



THE COMMUNICATOR

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Weekly Calendar

FEB. 7 - FEB. 14

Wednesday, Feb. 7

5:30-6:30pm- Meal (Chicken Salad/Taco Salad)
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. 10

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)
See page 2 for details

Sunday, Feb. 11

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Worship Services
10:10am- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Monday, Feb. 12

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

Tuesday, Feb. 13

9:30-11am- Play Group

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CLYDE'S ARTICLE

February has arrived! Can you believe how much snow we have melted and then all the fog. It has been a season of fog that is for sure. You don't have to shovel fog though, so I will take it over cold and snow anytime. It has been a different winter than last year, and we are all so grateful. Enjoy this "thaw" because you just never know when things might change. It is still South Dakota, and we are the land of infinite variety.

I don't have much on the news front this week. It has been a busy season of some of some serious health things going on in some families. We try to keep you all informed as best as we can, but many people like staying very private with their lives and I do understand that. We all do those things differently and I always respect the wishes of people in those difficult times in their lives. Continue to be a prayer community for our church family and the world around us. It makes a difference!

I want to remind everyone of a couple of things that happen at church during the week. The first is a program we call "Bison Care". The Middle School, across the street, brings over several groups of students who struggle with various classroom management issues and Doyle and Heather work with them doing various kinds of projects each week. They do activities that focus on doing nice things for the teachers over there or maybe just some fun kinds of activities. They interviewed several community area people this year as well. The students came up with questions and then sat down with these folks to see what their lives were like. I got interviewed by a group. It was good...it was about playing guitar. They interviewed a downtown chef, and they even interviewed the guy we see flying that parachute plane around this area. He was great by the way. It is an interesting program and a way for us to participate in this community out here. The other area I wanted to highlight is the prayer group that meets on Saturday morning. They have been so faithful. Early on Saturday mornings, they are here lifting up the needs of our church family. They are always open to folks joining them on these morning prayer adventures. You would all be most welcomed.

This week we are going to complete the "Set Free" series. It has been a journey to be sure. I think we have all done some good work together in that room. We have tackled some heavy subjects and we have opened the lines of communication for our friends to be set free. I have been most encouraged by how this has gone. This week we will use a more general approach in our conclusion. The theme this week is the "way of the world". We are surrounded by it and its "way". It can be challenging to free ourselves from the powers of this world. We are called as Christians to be first about the Kingdom of God, but what is that kingdom like? How does that look to be a part of God's Kingdom? In our everyday practical life how do we do that? How does one break away from the chains of this world? We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

FREE

Positive Parenting Class

with Sarah R. Moore



Saturday, April 20th
At Community
Time: TBD

Sarah R. Moore is the author of "Peaceful Discipline: Story Teaching, Brain Science & Better Behavior" and founder of Dandelion Seeds Positive Parenting.

As a certified Master Trainer in conscious parenting and Chairperson of the Board for the American Society for the Positive Care of Children, she's also a public speaker, parent coach, armchair neuroscientist, and most importantly, a Jesus-loving Mama.

Her work has been featured on NBC, CBS, and SiriusXM, and in countless international parenting magazines. With training in child development, trauma recovery, interpersonal neurobiology, improv comedy and play, her work supports parents and caregivers around the globe. Follow her on Instagram, Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, Pinterest & Threads.

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Glenda Van Den Hoek (back surgery 2/8)

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. Please keep the family in your prayers.



Happy 90th Birthday

Happy 90th birthday to Dolly Hoogendoorn! We were suppose to celebrate in January but that's the week that church was cancelled due to the snow...so we'll celebrate this Sunday with donut holes!

early childhood weekday

PLAY GROUP

free, all are welcome

TUESDAYS
9:30-11:00AM

Parents/ Grandparents/ Caregivers and Kids younger than Kindergarten age will join together for open play time in the Community Nursery as they enjoy time together. Questions? Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org or 605-336-1475

THE GIVE

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



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=N1Niems0MG5vdk0reVZUTHIWkgxZz09>

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

..... SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **Feb. 12** 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!). Jerralynne is hostess and Carol has the lesson. The new books are in and will be \$12.36.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

As I promised last week, I will share another book recommendation with you. Once again, N.T. Wright makes the list with his book, "Broken Signposts: How Christianity Makes Sense of the World." The title is self-explanatory in this case. If you've ever wondered how Christianity really fits into the world in which we live or how it speaks to the problems of the world, this book will address that for you. Wright takes into account the things that are meant to point us to God, but that have become broken because of sin. These are the broken signposts. Then he writes about how the power of the resurrection is redeeming those signposts to be what God always intended. I'll have one more mid-winter book recommendation for you next week, and I promise it's not by N.T. Wright! 😊

As something a little different, I have been feeling prompted to share a bit with you about the power of learning new music.

It's easy for us to get stuck listening to the same music we've always enjoyed. In today's world, there are so many new artists and songs out there that it's impossible to keep track of everything new. In fact, I would argue that it's almost too easy for new music to be shared with the masses, and I think this creates a few problems. First, too many options can overwhelm us and cause us to simply go back to what we know. It feels intimidating to find new music. Where would we even start?? So, we go back to our old favorites. Secondly, with the advent of streaming platforms, anyone can put music out there for the masses to listen to, whether the music is good enough to be shared or not. What we end up with is a lot of mediocre music. That's not just me being critical. That's a truth that other musicians agree upon. And thirdly, when music is easily recorded and shared, we can end up with a lot of "throw-away songs." These are songs that don't have much depth or even Biblical truth, but they are catchy, so they ride high on play lists for a short time, make money, and then die a quick death. So, how do we "sing a new song to the Lord" when we get inundated with too many options in an already noisy world? I have a personal story about this that might give you a way to move forward.

Recently, I had noticed I was always going back to a single song that I find particularly powerful. It moves me no matter how many times I listen to it. I didn't own it. I would just go to a streaming platform and listen to it (for free with ads) when I wanted to hear it. What I had failed to do was check out other songs from that same album. In recognizing how meaningful that music was to me, I decided to actually purchase the entire album. I know, I know. Almost no one does that anymore because songs

can be streamed "for free." But we lose something when we don't purchase (or at the very least listen to) the entire album. When we don't take time to hear the other songs, we are absolutely cutting ourselves off at the source of music we know we already like! Why wouldn't we check out other songs from the same album? So, that's what I did. I made myself listen to the whole thing. Every song. Beginning to end. I did this over the course of several days. And what I discovered were other songs on the album moving me with that same power. Some of the songs I didn't like right away. It took a few listens before I found myself returning to them. And some of the songs that I did like right away ended up getting old really fast.

The other thing I noticed as I continued to listen to that new music was how my brain was processing and learning it. Did you know that when a song gets stuck in your head, that's actually your brain trying to create new pathways for you to learn it? And very often this happens at night. Now, this can be frustrating when you're trying to sleep, but when the words running through your head are something like,

"You're worthy of it all, You're worthy of it all,
for from You are all things, and to You are all things,
You deserve the glory,"

what you realize is that you are unconsciously speaking words of worship and blessing to God! How powerful is that?? Your brain is working to learn new music, and as a result, you worship God without even trying! This, my friends, is why it's important to learn new music and to "sing a new song unto the Lord!" Worshipping God changes us! God knows that. That's why the call to "sing a new song" is written in His Word. 😊

I would offer a gentle word of caution about the type of music you do listen to. Not all music builds up. And even if you think you don't listen to the words...you DO. Your brain will work to learn those words in the same way. What you listen to matters more than you might think.

Anyway, as someone who used to teach music to kids, and now essentially teaches music to adults in worship, I encourage you to check out some new music this week and sing a new song to the Lord. Buy an entire album and listen to the whole thing a few times. When you find your brain learning those songs, I think you might find it a blessing!

Enjoy these warmer days!



HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY



Hello Everyone!

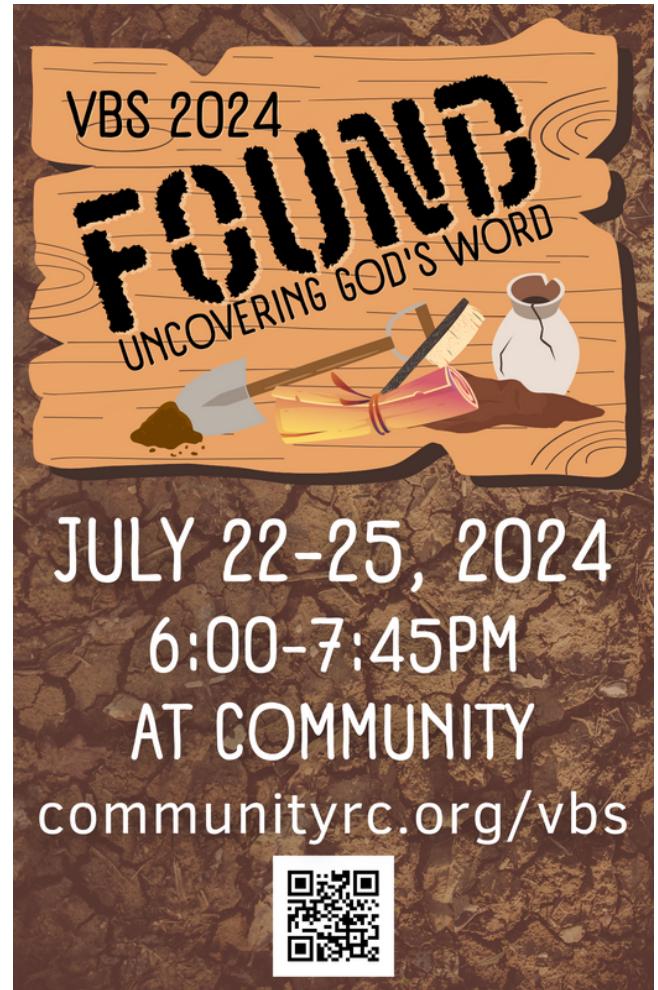
If this warmer weather has you dreaming of summer, pull out your calendar!

This year's VBS will be an exciting adventure! Join Lizziana Jones and the crew for "FOUND" VBS. We'll dig into God's word and uncover some exciting news. The registration page is open now, but what's most important is that you save the date.

Inspiration Hills Camp has also published their theme for the summer and the openings are filling quickly. Church covers half of the cost for each child's registration at Inspiration Hills and select other church camps. Let us know if you have any questions about camp. There are camps for kids, families, and even grandparents! There are day camp options as well as sleep away camps.

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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