

THE COMMUNICATOR

JANUARY 28, 2026

THIS WEEK JAN 28-FEB 4

Wednesday, Jan. 28

5:30-6:30pm Meal:

Joel's Lasagna

6:30-7:30pm-

Classes for all ages;

Middle school youth group

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

Saturday, Jan. 31

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Feb. 1

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am-

Worship Services

10:10am- Sunday School

6:30pm- Refresh

(Young Adult group)

Monday, Feb. 2

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 3

9:30am- Play Group

7:00pm- AA meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 4

5:30-6:30pm Meal:

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

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Clyde's Update

It's early Monday morning as I sit down to write this newsletter and it is very cold. I know a little warming is predicted, but it's January and I know these cold days are just a part of winter. We are getting through the month, and we know things can change. We just have to patient. They are having much worse conditions in other places with snow and ice, so I don't feel too bad. Stay warm everyone!

The new year is off to a fast start and usually there is a little time here at the beginning of the year that is a little slower than the holidays in December, but I can't say that this year. I have been busy with things around church. We have a lot of things going on in the lives of many of our folks right now. Be praying for these families as we work through some difficult times with them. It is why we are here and why church families are so important. I really don't mind this kind of work. I always feel like these are the moments we do the best of others and there is something very right about that.

I want to also commend the many of you who volunteer for the many things we ask you to do around the church. There are greeting teams, teachers, sponsors, kitchen helpers, and the nursery. Each of those areas are always looking for folks to help. We will try to keep you all up to speed on what needs we might have in any of those places. We want to be there for people whenever we can and in whatever way we can. I hear ideas all the time about things to try and I want that to continue. Thanks again to all who do the many things for your church family. That's a special gift you bring.

CRU formerly "Campus Crusade For Christ" is hosting an event March 6th at our church which is a fellowship dinner. You will be hearing more about that in the coming weeks. Our good friends the Harmsen's, are a big part of that event. We are going to be encouraging our friends to join them for a great evening of sharing testimonies and great food. Start thinking about being a part of that evening. It's a great way for us to come alongside those campus ministry teams.

MidWeek continues to have excellent numbers even with the colder temps. We are seeing such a great group each and every week. I have heard such great compliments on the classes we are doing this year and with that I say thanks to all of those who are teaching. I love the energy in the place. I want to build on that energy and find ways to even do it better. Discipleship is about connecting and digging into the word together. That we are doing. Great job Community!

This coming Sunday. Our "Seek" series turns to the subject of seeking Christ as Lord. It is about making Jesus the one I not only seek for my salvation, but the one I seek to guide and direct my steps. I go to him first for advice. I trust him with my life. It is a surrendering my own will to his. This can be a tall challenge in a culture of individualism and the idea of my life as my own to live out how I choose live it. Jesus as Lord. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

"I ask only one thing from the Lord. This is what I want: Let me live in the Lord's house all my life. Let me see the Lord's beauty and look with my own eyes at his Temple." Ps.27.4
What's one thing you ask of God? Why?

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) Worship and Communion services at various locations to be announced.

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

Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

Join us to learn how to save a life.
CPR 
training at Community
Thursday, Feb. 5th @ 6:00pm

Registration is required as space is limited.
Child, Infant, Adult CPR/AED/1st Aid

RSVP by January 31
connect@communityrc.org
or 605-336-1475

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Kailee Taborda (Leukemia)
- Cory Carlson-Himes' father, Brian (broken back)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Lloyd Van Essen (bladder cancer)
- Ken Stellinga (Whipple surgery-1/27)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- Edna VanDeVendel (knee replacement)
- Rick Beckstrom (radiation treatments)
- Marv Vos (knee replacement)
- Jodi Ackerman's mother, Karen (aortic aneurysm)
- Leroy Thill (infant son of Katie & Trevor Thill)
- Claradith Kingsbury (stroke recovery)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Al Price
- Donna Holmgren's brother, Tim
- Jan Sturing
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Steve Lee
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Ryan Olivier (adult son of Orv and Sharon). Please keep their family in your prayers.

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.

<https://bradymartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KIhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>
Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

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SIoux EMPIRE CRU

Fellowship Dinner

Join us for the 2026 Sioux Empire Cru annual Fellowship Dinner!

Join the Sioux Empire staff team and student leaders for an evening dedicated to celebrating the incredible work God has accomplished through hundreds of college students this year. You will have the chance to hear inspiring stories and testimonies of God at work on campus and around the world. Enjoy a complimentary dinner while connecting with others.

Friday, March 6th | 2026

5:30 Reception , 6:00 Welcome & Dinner

Community Reformed Church
6800 E. 41st St. Sioux Falls, SD 57110

RSVP REQUIRED | Due to limited seating, reservations are required. Kindly RSVP by February 27th by reaching out to Joey Slieter at joey.slieter@cru.org or visit our website at siouxempirecru.org and click on the "events" tab.

Free childcare will be available on-site for children from infancy to 5th grade.



ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **February 9** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

AA MEETING (OPEN)

Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the youth room. Use east doors.

REFRESH

Weekly gathering of college students and young adults every Sunday at 6:30pm.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on February 17 at 1:30 pm. Jerralynne is hostess and Jeanie has the lesson.

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7pm at the church. We will be discussing *West with Giraffes*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave near 33rd St. We will be discussing *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

FINANCES

Sunday, January 25, 2026

General: \$12,462
Vision: \$490
Mission: \$535
Wednesday night: \$150

General YTD: \$43,393
Vision YTD: \$2,285
Vision Account Balance: \$3,702



BAPTISM SUNDAY

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BELIEVER'S BAPTISM SERVICE
SUNDAY, MARCH 15
3PM

IF INTERESTED, EMAIL LIZ (LIZ.TEEL@COMMUNITYRC.ORG)

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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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