



THE COMMUNICATOR

JANUARY 31, 2024

Weekly Calendar

JAN. 31 - FEB. 7

Wednesday, Jan. 31

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

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. 3

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

Sunday, Feb. 4

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

10:10am- SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 5

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

7:00pm- WD40

Tuesday, Feb. 6

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, Feb. 7

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

6:30-7:30pm-

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CLYDE'S ARTICLE

One thing we can never be certain of is just how the weather is going to look in any given month. January was so cold a few days ago and now we are enjoying what is commonly referred to as a "January Thaw". I don't hear anyone complaining about that. It has been a nice relief and seeing the sun this weekend was a bonus as well. It does help to make the winter a little shorter and for that, we are thankful. We were able to get Liz's birthday bash completed this past weekend and have our family over for the day. That was very nice. I think my mom might have been the most important guest at the party as so many folks wanted to say hello to her. She had a great day as well.

You might be noticing some large equipment around the church in a few weeks as we need to replace one of the roof top units that heats and cools the office area. It is going out on us so it needs to be replaced. That will involve some large equipment to get the old one off the building and new one up there. Our building is getting a little age on it and these kinds of things can happen. We try to always keep up on all the maintenance things each year, but these things do wear out.

I want to also offer a note this week of encouragement to be praying for many of our families in our church home. The prayer list is long once again and the need, which of course is always there, has ramped up a bit. From health things to personal things, we see the struggles. It is a wonderful gift we all bring to each other by engaging in praying and supporting each other in critical moments. We do that around here very well, and it does make a difference in the lives of those who are walking difficult journeys. Pray for Jesus to be near and for lives to be comforted and specific grace to be upon them.

There is a group of our church friends who are going to be going to Haiti this week on a mission trip. (Tony Boer, Jaron & Craig DeWit, Doug Harms) Keep them in your prayers this week as they go. The situation there is now safe for mission teams to go, but life there is not without its challenges and there is always a bit of unrest in that land. Pray for their safe travel and for the trip to be filled with some good kingdom work for Jesus.

The sermon series this week will focus on a subject we hear much about. The chains that surround addictions is well known. There are so many of them in our land. It is one of the sad truths we see people having to deal with in their lives. Addictions are life robbing/altering messes that take control and lead our loved ones into dark places. We want to look at them from God's perspective and work together as a church break those chains and get people the help they need to be "set free". They are not bad people who deserve what they have gotten themselves into, rather they are broken people who have been taken over by a power they may have underestimated and control they never saw coming. They tried to fill an empty heart with joy and discovered darkness on the other side of that door. They are now in chains! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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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](#).

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Evita Attema's sister, Lillika (cancer)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (hospice)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 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

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



Men's Summit

Men's Summit (Res Gen) at Central Church
Feb 3rd from 8:30-1:30

In Person tickets SOLD OUT but can purchase Livestream ticket
<https://resgen.org/events/mens-summit-2024/>

REGEN Men's Summit 2024 is a half-day conference encouraging men, ages 17 and older, to grow and fulfill their purpose as leaders, husbands, fathers, and Christ-followers. This year's theme is 'Being a Man of Courage,' and there are five dynamic sessions and comedy.

COST: \$35/Ticket (only 1 needed per viewing audience)

EVENT SPEAKERS:

RYAN LEAK, Executive Coach and Author
CHRIS BROWN, North Coast Lead Pastor
DAVID POLLACK, College Football Analyst
JEFF STRUECKER, Former Army Ranger/Blackhawk Helicopter Pilot
TOM HENDERSON, REGEN Founder
SHAWN REYNOLDS, Comedian

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Northwestern College Music Department is seeking host families to provide hospitality and friendship for the Symphonic Band members while they are on tour April 11 - 14. The concert in Sioux Falls will be Thursday evening, April 11th at 6:30pm at LifeScape - 26th Street. Host homes are needed for the evening of April 11th only - one night! Host families are able to offer a sense of home to those away from home and, of course, are welcome to attend their tour concerts! If you're interested in being a host family, please contact Brad & Carilyn Van Kalsbeek at (605) 359-5588 for further details.

FINANCES

Sunday, January 28, 2023

General: \$15,896
Vision: \$490
Missions: \$295

General YTD: \$65,197
Vision YTD: \$4,806
Vision Account Balance: \$41,914

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, 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!). Jerralyne is hostess and Carol has the lesson. The new books are in and will be \$12.36.



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

Attention singers: I received an email from the Area Music Chair at Dordt College. They are putting together a community choir along with their college choirs, which will feature composer and director, Dan Forrest. Our church choir people will recognize that name as we have performed several of his pieces for Christmas over the year. (Remember that gorgeous version of O Little Town of Bethlehem?) Anyway, if you'd like to be involved, please email me, and I will forward the information to you. There is a form to fill out as well as rehearsals and other schedules you'll need to be aware of. And you'll have to purchase your own music. To be clear, we are not doing this as a church choir. This is for individuals who are interested in committing and singing with that group. If you want more info, let me know!

I mentioned last week that I'd share a few book recommendations with you in my upcoming articles. "Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship" by N.T. Wright is an excellent book about how we can become more intentional disciples of Christ. The book isn't long, and the writing is fairly easy to read and understand. What I love about N.T. Wright is his ability to take complex ideas and break them down into bite size pieces that are easy to digest and use in our everyday lives. More book recommendations next week!

Attention Women! We resume our WD40 meetings next Monday, February 5, from 7:00-8:00pm in the fellowship hall. All women are welcome!

And lastly, as my birth month comes to a close, I want to share a few thoughts along with some words of thanks. Thanks to those who sent me cards and gifts, to those who came to the open house on Saturday, to those who sent birthday greetings via email or social media, and to the many people who wished me a happy birthday face to face! I truly felt loved and celebrated all month long! Thank you for celebrating life with me! I had lunch with a friend of mine this week, and she asked me if anyone had shared a particularly meaningful word with me for my birthday. I told her that I had several people tell me that there are many great days AHEAD! The 50's are a fantastic decade, and there is so much good to come. My best days are not behind me. They are in front of me! I have always believed that mid-life comes with an extra bit of blessing. So many folks I know who have lived their middle years often talk about how great those years were. The common thought is that we are old enough to have a pretty good handle on living well, yet young enough that our bodies aren't broken down! 😊 We can travel, walk, learn new things, and try new experiences. And we can do all that with a healthy dose of hard-earned wisdom. That's a significant blessing and gift if you ask me. So, as I move forward in my "best is yet to come" years, I will be looking to the Author of all good things, anticipating the goodness of God. I feel especially blessed with my life so far, and I believe God has good things in store for my future too. Thanks for celebrating my 50th birthday, Community!

Have a great week!

Liz

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HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY

Hello Everyone!

This week I want to focus on the Nursery in my note to you. Teresa is the Director of the Nursery and there are some great opportunities for everyone at Community to get involved in that ministry. If you have young children, we want to be sure you know that the Nursery is for you! You are welcome to bring your child to the Nursery on Wednesday evenings so you can enjoy a Midweek class and on Sunday mornings during the services and Sunday School.

On Tuesday mornings, a group of parents and caregivers bring their little ones to play and fellowship in the Nursery. It has become a growing community, with new friends who weren't part of our church before. Feel free to spread the word.

Finally, Teresa mentioned that the Nursery needs more volunteers for the 2024 calendar.

- You only volunteer once per quarter and Teresa uses a rotation schedule for the year, so after you are plugged in, you can let her know which weeks work and don't work well for you and swap. She works very hard to make it easy for volunteers to serve in this way.

- There is always a staff person in the Nursery with you. That person takes care of diapers, helps parents with the sign in computer, and can answer any questions you might have. You get to focus on reading stories, playing, snuggles, and enjoying time together at church.

- This is a precious way to impact the lives of the little ones in our church. You can be one of the people to show them how much they are loved. This also shows love to parents who want to bring their children to Nursery while they are worshiping.

- You only volunteer during one of the two services, so you can still go to church on that Sunday.

Please pray for the Nursery staff, volunteers, children, and families. This is a special ministry here at Community.

Enjoy these photos of some of the Nursery fun from Wednesday evening. The Nursery crew talked about how "There's Snow Place Like Home" and each child shared where they live, what color their home is, & if their bedroom is upstairs or downstairs. They talked about Jesus and God.

They talked about what we thought Heaven looks like. Afterwards, they all played with snow slime. Then during free play a small group of children built different kinds of block homes and shared with the group about their block home! (One built "Grandma's Princess home" and another built a campsite.) They have such big imaginations and hearts!

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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