Pastor’s Update

It sure is having a difficult time staying warm. These cool springs are getting to be the way things are. I guess warm weather now doesn’t really officially get here until June. It will probably go right to the mid-nineties then. I know I’m ready for some warm air. That all felt so good a couple of weeks ago after my surgery to stand out in that warm sun. It was just healing to be in that warm air. I could use some of that again. I guess I have just put in my order. We’ll see how that all goes.

It is Memorial Day weekend coming up! Lots of our folks will be traveling to places to enjoy the extended weekend. Drive safely everyone! I’m not sure if I’m going back home or not. I am waiting to see how I might be feeling. I have lots of memories from my past about those weekends. I have shared lots of those in previous newsletters and sermons, but I really do appreciate all that Memorial Day is about. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Stop for a moment to remember folks who have passed on and those who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

Summer is nearly here, and as we were saying Sunday morning, we are going to adjust our schedule here for the summer. This is a trial! If it doesn’t work, we’ll just chalk it up to experience. For the summer, we are going to change the start time of the 3rd service from 11am to 10:45am beginning June 11th. I know that is only 15 minutes, but we think that will make a big difference. I think it’s worth a try. We have been thinking about doing that even next fall too, but we are still working on how all of that might work. We would appreciate any feedback as we go through this.

I am starting to feel a little better each day. This has been a new experience for me and one that is teaching me an awful lot about life and its challenges. Healing takes time, and there is no short cut on that one. I get a little impatient and just want things to be better, but I am learning in a whole new way that things do not work that way. No matter how much I want them to, my “want them to” is not enough to change how things really are. I was a little extra sore on Monday after standing for 3 hours. I was so surprised how quickly one loses strength after surgery...wow...that’s amazing. I know...there are lots of you who could school me on this! So many of you have gone through so much more. I am learning though. Go slow! Thanks for kind words and all the cards...and that good food.

Sunday is the last message in this series on “Resurrection Power.” I know it can be one of the smallest series of the year with everyone going out of town or planning extra things, but it really worked out well to end it on this weekend. We are going to talk about heaven a bit on Sunday. We are going to talk about Jesus from heaven and life right now. We are going to talk about living life in a way that changes the world around us. We are going to live in resurrection for a bit. It’s a special day, as you are going to discover. I hope you can all be a part of the morning. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
May 28: 9:00am—
Eric & Jamelee Van Donge
Tyler & Laurel Wolf
11:00am—
Jonah & Brittany Nyenhuis
Amanda Wielenga

COFFEE SCHEDULE
May 28: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
June 4: Dick & Jeannette Jennings
June 11: Jim & Kathleen Ludens

THE LINK SCHEDULE
May 28
9:00am— Wilmer & Marilyn Rensink
11:00am— Grant & Leslie Boltjes

June 4
9:00am— Marshall & Angeline Lavin
11:00am— Lance & Robyn Niewenhuis

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.

GREETER SCHEDULE
May 28:
9:00am– Carl Tonjes
Bruce & Bonnie Overweg
Josh & Molly Kuehl
11:00am– Carl Tonjes
Bert & Marcia Groeneweg
Josh & Molly Kuehl

June 4:
9:00am– Stan & Elaine Deelstra
Willard & Dar Keizer
Dave & Trish Mayer
11:00am– Donna Humme
Mike & Jolene Hilbrands

NATALLIE BAKER (seizure disorder)
CLAYTON BIERWAGEN (heart)
JULIE DOBESH (surgery recovery)
JILL HANSEN’S AUNT (cancer)
JODIE JENSEN (cancer)
TERRY MAYER’S MOM, ROSE (stroke)
CHELLE MCMURREY’S DAD (multiple myeloma)
ELLEN NELSON (chronic airway disease)
GERBAN TESLAA (hospice– Helen Van Leeuwen’s dad; Sheri Brouwer’s grandpa)

MAT TIMMER (brain tumor)
SUSAN PAYNE (cancer)
HARRIETT VALENTINE (recovering from shoulder surgery)
LEXI VALENTINE (auto-immune disease)
JESSICA VANDER WIEDE (heart testing)
LINDSEY VANDER WIEDE (heart)
MARLYS VANBRUGGEN (breast cancer)
ANNETTA WIESE
GAIL BABCOCK (recovering from shoulder surgery)

WOMEN’S MINISTRY
Faith Circle Hymn Sing—June 19th, 1:00 pm—See Page 5 for more details!

Morning Book Club will next meet on Wed., June 14, at 9 am at the Bagel Bay on Minnesota Ave. They will discuss The Hunger Games by Collins.

Evening Book Club will next meet on Tue., June 20, at 7 pm at the east side Panera. They will discuss The Zookeeper’s Wife by Ackerman.

NOTES
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Community’s full service library is at it again. They are making it possible for a short time for you to see a listing of everything your household currently has checked out of the church library. They understand that wrangling up those library items can be difficult when you’re not sure what exactly you’re searching for. Stop in and “check it out.” Trudi, Lois, Lorena and Merry will be ready to help!

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

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JOIN US FOR A TIME OF PRAYER ON SATURDAYS FROM 7AM-8AM AT CHURCH.
Liz’s Update

We are well into graduation celebrations and open houses around here. What a wonderful time of celebration for families. **Parents, we’d be happy to include a picture of your graduating seniors in our morning announcement slides, so if you would email me a picture of your graduate and include his or her name, high school, and post college plans, we’ll add them to our slide show.** Just send the information to youth-pastor@communityrc.org. If you have questions let me know.

You may have noticed the **graduate table set up in the narthex.** Graduates, (this includes high school, college, and even graduate school!) please feel free to take a book off of the table as a gift from Community! We congratulate you on your hard work and accomplishments!

As I mentioned in my article last week, we are going to try to do some recording this week. If you remember that last time we did some recording at the church, the contractors all around the church decided to use their heavy machinery to move dirt, and it was too noisy to record! Well, this week, the city is doing construction work on the curbing and street where my dad lives!! And we are going to do some of the recording at his house! Can you believe it?? It makes me smile and shake my head. It may take some doing, but I’m not easily discouraged. As my dad has said, they can’t do noisy work at night! So come daytime or nighttime, we hope to get more of the album recorded this week!

I think that’s it for me this week. ☺

Until next time, 

Liz 
youthpastor@communityrc.org

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Dear Community Reformed Church,

I personally want to thank you for partnering with Samaritan’s Purse and for packing shoebox gifts for children all over the world. Your gifts are having a huge impact on boys and girls. They are experiencing the love of Christ as they hear the Good News of Jesus; they are also knowing love from all of you who participated and put together a shoebox filled with precious items, along with your prayers for the children.

**Matthew 28:19 Proclaims...We are all called to make disciples.** Without you, this mission would not be possible.

Thank you so much for collecting shoeboxes and for bringing them to the drop-off location. Thank you once again for helping children all over the world know Jesus and become his disciples!

Blessings,
Wendy Pierson, Collection Coordinator

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**2016 Shoebox Totals:**
- East River, SD – 26,834
- Upper Midwest – 564,849
- Nationally – 11,485,662

**2017 Community Notes—** There is a bin in the foyer for donations to get us started on next year’s shoeboxes! We’re looking for toys! Remember, this year we will NOT be including any candy or toothpaste.
Hi Everyone!

I hope you are having a great week. I’m really missing seeing the kids now that Sunday School and Midweek are done for the summer but Craft Camp, Science Camp and VBS are coming soon and preparing for all of that is keeping me busy.

I’m really enjoying the sermon series and thinking about living in Resurrection. It is quite a place to live! If you missed one you can always catch the sermons online at http://www.communityrc.org/news-feed/sermons/ or just come next week to see what we’ll be learning.

I have a few notes below with requests for help and updates. Thank you to everyone that has donated craft supplies for this summer! I have a new list: Carpet Squares, Styrofoam Craft Balls, Paper towel rolls (we have enough tp rolls now)

I’ll see you soon!

Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

Are your kids going to camp this year?

Camp Sunday coming up for June 4th from 3-5 at Inspiration Hills. This is for families to come out for the afternoon and swim, meet the counselors and see where the campers will be spending their time. If your child is going to camp or you want more information, this is a good opportunity to check it out.

Please let Heather know if your kids have signed up for camp. We are keeping a list of kids that are going to camp from Community. This way, if we have kids from Community hoping to go with kids that might be familiar, we have an idea of who is going and when. Also, we use that list to pray for kids while they are at camp!

ATTENTION ALL SEWERS!

The amazing Jan Mellema has found a perfect pattern for making aprons for the kids at VBS to decorate this year. We have a lot of kids, so we need a lot of aprons! Jan has a bunch of fabric, and I can get some more at a great price. If you are a willing sewer, we have everything else you need. Just let Jan or me know if you are willing.

Jan says the pattern is pretty simple, and I think it looks great!

Summer Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)~ Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. I also love the Message Eph 5:1-2 1-2Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn’t love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

3 YEAR OLDS- GRADE 6
AUGUST 6-9, 6-8PM

VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/COMMUNITY
UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 25
8:30pm—Church softball

Saturday, May 27
7:00 am—Prayer Ministry

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day—Church office closed

Coming up...

June 12th—Senior Citizens at Pizza Ranch on East 10th St. at noon.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

John Thornton will be leading a Wednesday evening Bible study this summer on the Gospel of Mark. This class is open to everyone and will begin on Wednesday, June 7th. Class will be each week from 7:30pm to 8:30pm. No books are needed except for a Bible. Come out for a verse by verse study of the entire Gospel of Mark.

CRC KIDS FISHING DAY

6th Annual CRC Kids Fishing Day
Saturday • June 10th • 9:45 am
Outdoor Campus
Details and sign-up sheets are at The Link
Or contact Rick Hanson: 201-5135

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chad & Rhonda Meyer on the birth of their daughter Skylar on May 22nd!

HYMN SING

Join the ladies of Faith Circle June 19th at 1:00 pm for a time of singing some of your favorite hymns. They will meet in the chapel with Joyce Tarrell and her sister, Irene Thielvoldt, leading the singing. Joyce and Irene will also provide special music. All are welcome! They encourage you to invite spouses, friends and neighbors. Refreshments will follow. Contact Connie, 275-0030, or Dolly, 371-1480, if you need more information.

Finances at a Glance:
May 21, 2017

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Finance at a Glance

Who: Community Kids, grades K-5
When: June 12-15, 1-4 pm
Where: Community Reformed Church

Find more info and register online at:
vbspro.events/p/craft

...or contact the Community office.
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 28—Bob Hein
June 4—Pete Mellema

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!