

# THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 12, 2025

## THIS WEEK

MARCH 12- MARCH 19

### Wednesday, March 12

5:30-6:30pm-

#### Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup Night

6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages;

Middle school youth group

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

### Saturday, March 15

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

### Sunday, March 16

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

10:00am- Sunday School

10:00am- Foundations of Faith Class

### Monday, March 17

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, March 18

9:30am- Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- Book Club

### Wednesday, March 19

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy)

5:30-6:30pm-

#### Pulled Pork Sandwiches

6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages;

Middle School Connection Night

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

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BE FOUND AT THE LINK**

**BALLOTS DUE MARCH 23**

## Clyde's Update

Our month of March is moving right along, and it is going just how one might think it would. Some nice days, and then a few snow showers, wind and then a warm up. I don't think any of us really mind that so much. I know our farmer friends are welcoming any moisture we can get as the spring approaches. The weeks get away quickly so let's not get in too big a hurry for the time to pass. I have learned it goes fast enough. I know there are basketball tournaments coming so that should bring on rather tough weather. It seems like that can happen this time of year. So far, not so bad! Spring is coming!

A couple of reminders here for the new week. Remember the Seek conference coming up in April. I hope you are considering making that Saturday a priority. We are going to work very hard at making that a great day for everyone. Also, don't forget about our parking lot fundraiser that is still on going. We are doing very well with that, and we want you all have an opportunity to get involved in that if you have not done so yet. We certainly have enough to do the parking lot and the concrete work that needs to be done. We are just now trying to build a bit of a fund that we can tap into when other things go wrong with this building that is over 15 years old now. God has been good! Pray about that if you haven't done so. I have all the confidence that the Spirit is moving. Thanks everyone for your attention to this. You have been so generous already.

As we move through Lent, I want to also remind you of our annual Maundy Thursday special communion service that happens during Holy Week. It is one of the nicest events we do in our church calendar. We are considering doing two this year, but we haven't made that final decision yet. We just want there to be enough room for everyone and not be too crowded. More on that as we get closer.

A word on MidWeek. That evening continues to be going so well. I am so impressed with the work crews. They have so much to get done on any giving night in preparing those meals. It takes a big commitment to get all of that in place and we have some great workers back in the kitchen. We are getting some real professionals in there now after all these years of doing this. There is some good church going on in that kitchen on Wednesday nights. I would even ask that others would join those groups. You wouldn't have to do all of Wednesday nights, you could just volunteer to help prepare or serve one the meals. I would love to see that!

Sunday's message will again focus on Jesus and his amazing determination fueled by his unconditional love for the world that would lead him to lay down his life for each of us. This week we will set our attention the spiritual battle that he was waging on our behalf as well. This battle goes all the way back to the garden when the devil was seeking to ruin the grand creation of God. The journey of Jesus to the cross and his resurrection is certainly for us, but it is also a great battle between the powers of this world and the Kingdom of Heaven. I mentioned the warrior king on Sunday. This will be Jesus' great battle. He is a glorious Savior. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

## MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

### MISSION HAITI

Love Jesus. Love Others. Make Disciples.  
Mission-Haiti's purpose is to show the love of  
God by developing and equipping strong  
Christian leaders in Haiti for the cause of Christ

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### PRAYERS FOR MISSION TRIP

Curt Van Oort will be leaving on Saturday, March 15 for a mission trip to Guatemala; to keep him and his group safe travel, good health while there, save work installing stoves in homes, and for the Holy Spirit to be present in each encounter.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alex & Meghan Hoogendoorn on the birth of their daughter Everly Kathleen. Grandparents are Russ & Teresa Hoogendoorn & great grandparents are Alvin & Dolly Hoogendoorn.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

### PIE & GAME NIGHT

Saturday, April 5th

5:00pm

Bring a game if you wish. Pie provided!  
All ages welcome!

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**Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.**

**Romans 12:12**

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

Email Pastor John at [prayerline@communityrc.org](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Daisy Johnston (seizures)
- Dustin Brouwer's dad, Phil (heart surgery recovery)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Carrie Valentine (foot & ankle surgery)
- Terry & Dree Mayer's son-in-law, Tony
- Fern Eeten (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (hip surgery recovery)
- Duane Beiswanger's nephew, Derick (tumor)
- Gary Van Den Hoek
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Lori Blom's dad, Kevin (cancer)
- Steve Zimmerman
- Jan Sturing's son, Matt (surgery)
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Gracia Harmsen
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- 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.



## LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



We are getting close to wrapping up our Mid-Week ministries. It's hard to believe we are at this point in the year already, and this year's Mid-Week schedule is almost a month longer than last year's Mid-Week schedule! Here is a breakdown of the dates:

March 12 – Regular Mid-Week  
March 19 – Regular Mid-Week  
March 26 – Last night of Mid-Week classes  
April 2 – Celebration night of Pizza and Praise and Worship

I hope you will join us for these last weeks! It's still a wonderful way to meet and connect with people from Community!

Please keep your eyes and mind on information for our upcoming Seek Conference on April 12. This is an all-day event that will include a ton of worship (which I'll be leading along with our worship band), teaching, prayer, fellowship, and time to engage with what we've been learning that day. Lunch will be provided for everyone as well as nursery care for the youngest. Heather will be leading the kindergarten through 5th Graders that day in activities that will go along with what the rest of us will be experiencing. And Middle and High School kids are welcome to attend this event right along with the adults. Registration is currently open online and at the link. Join us!

Heather is going to be setting up the VBS table very soon in the lobby. This year's Theme is "Created!" And although I won't give away all of the details yet, I will say that the Zoo-Mobile from the Great Plains Zoo will be making an appearance or two during the week. VBS is July 21-24 in the evenings. And registration is open right now for children and volunteers alike. VBS is for kids of all ages up through students going into 6th Grade. We'll need tons of volunteers to help with all aspects of VBS including games, lessons, crafts, and just a general wrangling of children throughout the week. I won't give away my character just yet. You'll have to register for VBS so you can meet her/me the first night! 😊 I love VBS week, and I hope you'll join us!

Enjoy the warm days this week...I hear a shift is coming this weekend.  
Ah...MARCH!

See you Sunday!

Liz

[Liz.Teel@communityrc.org](mailto:Liz.Teel@communityrc.org)



## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **April 14** 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

### HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will hold their postponed Feb. meeting on March 18th at 1:30 pm. Mary is hostess and Carol has the last lesson of our old books. New books are \$12.

### BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, March 18, at 7pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Last Exchange* by Martin.

The morning book club will meet Wed., March 19, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave & 33rd St. We will be discussing *Under the Tulip Tree* by Shocklee.



## LIBRARY NEWS

The church library has had some big changes in the last week.  
Check it out!

### FINANCES

Sunday, March 9, 2025

General: \$10,479  
Vision: \$175  
Missions: \$25  
Parking Lot: \$325  
Wed. Night: \$130

General YTD: \$119,416  
Vision YTD: \$5,702  
Vision Account Balance: \$19,036

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**7/21-24/2025**  
**www.605.church/vbs**



## HEATHER'S UPDATE **KID'S MINISTRY**

Hi Everyone!

Last week, I got to spend a few hours working on the Bible lessons for Vacation Bible School this year. This theme is so much fun! I think the kids are going to love the adventure of meeting different animals and jumping into Bible stories. Online registration is now open.

<https://communityrc.org/vbs> VBS happens July 21-24, 2025 from 6-7:45pm. Remember to invite friends. VBS is free for everyone! We have Sing 'n Sprout for parents or grandparents and their little ones. We also have VBS groups for Preschool up through Grade 6. Many youth also love to volunteer at VBS. Adults, we can't do VBS without your help. Please choose a volunteer slot and plan to join us.

Also, remember to save Saturday, April 12 on your calendar to attend the Seek Event here at church. Whether you are an adult or a child, please know that people are working hard to be sure this day will be worth your time.

As the geese are starting to fly back in the other direction, it reminds me that summer is sneaking up on us. If you are hoping to have your child attend camp this year, I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible. There are kids from Community attending many of the sessions at Inspiration Hills. There is bussing available for day camp as well. [www.inspirationhills.org](http://www.inspirationhills.org). There are day camp and overnight camp options. Community will fund half of the "early bird- before April 15" camp fee for kids who want to go to camp. When you go to sign up, there is an option to indicate the amount church will pay. For example: Discovery Camp is \$245. Community will cover \$122.50 of that cost. If paying for the remaining \$122.50 isn't possible for your family but you'd like to send them to camp, just send me an email and we can arrange a scholarship option. We want every child who would enjoy camp to have the opportunity to explore their faith in this new way. (Just don't pick the week of July 21 for camp, because that's our Vacation Bible School week! 😊)

See you soon!

Heather DeWit  
 Community Kids  
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*early childhood weekday*

**Play Group**

**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](mailto:Heather.DeWit@Communityrc.org) or 605-336-1475



### THE GIVE

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

### VBS at Community (for our zoo theme)

Clean, gently-used plush or plastic animal toys

### East River Roster Parent Network

New & gently used toddler clothes

### Community Youth

Empty Ink Cartridges & old cellphones

### The Banquet

Hygiene items (Band-aids, Feminine Products  
 Nail Clippers)

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# Seek

## PRAYER EVENT

IN COOPERATION  
WITH STRATEGIC RENEWAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

9:00AM-4:30PM

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH

6800 E. 41st St. Sioux Falls, SD • 605.336.1475

LIGHT BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S  
ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

605.CHURCH/seek



We're excited to partner with Strategic Renewal for this Saturday Prayer Event! Experience the power of scripture-fed, Spirit-led, worship-based prayer.

Light breakfast & lunch provided! Registration is free!  
<https://communityrc.org/seek>

Not sure what to do with your kids while you attend SEEK?

We'll provide nursery care for kids from infants-5 years old. Kids from K-5th grade can attend the special event just for kids (Joyful Noise). Kids nursery & activities are also free! Just register!

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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](mailto: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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