



THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 10, 2024

Weekly Calendar

APRIL 10 - APRIL 17

Wednesday, April 10

6:00-8:00pm-

High School Youth Group

Saturday, April 13

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

Sunday, April 14

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Services

10:10am- SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, April 15

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 16

9:30-11am- Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, April 17

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN Ave.)

6:00pm- The Flower Patch Women's group

6:00-8:00pm-

High School Youth Group



**FLOWER PATCH
WOMEN'S GROUP**

EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
6:00 PM

APRIL 17; MAY 1, 15

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We had a nice rain Sunday afternoon. I am sure we all thought that was a nice relief after all the wind from the days before. The wind is something we know around here. It was something on Saturday for sure. I am looking for a little warmer weather now and maybe a little greening up of things. I guess we will just have to see how it all plays out. Spring will arrive.

I'll start with a reminder of our parenting seminar coming up in about a week now on the 20th. It is only a morning event that will start at 9:30am so, it is not an all-day event. We are trying to make it such that more of you can make it. Childcare is provided for that event so please make those reservations for that as well. We are hoping this will be something we can build on over the next few years. This seemed like a good starting point with all the young children in our church and parents who are always looking for some good information. We would love to see you all there. Get it on your calendar!

Towards the end of this month, I will be attending our Kingdom Network gathering in Dyer, Indiana. I am not much of a large meeting guy, but I am looking forward to this event. I am going to be taking in a few presentations on church development as well as getting to know a lot of friends in this new organization. I have met many of them and I have always enjoyed the focus and direction of this ministry denomination. I am going there to learn.

I am getting into the wedding season again, and although I don't have as many as last year, it is going to be a pretty full schedule. Last year, I did 20 weddings...that's a busy season. This year not as many. I am ok with that, although you never know when you may pick up a couple of new ones. I have done 336 weddings in the years that I have been here. That is a lot weddings friends! I have often said I might be one of the best wedding planners in the area. All that experience can come in handy when couples are looking for some good advice. I have met lots of great young people and lots of great families. They are all the same in many ways and yet all having their own unique style. It is a place I can insert myself and work to make each of those weddings the best it can be as well as help those new couples get off to a good start.

Our new series is up and running. I have a feeling there will be some good moments in this one. As I stated on Sunday, without the Holy Spirit working I am only speaking words, but when the Spirit is working there is always the possibility that something great just might happen. I love being around when that happens. This next week we are going to be looking at Jesus encounter with a blind man. It is a great story to tell and one that looks into how Jesus loved those that the rest of the world pushed aside. Jesus will make a difference in this man's life and this man will have some interesting things to say as well. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

**IMMERSION BAPTISM SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 5 @ 3:00 PM**

Interested in being baptized?
Email Liz (liz.teel@communityrc.org)



CHURCH SOFTBALL

Church coed League
Monday Nights at Sherman Park
If anyone is interested in playing, they can
contact Doyle.
(doyle.burnside@communityrc.org)
For ages 16+.

FINANCES

Sunday, April 7, 2024

General: \$11,783
Vision: \$1,000
Missions: \$630

General YTD: \$190,636
Vision YTD: \$15,531
Vision Account Balance: \$40,120

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Baby Brooks Hanson (Ron & Cheryl Hup's grandson)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Tony & Spring (IVF)
- Lois Hoff's mom, Marlene (hospice)
- Evita Attema (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Dave Van Dine (vascular)
- Russ Hoogendoorn's friend, Duane
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Evita Attema's sister, Lilli (cancer)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease- recovery from procedure)
- Jeris VanZee (Mantle Cell Lymphoma)
- Justin & Sandy Heimdal and family (house fire)
- Darla Moulton's son-in-law, Neil (cancer)
- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic cancer)
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (cancer)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer treatment)
- Kyle Wigg (liver transplant recovery)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloom
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Steve Lee (awaiting lung transplant)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who hosted events and those who participated in Suppers 6. There were many nights of fun, food, and fellowship with over 70 individuals joining.

It was a wonderful way to renew old friendships and grow new ones.

Again- thank you for sharing your time. This event was only successful because of your involvement.

Cheryl, Deb & Elaine

ONGOING MINISTRIES

..... FRESH ENCOUNTER

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom or in person in our chapel. People can join via video or using the call-in number if video is not an option.

Join via phone: (346) 248-7799
Meeting website:
<https://zoom.us/j/862139432>
Meeting ID: 862 139 432
Password: 853781

Call Shawn Blom at
605-940-6702 with questions.

..... MISSION OF THE MONTH

Bishop Dudley House

..... SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, May 13 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

..... AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA meetings are held in-person or via Zoom on Saturdays at 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdK0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09>

Please contact Tom Jacobs
(tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

..... BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, April 16, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Great Alone* by Hannah.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, April 17, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Lake House* by Morten.

**Interested in joining a book club?
We'd love to have you join us!**

..... HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on April 16th at 1:30. Jequanie is hostess and Jerralynne has the lesson.

Other Upcoming Events

FREE
Parenting Event

Saturday, April 20th
9:30-11:30am

Community Reformed Church
6800 E. 41st St. | Sioux Falls

9:30-10:15AM- (ZACH SEEFELDT)
"INFORMED PARENTS- SOCIAL MEDIA/ DIGITAL CONTENT "

10:30-11:30AM- (AUTHOR SARAH R. MOORE)
"PEACEFUL DISCIPLINE"

SARAH R. MOORE

ZACH SEEFELDT



Child Care provided for infants- 12 years old
To register for child care visit 605.church/parenting-event-2024

Liz's Update

This week, I get to share a story from Curt Van Oort, who recently returned from a mission trip to Guatemala. I encouraged him to share a few words for The Communicator so others could learn about his trip. This Sunday, Curt will be available the The Corner to meet with anyone who would like to hear more about his trip or who might have questions about this particular mission organization. So, if his story resonates with you, or if it makes you want to talk further with Curt, come into The Corner this Sunday. Thanks, Curt, for sharing your story!

Liz
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

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Curt Van Oort's Recent Mission Trip to Guatemala



In March, I had the opportunity to go to Guatemala to serve on the stove team for Helps International. Helps International was started by a Christian businessman from Dallas, TX named Steve Miller in the 1980's. It was originally a medical and dental outreach program, but as the medical team saw more and more burn victims and lung ailments from smoke inhalation, it became apparent that another branch of outreach was needed. The stove team was born after the invention of the ONIL stove by Steve Miller's brother-in-law who was an engineer. The ONIL stove burns about 65-70 percent less wood than the stoves that people in the rural, mountainous area of Huehuetenango, Guatemala normally burn. While Helps International isn't a religious organization, we pay for and offer Bibles and pray with the family after we install a stove.

This is my second year on the stove team. Each year I seem to learn a lesson. Last year, I learned that the gift of a simple tennis ball can put a huge smile on a kid's face. This year, I went armed with 400 of them. That's a lot of smiles!

As we came up on one house, we heard music playing...contemporary Christian music! My stove team partner for the day, Jesse, serves on a praise team band at his church and got really excited. He recognized the song because he had just played it in church a few weeks earlier. After installing the stove, Jesse presented her with a Bible and was about to pray when the woman asked us to pray for her son, Francisco, who was 26 and unable to speak.

It occurred to me as we prayed how limited my scope has been when I think of the family of God. I often think of my church family or those Christians that I know or even those who speak the same language as me. This wonderful Christian woman, in the rural mountains of Guatemala, listened to the same music as us, prayed to the same God as us, believed in the promise of heaven just as we do. The family of God that we all belong to stretches around the globe, prays in many languages, and will one day see our risen Savior face to face just as we will.

I plan on going again next March and, if I do, I'll probably learn another lesson, I'll probably struggle up the side of a mountain with Bibles, water, tennis balls, and tools and tell myself that I should have hit the treadmill harder, and I'll probably get reminded again that God's grace has no boundaries.



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY



A REQUEST FROM HEATHER

Hello Community!

I'm working on my master's degree from Kairos University and need help with a research project.

If you can spare a few minutes, please complete my survey regarding faith and experience.

Your time will help me learn and strengthen my work here at Community.

<https://forms.gle/vMgAmx6LjC4nCSrs6>

Thank you,
Heather DeWit
Director of Children's Ministry
Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org



THANK YOU!



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REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

**If you would like to request membership or baptism, please
e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org.
We are doing individual family baptism after the 10:45am
service until further notice.**

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

**Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased
every Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase
will go toward our Vision Fund at church.**

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