PASTOR’S UPDATE

We just can’t get spring to settle in, can we? If I remember right, we had this same problem last year as well. Warm air just can’t seem to get going. Let’s all just hope that maybe next month things will change, and that new month starts this week. That’s right! It’s May! I am so behind in my calendar this year. That is always the case, but this year I am really off. I think because the winter has hung on for so long. It doesn’t seem much like spring yet and that really condenses our calendars. I did get back home last weekend and that was good. I am going to do that much better this spring. Time seems to get away from me too quickly and then another month has gone by. Not going to let the happen this summer.

This coming Sunday, we will be installing our new members to Consistory. I will do those installations at the 9 and 11 services this week. Be praying for those guys as they enter into this new season with us. We have important things to consider in this up-coming year. I don’t think any major changes in the coming year, but we are going to have to be thinking ahead for the next few years and all the changes coming out here around us. It is challenging, but at the same time exciting. These new guys will be involved in all that change. By the time they go off the board in three years there will be a new Middle school next to us, a possible grade school and of course the fire-station going in across the street. Won’t that be something? We are not out here alone, anymore are we?

Sunday’s numbers were back to our normal things again which I was fully expecting. However, I am very aware of just how many folks can get involved in things here. I am going to be working on getting ahead of that with some good forward planning.

It is always best to stay ahead of things as best as we can. We have time to plan and that’s the good news. Our planning folks have done a great job of staying on top of things. We will be just fine.

The Library is having a big day on the 12th. I’m not exactly sure what they have planned, but it will be worth stopping in to see them on that Sunday. Food will be a part of it...we do food well around here. That is just a great ministry for our people here and frankly for other churches as well. We have a number of people who stop in there from time to time to browse the shelves of our library. That group of ladies are committed to making that place one of the best. We are blessed!

Thursday is National Day of Prayer and we are opening up the church for the day. It will be open from 7am to 7pm on Thursday. Stop in to the chapel and spend some quiet time with God. Each year that room stays pretty busy throughout the day. Stop out...join us!

Sunday’s message this week on discipleship is really our first deep look into that subject. I want to be practical in my approach, but also try to open our eyes to the deep meaning of that word and work together to form our hearts and minds around this great theme. This week we are going to talk about building relationships. That’s what Jesus did first. Get to know those for who you are going to invest in. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 1
6:30pm– Grief Class (closed group)

Thursday, May 2
7:00am-7:00pm– National Day of Prayer (church open)
8:30 & 9:30pm– Church Softball

Saturday, May 4
7:00 am—Prayer ministry
(Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, May 5
Installation Sunday
10:10am- Sunday School

Monday, May 6
7:00pm– Men’s Bible Study

Tuesday, May 7
7:00pm– AA Meeting

FINANCES

Sunday, April 28, 2019

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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 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: Arise Ukraine

HOPE CIRCLE: The circle will meet on May 21st at 7:00 pm. Hostess is Barb A., lesson by Carol.

FAITH CIRCLE: will meet on Monday, May 20, 1:00pm at church. Hostess - Florene

JOY CIRCLE: Please join us for our Bible Study on Monday, May 13 at 9:30 at Community. We will continue our Word Search this year. Please pick up your schedule (dates and times) and the words we will be studying at the Link. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please call 351-4202. Thank you
I’d like to start my article this week with a short recap of the retreat that Abbie and I hosted in Burke last Saturday. Thank you to those of you who were praying for this retreat. God definitely moved! Abbie and I felt that God was asking us to move beyond the walls of Community and take a women’s retreat to women in small towns. We thought that our hometown would be a good place to pilot this idea. After all, we get free room and board at Grandma Lucy’s house! We contacted the 4 churches in Burke and told them the retreat was open to all women. We also decided to advertise in the Burke newspaper so those in the surrounding areas knew they were welcome to come too. And finally, we made the decision to hold the retreat in the Burke Civic Center in order to have the most denominationally neutral place we could find. We figured we would probably be able to draw a dozen women or so, and we thought if we could have 20 women attend, that would be amazing! But God blew our socks off with 50 women registering for the retreat! Saturday morning, there were just a few who were unable to attend because of sick kids or unexpected things coming up. But ultimately 44 women from 5 different churches and from 7 different small towns in the region were able to attend! It was certainly a homecoming atmosphere as we reconnect with women we haven’t seen in years, but we also connected with women we had never met before.

We’ve been in contact with 3 of the women who came to the retreat who are interested in hosting retreat in their home churches, and we are looking to God to make sure we stay on track with His plan in the midst of this. We truly had no idea what to expect when we started this process, and we are humbled and in awe of what God chose to do on Saturday. Again, thank you for lifting us up in prayer! It was powerful to be able to share some of what happens at Community with others.

As we begin to wrap up more of our yearly programming at church in anticipation of the summer months, I want to remind everyone that I’ll continue to be in The Corner on Sunday mornings. Remember we always have snacks and beverages, and it can be a great place to connect with others at Community. If you have questions about things that happen at church, or if you have a particular need or request, stop in The Corner! I’m here to help!

Have a great week!

Liz
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**LIZ’S UPDATE**

**Adult Discipleship/Worship**

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**PRAYER REQUEST**

- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Cheille 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)
- Randy (Al & Dolly Hoogendoorn’s son)
- Curt Zwart’s dad, Lloyd
- Rika VanDenTop
- Trentin Kooima’s infant son
- Roesmarie Mayer (hospice) Terry Mayer’s mom
Hello,

I want to use my article this time to really focus on thanking the people that made Midweek happen this year. They really are an incredible gift to our church family. I know there were many, many people that served in a variety of ways. I am particularly in tune with those who spent time with our kids this year so I will write about them a bit. These people have really made a positive impact on each child and I think the kids are really growing! Our Wednesdays this year were spent in the Epistles. I thought that might be a big challenge as spending a whole year on a specific topic means diving pretty deep but the volunteers and kids are “all in” and it showed. I’d like to ask you all to thank the people on this list in person or even send a quick email or note. They really did use the gifts God gives them well.

Shepherds: These people spent nearly every week with the kids! They bond, learn names and pray for the kids. They laugh together and know one another well. It is a fun group!
- Grades 4/5 - Mary Burggraaf
- Grades 2/3 - Keith Maloney and Brad & Katie Kennett
- Grades K/1 - Laurel Feenstra and Ryan & Alysha Huber

Teachers: These people came to do a lesson with the kids. They shared their hearts, their time and their ideas and the kids really did learn a lot this year!

These volunteers are gifted at adapting the activities to the energy level of the kids and their understanding while capturing their excitement and joy.

Fun Zone Leaders: These people come to be sure Fun Zone goes smoothly and that the kids get the attention they need to feel welcome. They greet the kids, help with toys and make sure 4 square doesn’t turn into dodge ball. Having them there allows me to talk with kids and parents and help teachers get the lesson ready. They put the “Fun” in Fun Zone. There were others that helped some but these two ladies came almost every week!
- Jamie Van Sloten
- Tristen Thompson

I’m really worried that I forgot someone and if I did, I’m so sorry! Thank you again!

Heather DeWit
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DOYLE’S UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

May is here and it is really hard to wrap my mind around that! Our last meeting is this week for Wednesday nights for the high school group. We are meeting at my house for an end of the year celebration.

However, we still have a lot coming up. This summer we will be doing a session on Spiritual Disciplines as we focus on 13 different areas of practice. May 8th we will have an informational meeting to lay out the summer, talk through what the class will look like and set up our first meeting. I’m really looking forward to this and it will also be a part of my seminary process!

Then in June we will be really busy. We will be doing an in city mission trip here in Sioux Falls June 5th - 8th and then senior high camp will be June 16th - 21st. Both of these are great opportunities to be challenged, encouraged and empowered in our faith. If there are any questions about either of these trips you can send them my way. Students, there will be a letter coming out with details for the trip and a registration form so keep your eyes out for that!

Looking forward to a change in pace, and for an awesome summer!

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LIBRARY UPDATE

We are looking for some items checked out without a name on the card. Would you check your home for these? DVDs: Duck Dynasty (Season 3, vol. 2) and Wandering in the Desert (What’s in the Bible #3); picture books: Frog Wars (Veggie Tales), Great Ice Cream Chase (VeggieTales, and Princess Prayers: and chapter books: Killer Bean, Light Up New York (Glimmer Girls #4), and Mandie & The Long Goodbye.

Your help is appreciated.

Your church Librarians– Trudi, Lois, Lorena, & Merry

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UPDATE

New phone directories are now available at The Link

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THIS SUNDAY

New elders and deacons will be installed/welcomed into consistory. Deacons: Rick Hanson, Matt Marcus, Matt Weerheim. Elders: Mike Hilbrands, Tom Jacobs, Dustin Schouten.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
JULY 28-31, 6-8PM
SIGN UP AT:
https://vbspro.events/p/events/2019

K-5 GRADE -BABYLON MINI BIBLE CAMP
JUNE 11 & 12, 1-4PM
ART, SCIENCE, GAMES, FUN!
SIGN UP AT:
https://vbspro.events/p/events/ckc
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

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Arlan & Mary Burggraaf for the recent passing of Mary’s dad, Vernon Punt. Please keep their family in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Brian and Loretta Wollman on the unexpected death of Brian’s mother, Phyllis Wollman. Please keep their family in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Lisa Blankers and her family. Her grandmother, Anna Rensink, passed away this past week at age 106. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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PRAY FOR AMERICA

LOVE ONE ANOTHER
LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34
THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

Middle School Youth Group Movie Day!
SUNDAY, MAY 5 FROM NOON TO 3PM
LUNCH
MARY POPPINS MOVIE
PLAY GAMES!

IN JUST 4 HOURS PER 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. (sheribrouwer@communityrc.org or 605-261-2153)
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.