

THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 9, 2025

Clyde's Update

Spring is trying to get here, but these chilly mornings remind us that we are not quite there yet. The rains have been nice, and we are grateful. I'm sure our farmer friends would take more. You just never know how that is going to go. I do like the look of some of the green grass making its way to the surface. It just feels different when we see that. I'm still waiting for fishing reports. I know people are trying that a little, but I think it's slow. I love spring fishing. Tis the season.

We finished our last MidWeek last Wednesday and what a great night we had! It was the largest group of year which was a great way to end. Lots of pizza and lots of good music and fun. We had so many people involved in helping with Midweek. Each year we have a few extra things going on. This year, the men's group that meets really seemed to find traction. John Blok and those fellas in that back room got connected and some very good things are coming out of that group. There were all kinds of classes for the adults and lots of kid things going on at the same time. One of the best parts of that MidWeek celebration night is that it gives people a chance to see the youth and children's ministry in motion. There is much that goes on back in that wing and if you don't walk back there, you may not realize it's there, but when they come in to sing and be a part the evening, you really do get to see who they are and how very good all of that is. I want to thank Janet and Brian Bartscher for taking the lead on the kitchen and those lead chefs for the work they put in organizing their work groups. It is a big task and doesn't go unnoticed by me. We have great meals and that takes work. Thanks to all of you for that. For all the dessert treats and those people that put that together, a big thank you. For all the teachers, sponsors, nursery people, and everyone who shows up to participate, it is a great thing. Well done everyone!

Our "Seek" conference is this coming Saturday. We have certainly been highlighting this for several weeks now. I am very curious how it will all go. I have been wondering just how many will attend. I know the speaker is going to be very good. I really like Aaron, he seems to very down to earth, and he is looking forward to being with us. I know the material is good, as I have read through so much of it. I know the food is going to be good because we do good food around here. I know the singing will be great because you can all sing. I know God will be here because there are two or three that will gather in His name. That sounds like a good combination. The Spirit will move because that happens in that room. Join us!

Sunday is Palm Sunday! It is the day the nation celebrated the coming of the Messiah. They were so excited to see him and run alongside of the colt and shout and sing. Their King had come to them just like the prophets said it would happen. The kingdom of Heaven had arrived indeed. We all know the crowd of excitement will fade in a few short days and soon their hopeful cheers to shift. Their dream seemed to be fading and then they will turn, but for now, on this day, they are excited about the possibilities. They weren't completely wrong you know. We'll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

THIS WEEK

APRIL 9- APRIL 17

Wednesday, April 9

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

Saturday, April 12

7:00am- Fresh Encounter
9:00am-4:00pm- SEEK Conference

Sunday, April 13

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
10:00am- Sunday School
10:00am- Foundations of Faith Class

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

9:30am- Play Group
1:30pm- Hope Circle
7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, April 16

9:00am- Book Club
(Bagel Boy on MN Ave)
6:00-8:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

Thursday, April 17

7:00pm- Maundy Thursday
Communion Service

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27
10:10AM**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO DRAW FOR
NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS.
THOSE NOMINATED WILL BE FEATURED 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.

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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!

**"The glory of the Father must be the aim and end,
the very soul and life of our prayer."**

Andrew Murray

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Daniel Burlingame (infection)
- Steve Lee
- Caleb Ellwein (knee surgery recovery)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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)
- 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)

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



UPCOMING DATES

I want to give a massive thank you to so many who helped make Mid-Week one of the best years we've ever had! We served pizza to 300+ people last week! And most nights we served supper to 250+. The entire year was filled with wonderful food, conversation, learning, and spiritual growth. A few people I'd like to thank specifically are Janet Bartscher for all of her organizing and help with the kitchen and kitchen crews, the head chefs and kitchen volunteers who are too numerous to name (although I wish I had a list of every name to share with you), the bakers who made all of the treats and desserts week after week, Doyle and his youth group sponsors, Heather and her elementary volunteers and workers, and finally Clyde Teel, John Thornton, Susan Bierwagen, John Blok, Grace Collins, and Dan Goeller for teaching such wonderful adult classes all year long. I know lives were changed, new friendships were made, and God was glorified during the year. And of course, I want to thank everyone who made Mid-Week a priority in their week. It doesn't mean much if we don't have church people participating in this ministry, and the fact that you come and come consistently is such a blessing. Thank you for joining us every Wednesday!

The Seek Conference is this Saturday! Remember 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!

Next week is Holy Week. We will be having our Maundy Thursday Communion Service on April 17 at 7:00pm. Easter services on Sunday morning will be at our normal times of 8:00, 9:00, and 10:45. I hope you're able to come and celebrate the most amazing, incredible, life-transforming event the world has ever seen: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ!! What an awesome God we serve!! He is truly worthy of all our praise and worship!!

Have a great week!

Liz

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

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

KID'S FISHING DAY

Saturday, May 10th
9-10:30am
At the Outdoor Campus
More info in next week's newsletter.

NEW

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THANK YOU

for a great year of midweek!

KID'S FISHING Event

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



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

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.



WAYS TO GIVE TO THE PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN



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, April 6, 2025

General: \$9,155

Vision: \$885

Missions: \$390

Parking Lot: \$180

Wed. Night: \$371

General YTD: \$159,981

Vision YTD: \$8,002

Vision Account Balance: \$13,944



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

This week I want to take a moment to encourage you to join us this Saturday at the Seek event. I especially want to invite kids in grades K-5 to come for the Joyful Noise day. I think we've planned a day that kids will really enjoy. Now we just need to get them here! 😊

After singing "Go Be Bacon" on Wednesday night, it made me smile to see that the Parenting Tool reminder for this month is Matthew 5:13-16. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, friend, or someone who goes to church with kids or sees them in the grocery store, this month's tool reminds us of the power the Holy Spirit shining through a caring adult. Statistically, parents make an enormous impact, but that doesn't mean the rest of us don't have God given opportunities.

Check it out at:

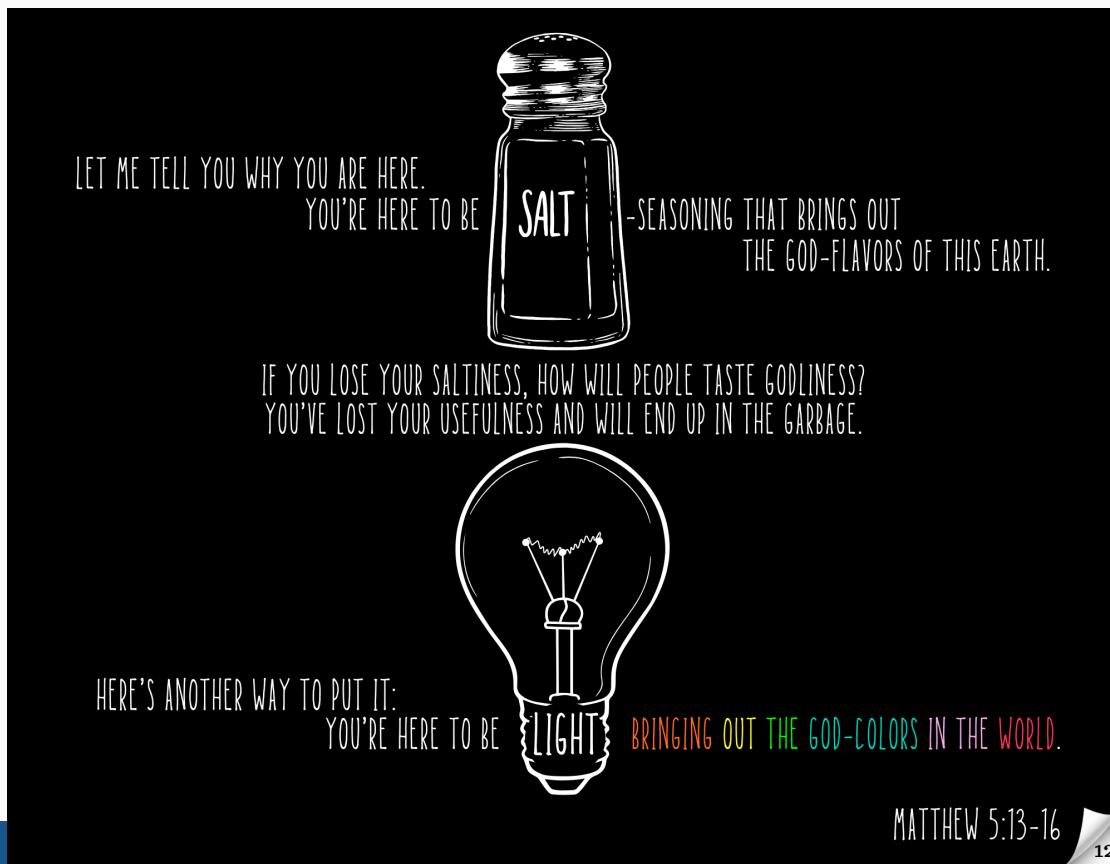
<https://storage2.snappages.site/PFSGMP/assets/files/month-12-final.pdf> or <https://communityrc.org/parenting-tools>

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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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