It’s Monday morning. Easter was yesterday, and the rain is falling... again. I guess it was getting a little dry in places. April showers bring May flowers. If that is true, then we are going to have some very nice blooms around the area this year. I know there are so many folks who would love to see some drying as the season has not been very cooperative. It was very nice to have a couple of very nice days last weekend. I loved that! It was a very nice weekend for all of the Easter things that went on around the area. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. We didn’t get home on Sunday. We are all going out on Friday this week as the girls are doing a retreat back home for the Burke folks. I am pretty tired after these big Sundays and when church gets out at noon it doesn’t leave much time to get back home and get in on all the festivities. It is part of being a preacher. I need to make more time this summer to get back home. I can do that...and I need too.

If you missed church on Sunday...you missed a very nice day to be at Community. It was by far the largest single day we have ever had. I was getting a little concerned when we added 100 chairs and then the guys had to go back into the chapel to get even more for the 9am service. I’m sure glad we added the new parking spots. All of the services were larger on Sunday as would be expected with Easter however, it was much larger than it has ever been. We are growing! They served 650 for the breakfast and we believe nearly 1400 people were in church on Sunday morning. There were nearly 800 chairs in the big room and at nine that place was full. It was really something! Community I do believe this is just the beginning of what could happen here. I think it is such a testament to our dedication to staying on message and being healthy.

Our growth has been slow and steady...that’s the best kind. We are not trendy, we are not overdone...we are simply doing church the best we can. We are on message and I am praying we get more focused than ever. God is sending people. Lives are being touched. It is not perfect...that’s not the goal. It is real! Thanks to everyone who helped on Sunday, I know there were lots of extra things being done and it all matters.

We finish up with our MidWeek things this week. We got bumped around this year with the weather, so it went a week longer. It has been another great year and we own that to all the hard work and planning that makes this thing go. We are working to make it even better for next year. Thanks everyone! It was a big deal! MidWeek is still one of the best things we do around here.

We start a new series this Sunday on discipleship. It will be a 7-part series on the foundational principles of raising up disciples. On the surface it may seem very straight forward with themes like building relationships, the work of the spirit, Multiplying the Kingdom, and intentionality of purpose, but with those themes I want to use the person of Jesus. We don’t simple give information to change thought and character, we work to insert the person of Jesus into the very lives of others. That is a journey through life... not a one time and done deal. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, April 24**
6:00pm– Pizza Night
7:00pm– Praise & Worship

**Thursday, April 25**
6:30 & 7:30– Church Softball

**Saturday, April 27**
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

**Sunday, April 28**
Paul Logan visiting
10:10am– Sunday School

**Monday, April 29**
9:30am– Joy Circle
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 30**
7:00pm– AA Meeting

FINANCES

Sunday, April 21, 2019

- General: ..................... $10,135
- Vision: ..................... $6,350
- Missions: ...................... $200

- General YTD: $256,284
- Vision YTD: $80,939
- Vision Account Balance: $107,441

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, May 21 at 7 pm at the Panera on Foss Ave (Eastside). We will be discussing *Pilgrim’s Progress* by Bunyan.

New participants welcome. Book Club Contact: Trudi Nelson 371-3512

**AA BIG BOOK MEETING**

Every Tues at 7 pm at Community– Open meeting. Use east door. Every Saturday at 10 am 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.

**HOPE CIRCLE:** The circle will meet on May 21st at 7:00 pm. Hostess is Barb A., lesson by Carol.
Wow! What a powerful Sunday of worship! Easter Sunday was certainly a wonderful celebration of our risen Christ. Thanks to everyone who helped make Sunday such a special day. From our all our volunteers to welcome and seat people to those who helped decorate, to those who helped with the breakfast, it takes a huge number of people to accomplish all we did. It was an exceptional Sunday. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

As most of you are probably aware, our rescheduled evening of Pizza and Praise and Worship has been rescheduled for this Wednesday, April 24, from 6-8pm. This is the night where we celebrate all that happened during our Mid-Week programming for the 2018-2019 year, and of course anyone and everyone is welcome to attend. The pizza will be served starting at 6:00, and worship will run from 7-8 in the sanctuary.

Paul Logan will be joining us at Community this Sunday. If you’re not familiar you’re in for a treat! Paul has been a missionary in Ukraine for 25 years, and he is as excited and on fire now as when he started! God is doing miraculous things in Ukraine, and Paul will be sharing about them in church for a few minutes during each service.

Then during the Sunday School hour, Paul will be sharing many pictures and stories about his work there. Trust me when I tell you that Paul is not boring! His stories are incredible, and you will be encouraged when you hear him speak about his work. If you will be around this Sunday, I highly encourage you to make plans to stick around during the Sunday School hour to listen to him.

As I mentioned briefly in my article last week, Abbie and I will be heading out to Burke this weekend to host a women’s retreat in the Civic Center there. We already have 35 women who have RSVP’d to this event, and we are thrilled at that number! This will be the first time we’ve tried one of these events outside of Community, and we are praying that God would go with us to encourage and challenge those women too. If God prompts you, we’d love your prayers. We are praying that God would begin to soften the hearts of the women who attend, we pray that women from each denomination would feel welcome to attend, and we pray that God’s Word would go out ahead of us and stay behind us after we’ve left. We want to see God build up and change those who come. It’s all to His glory!

Liz
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

PRAYER REQUEST

- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurray’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)
- Gary Jensen (cancer)
- 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
Hi Everyone,
I hope you enjoyed Easter as much as I did this year. This week is the Pizza and Praise night. Pizza is served at 6pm and the time together with music starts at 7. I look forward to this each year so I’m glad we will be able to fit it in this year.

I don’t have a lot of updates for you this week. I am actually taking a little break from working on VBS and Summer Camp to write the Christmas Program (crazy, I know.) We bumped into a fun idea and I wanted to work on it while it is fresh and I’m having fun with it. I think the kids will have fun with it. We sure do enjoy being goofy together while we learn sometimes.

For Vacation Bible School, join us July 28-31 from 6-8pm. You can sign your kids up and sign up to volunteer at: https://vbspro.events/p/events/2019
Here’s what we’ll be learning on day 1 of VBS:
  - When life is unfair, God is good!
  - Key Verse for Day 1: “The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes.” - Nahum 1:7
  - Our Bible Story is about when the Israelites are slaves for the Egyptians in Exodus 1,5,6

Sunday School is still going strong but we only have a few weeks left. Our final week of Sunday School for this year is May 5. Time sure flies when we’re having fun!

Heather DeWit
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- **May 2019**

- **National Day of Prayer**
  - 7am–AA Meeting
  - 7pm–Men's Bible Study

- **Installation Sunday for new elders/deacons**
  - 7am–AA Meeting
  - 7pm–Men's Bible Study

- **Last day of Sunday school**
  - 7am–AA Meeting
  - 7pm–Men's Bible Study

- **Mother's Day**
  - 7am–AA Meeting
  - 7pm–Men's Bible Study

- **Hope Circle**
  - 7pm–AA Meeting
  - 7pm–Men's Bible Study

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- **Elders**
  - 7pm–AA Meeting
  - 7pm–Consistory

- **Prayer**
  - 7pm–AA Meeting
  - 7pm–Men's Bible Study

- **Father's Day**
  - 7am–AA Meeting
  - 7pm–Men's Bible Study

- **Installation Sunday for new elders/deacons**
  - 7am–AA Meeting
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**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO**

Please take a moment to make sure church has your **current address, email address, phone number**.
Email connect@communityrc.org or drop your current info at The Link on Sunday.

**Deadline: SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

Please also indicate if you would like to be in the printed church directory.
New church directories to be printed next week.

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**MAKE A difference**

**IN JUST 4 HOURS A YEAR!**

It’s one of the fastest growing ministries at Community and we could use your help!

We’re looking for 15 volunteers to play in the nursery with the kids! You’ll serve once every 3 months.

This is a simple way you can minister to the young families in our church. Make a difference in only 4 hours per year!

Contact Sheri Brouwer to volunteer.
(sheri.brouwer@communityrc.org or 605-261-2153)

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**CURRENT VOLUNTEERS IN THE NURSERY**

If you are a current volunteer in the nursery, we would like you current cell number, provider of your cell service & email address.

Very soon, our scheduling will be through our new database and have the option of emailing or texting reminders to those volunteers.

Email Sheri (sheribrouwer@communityrc.org or stop by the nursery on Sunday to update your info.

Thank you!
COLLECTING CARDS

We will once again be collecting used greeting cards to go to nursing homes or daycare centers so they can use them for art projects. Please leave your cards at The Link. Thank you!

Shirley Schuld
INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

IMPORTANT DATES

Baptism Service
JUNE 30

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.

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.

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