I do believe that maybe spring is finally here. I am a little cautious about even saying that. One never knows what the next day will bring and certainly not what the next week will bring. Let’s all just hope that it’s finally here and we can get on with a new season. I was so surprised that the frost and cold of last week did not seem to harm the trees or the blossoms. I am so glad! I always hate those late season freezes that cause the trees to have to start all over again. We have had that happen in the past, and it makes for a very late spring. I guess we made it through all that without much damage. Spring…you have to love it!

We are winding a lot things down now in church. Sunday was the last day of regular Sunday school with the kids. I know there is an adult class that is going to continue to go through the summer months for those who would like to be a part of that. Youth group things have slowed down now and we are looking at camps and VBS and things like that. The summer will have a number of great opportunities so be watching for those. I know there are a number of kids going to Inspiration Hills this summer and Heather and Liz and put a number of activities together throughout the summer as well. We’ll keep you all informed of those as they come along.

It’s graduation time as well. There will be lots of special parties and gatherings coming up in the next few weeks. It is a wonderful time for families to get together and celebrate what has been accomplished and start looking ahead to the future. It was always a bitter/sweet time for me. I have said many times even as a teacher that I really didn’t like graduation very much. I was loosing a class. I didn’t like that so much. At the same time, I was always very proud of those kids and all the hard work they had put in. I hope you all have a great season of celebration with your families and friends.

I’ll be gone on Sunday. It is the first Sunday I have missed since last September. I didn’t really think about that till now. Sunday is Mother’s day! Don’t forget to call your moms. 😊 I am going to be having the first surgery of my life this coming week. I have to tell you I am so looking forward to getting this done. It has been a long road. I am so hoping this will begin to make a difference with some of the crazy things that have been happening in my feet and legs. We might be fearfully and wonderfully made, but when things are working right…it sure can get messed up. One little change can affect of lot of different parts that’s for sure. If you want to know what to pray for, pray that this surgery is the puzzle piece that has been missing. They tell me I’ll be sore for a few days, but should get back at it fairly quickly. That’s good because I have a lot of things I want to get back to doing.

We’ll talk more…next Sunday, have a great couple of weeks!
NURSERY SCHEDULE  
May 14: 9:00am—
  Darren & Tracee Ellwein  
  Linda Zwart  
  Sarah Wilkinson  
  11:00am—
  Mike & Casey Bullis  
  Abbie Van Meeteren  
May 21: 9:00am—
  Jeris & Maylene Van Zee  
  Matt & Erin Weerheim  
  11:00am—
  Angie, Ali & Justin Cable

COFFEE SCHEDULE 
May 14: Steve & Becky Lee  
May 21: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen  
May 28: Jim & Kathleen Ludens

THE LINK SCHEDULE 
May 14
  9:00am– Harlan & Judy Van Meeteren  
  11:00am– Ross & Jolene Larson  
May 21
  9:00am– Chad & Diane McKee  
  11:00am– Arlan Burggraaf

GREETER SCHEDULE  
May 14:
  9:00am– Gail Babcock, Randy & Gayle Grotenhuis, Lyle & Wilma Drenth  
  11:00am– Bert Roetman, Larry & Gloria Smyrak  
May 21:
  9:00am– Dan & Kathy Carlson, Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink, Montee & Marlene Van Meeteren  
  11:00am– Ross & Jolene Larson, Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink

MONTHLY MISSION

May Mission of the month:  
Arise Ukraine

The ministry’s purpose is to see Ukraine saturated with living communities of believers where the transforming power of the gospel is reaching every area of society—giving every man, woman and child in the country the opportunity to be reconciled to the Father and to each other. Arise Ukraine is completing God’s work through 6 main ministries and their goal is to have 10,000,000 Ukrainians hear the gospel by 2020 with 1,000,000+ becoming disciples of Christ.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

Hope Circle will meet on May 16th. Lesson: Jerralynne. Hostess: Carol  
Faith Circle will meet Monday, May 15 at 1:00pm. Lesson and devotions by Florene, Dolly and Connie. Hostess: Bert. Any Questions call Dolly 371-1480.  
Joy Circle— May Fun Event— No Lesson. Tues, May 23 meet at the Pettigrew Museum at 1:45 for museum and home tour. Refreshments after the tour. Please sign up at The Link. Need more info, call 351-4202.

Union Gospel Mission love gift for May is cash for the Vacation Bible Time & Camp. Please designate your gift and deacons will forward the money on.

Join us for a time of prayer on Saturdays from 7am-8am at church.

- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)  
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)  
- Jaron DeWit’s grandpa  
- Julie Dobesh (surgery recovery)  
- Jill Hansen’s aunt (cancer)  
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)  
- Cami Kuchta (cancer)  
- Terry Mayer’s mom, Rose (stroke)  
- Chelle McMurray’s dad (multiple myeloma)  
- Rhonda (Odens) Meyer (high risk pregnancy)  
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)  
- Susan Payne (cancer)  
- Gerban TeSlaa (hospice– Helen Van Leeuwen’s dad; Sheri Brouwer’s grandpa)  
- Mat Timmer (brain tumor)  
- Harriett Valentine (shoulder surgery)  
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart testing)  
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)  
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer-surgery 5/5)  
- Annetta Wiese

Our condolences go out to Diane McKee on the recent passing of her aunt Tori.
Community Reformed Church
Consistory Meeting
April 12, 2017

Attendance: Bob Hein, Randy Grotenhuis, Dave Nelson, Doug Harms, Harvey Odens, Dustin Brouwer, Jaron DeWit, Mark Van Meeteren, Laura Maloney, Aric Blom, Spencer Larsen, Eric Van Donge, Tom Bosch, Mike Boyenga, Corey Feenstra, Cleone Leistra, Clyde Teel, Liz Teel

Guest: Seth Sundstrom, “Classis Pastor” for the Dakota Classis.

Mary read Psalm 86 and prayed to open our meeting.

Seth told the Consistory a bit more about what he does in his daily work and matters of the RCA.

MSA to approve the March 2017 minutes.

Corey gave the March 2017 financial report.

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Mark reported on bids for the parking lot.

MSA to empower the property task force to move forward with phase one of adding parking lot.

The finger guards will be ordered.

Liz gave her report.

The slate for Consistory Elections is:
   Elders: Lance Niewenhuis, Bob Weerheim, Pete Mellema, Gerald Teunissen, Al Bolton, Jolene Larson
   Deacons: Jim Fisher, Chad McKee, Nick Langerock, Michael Dick, Marty VanDerSloot, Russ Robers

MSA to approve the slate for the elders.

MSA to approve the slate for the deacons.

There was discussion about trying a summer time schedule for worship.

Clyde opened the floor for the people who are going off consistory to share a thought since this is their last meeting.

The Haiti update is that the trip got pushed to winter (January or February) of 2018.

Bob gave a quick report on the softball team.

Next meeting May 18.

MSA to adjourn.
Hi Everyone!

Last week I listed many of our Sunday School volunteers. I am so thankful for the commitment those people made. It really did make an impact. Again, one more huge thank you to the volunteers for Midweek and Sunday School this year.

For our last week, many of the classes did some fun activities to celebrate a great year together. There were smiles all around the room.

I realized I forgot to thank one of the people that helped a lot this year. Cheryl Weerheim plays piano for the three year old and preschool age kids and also helps with the three year old class. I'm sorry I didn't list her last week. I sure appreciate you, Cheryl! :)

I've got a bit of a strange question for you all. I'd like to get aprons for the kids to paint or use fabric pens on for their craft at VBS this year but I'm not sure the best place to find them affordably but still decent quality. If anyone has a great option in mind, could you please email me? Are any of you sewers that would like to make some? We have a lot of kids that come to VBS each year so getting the quantity we need will be a fun challenge.

Have a great week everyone. I'll see you soon!

-Heather DeWit

Summer Memory Verse: Many kids expressed interested in continuing to memorize new verses over the summer. I’ll try to put a verse in the Communicator each week just incase you or your child want to spend some time learning something new. This is a great way to start a conversation over dinner or in the car!

Psalm 23:1– NIV: The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Vacation Bible School

3Year Olds- Grade 6
August 6-9, 6-8PM

VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/COMMUNITY
John Thornton is considering doing a summer Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. Tentatively, it would be scheduled on Wednesday evenings from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. This would be a study of the entire book of Mark, and concentrate on the Bible looking at it verse by verse with group discussion. He needs to know if there is enough interest to do this class. Please contact John and let him know if you are interested. John hopes to start in the near future.

So contact John! Thanks!
johnthornton@sio.midco.net

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Willow Run Golf Course Tournament is full But we are still taking items/services for the silent auction Contact: Eric Harms–harms@hegg.com 940.8535 or Sharen Harms–sharen@hegg.com 366.2684

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Azaila Isabelle, born April 25th, is a new granddaughter to Dave & Trudi Nelson. Parents are Dusti & Aaron Jones of San Antonio.

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Bethesda Christian Counseling
Receptionist/Part Time: Bethesda Christian Counseling is a Christian environment that is grace filled, caring, professional and respectful.

We are looking for a receptionist to add to our staff in the Sioux Falls office. Position involves administrative duties such as answering phones, scheduling appointments, greeting clients, filing, dictation and other tasks to keep the office running smoothly.

This is a part time position, 24 hours per week with the possibility of more. Please email your resume to Brenda@bethesdachristiancounseling.org.

For more information about Bethesda, you can look at our website: www.bethesdachristiancounseling.org

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Finances at a Glance: May 7, 2017

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May 10, 2017

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.

May 1—Mary Burggraaf
May 14—Doug Harms

Join us for worship at 8am, 9am or 11am.
Deaf Interpreting available at 9am service. Check us out on the web: www.communityrc.org or like our Facebook page!