Let’s begin our week with a quick note about the spring weather that is finding it so difficult to get going. I have looked ahead and seen that this coming weekend it is supposed to get very cold. Have you seen this? Highs in the forties and lows in the thirties and a possible frost. I was really counting on April giving us a little lift, but so far it’s holding onto that chilly air pretty tightly. I know spring is around the corner, but I wish the corner wasn’t so long. At the end of the day I guess there is not a thing we can do about any of this. I’m sure that’s not news to any of you. We are a hearty group of people who call the Midwest their home.

First, a word of thanks to those who are going off the consistory. Dave Nelson, Harvey Odens and Tom Bosch have done an amazing job as Elders. Spencer Larson, Daron Van Beek, and Cory Feenstra are the Deacons going off this year and they too have been so instrumental in keeping us moving in a good direction over the past three years. There have been a lot of changes out here during that time in many areas of the church from personal challenges to celebrations of new building projects. A lot of things can happen over the course of three years as many of you know.

Sunday we let God choose the next group of folks going on the Consistory. I do like the process very much and I do believe it works very well. I know it is very difficult to know all those people and as we grow that becomes a greater challenge. We do our best to try to make ways to help, but it is no easy task. Our new Deacons are Jim Fisher, Nick Langrock, and Russ Robers. Our new Elders are Pete Mellema, Jolene Larson, and Gerald Teunissen. We will be in good hands! These wonderful people and God will move. For those candidates who were not called, I thank each of them for saying yes and giving the process a greater depth. It was a fine list of candidates that the church selected. I’m glad God was doing the choosing.

Molly Koel led a group discussion on Sunday night centering around the theme of putting into place those issues of end of life decisions and what kind of care we would want to be done. It was highly informative evening and we are going to get her back to do that this fall as well. I would highly encourage you all to make plans to do that. These are most important decisions that we need to have done ahead of time. It was great information. Thanks Molly!

This Sunday message is a deeper look into living in a place called “resurrection”. This week my focus will be on our commitment to filling our lives with “soul” filling things. Each of us makes decisions everyday on what we are going to pursue and those decisions will make a difference on the person we become...one day at a time. We all know that is true, but finding the motivation to set “right” things in motion is a challenge. There are so many things biding for our time. Jesus is aware of all of that and his grace is always active in our lives drawing us and encouraging us to come to the well and drink from his cup. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
April 30: 9:00am—
  Shawn & Lori Blom
  Kenny & Carrie Hartzell

  11:00am—
  Michelle & Ellie Wigg
  Marsha Avery

May 7: 9:00am—
  Grant & Leslie Boltjes
  Jenna Christensen
  Lyndee Kamrath

  11:00am—
  Spencer & Rachel Larson
  Jordan Lipp

COFFEE SCHEDULE
April 30:Jim & Kathleen Ludens
May 7:Daryl & Char DuBois
May 14:Steve & Becky Lee

THE LINK SCHEDULE
April 30
  9:00am–  Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink
  11:00am–  Bill & Dar Keizer

May 7
  9:00am–  Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg
  11:00am–  Tom & Robin Jacobs

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

May 7:
  9:00am– Jean Nollmann, Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen, Ron & Juanita Palma
  11:00am– Jean Nollmann, Duane & Rhonda Niewenhuis

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.
Copies of each book are available in the church library.

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

Hope Circle will meet on May 16th. Lesson: Jerralynne. Hostess: Carol

The Union Gospel Mission love offering for the month of April is cold cereal. Please put in designated black basket in the lobby.

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.

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)
- Matt 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

My article will be rather short this week since we are winding down our regular school year activities. Here are just a few things to keep in mind.

The high school youth group schedule is as follows:

- 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’d like to thank Spencer and Rachel Larsen, and Tracey Larsen for cooking up some of the best homemade pizza we’ve ever eaten! These dear people cooked pizza for the high schoolers last Wednesday, and we were absolutely filled to the brim and blessed by their work. Thank you, Larsens!!

I want to remind the kids to get those Camp Burke registrations in. I’ve set the early bird deadline for these registrations as April 30. Camp Burke is June 18-23. Remember it is not necessary to turn in payment with your registration just yet. But if you know you want to go, please get that registration in ASAP! We can take care of the fee later. I currently have registrations for:

- Brady Van Holland
- Abbie Van Meeteren
- Jeff McKee
- Evan Rasmussen
- Faith Van Holland
- Alex Ludens
- Katie McKee
- 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
Hi Everyone!

It was another great week in Sunday School! We don’t have many weeks left before our summer break so we’re making the most of them. Thank you for choosing to bring your kids!

- **3 year olds and PreK** – Jesus appeared to his followers and ascended to Heaven. The kids pulled a string and brought Jesus right up into the clouds.
- **Kindergarten** – We look back at David as he was called to be king. We see the true king, Jesus, and our place as children of the King.
- **1st/2nd Grade** – Jesus told Zaccheaus that He came to seek and to save the lost. This is a great reminder to us as sinners that Jesus calls each name, seeks us, saves us.
- **3rd/4th Grade** – We are learning about when Jesus rose from the grave and conquered death.
- **5th/6th Grade** – Salvation, Sanctification and Glorification

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**Heather’s Update**

Spring Cleaning?

We are collecting some items for Children’s Ministry projects and some charities in need. Please bring items to the containers in the foyer. There are full lists of what we need there but here are a few. Thanks!

- Hammers (cleaning out the tool box and found 10? We could use a few for crafts)
- Toilet paper and paper towel rolls
- **Bottle Caps** (the metal kind)
- Egg Cartons
- Gently used **board games** for LSS
- **Cereal** for the Union Gospel Mission.
- **Household** items for the Furniture Mission

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**Mark Your Calendars for Summer Fun at Community**

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. We’ll also offer paper sign up for everything as it gets closer.

- **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.
- **CKC (Community Kids Camp) Craft** June 12-15 1-4pm K-5 Sign Up for Kids and Volunteers: [vbspro.events/p/craft](http://vbspro.events/p/craft) and **CKC Science** July 17-20 10am-12 K-5 [vbspro.events/p/science](http://vbspro.events/p/science) (We would love to have Middle School, High School and adult volunteers join us for all of these events.)
- **NEW - Family Bike Ride** – July 16 3:30pm
- **VBS Sign up for bringing snacks**: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4caca2eabf6-snacks](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4caca2eabf6-snacks)
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Wednesday, April 26
7:00pm–H.S. Youth Group/Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 29
7:00am—Prayer Ministry

Sunday, April 30
10:10am–Sunday School

Monday, May 1
7:00pm–Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday, May 3
7:00pm–Last night of H.S. youth group

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General:
$10,780
2017 Weekly Goal $15,033
Ahead/(Behind) $ (4,252)
Vision: $3,070
Missions: $301
Sunday School: $30

Sound Cascade Chorus Spring Show
Saturday, May 6th
@7:00pm
At Community

Tickets $15 prior to show; $25 for 2 or $20 @ the door.

To purchase tickets contact: Jeri 366-4793 jetjeerdsma@gmail.com or Ladene 261-8914 velds@sio.midco.net.

Or purchase tickets at Crossroads Book & Music.

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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Newly Selected Consistory
Installation Sunday–May 7

Elders
Jolene Larson
Pete Mellema
Gerald Teunissen

Deacons
Jim Fisher
Nick Langerock
Russ Robers

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We are featuring two lesser-known corners of the library.

The first is our selection of Bible story volumes for kids in a range of ages, featured on its own shelf section. Two of our favorites are The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name by Sally Lloyd-Jones and The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden by Kevin DeYoung. These two are particularly rich in bringing in the bigger theme in the Bible. We have two copies of The Biggest Story and also have a four DVD set of The Jesus Storybook Bible. These are definitely worth your reading time.

Another lesser-known section is our "New in a Series" section on the display wall shelf. This is where we place a brand-new title in a series along with the others in the series. You always have the option to check out a whole series for no-waiting or one at a time--whatever fits you.

New items this week include the DVD Priceless, the next in the Irene Hannon series (Sandpiper Cove) and the Lisa Harris series (Pursued), and the start of a new series by Bill Myer et al (Invitation #1).

Come and check it out.

Your librarians, Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry

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Finances at a Glance:
April 23, 2017

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YEAR-TO-DATE STATUS 4/23/17

Year-To-Date Offering: $261,527
Year-To-Date Goal: $255,562
Ahead (Behind): $5,966
Year-To-Date Vision: $128,393

Vision Account Balance: $212,064
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 (crcprayerline@gmail.com). For emergencies during non-office hours, please call Pastor Clyde or the elder on call.

April 23—Cleone Leistra
April 30—Laura Maloney