

THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 3, 2024

Weekly Calendar

APRIL 3 - APRIL 10

Wednesday, April 3

6:00pm- The Flower Patch Women's group
6:00-8:00pm-
High School Youth Group

Saturday, April 6

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)
See page 2 for details

Sunday, April 7

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

Monday, April 8

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 9

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, April 10

6:00-8:00pm-
High School Youth Group

**FLOWER PATCH
WOMEN'S GROUP**

**EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
6:00 PM**

APRIL 3, 17; MAY 1, 15

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

It's April 1st as I am writing this weekly newsletter. April Fool's Day. So far no one has played a trick on me so maybe I am going to get by, but there is plenty of day left. It is April now friends, and that means spring is gaining ground. We had a little snow this morning, but that is all gone now. It was some good rain that fell as well. We will take all of that we can get because we all know how quickly that can change. I am hoping that as we get farther alone in this month, the grass will start to turn green and spring makes an appearance. I think we will just have to wait and see how all that goes. You never know.

This past week was a good one for the church. Our Maundy Thursday communion service was a very nice service. We had a wonderful crowd of people join us for that evening. I had many comments on the service and the theme of Judas. I enjoyed that study about him very much as it so highlighted the amazing love Jesus had for all those disciples even though they would fail. That's who Jesus is. Sunday morning was awesome. It was good to see the place full...really full. I haven't seen it that full since all the COVID stuff fell on our heads a couple of years ago. It was a great day with lots of energy and just a good buzz in the air. Want to thank all the people who did those extra things to make those services go so well. The musicians who play and sing. The elders for serving. The greeters on Sunday morning. The kitchen donut crews. I'm sure I missed a few, but such a great effort. Thank you all so much! I saw lots of people I don't know....we are certainly growing again. I like that and everyone can see it is happening. I do believe the community around us is making a difference. One thing I did notice was how amazing it is when you fill that place. It matters! I know that many of our friends who watch online are out of town people and we are too far for them to ever be a part of us here, so they watch us online. Others when you travel to various things tune in to the livestream and for that we are grateful. If you are in poor health, I completely understand watching online. I'm glad we can be there for you. But for others...we miss seeing you here. You might see us, but we can't see you and that matters to both of us. We are still people who need each other. Churches are still places that bring folks together so that we might learn to live in community together. We are like families. It's not that we must see everything the same or agree on all things, but we do matter to each other. If you can join us, we would love to see you here. It was a great day with some great themes. I was a very happy guy at the end of that week! Jesus is alive!

Now we start a new series. Just Like Jesus! I will take the many stories about Jesus and some of the stories he told and look at them from the perspective of who Jesus is. It is good for our hearts to know the very nature of this Savior and what we are to him. We have spent so much time talking about the man who can set us free and how he can forgive us even when we go astray. I want to take that theme to the next level. We say Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. What does that mean? At first glance it appears to say he is everything to us. That without him we are nothing. He laid down his very life for us. Suffered a terrible/shameful death because he loved us that much. That is...Just Like Jesus! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Midweek has come to a close and I hope you all were able to celebrate the good news of Easter weekend. The hope of the resurrection has been a strong theme in our household this last year and I am so thankful for the time spent in reflection and joy in the midst of all the things that have been going on. So thankful for the victory and freedom we get to experience through the love of God.

As we get into the final two months of the school year, the high school group does continue to meet on Wednesday nights with a slight time change. We will have a meal from 6:00-7:00 and then our lesson time will go from 7:00 – 8:00. Students are welcome to stay after for some time to be together in games/conversations as well. This first night together, the 8th grade class is also invited to come and be a part of the high school group for the one week. It's a great chance for them to make some connections before officially being invited to join the group starting this summer.

With the end of the year on mind, I also want to get a date on everyone's radar for an worship night we are having for middle and high school students. On May 5th, we will be hosting a worship night in partnership with a few other churches here in town. There will be a meal starting at 6:00 and then worship will be from 7:00-8:30. There are still a few details being worked on, but I wanted to get a date out so that students can mark their calendars!

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

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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+.

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Tony & Spring (IVF)
- Gracia Harmsen (recovery from pancreatitis)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease- recovery from procedure)
- Jeris VanZee (Mantle Cell Lymphoma)
- Mike Graanstra's dad (GI bleed)
- 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 Sloot
- 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

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Larry Halverson and his family for the passing of his father, Vernon Halverson. Please keep their family in your prayers.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards and calls to express sympathy in regards to the loss of my sister Angela Faber. All the kind words are very much appreciated.

Dolly & Alvin Hoogendoorn

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, April 8 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=N1Niems0MG5vdkOreVZUTHIwkgx
Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdkOreVZUTHIwkgxZz09)

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. Jeannie 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 SEEFFELDT)
"INFORMED PARENTS- SOCIAL MEDIA/ DIGITAL CONTENT "

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

SARAH R. MOORE

ZACH SEEFFELDT



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

GAME & pie Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
5:00PM

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



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



My goodness, I'm deeply thankful for some powerful worship services last week! It takes many people to be able to carry out those services well, and this week, I'd like to recognize a few people for their contributions to those services.

Special thanks to Rhonda Van Roekel who filled in at the last minute for the 8:00am service on Sunday and for bringing that organ to life so beautifully at 9:00 and 10:45. Rhonda is an exceptional musician, and we are truly blessed to have her at Community offering her talents for our worship. Thank you, Rhonda!

Special thanks to the Easter worship band players; Jacob Hein and Kyle Wigg on drums, Nick Sittig and Lori Blom on bass, Abby Burnside on keys, Pastor Clyde and Tad Boyle on guitars, and vocalists Abbie Coffey, Chad and Melanie Odens, Jim Fisher, and Bill Klein. Being willing to help with the music on Easter Sunday is a substantial commitment. Thank you for serving!

Thanks to the sound guys who sat at the console and made sure everything ran as it should; Doug Jiskoot at 9:00 and Carter Van Ruler at 10:45. Once again, making the commitment to sit at the sound board on Easter Sunday is an especially significant responsibility. Our deep thanks to you guys for being willing to serve in this way!

And a last bit of special thanks to Abbie Coffey for her inspiring performance of The Lord's Prayer at the Maundy Thursday service. I've lost count of how many times I've played that piece for Abbie, and every single time I am moved by the power of the Holy Spirit through her voice. Our deepest thanks for serving in this way, Abbie.

Of course, there are many others who serve regularly during worship, but they simply weren't scheduled for Easter. Players, singers, and sound techs, you know who you are, and I hope you know how thankful I am for each of you. Worship leading would literally be impossible if it weren't for this group of people. Again, my sincerest thanks to you all!

As you can see, we really are blessed at Community with so many people who are willing to help make our worship services meaningful and life changing. Each one of these people is a gift to us from the hand of the Father, and I thank God for them!

Have a great week!

Liz
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FINANCES

Sunday, March 31, 2024

General: \$14,727

Vision: \$1,170

Missions: \$390

General YTD: \$178,853

Vision YTD: \$14,531

Vision Account Balance: \$39,120

KID'S MINISTRY

Hello Everyone!

Here's a little Spring Bingo to put on your fridge or save to your phone.

Remember: Registration for VBS is open. Please sign up and get more information at: <https://communityrc.org/vbs>

Heather DeWit
Children's Ministry
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Spring BINGO

CALL OR TEXT SOMEONE THAT GOD LOVES THEM	PRAY TO THANK GOD	LISTEN TO A SONG	DRAW OR PAINT A BIBLE STORY	SING A SONG
GO OUTSIDE AND ENJOY GOD'S CREATION	BE STILL	WRITE A WORD LIKE GRACE & TRACE/DECORATE AROUND IT	ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE OR SUNDAY SCHOOL	JOURNAL OR DRAW
WRITE SOMEONE A NOTE	PRAY FOR OR WITH SOMEONE ELSE	READ YOUR BIBLE	WATCH THE SUNRISE OR SET	EXERCISE OR STRETCH, THANK GOD FOR HEALTH
WATCH A BIBLE STORY VIDEO	LEARN A NEW BIBLE VERSE	MAKE SOMEONE SMILE OR LAUGH	TALK TO GOD ABOUT A WORRY	THINK ABOUT SOMETHING YOU LOOK FORWARD TO
CHECK OUT A BOOK FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY	BREATHE DEEP AND THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS	TELL SOMEONE A BIBLE STORY	PLANT SOMETHING	READ IN PSALMS

 Community Kids

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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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