

# THE COMMUNICATOR

FEBRUARY 19, 2025

## THIS WEEK

**FEB 19- FEB 26**

**Wednesday, Feb. 19**

**5:30-6:30pm-**

Tacos

**6:30-7:30pm-** Classes for all ages;  
Middle school youth group

**7:30-8:30pm-** H.S. Youth Group

**Saturday, Feb. 22**

**7:00am-** Fresh Encounter

**Sunday, Feb. 23**

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

**10:00am-** Sunday School

**Monday, Feb. 24**

**7:00pm-** Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday, Feb. 25**

**9:30am-** Play Group

**7:00pm-** Book Club (@ church)

**Wednesday, Feb. 26**

**9:00am-** Book Club

(Bagel Boy on MN Ave)

**5:30-6:30pm-**

**Ham and cheesy hashbrowns**

**6:30-7:30pm-** Classes for all ages;  
Middle School Connection Night

**7:30-8:30pm-** H.S. Youth Group

## Clyde's Update

Monday morning! Cold! Going to get colder! Doesn't that just put a smile on your face? There does seem to be some indicators that by the weekend, things will start to change. Hang in there folks. It won't last forever. By now, most of us have adapted to the winter pretty well, but a change would be nice. It is amazing that we are already well past the mid-point of February. Life moves fast. I had my birthday last week. Made it another year! Thanks to so many of you who sent cards in the mail or sent greetings in other ways. I had people even stop in and say happy birthday. It was all good!

Liz announced the "Seek" conference coming in April. We were just saying in the office this morning that there is certainly something right about spending a day focusing on God. I hope you will be able to attend this day with us. We do have things planned for all the ages for the day. Lunch and everything! It is a day to seek God's face and discover together how that looks. Lots of music, some great teaching, and a day spent with your church family. We hope as many of you as possible will come and join us. We need to have an idea of just how many are coming to plan for the meal, so if you could be so kind as to register so we can do some good planning. You'll be hearing more about this as the time grows near.

I want to remind us all that we are still working on the campaign for the building and grounds. We have seen such a great outpouring of support for this and I, for one, want to again thank each of you for your amazing generosity. We are building up that fund so that we have extra when things come up. We are doing great friends! We are just giving it a bit more time to give the spirit time to work. We don't want to be pushy or get crazy with all of this, but we also want to be sensitive to the work that God does in the lives of our families as well. Do what you can. God will do the rest. Thanks again everyone!

I know there are lots of "bugs" going around the area right now. We have been hearing of influenza A being out there as well. 'Tis the season as they say. Stay rested up and take care of yourself. This time of the year always brings this kind of stuff around.

Sunday's message is about the inner workings of our lives and those things we get that move us in one direction or another. We want to talk about how valuable we all are to each other. We want to spend some time realizing the value of the good community of friends that set great foundations in our lives. Left on our own is not the best place for our hearts. When we surround ourselves with positive/caring/grounded/loving people, it will bring so much depth and strength in our lives. You Matter To Me! That's this week's message. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

## 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.

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### CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Cheryl Weerheim and her family on the unexpected death of her brother, Rick Bloemendaal.

Our condolences go out to Mitch Jensen and his family in the passing of his mom, Audrey Jensen, 90.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

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**AS YOU PLAN YOUR SUMMER...**

**CREATED**

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

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](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mike Boyenga's nephew, Luke DeJong (brain surgery)
- Carrie Valentine (foot & ankle surgery)
- Terry & Dree Mayer's son-in-law, Tony (surgery recovery)

### 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 (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 Tjeerdma'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 Slood
- 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 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

**UPDATE**

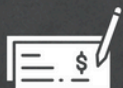
The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing Vanishing Half by Bennett.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 26, 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.



## 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](https://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, February 16, 2025

General: \$5,625  
Vision: \$950  
Missions: \$295  
Parking Lot: \$100  
Wed. Night: \$214

General YTD: \$55,891  
Vision YTD: \$2,600  
Vision Account Balance: \$23,329



# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

# HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **High School Winter Retreat - TEC**

February 28th- March 2nd.

For information on the Maddison TEC you can visit <https://www.interlakestec.org/>. Students who attend will need to miss school on Friday and it runs through Sunday afternoon.

- **Middle School Connection Night**

February 26th 6:30-7:30pm

- **Mission Trip – Waco, Texas**

High School Mission Trip

July 6th-11th in Waco, TX.

Sunday and Friday will be travel days and we will serve Monday-Thursday. For registration information or if you have questions, you can email me and I will get that out to you.

Doyle

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## CONSISTORY NOTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2025

In Attendance: Clyde Teel, Doug Harms, Tanner Corbin, Ross Larson, Susan Bierwagen, Justin Hinks, Mary Burggraaf, Mike Boyenga, Jordan Lipp, Harvey Odens, Stan Deelstra, Sean Fantroy, Lyle Pudwill, Tom Weerheim

Opening Devotional, Waiting In Between Moments – Ecclesiastes 3:1, and Prayer – Justin Hinks

MSA the January 9, 2025 consistory meeting minutes. MSA the January 2025 financial report.

Discussion on parking lot and concrete replacement was discussed.

Program Evaluation moving forward.

Reviewed reports from Liz and Heather.

Upcoming events: February 25 is the winter Great Plains hub event at Alton, Iowa; CRU fundraiser April 4, and Mission Haiti fundraiser dinner April 10. Next meeting will be March 13, 2025.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted, Mary Burggraaf, Clerk

Hi Everyone!

I don't usually write my newsletter on Wednesday nights after Midweek, but I had such a good night with the 4/5 grade class that I want to write a note before I forget. Our usual 4/5 grade teacher had to be gone this week, so I got to spend the evening with the crew. First, you just need to know how special the kids at Community are. We had some really good conversation, and their depth is far beyond their years. We talked about love and how we can love others because Jesus first loved us. We talked about loving others, even when it is hard, or someone seems harder to love. We talked about how God's love is different than friend love or "kissy kissy" love (their words- not mine. LOL!) But then....the questions started...and we had some big conversations about truth and doubt. They asked about Heaven and "that other place." They wanted to know if you can want to be with Jesus and think you know Jesus and love Him but still miss out on Heaven. They wanted to know what happens if you ask Jesus to forgive your sins and you trust in Jesus, but your mind tells you a lie and you accidentally believe the lie for a second, then you die.

These are really big questions that a lot of kids, youth, and grown-ups have. So, this is my little request to all of you to have a chat with the big kids in your world about Jesus. They need to know that Jesus WANTS them and LOVES them, even if they don't always do the right thing. Kids worry and they won't always share their worries with you because they are afraid "good kids" don't worry about that kind of thing. They know that sometimes kids die, and they think are afraid of missing out on eternity with Jesus. Kids want to be connected with Jesus, but just like grown-ups, sometimes the world makes it hard to feel like everything is ok. We had such a beautiful talk and we chatted with God about those worries for a long time. I've never heard them be so quiet and attentive/ focused on one another and the topic at hand for so long. I encourage you to talk with the kids in your life about questions they might have about what it means to know Jesus. But you can't just dive in to a conversation like that without a little build up. 😊 They need to know it is safe and that you are paying attention. They need to know that you won't freak out if you don't know the answer to their question. They need to know you won't get distracted by a phone buzz. They need to know you won't laugh or tell someone what they asked. Please join me in asking God to help all of us at Community to be the safe people that kids need.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

Community Kids

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# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



The month of February is flying by! Even with the freezing cold weather it feels like we are ticking the days off the calendar at breakneck speed. Spring really will be here before we know it!

I want to remind you again of Jon Harmsen's new adult Sunday School class. Jon is teaching during the 10:00 hour in the fellowship hall, and his class is focusing on the basics and foundations of Christian faith. It's open to anyone who wants to learn more about these things. If that interests you, please just pop into his class on Sunday morning. He'd love to see you!

As I mentioned on Sunday morning, we have a big event coming up on April 12. That day, we'll be hosting the Seek Conference. This is an all-day event that 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. Lunch will be provided as well as nursery care for the youngest. Heather will be leading the Kindergarten-5th Graders that day in activities that will go along with what the rest of us will be experiencing. This event is open for adults of all ages as well as middle and high school students. More information will be available as we get a little closer to April, and registration opens soon. I encourage you to strongly consider joining us for this event. A day spent in the Presence of God is never a bad day. 😊 I hope you'll join us!

Some of you have been asking me about my next worship album, and I thought it might be a good idea to give a quick update here. We have started recording that album, but it was put on hold through Christmas and January due to other commitments by my family. It's almost half done, and I hope to get back to recording in March. I'd love to have it finished by this summer, Lord willing. Thank you to everyone who has encouraged me in one way or another. I feel very blessed to be working in a church where so many of you take a particular interest in that part of my life and ministry. As soon as that album is ready, Community will be the first to know!

And lastly this week, I want to say a special Happy Birthday to my Grandma Lucy. Her birthday is February 19th, and she turns 92 years young! Grandma reads this newsletter every week. Happy Birthday, Grandma!

Stay warm, friends!



Liz

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SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE THROUGH WORSHIP & PRAYER

# Seek

PRAYER EVENT

IN COOPERATION  
WITH STRATEGIC RENEWAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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

