarian. Scott teaches wellness education (physical education) at the high school. Scott also coaches basketball and track. They are expecting a child in July. Let’s give a warm welcome to Scott and Eve.

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What’s Happening @ Community
Community Reformed Church  
6800 E 41 Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57110  

April 11, 2018

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.

April 8—Jolene Larson  
April 15—Bob Hein

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!