PASTOR’S UPDATE

Is it not amazing how difficult spring has been this year? Not like anything we have ever seen. The wet weather continues to put a lot of farmers in a tough spot and the chilly weather doesn’t help with any of the drying problems. We had frost this morning! (Monday) There will not be a spring. It is going to go right to summer. I don’t like that because that is going to make summer seem very short and I feel like it is short enough the way it is. Oh well, we might as well embrace all of it and smile because we can’t change it! That’s a little bigger than us. I do hope there is a little change coming though and I am going to pray for that to be the case for everyone.

It is graduation time around the area. Lots of young people finishing up a big step in their lives. We have a good number of them in our church. I have been doing a few graduation parties... not too many, but enough to let me see the celebrations and happy faces. Although for many, this is not always the most fun. Saying goodbye to those kids can be rough. I remember my own and I didn’t do that all so well. I never liked graduation for that very reason. I don’t like goodbyes. I never have. Still, I want to say congratulations to all of you for a job well done and wish you all many blessings in the years ahead. It goes fast so hold on!

The “Kid’s Fishing” day is coming up in a couple of weeks. We would love to fill all those spots. The signup is at “The Link”. If you need to get your name on there you can call the office and we can also make sure your name gets on there. It truly is a fun day for the kids and adults too. I have enjoyed that very much when I have gone out to watch the happenings. Great stuff!

Heather is putting together a camp in early June. It is a mini Bible camp. I’m not exactly sure what all that means, but I am sure it will be fun. Grade K-5 with games, art, and science. If you are looking for a fun activity for your kids on June 11-12 this is the place for you. We would love to see you all there!

I will be traveling to Holland Michigan in early June for our denomination’s annual meeting. I have to be honest, it is not the most enjoyable thing for me to do, but I do understand the importance of such events and I will do my best to represent our Classis as best as I can. Right now, the RCA is in a bit of turmoil over several issues that have really stressed a lot of denominations. It will be a difficult few days. I’m not being negative; I’m just being very realistic. It hasn’t gone real well in the past few years...it’s just a reality right now. You can be praying for wisdom. May the Holy Spirit get a hold and do what only it can. I’m going to be having an informational meeting about all that when I get home for those of you interested in what is all going on. Keep the main thing the main thing, I say!

Sunday our series on discipleship lands on the subject of the Bible. What is the importance of that document? Is it still relevant? Why is it such a big deal for us? All great questions and I have some fresh perspective to offer. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE
May 26:
9:00am—
Nick & Abbie Langerock
Linda Zwart
Sue Harms
11:00am—
Tyler & Amber Nieuwsma
Michael Dick

June 2:
9:00am—
Emma, Lydia & Barb Niessink
11:00am—
Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

THE LINK SCHEDULE
May 26:
9:00am– OPEN
11:00am– Tom & Robin Jacobs

June 2:
9:00am– Dick & Jeannette Jennings
11:00am– Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg

COFFEE SCHEDULE
May 26: Daryl & Char DuBois
June 2: Steve & Becky Lee
June 9: Dick & Jeannette Jennings

GREETER SCHEDULE
May 26:
9:00am–
Jean Nollmann
Tom & Amy Bosch
Daron & Sherri Van Beek
11:00am–
Jean Nollmann
Ken & Susan Vos

June 2:
9:00am–
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Wade & Diane Friese
Nic & LaDonna Frieborg
11:00am–
Jerralynne Tjeerdsma
Larry & Gloria Smyark
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 22
6:30pm– Grief Class (closed group)

Thursday, May 23
6:30 & 7:30pm– Church Softball

Saturday, May 25
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am– Closed AA meeting

Sunday, May 26
10:10am– Adult Sunday School

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day—Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28
7:00pm– AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 29
6:30pm– Grief Class (closed group)

FINANCES

Sunday, May 19, 2019

General: .........................$12,843
Vision: ...........................$2,695
Missions: ..........................$580

General YTD: $315,285
Vision YTD: $91,581
Vision Account Balance: $103,096

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
The morning book club will meet Wednesday, June 12 at 9am at the Bagel Boy on MN Ave. We will be discussing Rebecca by Du Maurier.

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, June 18 at 7 pm at the Panera on Foss Ave (Eastside). We will be discussing State of Wonder by Patchett.

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
Union Gospel Mission– pasta
Mission Haiti– backpacks and shoes
Caring Cards– used cards

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Arise Ukraine

JOY CIRCLE JUNE EVENTS
Please join us for the following:
June 3 Bible Study at 9:30 Word to study is Joy. Coffee hour after the Bible study.

June 17 Bible Study at 9:30. The word to study is Peace.

HOPE CIRCLE will meet June 18 at 7:00pm. Hostess is Carol. Lesson is Jeanie.
It’s hard to believe we are already in the 3rd week of May! Where does the time go...

Last week, I was able to take a few days off and head back to Burke to spend some time with my Grandma. The weather was gorgeous, which meant that we made some trips to the local flower shops and planted our purchases. If you’ve ever been to Burke and driven by my grandma’s house, you know that her yard and gardens are exceptional. Gardening is one of her favorite things in this world, and it shows! There are many parallels to growing plants and flowers and growing in our relationships with Christ. Sometimes, I wonder if that’s why God began everything by creating a garden. He knew how easy it would be for us to connect a garden’s growth with our own personal growth. Beautiful gardens take a lot of planning and constant care. But if you stick with it, the reward will be awe-inspiring! Thanks for the great week, Grandma!

We are getting closer to the start of Pastor John’s book study. He’ll lead that study on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm starting June 5th and running through August. His class will cover Johnan Christoph Arnold’s book, “Be Not Afraid: Overcoming the Fear of Death.” If you are interested in this class, you can either buy the book yourself or talk with John about the best way to get a copy.

The next Women’s Retreat is scheduled for June 8, which will be here before we know it! This will be the second retreat in The Happiness Factor series. You do not have to have attended the first retreat in order to come to the second retreat. We know June starts to fill up for everyone, but it is our hope that this time will be used to refocus the women on God as they head into their busy summer schedules. RSVPs are not required but they do help us plan! Please RSVP to me or my sister, Abbie!

And on Sunday, I misspoke about the kids fishing outing! The event takes place on June 8 and is from 12:00-3:00. There is a limit of 40 kids (not fish J), so please sign up your kids at The Link!

And lastly, as we head into Memorial Day weekend, I pray that your weekend is filled with family and friends, and most importantly that you have time to remember and honor those who have given so much so we are able to have so much. It is good for our souls to remember and be thankful.

Have a great week!

Liz
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HEATHER’S UPDATE

Hi Everyone!
I’ve been having a great time working on Sunday School and Midweek for next year, VBS, Babylon Camp, and a fun surprise for this summer called “Family Adventure Packs.” God has been working on my heart and stretching me in new ways with these upcoming lessons and activities. I hope they are as great for the kids as they have been for me as I work on preparing them.

Please visit the sign up table this Sunday or hop online to sign up your child for Babylon and/or VBS, invite some friends, and volunteer if you can. It is going to be a great summer!

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INFANTS- GRADE 5:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
INVITE FRIENDS! FREE
SIGN UP AT: HTTPS://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/EVENTS/2019
QUESTIONS? HEATHER.DEWIT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG

DOYLE’S UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

The school year has wrapped up for a few, and the rest will quickly follow! As we head into this new season, I want to highlight a few things going on this summer for the youth group.

We will start off with a mission trip on June 5th – June 8th here in Sioux Falls. There is still time to register for students who have completed 9th grade – graduating seniors. May 29th will be our final day to sign up. Contact me if you have any questions!

Second, our summer camp will follow shortly after. Camp will be June 16th – 21st at Pickerel Lake Bible Camp. Registration is online and the last day to register is June 1st. You can register at https://pllbc.wordpress.com/registration/. This is for students who have completed 8th grade – graduating seniors. Church will cover half of the cost of the trip which means the cost for students will be under $40. If you do register let me know so I can get our part of the payment met. I will be serving as the assistant camp coordinator for the week and both Abby and Oliver will be joining us!

Finally, we will be having a class series on Spiritual Disciplines for the high school students. Our first day with be Monday, June 3rd at 9:00 am. We will meet a church for an hour as we begin to explore different Spiritual practices throughout the summer. I’m really looking forward to the series and how God will show up as we walk in this process together.

There will be a few other things happening this summer including some activities to welcome the 8th grade class into the high school. As the end of May comes around, those dates will begin to get set.

That’s it for this week. Best wishes to all the students who are wrapping things up in the next two weeks!

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John Thornton will be starting a summer class which will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning June 5th at 7:30pm. The class is covering Johann Christoph Arnold's book, "Be Not Afraid: Overcoming the Fear of Death". Please talk to John Thornton about getting the book, which is $7. The class will run every Wednesday through August.

Thank you to everyone for joining us in our library celebration. Besides sharing donut holes, it was great to show off our new books, our new shelf labels, our new library map, and our new online spreadsheet of library items (found at bit.ly/churchlibrary).

Come in often to see what’s new.

Your librarians,
Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry

Mission Trip TO HAITI
MARCH 1-7, 2020
(DATES MAY CHANGE SLIGHTLY)

FOR MORE INFO OR TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF INTERESTED PEOPLE
EMAIL JARONDEWIT@GMAIL.COM

SORT SHOES FOR MISSION HAITI

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
THURSDAY, MAY 23
1-4PM (OR COME FOR PART)
TEXT 212-2793 OR EMAIL HEATHER.DEWIT@COMMUNITYRC.ORG TO LET US KNOW YOU CAN HELP AND GET LOCATION INFORMATION

Women’s Retreat
The Happiness Factor: Session 2

The Green Grass Grew All Around
All women welcome!
Invite your friends!
Free Admission
Sign up at The Link or email Liz/Abbie

Saturday, June 8
9am-Noon
Community Reformed Church
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.**

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

Gift cards for Hy-Vee, 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.

INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Baptism Service
JUNE 30

**REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...**

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