

# THE COMMUNICATOR

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## 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 good-bye 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 & desert 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](mailto:doyle.burnside@communityrc.org) or call the church office 336-1475. Free childcare provided.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 7  
10:10am

At this meeting, new consistory members will be chosen.

Nominated Deacons:

Grant Boltjes  
Steve Bonnema  
Rick Hanson  
Matt Marcus  
Ryan Van Deraa  
Matt Weerheim

Elders: Al Bolton  
Mike Hilbrands  
Tom Jacobs  
Dustin Schouten  
Dick Jennings  
Joel Blankers

## GOOD FRIDAY FISHING TRIP

FRIDAY, APRIL 19  
NEAR CHAMBERLAIN

More info on page 7

## 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: ..... \$25,028  
Vision: .....\$3,500  
Missions: .....\$515  
Sunday School: .....\$2  
Wednesday night: .....\$169

General YTD: \$206,152  
Vision YTD: \$62,663  
Vision Account Balance: \$98,557

## 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: Jerralyne.

**JOY CIRCLE:** Please meet for our yearly planning meeting on Monday, April 29th at 9:30am. Bring ideas for Bible Study & fun events.

## LIZ'S UPDATE

# Adult Discipleship/Worship



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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 McMurrey'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)
- **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**



## HEATHER'S UPDATE

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](mailto: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  
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We are excited to once again be able to offer an Easter breakfast. Breakfast will be served from 8-11am and we are looking for several people to help serve/clean tables. Look for a sign up at The Link or email [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org) the times when you are available to help.

## 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.

For contact Arlan Burggraaf-  
359-9563



## SARAH'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

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  
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## DOYLE'S UPDATE

# HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

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 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This is for students who have finished 8<sup>th</sup> grade – graduating seniors. Camp is June 16<sup>th</sup>– 21<sup>st</sup> 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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## INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Baptism Service**  
JUNE 30

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### 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.

### REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

If you would like to request membership or baptism, please e-mail the church office at [connect@communityrc.org](mailto: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.**

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