PASTOR’S UPDATE

April has arrived and a little on the chilly side. I have even heard there might be a little snow tonight. (Monday) I’m not discouraged because this is still better than 20 below. Spring is going to get here! One never wants to say when, but it has to be out there somewhere. I know there are still folks dealing with all the flooding and for some now that the water has slowed a bit they find themselves putting the pieces of broken things back together again. Pray those families to stay strong. God be them as they work through all of this.

There are a few extra things coming for the Easter season this year again. Don’t forget those. We are planning a kid’s day on April 13 for the little kids and parents. I know Heather will have some fun things for the day and well as some good learning. I saw a batch of eggs… I’m not sure what they are for, but I have a feeling it’s going to be good. Also, we do the Easter breakfast and we hope you might invite a family to join you for that day and bring them to breakfast. Our communion service on Maundy Thursday is also a very nice tradition we do at Community. I hope you can all be here for that. It is a great time for the message of the cross to be proclaimed as we wait for resurrection day! Exciting times!

Our congregational meeting is coming up THIS Sunday where we ask God to choose the next group of board members. Make plans to be here for that and be praying for the process. I have been very pleased with that change for us and I do believe it has worked very well.

There were 14 baptisms on Sunday afternoon. That is new record for us at one time. I have several private ones coming too as there were some families who couldn’t make to this one. We have lots of children…just in case you didn’t know that! It was amazing to see the place filled with families and friends for that celebration. Wow!

Midweek is slowing winding down for the year. I can’t believe we are already at that time. I say it every year, but it is so true. I feel like we just get into the second half and the it’s gone. This year was challenging for us as we missed two weeks with the weather. That has never happened to us before. It has been a challenging year in that way, but we are to finish well. There has been some great learning on those nights. Good job everyone!

I want to again say a formal goodbye to Audrey Landegent. I almost never do this sort of thing, but when you have been a part of a church for well over 50 years I think it is appropriate to say something. We do wish her the best in Orange City with her family and thank her and her family for what they brought to this place. We will miss that.

Sunday we keep moving forward in our series “Father, Forgive Them”. This week we take up the word “proof”. In this world of ours everyone is looking for proof. How do we know? Is Jesus the way? What about all the other religions? We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE
April 7: 9:00am—
LaDonna Freiborg
Lorena Sazama
Grant & Lesley Boltjes
11:00am—
Doug & Sharen Harms
Kristi Olson

April 14: 9:00am—
Kenny & Carrie Hartzell
Darrin & Tracee Ellwein
11:00am—
Spencer, Rachel & Sage Larsen

THE LINK SCHEDULE
April 7: 9:00am—
Tom Van Roekel
11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma

April 14: 9:00am—
Harlan & Judy Van Meeteren
11:00am—
Bill & Dar Keizer

COFFEE SCHEDULE
April 7: Denny & Sue Brunsting
April 14: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
April 21: Steve & Becky Lee

GREETER SCHEDULE
April 7: 9:00am—
Jean Nollmann
Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
Ken & Deb Meyer
11:00am—
Jean Nollmann
Larry & Gloria Smyrak

April 14: 9:00am—
Rich & Carolyn Odens
Dennis & Helen Robinson
Nic & LaDonna Freiborg
11:00am—
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Dennis & Helen Robinson
LAST CHANCE!
SPRING FLING
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
6:00PM
Join us for a catered meal & dessert auction to raise money for our High School Youth group. Tickets are $25/ person and can be purchased on a Sunday morning or by emailing Doyle doyle.burnside@communityrc.org or call the church office 336-1475. Free childcare provided.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 3
6:00pm— BBQ
7:00pm— Classes for all ages

Saturday, April 6
7:00 am— Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am— Closed AA meeting
6:00pm— Spring Fling

Sunday, April 7
10:10am— Sunday School
10:10am— Congregational Meeting

Monday, April 8
Noon— Seniors @ E Pizza Ranch
7:00pm— Men’s Bible Study
7:00pm— Writers’ Group

Tuesday, April 9
7:00pm— AA Meeting

Wednesday, April 10
6:00pm— Pizza
7:00pm— Praise & Worship

FINANCES
Sunday, March 31, 2019

General: .......................... $206,152
Vision: .......................... $62,663
Missions: .......................... $98,557
Sunday School: .......................... $2
Wednesday night: .................. $169

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

GRIEF SUPPORT CLASS
Starts April 17. Brochures can be found at The Link or The Corner. Pre-registration to this class is required. Please read Liz’s article for more info.

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

FAITH CIRCLE: Faith Circle will meet on Monday, April 15, 11:15am for lunch at the Olive Garden. This is an important meeting as we will discuss the future of Faith Circle.

HOPE CIRCLE: April 16th at 7:00pm. Hostess: Carol.
Lesson: Jerralynne.

JOY CIRCLE: Please meet for our yearly planning meeting on Monday, April 29th at 9:30am. Bring ideas for Bible Study & fun events.
As we enter into April, there are a few things I want to highlight in my article.

Mid-Week Activities will be wrapping up soon around here. Our final night of Mid-Week is April 10. That night, we always celebrate with pizza for supper at 6:00, and we follow that up at 7:00 with an evening of worship and thanks for a great year. Everyone is welcome!

Our upcoming schedule is as follows:
- April 10 Last night of Mid-Week for the year
- April 13 Palm Sunday, regular services and Sunday School
- April 17 Grief Support Class Begins (pre-registration required)
- April 18 Maundy Thursday Communion service 7:00pm
- April 20 Easter Sunday, 8:00, 9:00, 11:00 services, NO Sunday School

Free Breakfast served from 8:00-11:00am

Remember, Easter Sunday would be a great day to invite a new friend to church. It’s always a powerful time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the Good News of Christianity! And of course, free breakfast doesn’t hurt a thing! I’m already looking forward to it. 😊

The first meeting of the Grief Support Class is getting closer! Class begins April 17. Brochures can be picked up at The Link and in The Corner. The brochures contain information about who the group is for, the dates of the meetings, and how the group will be structured. Within the flier, you’ll find a preregistration form that will need to be filled out by those who are interested in participating. Once the class members are set, it’s a closed class, meaning that you won’t be able to join in the middle of the sessions. However, we are already planning for 2nd and 3rd sessions for new groups to meet throughout the year, so if you miss the registration for the first session, you’ll still be able to participate in a later session. Laura Maloney and Julie Brown will be facilitating our Spring session, and you can connect with them if you have any questions. And of course, you can always check in with me if you have questions.

Have a great week!

Liz
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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- **Natalie Baker** (seizure disorder)
- **Clayton Bierwagen** (heart)
- **Jodie Jensen** (cancer)
- **Chelle McMurray’s dad** (multiple myeloma)
- **Ellen Nelson** (chronic airway disease)
- **Lexi Valentine** (autoimmune disease)
- **Jessica Vander Weide** (heart)
- **Lindsey Vander Weide** (heart)
- **Bruce Heinen** (Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law) lymphoma
- **Diane Johnson** (liver disease)
- **Cal Klein**
- **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)
- **Duane** (Jerralynne Tjeerdsma’s son-in-law)
- **Randy** (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn’s son)
- **Rika VanDenTop**
- **Trentin Kooima’s son** (NICU)
- **Kara Schouten**
Hi Everyone!
I want to start by thanking Trudi Nelson for helping us connect with “The Pilgrim’s Progress” movie. It is pretty cool to be able to watch a movie before it even arrives in the theater! There were well over 50 people that came and I always enjoy getting together with folks from Community!
Also, thanks to everyone who decided to sponsor a student with Mission Haiti in the past and new this year! If you have questions about that, you can talk to Jaron DeWit. I may be able to answer some of your questions too. We’ve got people at Mission Haiti who are there to support our church as we support the people of Haiti. All of the kids at Frederick school now have someone sponsoring them. There will be a mission trip next March so if you are hoping to meet your sponsor child or want to do some short term mission work, chat with Jaron: JaronDeWit@gmail.com.

I’m excited for our upcoming Easter event for kids. We still need volunteers for this event on April 13 from 10am to noon. Can you share your morning with the kids for crafts and science projects? It should be a pretty laid back and fun morning for families to enjoy. Even if you can’t join us, can you help us spread the word? We want everyone to feel welcome!

It is hard to believe but we are wrapping up Midweek and the end of Sunday School seems to be creeping up on us too! Our last night of regular Midweek is this week and then on April 10 we’ll have pizza and praise. That is always a fun night!
I’ll see you soon!

Heather DeWit
Director of Children’s & Youth Ministries
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**COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY FISHING TRIP**

Come for just the day or stay the night. If staying, you are responsible for making your own reservation under the block of rooms for Community at the Quality Inn, Oacoma, SD. 605-734-5593 (hot breakfast included) 2 Queens= $76, 1 King= $72 or 1 Queen $68. Supper at Al’s Oasis, Friday at 7:30pm.

Sign up at The Link and answer these questions:

1) Do you have your own boat?
2) Do you have room in your boat? (if you are a boat owner & have extra space, let us know)
3) Don’t have a boat? No problem! Just indicate that when you sign up and we’ll pair you with someone who does.

*Contact Arlan Burggraaf–359-9563*
Hello Community,
This week we are doing our eighth grade send off, as it’s the last regular week of mid-week. During the evening we take some time to encourage them and pray for them as they get ready to move up to high school.

Next week is Pizza and Praise all together but we do open up the middle school room from 6 -7pm. Students are welcome to eat dinner and hang out like normal before worship at 7pm. In the past the kids have chosen to sit together during worship.

I’ll have more info for you on our next youth group event next week, so stay tuned!

Have a great week!
Sarah Powell
Powell.sarahellen@gmail.com

Hi again everyone!

The snow is gone, the temp is out of the single digits, and our Spring Fling week is here. Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets, donated to the youth and for being flexible with the fundraiser. The youth program is truly blessed to have a congregation who supports and cares for them. I am looking forward to an awesome night together.

With April being here, it is also time to start thinking summer. This summer, June will be a busy month! First, June 5th – 8th our students will be doing an in city mission trip. We will be partnering with a variety of missions here in Sioux Falls and experiencing different needs our city has. I am really excited for trip and it will set up our theme to start the school year next year.

The second thing for June is senior high camp. Our students will be going to Pickerel Lake Bible Camp, which is where I have been going since I was in 6th grade. This is for students who have finished 8th grade – graduating seniors. Camp is June 16th– 21st and is a week filled with God’s word, worship, food, and community. I know this will be a little different than years past, but there will also be a lot of similarities.

That’s it for this week. Let me know if you have any questions about the senior high ministry here at Community.

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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, March 31 @ 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.