

THE COMMUNICATOR

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

THIS WEEK

FEB 12- FEB 19

Wednesday, Feb. 12

5:30-6:30pm-

Rivera Catering- Lasagna
6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages;
Middle school youth group
7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Feb. 15

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Feb. 16

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

Monday, Feb. 17

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 18

9:30am- Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- Book Club (@ church)

Wednesday, Feb. 19

9:00am- Book Club

(Bagel Boy on MN Ave)

5:30-6:30pm-

Tacos

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Clyde's Update

Super Bowl Sunday is now in the history books. We got a little snow and more coming today (Monday) as well. Winter is not done! I think we all are aware of that, and if not then, I am pretty sure tomorrow morning (Tuesday) you will feel that. They are talking well below zero in the morning. We are getting used to it now...if one can get used to such a thing as that. As long as the wind doesn't roar, I think we will be fine. The mosquitos are not flying at all right now so there's a little silver lining for you all to keep your week going. We're getting through it folks and it hasn't been too bad thus far.

I have another birthday this coming week. I feel like I just did one of those not that long ago. I do believe the years go faster each time. I can't say I like that very much, but I am very fortunate to still feel very good after all these years. That has truly been a blessing and I am very aware of that. So many folks that have not had that for their life story...I am grateful for the journey. I have already received some doughnuts (which I will have to be careful with) and I have a heart in my office with tootsie rolls tied all around it. I mean, that's a gift friends.

I want to give a shout out to Jon Harmsen and the class he is doing on Sunday mornings in the fellowship hall. This is something new that Jon wanted to try. He has done similar things in other places and we thought it was worth doing here. It is a Christian foundations class which will cover a lot of ground in our faith journeys. If you are interested, walk into the fellowship hall during the Sunday school hour and give it a listen. He's a well-prepared young man, you will gain much.

This week we will begin to roll out some of our promotional material for the prayer event coming up April 12th. We have chosen the word "Seek" for this event. It is a 9am to 4:30pm event that will offer something for the kids as well as nursery for the littles. Lunch and everything! We are bringing in a guest speaker to do a worship/prayer day for us. You will be hearing much more about this in the coming days. It is a great opportunity for you to add this to your Lent calendar for Easter. Lots of singing and lots of guided prayer time. I believe it will be a unique day of spiritual guidance and growth. Make plans now because those calendars fill up very quickly.

Sunday's message will focus on just how we renew our minds as Paul stated in Romans 12. This week's subject matter is the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how that impacts the Kingdom of this world, and how it leads us into the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus told his disciples not to leave Jerusalem until the Spirit came upon them. Even after they had witnessed the resurrection and had spent so much time with him, they were not ready for the task at hand. They would not be able on their own power to demonstrate the Kingdom of Heaven to those around them. The work of the Spirit! That's our goal for this coming Sunday. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

BENEFIT EVENT AT THE ALLIANCE

REASON FOR THE EVENT:

CHRIS (TAZ) THESENVITZ IS A DEVOTED HUSBAND, FATHER OF THREE, AND A PROUD MEMBER OF THE SD AIR NATIONAL GUARD, WITH 21 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND MULTIPLE OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENTS.

AS HE FACES THE CHALLENGES OF CANCER TREATMENT, WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN SUPPORTING CHRIS WITH CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS HIS MEDICAL EXPENSES, TRAVEL COSTS, AND ONGOING CARE. TOGETHER WE HOPE TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD FOR THIS INCREDIBLE FAMILY.



DATE & TIME:

SATURDAY,
MARCH 8TH
5PM - 11PM

SPECIAL EVENT:

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- SILENT AUCTION
- SHOOTING RANGE EVENT
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- TACO BAR \$12

Thank you for your generosity as we rally around this beautiful family in their time of need.

LOCATION:

THE ALLIANCE
1600 W RUSSELL ST,
SIOUX FALLS, SD

TICKET DETAILS:

\$20 PER PERSON, KIDS 10 AND UNDER FREE.
TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, THE SDANG, OR ONLINE AT SOUTHDAKOTAALLIANCE.ORG

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

CALL TO FREEDOM

Call to Freedom provides supportive services for victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in South Dakota.

What wings are to a bird, and sails to a ship, so is prayer to the soul. — Corrie Ten Boom

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- MaKaylee Becker (blood transfusion)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Fern Eeten (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (hip surgery recovery)
- Ryan Van Ruler (open heart surgery recovery)
- Duane Beiswanger's nephew, Derick (brain tumor)
- Gary Van Den Hoek
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Lori Blom's dad, Kevin (cancer)
- Steve Zimmerman
- Jan Sturing's son, Matt (surgery)
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Gracia Harmsen
- 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)
- Ryan Kortemeyer (lymphoma)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- Dennis VerHey (accident recovery)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Holli Jans' dad, Milt (cancer)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (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)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)

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.



NEW**FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH
CLASS LED BY JON HARMSEN****When:** Sundays between services in the fellowship hall

February 16th, 23rd
 March 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th
 April 6th, 13th, 27th
 May 4th, 11th

What: Have you ever had the "who, what, why, or how" questions about the faith? Like "who is God?" "How can I be sure that I am saved?" "How can I live in God's Kingdom now?" "How do I pray/read the Bible?" If you have ever asked questions like this, the "Foundations of the Faith Class" might be for you! In a short 10-12 weeks, we will be learning together about how we can know God, grow deep into Christ, and be empowered to go out into our relational world with the love and hope of the gospel!

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SEEK PRAYER EVENT

We're excited to partner with Strategic Renewal for this Saturday Prayer Event! Experience the power of scripture-fed, Spirit-led, worship-based prayer.

APRIL 12TH FROM 9:00AM-4:30PM

It's a time of music, teaching & prayer. You'll leave refreshed. 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!

ONGOING MINISTRIES**SENIOR CITIZENS**

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **March 10** 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

BOOK CLUB

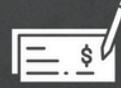
The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing Vanishing Half by Bennett.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave and 33rd St. (not the Eastside one). We will be discussing Don't Look Back by Deng.

Ask a librarian for a copy of the book and join either book club.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on February 18th at 1:30. Mary is the hostess and Carol has the lesson. The new books are here and cost \$12.

**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



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Seek

PRAYER EVENT

SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE THROUGH WORSHIP & PRAYER

IN COOPERATION
WITH STRATEGIC RENEWAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

9:00AM-4:30PM

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

6800 E. 41st St. Sioux Falls, SD • 605.336.1475

LIGHT BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

605.CHURCH/seek



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

We are over a month into the new year and there are a few things that I want to highlight that are coming up.

High School Winter Retreat - TEC

First, this year our Radix Retreat has come to an end. All those we partnered with have changed roles or were unable to make this winter/spring work. With that, I want to invite students to a new opportunity called TEC – Teens Encounter Christ. There are several different places that offer TEC around the area, but I have been connected with Interlakes Interdenominational TEC in Maddison, SD since college. I have served as one of the Spiritual Directors when they have needed one over the years. This year, I was asked once again to serve for their upcoming weekend. For any students who would like to join me for the upcoming IITEC it is February 28th-March 2nd. For information on the Maddison TEC you can visit <https://www.interlakestec.org/>. The registration will also be found right on their sight in the Candidate application on the left hand side. Students who attend will need to miss school on Friday and it runs through Sunday afternoon.

Middle School Connection Night

Our middle school event for February will be held on the final Wednesday night, the 26th. Whether you have come every week, or have not been to midweek yet this year, this will be a great night to come and connect as a middle school group as we play some games and have some fun snacks as we change our normal Wednesday night up for one week. Middle schooler's join us for a night of fun and connection!

Mission Trip – Waco, Texas

Our high school mission trip planning is starting to ramp up as we get a little closer to the week. We are heading to Waco, TX July 6th-11th. Sunday and Friday will be travel days and we will serve Monday-Thursday. While Youth Works is continuing to work on things, it does sound like we will have a few different service sights throughout the week that we will get to partner with. Some of that will continue to depend on our final numbers as well. For those who are still deciding there is plenty of time. For registration information or if you have questions, you can email me and I will get that out to you.

That's it for now. If you have any questions about the youth ministry please feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle

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Hi Everyone!

As I said in my notes last week, registration is open for summer camp at Inspiration Hills. The Inspiration Hills theme of 2025 is Hebrews 13:8. www.inspirationhills.org. There are day camp and overnight camp options. Again this year, Community will fund half of the "early bird-before April 15" camp fee for kids who want to go to camp. When you go to sign up, there is an option to indicate the amount church will pay. For example: Discovery Camp is \$245. Community will cover \$122.50 of that cost. If paying for the remaining \$122.50 isn't possible for your family but you'd like to send them to camp, just send me an email and we can arrange a scholarship option. We want every child who would enjoy camp to have the opportunity to explore their faith in this new way. (Just don't pick the week of July 21 for camp, because that's our Vacation Bible School week! 😊)

I wanted to share some pictures from K-5 Midweek with you. The first photo is a project done by Logan V. He created Mary, Joseph, Jesus in the stable with a manger. Children learn and process their learning through play, so our Midweek time has been valuable for kids as they hear new and familiar Bible stories and interact with them in the way that works best in their brains. The second photo is of a classroom playing with hydrophobic sand. The sand can be put in water without getting wet! We were able to sculpt with it under water and when we scooped it out with the spoon, it was still dry! We talked about how God makes it possible for us to be in the world, but not of the world.

John 17:15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

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