Another Easter has now come and gone. I think we were all aware of just how quickly the time was going, but it is still amazing to think Easter is over. The weather is starting to feel a little more like spring. It is a slow warm up, but we can see the changes. The grass is turning green and I can see a few leaves starting to pop on some of the trees. Those apple blossom trees are starting to bloom as well so spring is in the air. I guess it should be we are already past the middle of April.

Easter Sunday was amazing! I don’t know how many of you were a part of our day, but if you were here you just experienced the largest Sunday we have ever had. The 9am service was full beyond anything I could have imaged. I guess if we are wondering if Community is growing our question was answered that is for sure. I was wondering how big 11am was going to be, but it too was very large...not like 9, but it was larger than usual. We think we had nearly 1100 to 1200 people here on Sunday. Wow! The breakfast went very well. I think they served nearly 500 at that. So it was a great day for numbers. Then all the music stuff...I really enjoyed all of that. I love the mix of the old with new and doing things at such a high level. We are so blessed here to have that capability. It is a gift that I hope we don’t ever take for granted. Then...all the decorations. That was so special. The empty tomb in the front was a great addition to everything we were trying to communicate. He is risen! Great job Community! For everyone who put their part together...thanks so much. From the breakfast volunteers to the decorations and all the musicians...thanks so much. For all of you who came and celebrated with us...thanks. God is Good!

This coming Sunday morning at 10:10 we will be doing our “election” of new Consistory members. Remember...we don’t vote. We bring each person up to the front. They pick up a bible. Inside that Bible is a colored insert. We then have someone in attendance before we get started write down one of two colors and seal the envelope. Then...we let God do what God does. We pray it up and open that envelope. It really went well last year and I would expect that to be the same this year. Be praying for the morning.

We do have a number of people in going through some pretty tough things right now from our cancer folks to so many others. It is a challenge to keep up with all of that, but I would just encourage all the prayer warriors to be vigilant as well seek God’s face through all these times of challenge.

Sunday I will start a new 6 part series on a theme that we used before called “Living in Resurrection”. I won’t be redoing an old series...at least not directly. I wanted to use the title though because I want to get us to focus on all we have as Christian people because of the resurrection. Having an alive Savior is very different that having only a set of teachings. The teachings are important ways for us to understand what God is all about, but the alive Savior can make all those promises and teachings come to life within us. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
April 23: 9:00am—
Amy Van Es
Melissa Tromblee
Corey & Molly Karmazin
11:00am—
Brad & Katie Kennett
Laura TerWee
April 30: 9:00am—
Shawn & Lori Blom
Kenny & Carrie Hartzell
11:00am—
Michelle & Ellie Wigg
Marsha Avery

COFFEE SCHEDULE
April 23: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
April 30: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
May 7: Daryl & Char DuBois

THE LINK SCHEDULE
April 23
9:00am— Laurie Long
11:00am— Jerralynne Tjeerdsma

April 30
9:00am— Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink
11:00am— Bill & Dar Keizer

WOMEN’S MINISTRY
The morning book club will meeting on Wednesday, May 10, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing The Children’s Blizzard which includes South Dakota stories.

The evening book club will be meeting on Tues. April 18, at 7pm at the Eastside Panera. We will be discussing the first half of The Poisonwood Bible by Kingsolver.

Copies of each book are available in the church library.

Both book clubs welcome new participants. Feel free to join either at any time.

Bishop Dudley Hospitality House

The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House in Sioux Falls offers daytime and overnight emergency shelter for the homeless and vulnerable. For overnight services there is room for 80 men, 20 women and seven families at the House. A wide range of other social service providers offer additional essential services aimed at providing a hand up to those in need.

GREETER SCHEDULE
April 23:
9:00am– Stan & Elaine Deelstra, Dennis & Helen Robinson, Rich & Carolyn Odens
11:00am– Ken & Susan Vos, Dennis & Helen Robinson

April 30:
9:00am– Dave & Trish Mayer, Dennis & Sue Brunsting, Doug & Sharon Harms
11:00am– Jean Nollmann, Bert Roetman

Our condolences go out to the family of Helen Portz. Her funeral will be at Community on Saturday at 10:30am.

PRAYER REQUESTS
• Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
• Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
• Jaron DeWit’s grandpa
• Julie Dobesh (surgery recovery)
• Randy Grotenhuis (dizziness)
• Jill Hansen’s aunt (cancer)
• Jodie Jensen (cancer)
• Cammy Kuchta (cancer)
• Terry Mayer’s mom, Rose (stroke)
• Gary McCaan (finger infection)
• Chelle McMurray’s dad (multiple myeloma)
• Rhonda (Odens) Meyer (high risk pregnancy)
• Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
• Susan Payne (cancer)
• Gerban & Therissa TeSlaa (hospice- Helen Van Leeuwen’s parents; Sheri Brouwer’s grandparents)
• Mat Timmer (brain tumor)
• Jessica Vander Weide (heart testing)
• Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
• Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer-surgery 4/14)
• Annetta Wiese

Join us for a time of prayer on Saturdays from 7am-8am at church.
Liz’s Update

I’m hoping Easter weekend was a blessed and encouraging time for everyone! Here at church, things were certainly hopping! (No pun intended! 😊) In all seriousness though, I’d like to say a special thanks to Rhonda Van Roekel for being willing to put in a lot of extra practice time for that opening piano/organ duet. I so enjoy playing those with her, but it doesn’t come without some significant hard work! Thanks, Rhonda! And thanks, Community, for singing your hearts out in worship. What a way to open our Easter services!

Remember that the high school kids will continue to meet through the first part of May. Here is the high school youth group schedule:

- April 19: Supper at 6:00 and Regular Lesson at 7:00
- April 26: Easter Egg Hunt at church 7:00-8:00 pm
- May 3: Last night of Youth Group/ Elk Pie and SYG Awards 7:00-8:00 pm

I want to remind the kids to get those Camp Burke registrations in. I’ve set the earlybird deadline for these registrations as April 30. Camp Burke is June 18-23. You don’t need to pay by April 30. Just turn in that registration! I currently have registrations for:

- Brady Van Holland
- Abbie Van Meeteren
- Jeff McHake
- Evan Rasmussen
- Faith Van Holland
- Alex Ludens
- Katie McHake
- Colton Bultje
- Max Jacobs
- Jenna Christensen
- Brooklyn Petersen
- Lexi Valentine

And lastly this week, don’t forget to get those Inspiration Hills camp registrations turned in! And remember that Community will pay half of the early bird fee of any camp, for any camper who attends Community. All you have to do is note that you attend Community Reformed on your registration, and then send in your payment directly to IH, minus half of the early bird fee. IH will bill us for everyone at the same time! Please let Heather or me know if you have any questions.

That’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz

youthpastor@communityrc.org
Hello Everyone!

I hope that you had a good Easter. I was away on a little family vacation to the Wisconsin Dells and we really missed worshipping with everyone here at Community! It seems strange not to be here at church on such a special day. We did have a wonderful time together as a family and made great memories.

**Sunday School Teachers- we have a Congregational Meeting coming up on April 23.** Please remember to send me a quick email today if you need help finding coverage for your class so that you can attend that meeting. Either I can take your class or we can ask a substitute. Older classes could also go with you to the meeting if you want to teach them about how our Elders are Deacons are selected. Mark your calendars for some summer fun here at Community. We did add one more summer “day camp” this year since we had so much interest in the camp.

Following are the links for online sign up, I’ll hand out paper sign up forms when we are closer but I know many of you are "on the ball" and like to get things done early so we’ll get this out for now. Please be sure to invite friends and neighbors! These are great opportunities for outreach. I’ve been working on the lesson plans for VBS and I think this year the lessons are really going to be messages that will stick with the kids for a long time. God created us and has a purpose for us. That is a message we want to share.

**VBS Kids Sign Up:** [vbspro.events/p/community](http://vbspro.events/p/community) August 6-9 evenings 3yo-6th grade

**VBS Volunteer Sign Up:** [vbspro.events/p/community](http://vbspro.events/p/community) - Help with craft, snack, games, lesson, etc.


Science Day Camp Sign Up for Kids and Volunteers: [vbspro.events/p/science](http://vbspro.events/p/science) July 17-20 10am-12 K-5

**VBS Sign up for bringing snacks:** [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4cacaa2eabfb6-snacks](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4cacaa2eabfb6-snacks)

I’ll see you Sunday,

Heather DeWit

Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org
Thanks to everyone who purchased Easter flowers in memory of a loved one! If you haven’t picked your flowers up yet, there are still several left in the church kitchen.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 19
7:00pm—H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, April 22
7:00am—Prayer Ministry

Sunday, April 23
10:10am—Sunday School
10:10am—Congregational Meeting
7:00pm—Advanced Care Planning seminar

Monday, April 24
7:00pm—Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, April 26
7:00pm—H.S. Youth Group/Easter Egg Hunt

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General:

2017 Weekly Goal: $15,033
Ahead/(Behind): $(451)
Vision: $5,830
Missions: $2,475
Sunday School: $200

Arise! Ukraine

An Evening in Ukraine with Paul Logan

Sunday, April 30th
@ 7:00pm
Sioux Falls Convention Center
(1201 N West Ave)

Ukrainian Dinner & Dessert, Live Ukrainian Music, ministry update & prayer for Ukraine.

Please RSVP to 605-595-8872 by April 25 or ariseoffice@gmail.com

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Congregational Meeting

April 23rd @ 10:10am

Selection of new elders/deacon

Up for Elder
Al Bolton
Jolene Larson
Pete Mellema
Lance Niewenhuis
Gerald Teunissen
Bob Weerheim

Up for Deacon
Michael Dick
Jim Fisher
Nick Langerock
Chad McKee
Russ Robers
Marty VanDer Sloot

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April 16, 2017

General: $14,581
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Sunday School: $200

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YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 4/16/17

Year-To-Date Offering: $250,747
Year-To-Date Goal: $240,529
Ahead (Behind): $10,219
Year-To-Date Vision: $125,323
Vision Account Balance: $215,403

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Free Health Seminar:
Advanced Care Planning

Sunday, April 23rd
@ Community
@7:00pm

What would happen if you couldn’t express your health care wishes? An advanced directive, such as a living will or durable power of attorney for health care, reflects your values of medical care when you are sick and cannot voice your own preferences.
April 16—Harvey Odens
April 23—Cleone Leistra
April 30—Laura Maloney

Join us for worship at 8am, 9am or 11am.
Deaf Interpreting available at 9am service. Check us out on the web: www.communityrc.org or like our Facebook page!