

# THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 19, 2025

## THIS WEEK

MARCH 19- MARCH 26

### Wednesday, March 19

5:30-6:30pm-

#### Pulled Pork Sandwiches

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

Middle school youth group

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

### Saturday, March 22

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

### Sunday, March 23

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

10:00am- Sunday School

10:00am- Foundations of Faith Class

### Monday, March 24

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, March 25

9:30am- Play Group

### Wednesday, March 26

5:30-6:30pm-

#### Chicken Salad/ Taco Salad

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

Middle School Connection Night

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

**ELDER/DEACON  
NOMINATION LIST CAN  
BE FOUND AT THE LINK**

**BALLOTS DUE MARCH 23**

## Clyde's Update

We have nice days and then we get some not so nice days. Sounds like March to me. We are getting some much-needed rain and yes, even snow. If it doesn't interfere with the things we need to get done, we can handle that. Spring is seeming to want to make an appearance this year, and I am very good with that. Easter is not that far away. My, how quickly the days go by.

A few reminders this week of things to be watching for. I'll start with getting your Elder and Deacon ballots in so that we can begin to put all that together. I know many of you have done that, but we do have a time frame to work with so, please get that wrapped up for us. I also want to remind everyone of the "Seek" event coming up in April. As mentioned on Sunday, I really think you are going to enjoy Pastor Aaron. He's a great communicator and all-around down to earth kind of guy. The material is excellent; the theme is Spirit led; the time of year is by plan, and I believe you will all be glad you came. Remember to register so we can get a count for the number of meals we need to prepare. Kids are welcome for the day, as Heather has an all-day event planned for the K-5 kids and the nursery will be staffed for infants-5 years old. We are doing all we can to make this opportunity work for you. Join us!

At consistory last week, we started to put some final plans together for the parking lot fix that will be coming this spring as well as the new concrete that will be getting done. We are going forward with those projects as the funds for them are in place. That's because of the amazing generosity of all you folks. You are amazing Community! Be praying that both of those projects go well and that the obvious inconvenience during that time, won't get in the way too much. We will know more about the dates in coming weeks so be attentive to those announcements.

Our MidWeek program is quickly moving to end of the season as well. It is so difficult to believe we are already at this point on the calendar. I have so enjoyed this year, and all the things that we are doing there. I have enjoyed the class that I have been a part of, and I have been most impressed with those new adult classes that we have presented. It has all gone so well. Our volunteer groups are amazing; the kids wing helpers are fantastic; and the nursery people are the best. It has been such a great year. We are going to finish well! Thanks everyone!

Sunday our attention turns to an Old Testament reference that seems to be saying something about the way God was going to redeem Israel. It is one of those stories that doesn't on the surface have much to say about the Messiah's living message, but it does. Jesus knew the bible of his day very well, as you would expect, and he was often trying to teach all his followers just how all of this has been in the works for a long time. He was telling them there were hints, shall we say, all along the narratives of the Old Testament. That message wasn't always received that well by the established church of the day, but truth can be that way. 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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### CONDOLENCES

Junella Wesselink's sister, Betty, passed away.  
Our condolences go out to her and her family.

Our condolences also go out to the family of  
Fern Eeten. Please keep these families in your  
prayers.

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**"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."**

**Matthew 6:6**

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

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

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Joselyn Cleveringa (seizures/testing)
- Meghan Hoogendoorn
- Helen Robinson's granddaughter
- Jenna Hoogendoorn's grandpa & grandma
- Curt Van Oort (on mission trip in Guatemala)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Daisy Johnston (seizures)
- Dustin Brouwer's dad, Phil (heart surgery recovery)
- Carrie Valentine (foot & ankle surgery)
- Terry & Dree Mayer's son-in-law, Tony
- 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)
- 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)

### 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.



# CONSYSTORY MINUTES

MARCH 13, 2025

In Attendance: Clyde Teel, Ross Larson, Harvey Odens, Mike Boyenga, Justin Hinks, Tanner Corbin, Susan Bierwagen, Mary Burggraaf, Tom Weerheim, Darren Ellwein, Tyler Wolf, Mark Theisen

Opening Devotional, Hope not Deferred – Proverbs 13:12, and Prayer – Mark Theisen

MSA the February 13, 2025 consistory meeting minutes.

MSA the February 2025 financial report.

Property Committee members are meeting with contractors regarding concrete replacement project/bids.

Program Evaluations are progressing.

Prayer Event taking place April 11 in the evening for leadership and April 12 for the congregation and community.

Reviewed reports from Liz and Heather.

Kingdom Network pastors retreat in May in Kalamazoo, MI.

Next meeting will be April 11, 2025.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted, Mary Burggraaf, Clerk

## UPCOMING DATES

### PIZZA & PRAISE NIGHT

Join us on **Wednesday, April 2nd** for pizza from Pizza Hut from 5:30-6:20pm and then praise & worship from 6:30-7:30pm.

### PIE & GAME NIGHT

**Saturday, April 5th @ 5:00pm**  
Bring a game if you wish. Pie provided! All ages welcome!

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Join us at 7:00pm on **Thursday, April 17** for our communion Maundy Thursday Service where we celebrate The Last Supper.

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## WELCOME

We welcome these new members to Community!

Kayla & Chris Enger  
(kids: Evelyn, Calvin, Donnie & Grace)

Jeff & Felicia Gifford (child: Alexander)

Keith & Katie Hoekstra  
(kids: Connelly, Cayenne, Lucille, Aaron)

Gregory Venenga

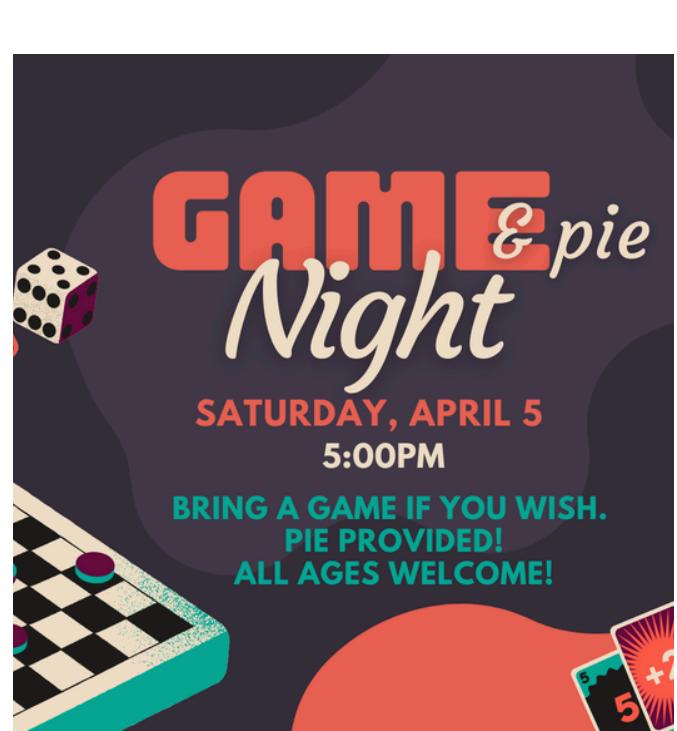
Bonnie Venenga

Alexis Kulm

**GAME & pie  
Night**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5  
5:00PM**

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





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

*Spring*  **B I N G O**

CALL OR TEXT- TELL SOMEONE GOD LOVES THEM	PRAY TO THANK GOD	COOK OR BAKE SOMETHING THAT SMELLS GOOD	DRAW OR PAINT A BIBLE STORY	SING A SONG
GO OUTSIDE AND ENJOY GOD'S CREATION	BE STILL	WRITE A WORD LIKE GRACE & TRACE/ DECORATE AROUND IT	ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE OR SUNDAY SCHOOL	LISTEN TO A SONG THAT REMINDS YOU OF GOD'S LOVE.
JOURNAL OR WRITE SOMEONE A NOTE	PRAY FOR OR WITH SOMEONE ELSE	READ YOUR BIBLE	WATCH THE SUN RISE OR SET	EXERCISE OR STRETCH, THANK GOD FOR HEALTH
WATCH A BIBLE STORY VIDEO OR CHOSEN	LEARN A NEW BIBLE VERSE	MAKE SOMEONE SMILE OR LAUGH	TALK TO GOD ABOUT A WORRY	THINK ABOUT SOMETHING YOU LOOK FORWARD TO
CHECK OUT A BOOK FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY	BREATHE DEEP AND THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS	READ ONE OLD AND ONE NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STORY	PLANT SOMETHING	READ IN PSALMS



Community Kids

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



We are officially in the March Madness season, and that includes our Wednesday night series. Every year we do a series on relationships. This year, there has been a lot of talk about friendships, drama and fallouts (there are also good things going on in the friends groups as well!). With all of that though, we are going to be focusing on the power of friendships and the importance of community as we go through this month. The middle school group got started last week with Abby as she filled in for me and led a great discussion with the group! We continue that into this week as we look back into the proverbs for some insight and wisdom on solid friendships.

Our high school group was out last week as we had our yearly Red Carpet Night. This is a tradition that goes back to Liz's time as the youth pastor and continues to be one of the favorite things we do as a group. Sometimes all it takes is dressing up nice and going out for a meal to make an impact on the connections being made within the youth group. As we continue in March, the high school group gets into our series on relationships. We start much like the last weeks middle school group in a conversation on friendship.

Summer planning is underway and I want to highlight summer Camps. First, June 15th-20th I will be bringing a group of high school students to Pickerel Lake Bible Camp. Inspiration Hills also continues to be a great option for students as many have gone there since elementary school! Whether students join me, go to Inspiration Hills or find another camp to attend this summer, I do highly encourage students to seek out that opportunity. There is something great about those weeks we don't get throughout the year.

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the student ministry here, please feel free to reach out anytime!

Doyle  
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## 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





## WAYS TO GIVE

TO THE PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN

**IN SERVICE**  
Cash or check in offering baskets in the back (please use marked envelopes)

**ONLINE**  
One time or recurring at [605.church/give-to-community](http://605.church/give-to-community) (Select "Parking Lot")

**MAIL**  
You can mail a check to:  
Community Reformed Church  
6800 E. 41st St.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57110



### FINANCES

Sunday, March 16, 2025

General: \$11,320  
Vision: \$1,060  
Missions: \$655  
Parking Lot: \$600  
Wed. Night: \$---

General YTD: \$130,736  
Vision YTD: \$6,762  
Vision Account Balance: \$20,096

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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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