

THE COMMUNICATOR

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

THIS WEEK

FEB 5- FEB 12

Wednesday, Feb. 5

5:30-6:30pm- BBQ

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 8

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Feb. 9

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

10:00am- Sunday School

Monday, Feb. 10

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 11

9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, Feb. 12

5:30-6:30pm-

Rivera Catering- Lasanga

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

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

UPCOMING
EVENTS

SEEK PRAYER EVENT
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
9:00AM-4:30PM

VBS
JULY 21-25
6:00PM-7:45PM

Clyde's Update

We had a very nice weekend, but it didn't take long for us to be reminded that winter is not finished. The cold north wind was blowing today, and once again we are bundled up. It's February now, and the calendar turns on the wall. The winter is getting shorter, but it is still with us. I am not going to complain. It has been one that we can deal with for sure.

Our good friend, Jon Harmsen, is doing a Sunday morning class on the fundamentals of Christianity- The basics of faith. Questions like; how do I know if I'm saved and how should I consider reading my bible? How often should I pray and what does that look like? I think it could be a great conversation for those who might be interested in that. It will start this coming Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour. That class will be meeting in the fellowship hall for those who are interested. I know Jon well, and he will do an amazing job teaching. If you have questions about it, call the office.

We have all been hearing that the cold and flu season is in full swing around the area. I know how difficult it is to stay healthy during this time of the year. We have to go out and do things, but those viruses are out there waiting for us. Take good care of yourselves. It is just a part of how things go this time of year.

I want to also remind you all that MidWeek is going strong, and you are still invited to join us for those evenings. The meals are great, the fellowship is hard to beat, and then on top of all of that, you can get involved with a number of great classes that we are teaching. It is good stuff that goes on there friends. We would love to see you there!

This is also a good time of the year to check out our library. As I have said many times, those gals take such good care of that ministry and do an outstanding job of keeping current items in there for some good reading. They always try to find things that go along with the various studies and the different sermon series. Check it out!

Sunday's message will be about the kingdom of the world. We are going to ask some probing questions about this place that we live. Why is that "kingdom" so influential in our lives? Why can it sometimes get so out of hand? Why are we so easily drawn to that one and yet find the Kingdom of Heaven challenging to find? The kingdom of the world is where we live. It appeals to us in many ways and not all of that is bad, but as I have been saying, it can take us to places we don't want to be. It can control us in ways that can lead us down roads that are destructive. It can be a subtle enemy to families. It can be a friend, and then in the next moment an enemy. I don't want to scare you off with this kind of thinking, but I do want us to understand what we are fighting so very often in our everyday lives. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

"Lord, teach us to pray". Luke 11:1

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

LOCATION:

THE ALLIANCE
1600 W RUSSELL ST,
SIOUX FALLS, SD

SPECIAL EVENT:

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

TICKET DETAILS:

\$20 PER PERSON, KIDS 10 AND UNDER FREE.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR, THE SDANG, OR ONLINE AT SOUTHDAKOTAALLIANCE.ORG

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

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Mona Schrader on the death of her oldest brother, Curt, who passed away after years of battling Parkinson's.

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Fern Eeten (cancer)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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.





FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH CLASS LED BY JON HARMSSEN

When: Sundays between services in the fellowship hall

Tentative dates are:

February 9th, 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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HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Happy 60th wedding anniversary to
Gary and Glenda VanDenHoek on Feb 5!

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

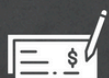
CALL TO FREEDOM

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

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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



ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, Feb. 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.

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FINANCES

Sunday, February 2, 2025

General: \$15,489

Vision: \$730

Missions: \$1,445

Parking Lot: \$400

Wed. Night: \$241

General YTD: \$42,551

Vision YTD: \$1,590

Vision Account Balance: \$21,946

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Don't forget that Jon Harmsen's new adult Sunday School class is kicking off this Sunday, February 9 at 10:10 in the fellowship hall. This class is open to any adult and will focus on the foundations and basics of Christian faith. If you're interested, just head to the fellowship hall on Sunday morning during the 10:00 hour!

I've been noticing several adults popping around to different Mid-Week classes each week this semester, and I love that! I just want to remind everyone that it's perfectly acceptable to try a different class each week and see if there's one that is a good fit for you. And as a reminder, here is a short list of all the classes and where they meet on Wednesday nights. Keep in mind that it's really never too late to give Mid-Week a try.

Pastor Clyde teaches in the fellowship hall, and his class is tagging along with his sermon series about The Kingdom on earth. He is using Dallas Willard's book, *The Scandal of the Kingdom* as a guide for the discussions.

Pastor John teaches in the office area, and his classes is *The Wired Word*, which focuses on current events and looks at them through the lens of Scripture.

Susan Bierwagen teaches in Pastor Clyde's office, and her class is a Max Lucado video series titled *The God of Those Who Suffer*.

John Blok teaches in a classroom in the children's wing, and his class is *Men's Life*. They focus on issues relevant to men who want to grow in their relationships with God to become Godly men in whatever their life settings might be.

Grace Collins teaches in The Corner, and her class is *The Flower Patch*, which focuses on life issues for women and how God meets them in any and every situation.

Dan Goeller teaches in The Sanctuary, and his class is *Life in Babylon*, which focuses on how to live in the world while not being of the world.

And lastly, I teach in the chapel, and my class is going through the book *Celebration of the Disciplines* where we learn more about different spiritual practices to grow in our relationship with God. Prayer, fasting, service, worship, are just a few of the many we will be discussing.

As you can see, we have many classes to choose from, and everyone is welcome. Supper is served on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:20, and we have something for every age group from 6:30-7:30. I hope you'll join us!

Have a great week!

Liz

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SEEK PRAYER EVENT

IN COOPERATION WITH
STRATEGIC RENEWAL



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

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

for 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!



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

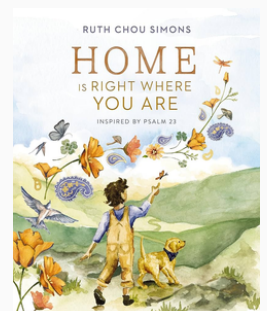
I was writing some lessons this week and went to the church library. It is such a gift to have that resource right down the hall! I ran across a book that I hadn't seen before and wanted to encourage parents of elementary kids to read it with your kids. It is called, *Home is Right Where You are: Inspired by Psalm 23*. It is beautiful and would be such a peaceful bedtime story. If you are looking for a gift for a little one, this would be a good option. To be honest, I enjoyed it even as a grownup. 😊

For VBS this summer, we'll spend a little time talking about the Good Shepherd. Reading the Psalms this week as I start to prepare VBS lessons reminded me of the truth held in those pages. I'd love to invite you to join me in reading the Psalms. As the winter starts to get a little long, I think there is hope and joy to be found in the Psalms.

I also wanted to give you all a quick note about camp. Registration is open for summer camp. Many of our students attend Inspiration Hills Camp each summer. The Inspiration Hills theme of 2025 is Hebrews 13:8. Inspiration Hills does offer bussing from Sioux Falls neighborhoods and there are often other kids from Community going that you can carpool with as well. 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! 😊)

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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