

THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 16, 2025

THIS WEEK APRIL 16- APRIL 23

Wednesday, April 16
6:00-8:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

Thursday, April 17
7:00pm- Maundy Thursday
Communion Service

Saturday, April 19
7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, April 20
8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
NO Sunday School
NO Foundations of Faith Class
(both Sunday School &
Foundations class will meet April 27)

Monday, April 21
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 22
9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, April 23
6:00-8:00pm- H.S. Youth Group



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
HELPED MAKE THE SEEK
CONFERENCE HAPPEN!**

Clyde's Update

This is Holy Week on the church calendar. Churches all over the world will be focused on the journey of Jesus to go to Jerusalem and be arrested there which will take him to the cross. A cruel place where only the worst of the criminals would go. The innocent lamb of God taken there; joining two guilty ones whose lives were being taken away together. It is a sobering scene that would seem to be a kind of hopelessness that couldn't be overcome, but Sunday was coming. No one could have seen that coming. Jesus would walk out of that tomb and be seen by many. It was an event that would shape a whole new "religion". Christianity would be born from the message of this Jewish Messiah who was crucified, buried, and rose on the third day. The gospel was born, and that message would take on a life transforming power that no one have predicted. It still works! Faith in Jesus will change lives! It all happened a couple thousand years ago and this week we will gather to celebrate those days. Easter is coming!

We will do our annual Maundy Service this coming Thursday night at 7pm. I hope you will be able to join us for that communion service. Maundy Thursday is about the upper room and the setting we have come to know as the "last supper". Jesus along with the twelve gathered for one last time before their worlds would be changed forever. When we do that service in our church, we highlight that moment when Jesus bowed down to his friends and begin to wash their feet; a job set aside for a lowly servant, but he chose to do it to make a point to his friends in that room. Judas had already chosen to sell Jesus out for thirty pieces of silver and many of the others were asking about their position in this new kingdom Jesus was setting up in the coming days. We also bring the cross message into the service, as well, because that is what is ahead for the Son of Man. There is a kind of sadness to this story, and yet brings an image of love that can grip our hearts. It's why we do it every year so that we never forget. Join us.

Our "Seek" event on Saturday went very well. We finished the day putting into practice all the information we had learned throughout the day. I really enjoyed that part. It was a good day, and I can confidently say that what we learned will be put into practice in the coming year. Learning how to do a worship/prayer night is something I think we need to add to our list of things we do here. It was powerful and I have received lots of good feedback. As I mentioned on Sunday, I was so pleased with all the people who worked to make that event happen at a very high level. Our speaker was very pleased with the day and impressed with the way it all went. Heather did an entire day with the kids so parents could go, the nursery with Teresa and Larrisa kept the littles well cared for, Mary Burggraaf made sure we had plenty of food to keep up our energy, Liz put together the music (and there was lots of music), and we had a great group of folks who came to learn and to participate. Great job everyone!

What is Sunday's message? Well, it's Easter! The tomb is empty! Death has lost its sting! Jesus is alive! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Please continue to pray for Daniel Burlingame who has now been in Sanford Hospital for two weeks. He has developed some more complications and is unsure when he can go from the hospital to rehab. Also, would you please consider sending him a get well and encouragement card?

Sanford Hospital
Patient Daniel Burlingame
Room 5167
1300 W 18th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
Thank you!

**"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace."**
Numbers 6:24-26

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby.
It's a place to donate to local ministries.



VBS at Community (for our zoo theme)
Clean, gently-used plush or plastic animal toys

East River Roster Parent Network
New & gently used toddler clothes

Community Youth
Empty Ink Cartridges & old cellphones

The Banquet
Hygiene items (Band-aids, Feminine Products
Nail Clippers)

Also, we are once again collecting cards for nursing homes.
Please put at The Link.

**In need of prayer or want to
share your prayer request?**

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ron Hup (total knee replacement surgery 4/16)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn's grandma
- Roger and Cleone Leistra's daughter (cancer)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Caleb Ellwein (knee surgery recovery)
- Daniel Burlingame (infection)
- Gary Van Den Hoek
- JoAnn Hanssen (nursing home)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Joselyn Cleveringa (seizures/testing)
- Daisy Johnston (seizures)
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Lori Blom's dad, Kevin (cancer)
- Steve Zimmerman
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Aaralyn Van Der Sloot
- Rick Norris (cancer)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Lyle Weidenbach, and his family on the passing of his mother, Lorene, 98 of Scotland, South Dakota. Please keep them in your prayers.

FRESH ENCOUNTER

**SATURDAY MORNINGS
@ 7:00AM**

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.



CONSYSTORY MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2025

In Attendance: Susan Bierwagen, Mike Boyenga, Tanner Corbin, Jordan Lipp, Mary Burggraaf, Lyle Pudwill, Darren Ellwein, Ross Larson, Clyde Teel, Doug Harms, Curt Zwart, Harvey Odens, Eric Van Donge, Stan Deelstra, Tyler Wolf

Opening Prayer – Clyde Teel

MSA the March 2025 financial report.

MSA the slate for Deacons: Ryan VanDeraa, Jon Eggers, Jim Fischer, Alex Hoogendoorn, Joel Kraayenbrink, Lonny Ackerman and the slate for Elders: Dustin Schouten, Bill Klein, Chad Odens, Karen Van Holland, Jon Harmsen and Dave Nelson. The congregational meeting will be at 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

The concrete replacement project/bids were discussed. The paving prices are still holding at last year's quoted price.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Burggraaf, Clerk



FINANCES

Sunday, April 13, 2025

General: \$11,910
Vision: \$390
Missions: \$4,960
Parking Lot: \$250

General YTD: \$171,891
Vision YTD: \$8,392
Vision Account Balance: \$14,332

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UPCOMING DATES

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Join us at 7:00pm on **Thursday, April 17** for our communion Maundy Thursday Service where we celebrate The Last Supper.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER SUNDAY

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

April 27th @ 10:10am

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 4 @ 10:05am

KID'S FISHING DAY

Saturday, May 10th
9-10:30am
At the Outdoor Campus

NEW

KID'S FISHING Event

SATURDAY, MAY 10
9:00-10:30AM
AT OUTDOOR CAMPUS



Sign up at The Link
or email connect@communityrc.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 27
10:10AM

Those nominated for deacon include:

Ryan VanDeraa
Jon Eggers
Jim Fisher
Alex Hoogendoorn
Joel Kraayenbrink
Lonny Ackerman

Those nominated for elder include:

Dustin Schouten
Bill Klein
Chad Odens
Karen Van Holland
Jon Harmsen
Dave Nelson

**BIOS WILL BE PRINTED IN NEXT
WEEK'S NEWSLETTER**

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

BISHOP DUDLEY HOSPITALITY HOUSE

The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, located in downtown Sioux Falls, offers a warm, safe and secure place to start the road back to a more stable, long-term way of living.

LOOKING FOR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS!

Come play with the kids at Community!
You'll serve only 4 times throughout the year!
Email Teresa at nursery@communityrc.org or go to
605.church and fill out a form to volunteer.

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **May 12** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, May 20, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Vanished in Vermillion* by Reguse.

The morning book club will meet Wed., May 21, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave & 33rd St. We will be discussing *The Last Exchange* by Martin.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH CLASS

The last 3 classes of Foundations of Faith led by Jon Harmsen will be on April 27, May 4 & May 11 at 10:05am in the fellowship hall.

early childhood weekday
Play Free Group.

Parents/ Grandparents/ Caregivers and Kids
younger than Kindergarten age will join together for
open play time in the Community Nursery as they enjoy time together.
Questions? Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org or 605-336-1475



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

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We had a full weekend that was packed with great time together. On Sunday, we had some nice attendance for Sunday School and some really good activities. It was fun to see big smiles. On Saturday, we had the Joyful Noise event. We enjoyed a good balance of active and movement activities, singing, games together, laughter, crafts, and prayer. I commented that our time doing "Lego Prayer" was the quietest I've ever heard a group of children be in my entire career. You could hear a pin drop! The kids were focused on talking with God and it was a very precious time. I want to give a shout out to one of our part time helpers, Christian. He is a USF student and offered to come spend Saturday with the kids and I to ensure everyone had a great day. It made a huge difference! I also need to thank the Nursery staff for making Saturday wonderful in the Nursery. The little ones had a great day together with bubbles, shaving cream art, building forts, and so much more. Of course, everyone who planned the day for Saturday and volunteered is very appreciated. Every detail was covered from the food, to worship, to books and printing, and everything in between. Susan coordinated a wonderful committee and that was evident. Thanks everyone!

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
605-336-1475
Heather.DeWit@Communityrc.org



JOYFUL NOISE



**COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110**

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage Paid
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
Permit No. 7119

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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.**

Pastor Clyde Teel

pastor@communityrc.org

Liz Teel

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John Thornton

Part-time Visitation Pastor
prayerline@communityrc.org

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Josiah Dunlap

Part-Time IT Coordinator