

THE COMMUNICATOR

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PASTOR'S UPDATE

I think Spring is coming. I know that doesn't sound very assuring, but when we have seen the weather go from one thing and then another in a matter of hours a person gets a little shy about predicting. I did see some blossoms yesterday while on a walk so I know we are getting close. The rain continues to really interfere with the planting in the fields. I know our farmers are getting very anxious about how this is going. I hate praying for rain to stop...but I'm praying for the rain to stop. I did hear this has been the wettest on record. Sometimes being number one is not that fun. Anyway...enjoy those nice days when they come around.

We are putting graduate pictures on the screens on Sunday morning. If you would like to have your graduate up there send us a picture and a brief comment on their future plans. We will get it up there for you. Liz also announced the gift table for graduates in the lobby. Pick up one of those devotionals. Congratulations to all of you. These are important steps in growing up.

Consistory meets this week and it will be our first with the new guys on the team. I will miss those who are going off as this has been such a great group of people to work with. That doesn't happen in all churches as I am well aware. We are truly blessed around here with the fine pool of candidates we get each and every year. Again, I would ask to you pray for the team of leaders as we move along through the year. The next three years are going to be filled with a number of changes some of which we know and some that we will not see coming. What will three years bring to us? God knows...I say we listen to Him!

Our last Sunday school day was this past Sunday morning. We are so fortunate to have all of the volunteers in place who teach and work with our kids. This is a big commitment on their part and we don't take that commitment lightly. The stories that get shared and the relationships that are developed in those settings can be life-changing for kids. One never knows in the moment what might be taking place in a classroom. God is always working through us and on that one Sunday, that one seemingly regular Sunday, something may happen. It's pretty cool to think about that. Thank you everyone for a great year!

If you have been wondering when they are going to start building the school next to us and I can tell you things will start changing there next month. I believe bids are right now they are receiving bids and construction is supposed to be started in June. Things are going to change around here. It is exciting!

Sunday is Mother's Day and we are going to be doing a message on building this idea of discipleship with the theme "Intentionality". That may be not sound on the surface to be much about moms, but I think we can put that together somehow. But looking at Jesus and his focus...you have to set your heart deep to do what he is willing to do for these people around him. Commitment is a word that describes his intentionality, but there is even more for us to learn. We will talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 12: 9:00am—

Mike & Jolene Hilbrands
Eric & Jamelee Van Donge
11:00am-
Abbie & Tanner Van Meeteren
Kelli Fantroy

May 19: 9:00am—

Jeris & Maylene Van Zee
Val Huber
Melissa Beek
11:00am-
Jason & Jamie Van Sloten
Kate Hansen

THE LINK SCHEDULE

May 12:

9:00am- Grant & Lesley Boltjes
11:00am- OPEN

May 19:

9:00am- Bonnie Overweg
& Bruce Wentzel
11:00am- Alex Hoogendoorn

COFFEE SCHEDULE

May 12: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen

May 19: Denny & Sue Brunsting

May 26: Daryl & Char DuBois

GREETER SCHEDULE

May 12

9:00am—
Gary & Connie Parmley
Gerald & Deb Teunissen
Ron & Juanita Palsma
11:00am—
Donna Humme
Willard & Dar Keizer

May 19

9:00am—
Dan & Kathy Carlson
Brad & Jackie Ellis
James & Jennifer Bauman
11:00am—
Bert Roetman
Ken & Deb Meyer



CHURCH SOFTBALL

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Come to cheer on Community's team at Sherman Park!

6:30pm
7:30pm

LIBRARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 12

More info on page 5. It'll be a day to check out our church library and eat some donut holes!

SENIOR CITIZENS

MONDAY, MAY 13

Meet at the E. Pizza Ranch at noon.

(NEW)

KID'S FISHING DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Mark your calendars...more info to follow.

(NEW)

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Mark your calendars!
9:00am-Noon. Hosted by Liz Teel and Abbie Coffey.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 8

6:30pm- Grief Class (closed group)

Thursday, May 9

7:00pm- Elders/ 8:00pm- Consistory
6:30 & 7:30pm- Church Softball

Friday, May 10

H.S. Lock-in

Saturday, May 11

7:00 am-Prayer ministry (Chapel)
10:00am- Closed AA meeting

Sunday, May 12

Library Celebration Sunday

Monday, May 13

Noon- Senior Citizen's at E. Pizza Ranch

Tuesday, May 14

7:00pm- AA Meeting

FINANCES

Sunday, May 5, 2019

General:\$19,230
Vision:\$3,895
Missions:\$185
Sunday School:\$2
Faith Ave:\$250

General YTD: \$289,246
Vision YTD: \$86,331
Vision Account Balance: \$105,238

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

Adult Discipleship/Worship



I think we've finally reached official "spring" in South Dakota! Even though it's taking a while to warm up to spring temps, it sure is good to see the trees leafing out and new life sprouting from the ground. Bring on the flowers!

As I mentioned on Sunday, if any of you are looking for a summertime book study, John Thornton will be leading one on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm starting June 5th and running through August. His class will cover Johnnan 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.

As I have mentioned in the past, this summer I will be working on all of the logistics to pilot a new small group ministry at Community. It is my intention to get that ministry rolling in September. Now, this is probably going to be a bit different than other small group ministries you may have participated in in the past. I'll be holding two informational meetings early in September for anyone who is interested in learning more about the small groups. At those meetings, I'll lay out the logistics for this ministry, and I'll be available to answer any questions people might have. Then toward the end of September, I'll hold a final meeting where we'll put the groups together and get everything started. If this is something that interests you, keep an eye on my article for further details as the summer progresses.

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 lastly this week, I'd like to say thank you to all of the people who sing and play with the worship teams on Sunday mornings. Every one of these people volunteers their time and talents, and we are very blessed at Community to have so many people who are willing to help with worship in this way. Thank you for being willing to learn new songs on the fly, to come every week to sing or play, and for your positive attitudes that contribute so powerfully to our worship. Each of you is a valuable asset to our worship, and I'm thankful for you!

Have a great week!
Liz

PRAYER REQUEST

- **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)
- **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)
- **Rika VanDenTop**
- **Trentin Kooima's infant son**
- **Roesmarie Mayer (hospice) Terry Mayer's mom**



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KIDS MINISTRY

Hello Everyone,

Last week I said thank you to all of the folks that made Midweek happen this year. This week I get to THANK SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS! There were many people who worked hard to make Sunday School happen for our kids this year. There were teachers for every grade starting with the 3 year olds and Sing N Sprout too!

If you've never visited the Children's Wing during Sunday School, you may not realize that we have A LOT of kids and they are AWESOME! Our Sunday School Teachers and Helpers do such an amazing job of making everyone feel welcome, teaching great lessons, getting to know kids, praying with kids, sharing God's love and just being wonderful. The teachers really do make a big impact on kids and I am so thankful for their dedication and willingness to serve. A few have even volunteered already to serve again next year!

The Middle School bunch had a fun afternoon of games, movie and food on Sunday. It sounds like there were many laughs and moments of connection between the bunch that were able to come.

We've got VBS and Babylon day camp coming up this summer and maybe another fun project for families in the works as well so get your kids signed up and stay tuned for more information.

Another summer opportunity is to go cheer on the Community Softball team. Pack up your lawn chair, bug spray and sunflower seeds and hang out with some folks from church to cheer on our team. The schedule is in the Communicator.

Last, but definitely not least, the church library has a really exciting event happening THIS SUNDAY! (details elsewhere in this newsletter) I'm so impressed by our church library and thankful for what the volunteers there do for the kids of our church as well as the adults, including me! They have such a great selection of books, are kind to those of us who sometimes forget to return them right away, and truly love good books and our church! Stop by and tell them "thanks" for what they do and maybe check out a book or two.

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DOYLE'S UPDATE

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Our last Wednesday night for senior high was last week. We met at my house for grilled pizza, fellowship and ended the night with letters written to self. A group also went bowling after which was a lot of fun as well. A focus for this spring has been on eternity and continuing to abound more and more in Christ's love. The idea of the letter was to write how they have seen growth in their life this past year, and an area or two that they hope to grow in this upcoming year. For those that wrote a letter, be on the lookout in a year!

We are a month out from our in-city mission trip. As a group we will be serving several ministries around Sioux Falls as we experience the great needs here in our home town. Our start date is Wednesday June 5th and will end Saturday June 8th and the trip will be a mix of service, worship, outings and community! [We will have a meeting for those who are planning to come on here at Church May 15th @ 7:00 p.m.](#)

Then June 16th – 21st is our senior high camp. While we won't be doing camp Burke like Liz has the past several years; I do think there will be some similarities with camp. We are heading to Pickerel Lake Bible Camp which is near Webster, SD. I am excited for the week as I have attended as a student, counselor or Dean of Men the past 18 years. This year I will be the Assistant Camp Coordinator. If there are any questions about camp send them my way!

That's it for this week.

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JOIN US



Join our Library Celebration!

We are celebrating the new and updated in our church library on Sunday, **May 12**, between services (8:30 to 9; 10 to 11). Join us!

We will have:

New items—beyond our usual weekly additions. Come and see what is new and interesting.

Food—donut holes to share.

New ways to find items—new shelf labels, a library map, and a new spreadsheet for anyone to search our library items online.

Food—did we mention donut holes?

Librarians—who always love to help you find something you may enjoy.

Celebrate the library with us this Sunday!

Your librarians,

Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Jordan and Teresa Lipp on the birth of their daughter, Kayslin on May 3!

John Thornton will be starting a summer class which will meet on Wednesday evenings beginning June 5th at 7:30pm The class is covering Johnan 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.

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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 (sheri.brouwer@communityrc.org or stop by the nursery on Sunday to update your info.

Thank you!

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Condolences

Our condolences go out to Gerald & Deb Tenissen on the recent passing of Deb's mom.

Our condolences go out to the Deutsch's on the recent passing of their son, Levi. He was 8 days old.

Our condolences go out to Brian & Janet Bartscher on the passing of his mom.

Please keep all these families in your prayers.

SEND US YOUR PHOTO

Please email a photo, the name of your high school and your plans for the future so we can include it in the slide show to celebrate graduates.

High School Seniors!

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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 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.**

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