



THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 13, 2024

Weekly Calendar

MARCH 13 - MARCH 20

Wednesday, March 13

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

Thursday, March 14

7:00pm- Elders meeting

8:00pm- Consistory meeting

Saturday, March 16

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

Sunday, March 17

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

10:10am- SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, March 18

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 19

9:30-11am- Easter-themed Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- Book Club at church

Wednesday, March 20

9:00am- Book Club (Bagel Boy on MN Ave.)

5:30-6:30pm- Pizza Night

6:30-7:30pm-

Praise & Worship Night
(Nursery also provided)

7:30-8:30pm-

High School Youth Group

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

The middle of March friends and we are still doing very well on this spring-like weather. I know they had a big snow in Nebraska last week, but we are still in the clear here. I think a little rain might be a good thing for our farmer friends, but it sure has been nice up this point. We got the time change finished up this past weekend, so we are off and running on that shift as well. I don't like that it is so dark once again when I get to the church on those early Sunday mornings, but that too will change soon enough as the sun marches its way north. The season changes are pretty amazing. God did know what he was doing!

I saw lots of people grabbing ballots on Sunday morning to help us get that done. Thanks everyone for doing that. If you haven't finished that up yet...get it done. Like I said on Sunday morning, I know we don't know everyone on that list, but you know the people you know...vote for them. If you remember back a while ago, I asked if you had some ideas on how to change that process, you could share those ideas. We shared those at our last Consistory meeting...there were only two...and those two were completely opposite ideas. So, we decided to let it rest for another year. There is no sense making a fuss out of something that everyone is ok with. If it's not broke, don't fix it. That's how we are proceeding.

I want to take a little time to highlight one of our "work group" ministries in this week's newsletter. We have several groups of people who prepare our meals for MidWeek. I want you to know how fantastic those groups are. When you walk into the kitchen during those Wednesday night activities, that room is just buzzing. People are visiting and sharing. There is lots of laughter. It is so good to see. These meals take some good planning and some determined effort to do. The numbers have been very consistent in this year and usually they prepare for 200 to 250 meals each week. That's a big task. I want to offer my thanks to those volunteers for what they do. I want to thank those head chefs for their teams and all the work they put into that. We eat very good on Wednesday nights. I know there are so many others who volunteer to bring all the desserts as well. It is really something to see all of that come together. Well done!

Sunday, we move to one of the last groups in series "the disciples of Jesus". This group of men, some more like boys, have been chosen to follow the greatest teacher/friend/mentor the world has ever seen. They were not qualified for such a position...they were called to it. There were many rabbis in that day who would collect a group of followers and then teach them the deep things of God, but no one on the "Jesus Team" would have been chosen by any one of those rabbis...not one of them, and yet, here they are. Their part of all this is very different than the other groups. They have followed and listened to this man for three years. They were mostly convinced that he was going to do something amazing in the coming days, but of course, they were not in agreement as to what that was going to be. They didn't fair to well as things started getting rough. Fear took over and they ran. They turned from followers to fearful observers. Father forgive them, they don't know what they are doing! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

HEATHER'S UPDATE

KID'S MINISTRY



Hello Everyone!

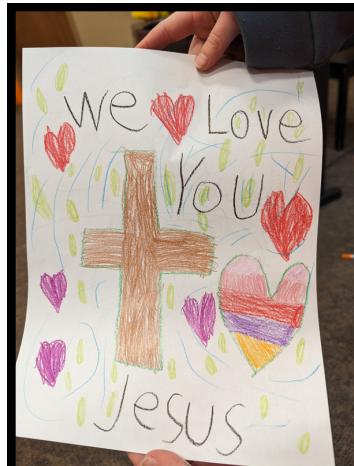
As Liz said on Sunday, registration for VBS is open! Sign up and get more information at: <https://communityrc.org/vbs>

Also, we have one more regular week of Midweek before Pizza and Praise night so this Wednesday we'll thank our fifth graders for being part of us and being great leaders, then we'll enjoy some wrap up activities before we are apart for the summer.

In Sunday School, most of the kids are learning about Easter and the love Jesus demonstrated on the cross. They seem to dive into that topic a little more willingly than many adults. I encourage you to have a conversation with a kid about Jesus. Good stuff!!!

Two weeks ago on Wednesday, the kids were learning about prayer and had some quiet time with God. A couple of the kids wanted to share some of the drawings they made with all of you. This past week, they learned about butterflies and new life in Jesus. It was a really fun lesson, and I learned some new things about caterpillars/butterflies AND new things about the Bible. The kids think maybe it would have helped Nicodemus if he could see inside a butterfly's chrysalis when a caterpillar first goes in there.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Evita Attema (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Judy Van Meeteren (knee surgery recovery)
- Dave Van Dine (heart)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dree Mayer (knee replacement 2/26)
- Russ Hoogendoorn's friend, Duane
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Evita Attema's sister, Lilli (cancer)
- Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease- recovery from procedure)
- Jeris VanZee (Mantle Cell Lymphoma)
- Henry Collins (continued healing)
- 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)
- Rick Hoogendoorn (pancreatic cancer)
- 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

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, March 20

Pizza & Praise Night

5:30-6:30pm- Pizza

6:30-7:30pm- Praise & Worship

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

7:00pm

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday

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

No Sunday School

NOMINATIONS FOR CONSISTORY

We need your help in Nominating new consistory members. You'll nominate 3 people for elders & 3 people for deacons.

The list of eligible people is at The Link in the lobby. Nomination forms can be placed in the designated box also located at The Link.

Email the church office
(connect@communityrc.org)
if You have any questions.

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 17

FINANCES

Sunday, March 10, 2024

General: \$11,439

Vision: \$80

Missions: \$140

Wednesday Night: \$220

General YTD: \$133,224

Vision YTD: \$11,656

Vision Account Balance: \$41,368

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

Mission Haiti

..... 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=N1Niems0MG5vdkOreVZUTHIwkgxZz09>

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

..... SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **April 8** 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 Tuesday, March 19, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Lake House*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, March 20, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Hidden Valley Road*.

**Interested in joining a book club?
We'd love to have you join us!**

..... HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on March 19th at 1:30 (please remember the time change!). Helen has the lesson and is serving as hostess.

FREE

Parenting Event

Saturday, April 20th
9:30-11:30am

Community Reformed Church
6800 E. 41st St. | Sioux Falls

9:30-10:15AM- (ZACH SEEFELDT)
"INFORMED PARENTS- SOCIAL MEDIA/ DIGITAL CONTENT "

10:30-11:30AM- (AUTHOR SARAH R. MOORE)
"PEACEFUL DISCIPLINE"

SARAH R. MOORE



ZACH SEESEELDT



Child Care provided for infants- 12 years old
To register for child care visit 605.church/parenting-event-2024

GAME & pie Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 20
5:00PM

**BRING A GAME IF YOU WISH.
PIE PROVIDED!
ALL AGES WELCOME!**



EASTER-THMED PLAY GROUP

TUESDAY, MARCH 19
9:30-11:00AM

JOIN US FOR AN EGG HUNT & BOUNCE INFLATABLE!

PARENTS/ GRANDPARENTS/ CAREGIVERS AND KIDS YOUNGER
THAN KINDERGARTEN AGE WILL JOIN TOGETHER FOR OPEN PLAY
TIME IN THE COMMUNITY NURSERY.
(OLDER SIBLINGS WELCOME TOO) QUESTIONS?
NURSERY@COMMUNITYRC.ORG OR 605-336-1475



DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



We are in our final week of midweek before pizza and praise. It's a strange feeling as the weather has felt right on for that time (or even a little nicer) but with Easter being earlier this year, the calendar makes it feel like there should be a few more weeks. Either way, I am excited for the final night of our series on relationships.

The middle school group is going to be talking about family and the high school will be in the final conversation around the questions they submitted on dating. This is always the series that we have some of the best discussion around. A large part of that is how relatable and consistent this topic is in students lives. Again, I don't claim to have all the answers or a fool proof plan to a perfect relationship. However, through the conversations that takes place in light of the series, there is a lot of wisdom and support given between students and that is sometimes the best part of it all!

Our high school group is also having our Red Carpet event this month as well. This is always one of the favorites for students as we dress up and go enjoy a nice meal together as a group. The event is so great because it doesn't just allow students to have another time to connect, it brings others into the group and creates some great bonds. There is something special about dressing up and being a part of a group that welcomes you in!

As we enter the final few months of the school year, I encourage you to pray for students as they finish well. There's still a lot going on this year! If you have any questions on youth ministry, please feel free to reach out anytime!

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LENTEN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

**SAT. MARCH 23
9:30AM**

at Maurice Reformed Church
Maurice, IA

Featuring "Because He Lives"
a message by Val Dykstra

Sign up at The Link
by Sunday, March 17
or email lanafaybrux@gmail.com

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/Toothpase

Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety
Lotion



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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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