Green grass and blossoms on the trees. I do believe that spring has come. I have been enjoying this warm sunshine and I know that many of you have been doing the same. I was able to slip out to Howard Wood this weekend and watch a little track and field. That was a nice refreshing change as well. I did even get home last week to see my mom...finally. Every time I made those plans it seemed like we had a snowstorm. I was getting a little shy about even saying I was going, but this time it all worked out just fine.

Graduations are happening already in many of the colleges and universities around the area. It won’t be long now and the high schools will be doing the same. We have a great group of seniors from our church graduating this year as well. I know you will all be busy with lots of plans that surround all of that in coming weeks. Congratulations to all of you!

This coming Sunday is Mother’s Day. It really did sneak up on us this year that is for sure. We were just doing snow a couple of weeks ago and now we are to Mother’s Day. There will be lots of traveling and getting together this weekend. If you are driving out of town, drive safe and have a wonderful time with those families. Moms are pretty special! Family times are valuable experiences that should never be taken for granted. These are the people who have been so influential in our lives. What we learn as children stays with us for a lifetime. I always like to remind everyone that many of our friends have lost moms this year or in the recent past and this will be a weekend with a little heartache as well. We also need to be prayerful for those who maybe have never experienced a great home life. The world is broken. They too need to know that we care and we are here to bring some sense of comfort and understanding to their worlds. I think we do that pretty well at Community.

We installed our new consistory members this past Sunday morning. I would like to say to each of them once again, welcome. Also a thank you to those members who are leaving the board after three years of service to us. There have been a lot changes in those 3 years. Cleone Leistra, Mary Burggraaf, Randy Grotenhuis, Eric Blom, Mark Van Meeteren, and Daron Van Beek are going off this year. Thanks to all who have been praying for each of them and for the new folks as they come on. I wonder where the next 3 years will take us? I goes by so quickly!

Sunday school finished up their last day this past week as well. We will be taking a break now over the summer. I certainly could not even list all the folks that work so hard to keep that all going. The teachers and helpers have given so much to make that work for us. You are making a difference in the lives of these young people. It is important connections we make through those years. Thanks so much for being a part of that team.

Sunday we move to part II of our journey through Ezra...yes I do know how to spell it. This week our focus is the work that will be done to rebuild the temple. It reads like a history book, but as I mentioned on Sunday, God is all over this work that is being done. He in control and He has a purpose for all that has come to pass. People will wear out, but God is determined to restore. I think there is a sermon there somewhere! We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
NURSERY SCHEDULE
May 13: 9:00am—
   Tom & Amy Bosch
   Jenna Christensen
   Kate Hanson
   11:00am—
   Michelle & Ellie Wigg
   Michael Dick

May 20: 9:00am—
   Grant & Lesley Boltjes
   Jeris & Maylene VanZee
   11:00am—
   Brent & Sue Dekker
   Leslie Cleveringa

COFFEE SCHEDULE
May 13: Jim & Kathleen Ludens
May 20: Daryl & Char DuBois
May 27: Steve & Becky Lee

THE LINK SCHEDULE
May 13:
   9:00am– Tom Van Roekel
   11:00am– OPEN

May 20:
   9:00am– Bonnie Overweg/ Bruce Wentzel
   11:00am– Grant & Leslie Boltjes

GREETER SCHEDULE
May 13
   9:00am– Carl Tonjes, Dennie & Helen Robinson, Ron & Juanita Palsma
   11:00am– Bert Roetman, Willard & Dar Keizer

May 20
   9:00am– Lyndee Kamrath, Bruce Wentzel & Bonnie Overweg, Dave & Trish Mayer
   11:00am– Jerralynne Tjeerdema, Larry & Gloria Smyrak

May Mission of the Month:
   Arise Ukraine– Paul Logan.

The Union Gospel Mission love gift for May is creamed soups. Please put in designated bin in the lobby.

FAITH CIRCLE
will meet for lunch at Panera Bread, 505 S Foss Ave (off of Arrowhead), 11:30am on Monday, May 21. Hope to see you there. With need your thoughts and ideas on the future of Faith Ave.

JOY CIRCLE
will meet at 7:00 on May 21.
   Place to be determined.
   We will be discussing ideas for 2018. We have a great suggestion for a Bible Study, but all ideas are welcome as well as suggestions for fun events and projects. See you there. Everyone welcome.

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
The morning book club will meet Wednesday, June 13, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing Constellation of Vital Phenomena by Marra.

Evening Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 7pm at the Panera on E. 10th St. We will be discussing Long Way Home by Laskin.

Both book clubs welcome new participants. Contact Trudi Nelson at 371-3512 for more information.

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

- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Pete Valentine
- Natallie Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurrey’s dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Susan Payne (cancer)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- Marlys VanBruggen (breast cancer)
- William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Gloria Wierda, Laura Maloney’s mom (stage 4 breast cancer)
- Phyllis DeHaai (lymphoma)
- Betty Carnes (Jeff Carnes mom)
- Brad Hanson
- Lori Blom’s relative, Mark (sepsis)
- Dean Kruen (cancer)
Heather’s Children’s Ministry Update

Hello,
Sunday School is done for the year. That went by so quickly! We had wonderful teachers this year and they made great connections with the kids while teaching them.
As you look forward to summer, I’d like to encourage you to keep your family calendar with a few holes in it. Give yourself the “down time” to relax and refresh. It is always hard for me to resist the urge to pack our summer full of activities and adventures and I think that is fine but balance is so critical.
However, if you do have some time available, please check out the Vacation Bible School opportunity below. Let me know if you have any questions on that. Inspiration Hills Camp is starting to get filled up for the summer but there are a few weeks open so if you are considering sending your child to camp, please give them a call or sign up online today.
See you soon!
Heather DeWit
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

Vacation Bible School
Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life’s storms.

August 5-8, 2018
-Children entering grades 1 to 6: 6-8pm
-Children age 3– entering Kindergarten: 6-7:30pm
-Sing N’ Sprout from 6:30 to 7:30 for parents and their little ones (younger than 3) in the nursery following the opening in the sanctuary each night. You’ll sing and play instruments with your little one while they learn about God’s love with you! :)
-Children under 3 or those that aren’t ready to use the restroom independently yet are welcome to join the nursery while parents are busy doing VBS activities as well.
Sign up your children or to volunteer at:
https://vbspro.events/p/community

Inspiration Hills offers summer camp for grade 1 through High School. There are day camps as well as overnight camps.
Community wants to be sure that any interested students can attend so our church pays 50% of the “early” deadline. Even though that early deadline has passed, you can still sign up. Just note that church pays half of the amount Inspiration Hills calls “early sign up.”
The theme this year is Be the Light
Graduation season is upon us! Since it took spring such a long time to arrive, it seems like graduations and open houses got here before we even had time to plan! It’s always such an exciting time for kids and families to celebrate those who have worked so hard to complete schooling at any level. A graduation is a huge accomplishment! At Community, we always make sure we celebrate all the graduates too. On Sunday, you’ll notice a table set up in the lobby for our graduates. If you are a high school, college, or even graduate school graduate, you are encouraged to pick up a book as a gift of congratulations from Community. We are proud of all our graduates!

Attention parents of high school graduates: if you are interested in sharing your son or daughter’s graduation information, you can email me a picture of the graduate and include the school, his or her name, and what his or her plans are after graduation. Then, starting May 20, we will run a PowerPoint presentation on the screens before church starts so church people can see who the high school graduates are this year. It is not required to participate in this, but if you’d like to share about your son or daughter, please send me an email! My email address at church is youthpastor@communityrc.org.

I am continuing to make plans for our Sully Peaks retreat coming up June 7-9. The deadline to register for this free high school retreat is May 15, and it is open to current Freshmen through Seniors. After the 15th, I’ll be sending out a new informational postcard to all of the attendees. This is always an amazing time together, so please let me know if you are planning to go!

Next week, I’ll be doing something I’ve never done before as a youth pastor; I’ll be speaking at Harrisburg High School’s Baccalaureate Service on May 16th. I am extremely honored that I was asked to speak, and I’m looking forward to being able to share a word with those students and parents. Of course, I ask that you all would pray for me. Please pray that God would give me His words to speak, and that the name of Jesus will be honored and glorified by what I say. I’ve spoken for chapel services at Sioux Falls Christian, University of Sioux Falls, and Sioux Falls Seminary, but this will be my first Baccalaureate. I’m looking forward to it!

And lastly this week, I’m hoping to get back to Burke for a couple of days this week to see my Grandma Lucy, and frankly, to just get out of town! The last time I was truly out of Sioux Falls was Christmas. I know. That’s not good. 😊 But I’m working on it, and I’m looking forward to a short break before I dive into graduation open houses and final prepping for the Sully Peaks retreat!

I think that’s it for me this week.

Until next time,

Liz
youthpastor@communityrc.org
Join our nursery Team...

Nursery Coordinator works 2-3 Sundays a month, some special services and Wednesday nights during midweek. Coordinator needs to be 18 years old. If you are interested please contact Sheri at 605-261-2153.

**What’s Happening @ Community**

**Thursday, May 10**
- 7:00pm – Elders meet
- 8:00pm – consistory

**Saturday, May 12**
- 7:00 am – Prayer ministry (Chapel)
- 9:00-11:00am – Men’s Morning

**Sunday, May 13**
- 10:10am – Adult Sunday School (chapel)
- Happy Mother’s day!

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**Kid’s Fishing Day**

**Saturday June 9th**
**At the Outdoor Campus**

Sign Waivers & Hotdog lunch at Sertoma Park @ Noon; Fishing from 1:00-2:30pm. Sign ups at The Link or email connect@communityrc.org to reserve a spot. Limited to the first 40 kids.

**Join Us!**

Celebrate with William VanBram on graduating from Seminary! Join us on Saturday, May 19th from 5-7:30pm at church!

**Parents of graduating Seniors** – please read Liz’s article if you’d like to submit a photo of your graduation for a powerpoint at church. **ALSO**, if you are a graduate of any type, please visit the table in the lobby to get a small gift from Community.

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**Finances at a Glance: Sunday, May 6**

- General: $11,807
- Vision: $3,720
- Missions: $505
- Sunday School: $220

- General YTD: $243,492
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- Vision Account Balance: $82,800

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All needs should be called into the church. Leave a request with
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tact Susan Bierwagen, 331-3996 or John Thornton, 331-3028
(prayerline@communityrc.org). For emergencies during non-office
hours, please call Pastor Clyde .

Join us for worship at 8am, 9am or 11:00am.
Deaf Interpreting available at 9am service. Check us out on
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