

THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 2, 2025

THIS WEEK APRIL 2- APRIL 9

Wednesday, April 2

5:30-6:30pm-

Pizza from Pizza Hut

6:30-7:30pm-Praise & Worship

Saturday, April 5

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

5:00pm- Pie & Game Night

Sunday, April 6

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

10:00am- Sunday School

10:00am- Foundations of Faith Class

Monday, April 7

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 8

9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, April 9

6:00-8:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

GAME & pie Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

5:00PM

BRING A GAME IF YOU WISH.
PIE PROVIDED!
ALL AGES WELCOME!

Clyde's Update

I hope you are all having a great week. We did get a little rain last weekend, and I do know that so many are hoping for more of that in the coming days. I did notice how the grass turned green under that dead grass from the winter. A little warm air and water and things just start to grow. Spring is not too far off, at least we are hoping for that. Rain would be nice. Just praying for a little more of that. Maybe we should sing the "Flood Gate" song again as that always seems to make something happen.

I want to highlight a number of events coming up in the near future. It's April now, and Easter is just around the corner. We have our "Seek" event next weekend. I know you are probably getting tired of hearing about that, but I want to encourage you to get signed up for that as we need to know how much food to plan for that day. Kids are welcome, the nursery is open that day, as well, and we would love to see people join us for the day. Maundy Thursday is coming up in couple of weeks too. That is always a meaningful service and one that usually brings the church together with a great sense of the nearness of God and always some good heart work going on in that room. It should be a wonderful evening together. One service and we start at 7PM.

Wednesday night is our last MidWeek for the year. It has been a good year. Pizza and music for the evening! It is one of our favorite things to do. I will spend more time next week with some extra thank yous, but for now, I'll just say we have had great people doing lots of amazing things. Well done again, Community!

I have several speaking engagements to do this week. I am going down to Vermillion on Tuesday evening to speak to the students from CRU. Our good friend, Jon Harmsen, asked me to share with those young people some thoughts around the power of these communities of faith we call churches. I am looking forward to it. It's been a long while since I have been on that campus. Then on Wednesday & Thursday morning this week, Liz and I are doing a combined chapel at Sioux Falls Christian for the HS and MS youth. We have both done that before, but they asked us to do it together. We had to work on that a bit. It will be a little back and forth for the students. I am looking forward to that as well.

This coming Sunday's message is called "The Last Mile". It is a message to share some thoughts around the idea of when Jesus turns his heart toward Jerusalem. As he is approaching the city, what was on his mind? What were those around him thinking? Was he tired? Was he weary of the long days of discipling this group of young men who were just a bit lost about what was coming? Was every step of that last mile filled with the realization of what was ahead? We've all been worn down before. We have all been in difficult places and wondering what the next step was going to bring. How do we get through that? Where does the power come from. There is so much to consider in this message. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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.

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Experience the power of scripture-fed, Spirit-led, worship-based prayer.

Light breakfast & lunch provided! Registration is free!
<https://communityrc.org/seek>

Not sure what to do with your kids while you attend SEEK? We'll provide nursery care for kids from infants-5 years old. Kids from K-5th grade can attend the special event just for kids (Joyful Noise). Kids nursery & activities are also free! Just register!

"Prayer is intimacy with God that leads to the fulfillment of His purposes."
Alvin Reid

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gary Van Den Hoek
- JoAnn Hanssen (nursing home)
- Brenda Carlson-Himes (Cory Carlson-Himes' mother)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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)
- JoAnn Hanssen
- 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 the family of Audrey Landegent. Funeral will be held Saturday, April 5, 2:30pm at the First Reformed Church in Orange City. Please keep their family 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.



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



We are down to our last night of Mid-Week!

April 2 5:30 Pizza
6:30 Praise and Worship

Remember, even if you didn't come to Mid-Week during the year, you are still welcome to join us for this celebration event. If pizza and worship music sound good to you, please join us on Wednesday night!

One of the things I love about the preparation for the Mid-Week celebration is that Heather always asks the children which songs they would like to sing and then gives me a list of their requests. The best part about this is that the kids almost never remember the song titles. (Who does??) But they remember certain lines in the songs, and that's what they use for the titles. There is a profound lesson in what lines stick out to children. I am always deeply encouraged by what sticks in those young minds when it comes to worship songs. Here are a few "titles" that were especially meaningful to me this year. And yes, we will be sure to sing these on Wednesday!

Kid Title - "Joy in the House of the Lord"
The real title is just "House of the Lord," but I love that the kids apply JOY to that title! They remember the joy in God's house!

Kid Title - "Can't Stop This Miracle"
The real title is "Too Late to Lose," but the children are remembering the bridge of this song that says, "It's too late to stop this miracle. It's too late, nothing's impossible. It's too late to stop this miracle. It's too late. It's too late." The fact that we can't stop miracles from God's hand is what the kids remember. And I absolutely love that!

Kid Title - "Go Be Bacon"
The real title is "Go Be Bacon." Haha! And it's from VBS. And yes, we'll sing it on Wednesday. You'll have to join us if you want to know what this is all about!

Anyway, I hope to see you on Wednesday night to celebrate Mid-Week!

The Seek Conference is only 2 weeks away. Remember this conference takes place on April 12. It starts at 9:00am and will go until about 4:00pm. Nursery is provided, Heather will be doing things with kindergarten through 5th grade all day long, and 6th grade – high school students are welcome to join the adults in the sanctuary for the entire experience. Lunch will be provided, so we ask that you pre-register for the event by using the QR codes on the signs, going online to our website, or signing up at the link. This all-day event will include a ton of worship (which I'll be leading along with our worship band), teaching, prayer, fellowship, and time to engage with what we've been learning that day. I think it's going to be a powerful time together. I hope you'll join us!
Have a good week!

Liz
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UPCOMING DATES

PIZZA & PRAISE NIGHT

Join us on **Wednesday, April 2nd** for pizza from Pizza Hut from 5:30-6:20pm and then praise & worship from 6:30-7:30pm.

PIE & GAME NIGHT

Saturday, April 5th @ 5:00pm

Bring a game if you wish. Pie provided! All ages welcome!

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

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

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AS YOU PLAN YOUR SUMMER...



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
7/21-24/2025
www.605.church/vbs

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)

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on
 Monday, **April 14** at noon at the
 East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions,
 please call Connie Parmley, 605-
 275-0030. Everyone welcome!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Monday Evening Bible
 Study at 7 pm. If you have any
 questions, please call or email
 John Thornton

NEW

The last class for the season for
 the Monday night men's bible
 study will be April 14th.

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet
 Tuesday, April 15, at 7 pm at the
 church. We will be discussing
Vanished in Vermillion (Siouxland
 One Read) by Raguse.

The morning book club will meet
 Wednesday, April 16, at 9 am at
 the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave &
 33rd. We will be discussing *The
 Last Exchange* by Martin.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on April
 15th at 1:30. Carol is the hostess
 and Margie has the lesson.



IN SERVICE

Cash or check in offering
 baskets in the back
 (please use marked
 envelopes)



ONLINE

One time or recurring at
605.church/give-to-community
 (Select "Parking Lot")



MAIL

You can mail a check to:
 Community Reformed Church
 6800 E. 41st St.
 Sioux Falls, SD 57110



FINANCES

Sunday, March 23, 2025

General: \$11,621
 Vision: \$215
 Missions: \$380
 Parking Lot: \$25
 Wed. Night: \$271

General YTD: \$142,357
 Vision YTD: \$6,977
 Vision Account Balance: \$12,919



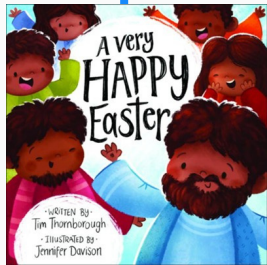
HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

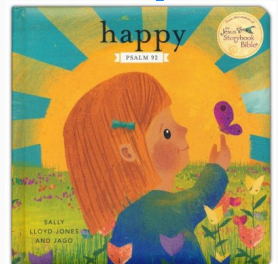
Every year around this time, I get asked for some book recommendations for parents and grandparents who are looking for Easter basket items. Another great way to explore the options is to visit the church library for advice and to preview books. There are some of them on our shelf in the Children's Wing as well.

Here are a few of my favorites this year:

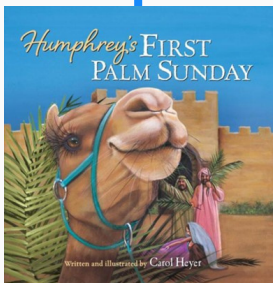
A Very Happy Easter by Tim Thornborough is one of many books by this author. There are also other Old and New Testament stories in the Very Best Bible Stories series. The Church Library has many of them. Any of these books would be a great gift.



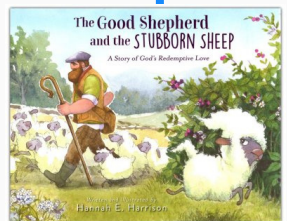
Happy: A Song of Joy and Thanks for Little Ones, based on Psalm 92 is by Sally Lloyd-Jones. This sweet little series of books has been a fun option for gifts and is one that kids can keep enjoying as they get older and can read independently. The colorful illustrations are fun for kids to explore. This series is my go-to baby shower gift and toddler birthday gift.



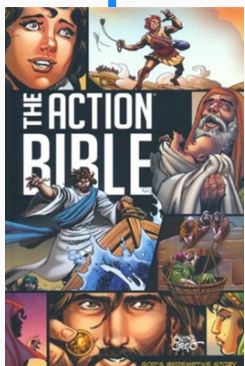
I still love Carol Heyer's Humphrey Christmas book and Humphrey's First Palm Sunday is just as good. One way to a kid's heart is through their giggles, and this book gets the job done. This author does a great job of combining Bible learning with laughter.



The Good Shepherd and the Stubborn Sheep: A Story of God's Redemptive Love by Hannah Harrison. I almost don't want to recommend this one, because we'll use it for some classes of Vacation Bible School and I don't want the kids to know the ending, but it is just a great children's book! The story and illustrations made me smile and warmed my heart. The kids are going to love it.



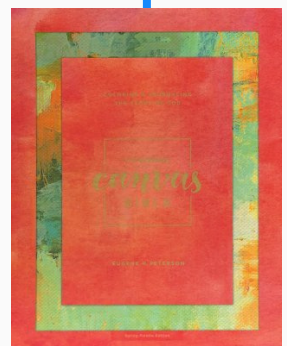
For older kids, I really like The Action Bible. There are some intense parts, because the Bible has some intense parts, but kids love the action and easy to read format. It is a good option to keep on the bookshelf ready through the teen years.



As kids get older, they can start to compare different translations of the Bible as they study and read. I love the Message Canvas Bible as older kids, teens, and adults and color and take notes as they read. I found it at Christianbook.com but I believe Crossroads in Sioux Falls could order the Spring Palette as well. It is on Amazon too. Combine it with some nice pens, highlighters, or colored pencils for a very thoughtful gift.

See you soon!

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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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