

THE COMMUNICATOR

JANUARY 22, 2025

THIS WEEK

JAN. 22- JAN. 29

Wednesday, January 22

5:30-6:30pm-

Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup
6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages;
Middle school youth group
7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, January 25

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, January 26

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

Monday, January 27

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 28

9:00am- Play Group

Wednesday, January 29

5:30-6:30pm-

Pulled Pork
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

It's Tuesday morning as I am writing this letter and it is a little bit on the cold side this morning, but there is very little wind. I also know there is a change coming. I am good with that. We can do this cold thing as long as we continue to get these breaks in that pattern. Some of us were talking on Sunday morning about how people did this back when wood burners were all you had for heat and when houses never thought about insulation, so the wind would just howl through the cracks. It was a different time for sure. Life is very different now than then. I think we forget that sometimes. We don't have it so bad. Blessed!

As we get into this new year for MidWeek, I thought I would give a quick word about the book I'm doing for this semester's class. The book is a Dallas Willard book entitled "The Scandal of the Kingdom". It has been a great read. I have enjoyed all of it. I am going to be doing my class based on readings from this book. I'm not doing it chapter by chapter so much, but rather I'll take ideas from it and then bring that for discussion. It is a great book to use along with the series we are doing on Sunday mornings. So, if you would like a little more time to dig into this "Kingdom of God" study, I would invite you to join us on Wednesday nights. I would also like to say I'm not the only class. There are a number of great opportunities folks. We have some great teachers. Check them out!

We are going to start promoting an event we are hosting here in April. We are going to be hosting a Saturday retreat centered around worship and prayer. Childcare is provided for infants- 5 years old & we'll provide a kid's event for those ages K-5. There will be a guest speaker/teacher who will be here to guide us through a day of seeking God. It is a spiritual renewal day. Lunch provided and all! We are working hard to make this a valuable time for our church family. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

A word of thanks to everyone who attended the budget meeting this past Sunday. Eric did a great job of explaining the budget this coming year, and providing us with a working understanding about how all of this comes together. We do our best to explain all the workings of things as the year unfolds. Thanks to everyone for the hard work in putting all of that together, and for those who were there in attendance. It is the work we must do, and you all do it so well. Thank you!

Sunday's message, this week, will take some ideas from last week and build on that foundation. This week there will be a couple of questions we are going to investigate. The kind that gets our minds to thinking about things we might not spend much time considering. It is a way for this "Kingdom of Heaven" business to begin to reach down and start working in our hearts a bit more. Remember, faith of that nature is not about how much faith you have, but rather the direction of our faith. What are those things that you are seeking? What are you hoping those things that you are focused on will bring to your life? It is this kind of thought work that is good for our growth as individuals. Faith is a process that we develop over time. It is the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts as we contemplate ideas with God. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

CHURCH ON THE STREET

Located at 515 N Main Ave. in Sioux Falls is a ministry that focuses on walking with those experiencing homelessness and poverty. It is a synodically authorized worship community of the ELCA without walls.

Some of the services provided are:

- Pastoral Care at the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House every Thursday from 1-4:00pm.
- Laundry of Love which assists those in need of laundry services on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 3:00-7:30pm. (located at 701 N. Cliff Ave)
- Health & Healing events- soon to be held on Feb. 1st from 1-3pm at the Multi-Cultural Center. It provides a day of pampering.
- Worship and Communion services at various locations to be announced.

For more information or volunteer opportunities, contact Church on the Street on MWF 10:00am-1:00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mike and Madonna Graanstra are proud to welcome their grandson to the family. Congratulations to Courtney and Connor Auch on the birth of their son, Rowan Gene!

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Junella Wesselink and her family. Her youngest cousin's husband, Neal, passed away.

THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to you all, our Community family, for your steadfast prayers during the past 2+ years of our lung transplant journey. Your love and caring have been so evident and sustaining every step of the way. God blessed us with the right donor at the right time, with the best surgeon, with our supportive family and with all of you to look out for us in prayer. Thanks also for so many great cards, letters and phone calls while we were in Minneapolis. They made the 2 1/2 months go so much quicker!

In God's love,
Steve & Becky Lee

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Tracee Ellwein's dad (fractured hip)
- Joe McMartin

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ryan Van Ruler (open heart surgery 1/15)
- Tony (shunt placement 1/16)
- Duane Beiswanger's nephew, Derick (brain tumor)
- Denny & Sue Brunsting's daughter-in-law, Amy (surgery recovery)
- Gary Van Den Hoek
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Lori Blom's dad, Kevin (cancer)
- Joan Schouten (shoulder surgery recovery)
- Steve Zimmerman
- Jan Sturing's son, Matt (surgery)
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Gracia Harmsen
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Karen Odens (broken femur recovery)
- Steve Lee (lung transplant recovery)
- 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.



UPDATE

John Thornton has made an audio recording of the entire New Testament. It is divided by chapter. If you are interested in having a copy of that, please contact John (605-595-5744) and he will give you a free copy. It will probably work best to share a flash drive with him, and then he can load the audio New Testament on to that and give it back to you. Then you can load it up to whatever listening device you want.



RESGEN MEN'S SUMMIT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 8AM-1PM

LOCATION:

Central Church
3102 W. Ralph Rogers Rd.
Sioux Falls, SD 57108

COST:

\$40 / Person
TICKETS AT RESGEN.ORG

DETAILS:

RESGEN Men's Summit 2025 is a half-day conference that equips and encourages men, ages 17 and up, to grow and fulfill their purpose as leaders, husbands, fathers, and Christ-followers. The theme for this year's event is 'Being a Man who is All HEART' and features five dynamic sessions, resources, and snacks throughout the day.

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.

FINANCES

Sunday, January 19, 2025

General: \$10,460

Vision: \$390

Missions: \$715

Parking Lot: \$100

General YTD: \$27,062

Vision YTD: \$860

Vision Account Balance: \$28,609

A dark grey poster for the 'WAYS TO GIVE TO THE PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN'. It features a QR code on the right. On the left, there are three icons: a cash register for 'IN SERVICE', a computer monitor for 'ONLINE', and an envelope for 'MAIL'. Text next to each icon provides details: 'Cash or check in offering baskets in the back (please use marked envelopes)' for In Service, 'One time or recurring at 605.church/give-to-community (Select "Parking Lot")' for Online, and 'You can mail a check to: Community Reformed Church 6800 E. 41st St. Sioux Falls, SD 57110' for Mail.

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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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