Pastor’s Update

Hello Spring? Can we say that yet? I sure do hope that maybe we have turned the corner. I know these past couple of days have sure been a nice relief. I see so many more smiles with the sun. It really does have an effect on us that is for sure. I certainly know our farmer friends are hoping for a little time to dry things up a bit and so they can get that field work going. It’s always a challenge it seems. I know this has been one of the coolest springs that I can really ever remember. So, enjoy the sun! Warmer temps are on the way. Spring will come...it really will.

Yesterday in church we let God choose our next 6 members of Consistory. I certainly do like this new process so much better than before. I just seems to remove some kind of negative edge for me. Our new elders are Curt Zwart, Bob Weerheim, and Mark Koll. Our new deacons are Chad Odens, Chad McKee, and Michael Dick. We had a fine group of folks on the slate this year. They were all great guys and I thank each and every one of them for saying yes to the process.

Randall Grotenhuis announced all of the job openings that we are putting out there. I did have a few comments about all that change being a little daunting. I would agree, it does make a person give pause. The whole system needs to play itself out over the next couple of months and by then it might not seem so overwhelming. We are just trying to keep ahead of things if we can and I would suggest in some cases we are trying to catch up a bit. Remember, all of those job descriptions are on the website and you can pick one up at church as well. There is a lot of work yet to be done before all of this gets finished. My first word to all of you out there is...pray. Pray that the right people will come forward and pray that the team will recognize them when they pass by. Remember when Samuel was choosing a new king for Israel and all the sons of Jesse were passing by? Samuel waiting until God spoke to him. This is a God thing. Pray it up!

I do apologize for not having the surveys ready for you on Sunday. That just completely slipped my mind with the election of new officers. I will get those out for next Sunday. That is one of the first things on my weekly agenda. Again, thanks so much for those of you who took the time to fill those out. It did give us a snap shot of what is important and how we might move forward. It would appear we are doing the right things and moving in a good direction. In other words, the information we got back was affirming. That is far better than getting back results that are conflicting. Again...pray this up! We are always trying to do our best to listen to all the suggestions, but you all know...we can’t do it all. All of us realize we can’t please everyone, and that always sounds so encouraging until you are the one that doesn’t get “pleased”. Be patient with us as we work through all these things. Time goes by quickly and just because something isn’t a certain way right now, doesn’t mean that in a year or two it won’t happen. Israel wondered in the desert for 40 years before the promised land was given. The land had been there the whole time...God’s timing is not ours.

This week comes the last in the series of new life in Christ. I am going to try to put it all together for us now. The promise of a new life and the power of the resurrection is at hand. Jesus has made it so. We will talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
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Prayer REQUESTS
Join us for a time of prayer on Saturdays from 7am-8am at church.

- 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 (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
- William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Gloria Wierda. Laura Maloney’s mom (stage 4 breast cancer)
- Randi VanDerSloot (surgery recovery)
- Beth Vroman– knee replacement
- Judy VanMeetern (ankle replacement)
- Phyllis DeHaai (lymphoma)
- Dree Mayer (bypass surgery 4.18)
- Betty Carnes (Jeff Carnes mom)
- Brad Hanson

Our condolences go out to Jerralynne Tjeerdsma in the death of her brother, Jim.
Hello,
I don’t have anything new to share with you this week but I want to take a moment to say thank you to our Sunday School and Midweek volunteers. It takes many, many people to teach our kids each week and I don’t say “thank you” often enough, partly because I just can’t quite find the words to say how thankful I am for all of you! That doesn’t mean I can’t give it a try. :) THANK YOU!
As we look toward summer, I’m working on Vacation Bible School and starting to plan some of the day camps that we do for the kids in the summer time. If your child really wants to be part of the Craft Camp or one of the other camps and there are certain dates that won’t work for you, please feel free to send me an email as I’ll be setting those dates this week. I may not be able to pick a date that works for everyone but I’ll sure do my best!
Speaking of VBS, I remember that there were a few of you that expressed interest in helping to decorate for VBS. Karen Roetman has been hard at work getting VBS decorating started so please email me if you are hoping to be part of that and I’ll get you connected.
See you soon! Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

VBS!
Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life’s storms.
August 5-8, 2018
-Children entering grades 1 to 6: 6-8pm
-Children age 3– entering Kindergarten: 6-7:30pm
-Sing N’ Sprout from 6:30 to 7:30 for parents and their little ones (younger than 3) in the nursery following the opening in the sanctuary each night.
You’ll sing and play instruments with your little one while they learn about God’s love with you! :) -Children under 3 or those that aren’t ready to use the restroom independently yet are welcome to join the nursery while parents are busy doing VBS activities as well.
Sign up your children or to volunteer at:
https://vbspro.events/p/community

Inspiration Hills offers summer camp for grade 1 through High School. There are day camps as well as overnight camps.
Community wants to be sure that any interested students can attend so our church pays 50% of the “early” deadline. Even though that early deadline has passed, you can still sign up. Just note that church pays half of the amount Inspiration Hills calls “early sign up.”
The theme this year is Be the Light

Coming Up:
- May 6– Last Day of Sunday School
- August 5-8 Evenings- Vacation Bible School– Shipwrecked–Rescued by Jesus!
As the weather warms up, I think we are going to find the end of the school year will be upon us before we know it! We are winding down the senior high youth ministry programs as we move through the weeks of spring. Here are the dates for our final activities before the summer:

- 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 scheduled for June 7-9. *The deadline to RSVP to this event will be May 15* since I need to have time to reserve a bus or vehicles, depending on how many students are able to attend this retreat. So please let me know ASAP if you are planning on going. I’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. I’ll be talking to the kids about all of this at youth group for the next 3 weeks, and more information will be available as we work our way through May.

Since we cancelled church 2 Sundays ago because of the blizzard, we also had to postpone the sharing time for our **Kansas City mission trip participants**. So this **Sunday, April 29**, we will be hearing from that group about their time spent serving others in the KC area. They’ll be offering their presentation during the **10:00** hour, and I encourage you all to attend!

And lastly this week, I’ve been reading a **book called “The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers”** by Amy Hollingsworth. Mister Rogers was always one of my favorites to watch on PBS when I was little. I appreciated his honest demeanor with children, and of course, I loved the music! (Johnny Costa was one of the best jazz pianists in the world!) As many of us came to learn in later years, Mr. Rogers was also an ordained Presbyterian minister, and he viewed his television work as his ministry. He was a brilliant man who deeply understood what it meant to see others with the eyes of God. His kind manner, quiet voice, and powerful spirit changed more lives than we can count. And in the years since his passing (he died of cancer in 2003), people have been coming out of the woodwork to talk about his influence in their lives. This book is chronicling the way he walked with Christ, the things God challenged him with, and the way he felt called to bring love and value to everyone in the world.

So far, one of the pearls I’ve taken from this book is the almost **immeasurable value of taking my time**. As someone who has always been able to accomplish a lot in a short amount of time, it is often a challenge for me to be intentionally slow and take my time. This can be applied to almost any situation; meeting with friends, listening to a student, preparing a lesson to teach, practice, etc. And even things that I want to finish quickly like cleaning my floors or folding laundry will often be done better if I just take a little bit of time with them. And really, what’s it costing me? An extra few minutes?

In this world where time is expensive, and where we try to cram as much as we can into short bits of time, I am being challenged with the concept that **maybe doing less is more**. It certainly makes it possible to do things better. And I find that my anxiety and restlessness in trying to hurry usually goes away if I take a breath and take my time. If you’re a reader, I recommend the book. It’s an easy read, and I think you’ll be blessed by how our neighbor, Fred Rogers, chose to follow Jesus and thereby make a huge impact in this world.

That’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz

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- Chapel Open: 7pm-8pm
- Prayer Time
- Kitchen Cleaning
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Church softball – C league – 6:30pm & 7:30pm
Church softball – D league – 8:30pm & 9:30pm

National Day of Prayer
Chapel Open 7am - 8pm

Installation of new elders/deacons
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.

The nursery staff would like to thank Tara Ellis for all her years of service she has spent at Community in the nursery.

Please help me thank Tara and wish her good luck as she takes time to spend with her family.

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Thank You

Community – Thank you for the many prayers offered and support given to our family following Steve’s passing. A special thank you to Pastor Thornton and Pastor Teel for all you have done. Being a part of this amazing church family is truly a blessing.

Rhonda, Grace & Joe Maciejewski
Al & Sharon Brink

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What’s Happening @ Community

Wednesday, April 25
6pm-8pm– H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, April 28
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, April 29
10:10am– Sunday School
10:10am– Kansas City Team Sharing

Monday, April 30
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, May 2
Last night of H.S. Youth Group

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

Happy 90th birthday
Florene Meier!
She’ll be sharing donut holes on April 29th to celebrate!

Finances at a Glance:
Sunday, April 22

General: $20,059
Vision: $1,877
Missions: $440
Sunday School: $2

General YTD: $218,590
Vision YTD: $64,627
Vision Account Balance: $80,801

Crack of Dawn Connection– A Short devotion and Run
Starting Wed. May 9th @ 5:15am at church

There will be routes mapped out for all running abilities
Questions? Contact Kate Hansen– 759-0370.

Church Softball Schedule
All games played at Sherman Park

D League
April 26
8:30pm– Field H
9:30pm– Field H

May 3rd
6:30pm– Field G
7:30pm– Field F

C League
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6:30pm– Field H
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8:30pm– Field E
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STAFF SEARCH COMMITTEE
The consistory has appointed a 5-member Staff Search Committee to fill the following positions:

1. Senior High Youth Director (part time)
2. Director of Discipleship (3/4 time to full time)
3. Worship Leader (part time)
4. IT Coordinator (part time) (does not include audio/video)

Job descriptions for these positions will be posted on the Community Reformed web site under “Employment”. Hard copies can be picked up at the link after the congregational meeting April 22.

Applications will be taken for these positions until May 14, 2018 after which interviews will be conducted. The committee plans to make hiring recommendations to the consistory at the June 14 consistory meeting.

If you have questions about these positions or the process, please contact one of the committee members:
Randy Grotenhuis 605-201-2693 randyg@sio.midco.net
Jolene Larson 605-553-1177 jmlarson@alliancecom.net
Lori Blom 605-261-8322 lablom40@gmail.com
Mike Hilbrands 605-929-6118 hilbrands@q.com
Russ Robers 605-351-5911 rerobers@sio.midco.net
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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 22—Pete Mellema
April 29—Gerald Teunissen

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!