



THE COMMUNICATOR

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Weekly Calendar

FEB. 14 - FEB. 21

Wednesday, Feb. 14

5:30-6:30pm- Meal (BBQ)

6:30-7:30pm-

**Midweek Classes for Children,
Middle School Youth Group & Adults
(Nursery also provided)**

7:30-8:30pm-

High School Youth Group

Saturday, Feb. 17

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

Sunday, Feb. 18

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

10:10am- SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 19

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 20

9:30-11am- Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, Feb. 21

5:30-6:30pm- Meal (Ravioli Lasagna)

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CLYDE'S ARTICLE

This week is my birthday week. I feel like it was just a week ago that I did this birthday thing. I can't understand where that time goes. One day a time, I guess. It's going to be the middle of February and the weather is acting more like March. I don't really mind that, but I know an early spring can be hard on trees if the weather changes too much. We will have to see. I think it is supposed to be a little chillier this week, but it has been a nice change from last year. I do like that! I can't believe how much snow has melted already. Maybe we are making room for more. Sorry, but someone had to say that!

This week will also usher in the season of Lent. We don't make a lot of that in our church, but we certainly do recognize the journey and the struggle of Jesus leading up to Easter. I think it is a good thing for Christians to remember the sacrifice and the amazing, demonstrated love that He showed for each one of us. His journey to the cross would seal my pardon and for that I am so grateful. He is an amazing Savior, and we will honor that in the coming weeks.

We had a great Consistory meeting last week and discussed several things. I have mentioned before that a few things in our building are getting older. That's one thing we all deal with as time moves along. There will be things that will need our attention and we are working to be as proactive as we can be on those things, but you can't plan for everything. Sometimes things just break! Furnaces get older, the roof wants to leak a bit and other things happen. We'll keep you posted. We are on top of it.

Our Haiti mission team arrived home this past weekend with a bit of a tale to tell. They had a great time of meeting with people and sharing our heart for their lives. The trip had a little side turn as getting out of there got a little concerning. The security in the country is spotty at best, and with that can bring some roads getting closed and the challenge of staying out of harms way. With some good managing of the circumstances, some power filled prayer and God's hand moving, the airport was finally open for business and they were able to fly out with only a little tension. It was an experience, we are being told. I am sure they will be giving us an update in the coming weeks; we will let you know when that is. They wanted to thank the church for the support and all the prayers that went out on their behalf.

Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent and new series entitles "Father Forgive Them". As Jesus was pouring out His life on the cross of Calvary, His compassion for the world was evident. Even with all the pain and suffering, his heart was with the lost ones standing in front of him. Such love can only be spoken by the Son of God...our Savior Jesus. We will look at all the individuals in the story and how each of them needed forgiveness. They needed someone to carry their guilt. As many shouted "crucify him" they could not imagine that their words were exactly what they needed him to...for them. Think on that for a bit. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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From Your Library

Look up. We have moved several authors to the upper shelves. Among these are Jan Karon's Mitford series, Neta Jackson's books including her Yada-Yada Prayer Group, the Left Behind series, and the books by Janette Oke.

New items are added each week so there is always something new to experience. We librarians are more than happy to help you find something that fits you.

Check it out.

Your librarians,
Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Glenda Van Den Hoek (back surgery 2/8)
- Russ Hoogendoorn's friend, Duane

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Evita Attema's sister, Lillika (cancer)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (hospice)
- Darren Ellwein (leg surgery)
- Jodi Ackerman (knee surgery recovery)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease- recovery from procedure)
- Jeris VanZee (Mantle Cell Lymphoma)
- Henry Collins (continued healing)
- Jan Mellema (fall recovery)
- Mike Graanstra's dad (GI bleed)
- Justin & Sandy Heimdal and family (house fire)
- Dalton Coffey (shoulder surgery recovery)
- Darla Moulton's son-in-law, Neil (cancer)
- Joanne Avery (broken arm)
- Ann Munce (shoulder surgery)
- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic cancer)
- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)
- 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 Bob Weerheim and his family in the passing of his sister, Bev Sneller.

Our condolences go out to Mary Burggraaf and her family in the passing of her mom, Phyllis Punt. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Join us to learn how to save a life.
CPR 
training at Community

Thursday, March 7 | 6:00pm

Registration is required as space is limited.

There is no registration fee.

Child, Infant, Adult CPR/AED/1st Aid

(We expect training to be complete before 9pm.)

Register by email or phone:

Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org

605-336-1475

Ben Reifel Chili Cook-off



Thank you to all the volunteers!



THANK YOU
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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

Call To Freedom

AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA meeting are held in-person or via Zoom on Saturdays at 10:00am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHlIWkgxZz09>

Please contact Tom Jacobs (tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **March 11** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

BOOK CLUB

The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Hidden Valley Road*.

The morning book club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Sold on a Monday*.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on Feb.20th at 1:30 (please note the time change!). Jerralyne is hostess and Carol has the lesson. The new books are in and will be \$12.36.



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

For my last midwinter book recommendation, I offer to you C.S. Lewis' collection of writings called "Present Concerns." This book is a compilation of essays he wrote for several different publications during the mid-20th century. Although these writings are about events that were current in his day, I found each essay to be particularly poignant for our time today. He writes about war, media, relationships, ethics, education, Christianity, and government. Each essay is only a few pages long, so it's a great book to grab when you are short on time. The only caveat to remember when reading this book is that C.S. Lewis was an Irish born man who lived and worked in England at the time of this writing. That means that some words and phrases will have a slightly different meaning for him than they do for us today. This doesn't make the reading difficult, but you will want to keep that in mind as you read so you can understand his full meaning in context.

We are down to our last 6 weeks of Mid-Week! It's hard to believe we are this close to the end of that ministry. I would still offer that it's never too late to come to Mid-Week. We have many classes for adults where it's easy to jump in for the evening. And it's always acceptable to come for the meal simply to get to know others from Community. That's great ministry too! Remember, we have something for everyone at Mid-Week. Supper is served from 5:30-6:20, and classes for all ages run from 6:30-7:30. We hope to see you there!

And lastly this week, I'm writing this on my dad's 71st birthday! Happy Birthday, Dad! Not everyone could work a fulltime job with their dad, but I must say that I feel especially blessed that I've gotten to work alongside Dad in ministry for the past 22 years. I've learned so much from him, and he continues to challenge and encourage me to keep following Jesus with everything I am and everything I have. He is truly one of the best people I know. As my sister, Abbie, said in her birthday wish, he really is the "second man," because Jesus is always evident first and foremost in his life. Amen! Happy Birthday, Dad! (I didn't get you a present yet...😊)

Have a good week, friends!

Liz

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DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



We are just over a week away from our Winter Retreat out at Inspiration Hills. There are a total of 58 students going from three different churches and I am so excited to be joining together for an awesome weekend. While working with others can add work and time, it also adds new ideas and insights. As a result it also adds a lot of value for the weekend. As we prepare to leave next weekend, I ask that you would join me in praying for the retreat, the students and leaders going and the speakers as we explore our faith together.

It's hard to imagine we only have a little over a month left of midweek this year. For February, the middle school group will be going through the book of Philippians and the high school group will be going through the Gospel of Luke. We then end the year in March with our March Madness – relationships – series. I'm excited for these next few weeks together before midweek winds down with Easter!

If you have any questions around the youth ministry feel free to reach out anytime.

Doyle

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CONSISTORY NOTES

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

Attendance: Clyde Teel, Ross Larson, Tom Van Roekel, Tom Bosch, Russ Hoogendoorn, Harvey Odens, Stan Deelstra, Grant Boltjes, Tanner Corbin, Tyler Wolf, Sean Fantroy, Lyle Pudwill, Mary Burggraaf

Opening devotions, II Corinthians 3 and a devotion from Oswald Chambers and prayer - Harvey Odens

MSA to approve the January 11, 2024 meeting minutes.

MSA to approve the January financial report. A quarterly financial report will be printed in the Communicator.

Reviewed reports from Liz, Heather and Doyle.

Building concerns: the HVAC unit for the office area needs to be replaced and is on the schedule within the next 6 months. MSA to move \$11,000 from the reserve funds to pay for the unit and installation.

The Great Plains hub regional gathering will be on February 27, 2024 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Orange City First Reformed Church for the church staff and leadership.

The nomination process for the election of elders and deacons was discussed. Only four people from the congregation gave any feedback/suggestions following the congregational meeting.

Jon and Gracia Harmsen's house issue was discussed.

Closing prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted, Mary Burggraaf

FINANCES

Sunday, February 11, 2024

General: \$12,111
Vision: \$3,300
Missions: \$1,245

General YTD: \$91,197
Vision YTD: \$8,636
Vision Account Balance: \$45,742

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby.
It's a place to donate to local ministries.

Visitation Center

Juice boxes & individual snack
crackers or cookies

Church on the Street:

Cereal

Ronald McDonald House

Toothbrushes/ Toothpaste

Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety

Lotion



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6800 E. 41 STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110

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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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