

THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 17, 2024

Weekly Calendar

APRIL 17 - APRIL 24

Wednesday, April 17

6:00-8:00pm-

High School Youth Group

6:00-7:00pm- Flower Patch Women's Group (chapel)

Saturday, April 20

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

9:30-11:30am- Parenting Event

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

5:00pm- Game & Pie Night

Sunday, April 21

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

10:10am- Sunday School

Monday, April 22

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 23

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, April 24

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, 29

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We have arrived at the middle of April this week and moving right along. The year gets away so quickly it seems. It will be graduation time very shortly, and that is always a special time of the year for many families. Spring brings a little warmer weather and hopefully some good rain to green things up, and then we all get busy doing what that season brings to us. Before you know it, the kids will be out and doing summer things. For now, let's enjoy spring and the many blessings it brings. Get out and see track meets or maybe golfing it that's what you enjoy. Maybe go fishing! We are blessed.

I have a few things to cover this week so let me get right to it. Once again, let me remind everyone of the parenting seminar we are doing this coming Saturday morning from 9:30am to 11:30am. We are hoping we have put together a good morning of information and sharing to help all of us do the job of raising children in an always changing culture. Please remember to sign up for childcare if you need that and invite a friend to join us. I do believe with our two presenters that we will all learn something new and get some fresh ideas. Join us for a good morning.

Later that day, starting at 5pm, there will be a group meeting here for some homemade pie and board game night. It is a night set aside for those of you who love that sort of thing. I am not much of a board game person, but I can't stay away from that homemade pie. I'm just saying! Join us for the evening. These are great ways to connect to many in our church family. See you then!

Sunday morning, April 28th, we gather at 10:10am to select our new elders and deacons. We offer God our slate and trust the work of the Spirit to lead us. It is the final step in the process. We have a great group to offer. I believe that list is in this week's newsletter. Join us!

On Sunday May 5th, we are doing a baptism service for those who are a little older and are wanting to be baptized. We try to do these from time to time as people do ask about this. Our tradition baptizes children, but we have some in our midst who didn't grow up that way or didn't have the opportunity and this is a special gift we can share with them. If you would like to do this, please talk to us...it is a wonderful time to share. We are going to put the baptismal pool in the room and walk into that water. God will be there as He is for all those kinds of things. Right now, it is a small group considering this, but I would love to reach to others who have always wanted to do that. Pray about it and see what God is saying to you.

Sunday, we continue our series and this week we are going change the scenario a bit but opening one of the stories that Jesus shared with the people. The Prodigal Son story is a familiar text outlining the compassion and care of a loving father to a wayward son. It is also a story about a father and an older son. They are both in the narrative and both stories are important. Jesus was making a point to the listeners as to who God was. For the listeners of his day, this will be a difficult lesson too understand and even more importantly apply. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH 10:10AM

THOSE NOMINATED FOR DEACON INCLUDE:

JUSTIN HINKS
JOEL KRAAYENBRINK
JORDAN LIPP
CHAD ODENS
RYAN VANDERAA
TOM WEERHEIM

THOSE NOMINATED FOR ELDER INCLUDE:

SUSAN BIERWAGEN
MIKE BOYENGA
KRIS DUNLAP
BILL KLEIN
DAVE NELSON
CURT ZWART

Here's a short bio for those nominated for elder.
Bios for each deacon will be in next week's newsletter.

Susan Bierwagen: follower of Jesus Christ since 1972, retired from Citi after 37 years, widowed 3 years, resides in southwest Sioux Falls, has one adult daughter and her family, living in Sioux Falls. Susan attended USF (SooFooCoo) and graduated from Mount Marty College, and attends and serves at CRC since 1984.

Mike Boyenga: Our family has attended Community Reformed Church since 2008. My wife, Angie, and I have been married for almost 25 years. We have four children: Carter (23), Simon (21), Brynn (17) and Maesa (13). I have farmed my entire life near Ellsworth, MN and enjoy attending our kids' activities and reading.

Kris Dunlap lives with her husband Josiah and 3 kids Will, Drew, and Lucy on the east side of Sioux Falls. She has been a member of Community Reformed Church her whole life and is happy to be raising her family in the same wonderfully supportive church community she grew up in!

Bill Klein, 59 years old, I have been at COMMUNITY since age 3, 1967 when my parents moved to Sioux Falls from Platte, SD. Have always believed, but "officially" gave my life to Jesus at a Lundstrom crusade in 1976. In the fall of 1983 while at SDSU, I broke my neck in a tug-o-war contest and became a quadriplegic. Attended Augustans College and worked for Sioux Valley (Sanford) and McKennan (Avera) hospitals traveling to schools around SD, IA, NEB, and MN giving head injury and spinal cord injury prevention seminars for 20 years. My father, Calvin Klein, and my sister, Rhonda Niewenhuis, also are at Community.

Dave Nelson: Blessed to be a believer since childhood. Grew up on a farm. Worked last 30 years in the insurance business-mostly senior products. Graduate of SDSU. Married to Trudi, who normally can be found in the church library. Have 3 adult children who are all married- 1 grandson and 7 granddaughters. Long time church member. Co-lead prayer meetings (Fresh Encounters) on Saturday mornings.

Curt Zwart has lived in Sioux Falls since 1988. Joined Community in 1991. Married to my wife Linda and have two adult daughters.

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Roy Eeten
- Joan Schouten (pulmonary embolism)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Randi Van Der Slood (cancer treatments)
- 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 Slood
- 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

FINANCES

Sunday, April 14, 2024

General: \$10,762
Vision: \$210
Missions: \$80

General YTD: \$201,398
Vision YTD: \$15,741
Vision Account Balance: \$40,330

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



The end of the year drawing near and you can tell summer is on everyone's mind. The weather has been leading us that direction as well with some really nice days! Before we get to those summer months though, I want to highlight two things.

First, is our **Senior Recognition**. We will be creating a slide show for **Sunday morning, May 5th**. If you have a senior and would like to be a part of the senior recognition Sunday, please send me a senior photo, where they are graduating from and their plans for next year. There's been a lot of time and work put into this journey! I hope they can enjoy the remainder of the year and are able to celebrate all that has gone into getting to this point.

Also on May 5th, we will be hosting a **worship night** in partnership with a few other churches in town. Starting at 5:30 that Sunday evening we will be gathering together for some games (5:30-6:45), food (6:00-6:55), worship (7:00-8:15) and a fire/time to hang out (8:15-9:00). This event is for all student in 6th-12th grade and will be at Prairie Hills Covenant, which is just north on highway 11 from Community. Friends are welcome to join us for the night. You can RSVP through emailing me so we can have an idea on how many to expect. I'm looking forward to a great night together!!

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle
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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

..... AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA meeting 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.

..... 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!



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+.



CONSISTORY NOTES

APRIL 11, 2024

Attendance: Clyde Teel, Stan Deelstra, Harvey Odens, Tom Bosch, Russ Hoogendoorn, Corey Feenstra, Eric VanDonge, Mary Burggraaf, Doug Harms, Lyle Pudwill, Kenny Hartzell, Tanner Corbin, Tom Van Roekel, Ross Larson, Tyler Wolf, Darren Ellwein, Grant Boltjes

Opening scripture, Jeremiah 29:11 – “Failures” and Opening Prayer - Eric VanDonge

MSA to approve the March 14, 2024 meeting minutes.

MSA to approve the March financial report.

Office air handler unit is on the installer's schedule for installation; haven't received a confirmed date as of yet.

Reviewed reports from Liz, Heather and Doyle.

MSA to approve travel expenses for Grant Boltjes to attend the Kingdom Network global annual meeting the end of the month.

MSA to sell the mowers we have in storage.

A question has been raised if a basketball hoop could be placed on the church grounds for the neighborhood to use. The discussion was tabled until next month for further discussion.

The slate for elders and deacons was presented to the deacons as the slate was approved in the elders meeting. Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 28 at 10:10 a.m.

A parenting event is scheduled for April 20.

A prayer event is scheduled for October 4-5.

A special thank you to elders Tom Bosch, Russ Hoogendoorn, and Tom Van Roekel and deacons Grant Boltjes, Corey Feenstra and Ken Hartzell for their service on the consistory the last three years.

Closing prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Burggraaf

A flyer for a free parenting event. The background is blue with a torn paper effect at the top and bottom. The text is white and yellow. It features two circular portraits of speakers, Sarah R. Moore and Zach Seefeldt, with their names in red boxes. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

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

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

We are cruising through the month of April! Just a few things to note for these upcoming spring weeks.

Grace Collins will continue to meet with her Wednesday night women's class. They are planning to meet every other Wednesday from 6-7pm in the Chapel overflow, starting this Wednesday, April 17. Adult women of all ages are welcome to attend!

This Saturday is the parenting seminar, which is free and open to all adults. The seminar will run from 9:30-11:30am and will feature sessions on social media as well as gentle discipline. Nursery care is provided for children up to age 12, but they do ask that you register your kids for nursery so they can prepare accordingly. Online registration can be found on the church website, or you can sign up by calling the church office.

And for all you boardgame and pie aficionados, this Saturday, April 20, starting at 5:00pm, there will be a game and pie night here at the church. This event is open to people of all ages, and I've been told there will be 13 different kinds of homemade pie!

Just a little reminder to the WD40 group, our last meeting before summer break will take place on Monday, May 6, from 7-8pm.

Lastly, this week I want to share that I have the honor of heading to USD (on Tuesday) to speak at a CRU event for college students. I taught as an adjunct professor for over 20 years for both USF and for Sioux Falls Seminary, so I look forward to these times when I get to connect with college students. There was a time in my life when I thought God would lead me to work with college students full time. In fact, that was the whole reason I went to seminary in the first place! I really thought God was going to direct me to a Doctoral Music program once I had finished seminary. Boy, was I wrong. 😊 God had other plans I never could have guessed. Life with God is certainly an adventure! You've just gotta hold on for the ride!

Have a lovely week, friends,

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

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

NEW!

THE GIVE

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

Operation Christmas Child
Empty Prescription Bottles (washed out)

LSS Family Baskets
Scissors, can openers

Harmony South Dakota
Art Supplies/School Supplies

Midwest Street Medicine
New Blankets

Also, still collecting greeting cards for daycares/nursing homes.
Please leave the cards at The Link.



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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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