

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

I have started nearly every newsletter with some information about the weather. It has become a ritual for me. I am never out of words. I mean, this weather thing in South Dakota is an eternal supply of conversation starters. This past week was no exception. I don't have any control over any of that, but I know it can get very frustrating for folks who are looking to do a little field work or those raising livestock. Not fun! I know people in the construction world don't like it either. As a matter of fact, it probably impacts all of us to some degree either directly or indirectly. Let's all hope that maybe spring starts to take over. I would like that very much!

This will be an exciting week around the church. Maundy Thursday and communion will be first on the agenda. I would like to invite you to all come. It is a wonderful night to really consider the seriousness of why Jesus came. It gives us a look into the heart of this man. A time to reflect on the gift we are given and price he was willing to pay. 7pm Thursday night. See you all there.

Heather said her group for last Saturday was a fun, but small. We might be over planning for folks just a bit. For those who came it was a good morning. She will be giving that a look for next year to consider going a different direction. The weather from the week might have had an impact on all that as well. I'm not sure. Thanks for all of you who made that part of your morning. I'm sure your kids had a great time!

I'm pretty excited to start the after Easter series of messages. The first series will be around the theme of making disciples. It was the last command Jesus gave to his follows before he went to heaven. I want to look at what that means for the church. Making Disciples!

The fishing trip has been postponed. I'm not sure yet what the plans are to reschedule, but we will keep you informed when that time comes. It has been 45 years in a row and now this year that changed. Maybe a little later will be even bigger and better. I'm not in charge of the weather. Most of you know that by now. We are just along for the ride.

Remember, Sunday morning from 8:00am to 11:00am, we are serving breakfast for the church family. We are going to set up extra tables to make room for the event. I do believe we could use a little more help with morning in the area of clean up. If you would like to help that would be great! It is a good Sunday to bring a friend and celebrate Easter together. It will be a wonderful morning.

Sunday indeed is Easter! Our theme for the day is "Look Up!" It was exactly the same theme from Christmas. It sounds like it is going to be a lovely spring day and we are expecting a great day to be here. The resurrection is the one event that separates all the world religions. Our king has no grave marker. Death was defeated! Jesus walked out of that tomb and into the lives of millions who would put their trust in him. Nothing was going to keep him from completing the mission of God... not even the grave! We can overcome any obstacle. We can do all things through Christ! We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

April 21: 9:00am—

Tanner & Larrisa Corbin
Kari Krayenbrink
Robyn Niewenhuis
11:00am-
Zach & Jordan Seefeldt
Leslie Cleveringa

April 28: 9:00am—

Shawn & Lori Blom
Jason & Megan Stubbe
11:00am-
Arlan & Mary Burggraaf
Andrea Fisher

THE LINK SCHEDULE

April 21:

9:00am— Gerald & Deb
Teunissen
11:00am— Bob & Lori Hein

April 28:

9:00am— Mark & Pat Koll
11:00am— Karen Roetman

COFFEE SCHEDULE

April 21: Steve & Becky Lee

April 28: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

GREETER SCHEDULE

April 21

9:00am—
Carl Tonjes
Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
Ron & Juanita Palmsma
11:00am—
Donna Humme
Mark & Pat Koll

April 28

9:00am—
Dave & Trish Mayer
Wade & Diane Freise
Brad & Jackie Ellis
11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Al & Cherri Price



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
7:00PM

Join us for communion as we celebrate The Last Supper.

(NEW)

POSTPONED! GOOD FRIDAY FISHING TRIP

Check back for rescheduled date.

EASTER BREAKFAST

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

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

(NEW)

PIZZA & PRAISE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
6:00PM– Pizza
7:00PM– Praise & Worship

(NEW)

CHURCH SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, APRIL 25
Join us for the 1st game of the season at Sherman Park!
6:30pm– Field H
7:30pm– Field H

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 18

7:00pm– Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 21

No Sunday School
8:00am-11:00am– Easter Breakfast

Monday, April 22

7:00pm– Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 23

7:00pm– AA Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

6:00pm– Pizza Night
7:00pm– Praise & Worship

FINANCES

Sunday, April 14, 2019

General:	\$15,697
Vision:	\$3,145
Missions:	\$435
Sunday School:	\$2
Faith Avenue	\$300

General YTD:	\$238,622
Vision YTD:	\$71,003
Vision Account Balance:	\$104,897

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

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

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



Of course, as most of you are aware by now, we were forced to reschedule our final night of Mid-Week due to unpredictable weather. We've set our make-up date as April 24! We know that extends our Mid-Week "schedule" a bit later than we would prefer, but with Holy Week thrown in there, it's our only option. So, if you're free, you're welcome to join us on April 24 for our last night of Mid-Week for the 2018-2019 season!

Our Easter Week schedule is as follows:

April 18 at 7:00pm
Maundy Thursday Communion service

April 20 Easter Sunday
8:00, 9:00, 11:00 services, NO Sunday School
Free Breakfast served from 8:00-11:00am

Of course, Easter is this Sunday, and Heather and I have been working on a really fun surprise for the kids regarding this summer's VBS. Just tell your kids to be on the lookout for something "big." It won't make a "peep," but it's an egg-celent surprise. I'm not "lion!" 😊

Previously, I've mentioned "The Journey" study I've been facilitating weekly since October, and we will be wrapping up our study next week. Friends, "The Journey" studies are powerful and life changing, and we'll be offering them again starting next fall.

The commitment is pretty substantial (these groups meet weekly for 8 months), and there is "homework" that participants need to do on their own before each gathering. But trust me when I say that you will be changed if you decide to commit to this. The people at Vantage Point 3 have written a study that will affect your whole life, and you'll be so glad you decided to give it a try. If "The Journey" sounds like something you might like to try, stop in The Corner on a Sunday morning and let's chat. I'd be happy to answer any of your questions.

And lastly this week, if you feel led, my sister, Abbie, and I would love your prayers for our first Women's Retreat to be held out of town. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, we are piloting one of the retreats we've done here at Community in our hometown of Burke, SD. As of today, we already have 30 women registered! We're so excited to be able to take a little bit of Community into the world. The retreat is scheduled for April 27, and we ask that you pray for God to move in the hearts of the women who come. We're really looking forward to it!

Have a blessed week, friends. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Liz
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PRAYER REQUEST

- **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
- Michelle Carnes mom, Betty
- **Diane Johnson** (liver disease)
- **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)
- Curt Zwart's dad, Lloyd
- **Rika VanDenTop**
- **Trentin Kooima's infant son**



HEATHER'S UPDATE

Hi Everyone,
I hope you are having a great week!

I always enjoy Palm Sunday and seeing all of the kids wave their branches. I want to thank Spencer Larsen for providing palm branches for our church again this year. We appreciate it!

I also need to say another big "thank you" to our volunteers from the kids' Easter Event. There was a small but mighty team of caring people who made that event happen again this year. They led crafts, science experiments, games and even a photo booth! I think the kids who joined us had a really good experience. I love the way that people at Community bring joy and a welcoming presence to events for families. Thanks for that!

A reminder: There is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY. Enjoy the Easter service and breakfast!

The early sign up deadline for Inspiration Hills Summer Camp has passed but if you are still hoping to sign up your child, Community will still pay for 50% of what that early bird amount would have been. Inspiration Hills offers a wide variety of camps for kids and youth in a beautiful and peaceful area in Iowa. <http://inspirationhills.org/summer-camp.html>

As always, I'm here to answer your questions!

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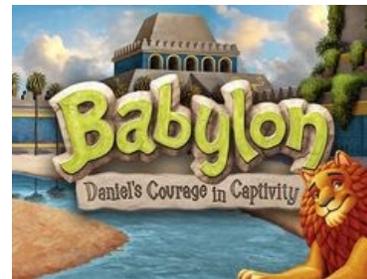


SUMMER FUN



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
JULY 28-31, 6-8PM
SIGN UP AT:**

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/2019>



**K-5 GRADE -BABYLON MINI BIBLE CAMP
JUNE 11 & 12, 1-4PM
ART, SCIENCE, GAMES, FUN!
SIGN UP AT:**

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/ckc>



THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for all the prayers, expressions of kindness, cards, and support during my mom Mabel's illness and passing. We could feel God's presence in so many ways. Thank you also for the beautiful plant. We extend a special thanks to the ladies who visited Mom and to those who sang for the residents at StoneyBrook. Mom enjoyed the visits and the singing! God bless you, Community friends.

Marcia and John Thornton and family

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Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers. Hope they will continue. Love to all.

Rika VanDen Top

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DOYLE'S UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

With everyone else being done Wednesday nights, we are back to just having the high school group at church. Well sort of. The 8th grade students have been invited to join the group for the next two weeks as they get ready to transition into high school. It is a great chance for the students to get to know me, the high school group and how Wednesday's will look like next year.

We will be doing a two week series on wisdom as we will discuss some of our everyday choices/lifestyles. From social media, friends, to school work and interactions with teachers/authority. I am looking forward to the next few weeks before we wrap up the year.

That's it for this week!

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Does anyone want to do a book discussion class with me on a weekly basis? I am looking for a group to work through "Be Not Afraid: Overcoming the Fear of Death." The book is excellent and filled with stories of real people. It is on Amazon for about \$8 new. I am looking at Wednesday evenings for this summer. Give me a call or email me. Thanks!

John Thornton



At the April 7th congregational meeting, the following people were chosen for elder/deacon:

Deacon: Matt Marcus, Matt Weerheim, Rick Hanson

Elder: Mike Hilbrands, Tom Jacobs, Dustin Schouten



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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, June 30 @ 3pm.**

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