

Easter

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

MAUNDY
THURSDAY
COMMUNION
SERVICE
7:00PM

THE COMMUNICATOR

Weekly Calendar

MARCH 20 - MARCH 27

Wednesday, March 20

5:30-6:30pm- Pizza Night
6:30-7:30pm-
Praise & Worship
(Nursery also provided)
7:30-8:30pm-
High School Youth Group

Saturday, March 23

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)
See page 2 for details

Sunday, March 24

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

Monday, March 25

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 26

9:30-11am- Play Group

Wednesday, March 27

7:30-8:30pm-
High School Youth Group

FINANCES

Sunday, March 17, 2024

General: \$12,350
Vision: \$1,370
Missions: \$180
Wednesday Night: \$193

General YTD: \$145,574
Vision YTD: \$13,026
Vision Account Balance: \$37,617

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

MARCH 20, 2024

March is now past the midpoint and yes, it is still March, which means you never know what you might get. We even had a little snow in the air on Sunday. I have a feeling we might not be done with all of that yet. I just know how March can be. It is a very unpredictable month of the year. So far, it really hasn't been all that bad other than all the wind. I think the wind is just annoying. I have a feeling many of you feel that way as well. We could use a little rain. It might be time for the song "Flood Gate". I'll talk to Liz about that. In the meantime, I hope everyone is having a great month.

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday. I can't believe we are here, but then again, I knew this would all go so quickly. Palm Sunday will bring with it all the traditions of the Jewish parade back when Jesus was here as well as all the tradition we have for those of us who grew up in the church. Palm branches and all! We are getting to end of this season. That means Easter is only a few days away. Can you believe that?

We are doing our last MidWeek of the year this week with our annual praise and pizza night. It has been a good year, and it has gone very quickly. I want to again thank everyone who makes that evening work because it takes a lot of hands to put that all together. It remains one of the nicest ways to meet new people and to get connected to this place. If you sit around a table and eat together or get involved in one of the classes...it will make a difference in knowing each other. I will miss it when it is done. Although, as quickly as the time seems to go, it will be fall before you know it. Sorry, I probably didn't need to say that last part.

I thought I would offer a quick word about some of our new denomination's business going on this spring. We continue to work through several things for this group, much of it involves getting things in order in our regional hub. We know we have gathered a couple of new churches into our hub from Iowa. I don't think it's all official yet, so I will hold off on sharing those names for the moment. We have also been working out the details of how we will credential our pastor candidates. We must have a process by which all of that can happen. Obviously, we have other churches we are learning from in this process, but still it all needs to happen with a degree of professionalism and certainly good sound theology. There is a gathering of all the church leaders in April and Grant Boltes and I will be attending that. I am interested in getting to know some of the other friends in this group as well as take in some of the activities for learning that week. It all seems to be going very well, and as a group, there is still a strong sense of local control and not to get too top heavy in our organizational structure. The other thing that always impresses me about this group is their focus of ministry and the strong central message of Christ first and the working of the Holy Spirit. We'll keep you informed as the time moves along.

Sunday is Palm Sunday! I think we know all about that! This year, we will look at that from the point of view of the many groups we have been sharing about these past few Sundays. Jesus was coming into the city. Had their Messiah arrived? Was this the one they had been praying for and waiting for all these many years? What was going to happen next? We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

CONSISTORY NOTES

MARCH 14, 2024

Attendance: Clyde Teel, Ross Larson, Tom Van Roekel, Tom Bosch, Russ Hoogendoorn, Harvey Odens, Stan Deelstra, Grant Boltjes, Tanner Corbin, Tyler Wolf, Corey Feenstra, Lyle Pudwill, Mary Burggraaf, Mark Theisen, Darren Ellwein, Doug Harms

Opening scripture, various verses related to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday events and Opening Prayer - Tom Bosch

MSA to approve the February 8, 2024 meeting minutes.

MSA to approve the February financial report.

Office air handler unit is being put on the installer's schedule for installation.

Harmsen's remediation reported.

Reviewed reports from Liz and Heather.

Due to a snow storm, our delegation wasn't able to attend the Great Plains hub regional gathering on February 27, 2024 at the Orange City First Reformed Church.

Grant gave a report on the monthly Zoom meeting highlights. Grant and Pastor Clyde will be attending the global meeting in April.

Nominations for elders and deacons are due this Sunday, March 17.

A parenting event is scheduled for April.

A Prayer event is being planned for the fall, possibly September. A date will be finalized by the April meeting.

Closing prayer – Pastor Clyde

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Burggraaf

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Larry Halverson's dad, Vern
- Simon Boyenga (mission trip)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

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

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Madonna Graanstra and her family. Her sister Shary Muchow, 69 passed away Sunday evening after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Dolly Hoogendoorn and her family on the passing of her sister, Angela Faber. Please keep them all in your prayers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



Midweek is finishing up with tonight's pizza and praise night. While it is hard to imagine we are already at this point in the year, it does bring about a few things that will be going on for students still before the end of the school year. To start, our current 8th grade students are invited to join the high school group the first Wednesday in April (the 3rd) to be introduced to the high school group before officially joining the group this summer. Since the high school group will have the entire church while we keep meeting in April, this is a great chance for the soon to be freshman to get a feel for what that will be like. I will be sending an email out to parents as well so if you have an 8th grade student you can be looking for that.

To continue on that note, our high school group will continue to meet for the month of April, and this year we will be talking about social media throughout the month. This was a topic that students brought up in February and so we are going to get into all of that together. Our time does change a little as well as we will do a meal from 6:00-7:00 and then have our large group session from 7:00-8:00. Student are welcome to hang out after as they spend time together in conversation and games.

Finally, we do have an event for both middle and high school students on Sunday, May 5th. We are joining together with the churches we did the winter retreat with for a night of worship. We will have a meal from 6:00-7:00 then have worship starting at 7:00. Again, this is for both middle and high school students and the current plan is to meet at First E Free here in Sioux Falls. As we get closer to that I will be sending out the specific details and hopefully a playlist of songs they can expect to hear so they can be listening prior to the night.

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

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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, April 16, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Great Alone* by Hannah.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, April 17, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Lake House* by Morten.

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



CHURCH SOFTBALL

Church coed League
Monday Nights at Sherman Park
If anyone is interested in playing, they
can contact Doyle.
(doyle.burnside@communityrc.org)
For ages 16+.

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REQUEST FOR AIR MATTRESSES

CRU is putting on a college aged women's event in Vermillion this Friday-Saturday (March 21-23) and is asking if they could borrow air mattresses. If you have one they could borrow, please bring it to the office either TODAY or THURSDAY.

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 SEEFELDT



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



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

WD40
WOMEN'S
GROUP

APRIL 1ST
7-8PM



This week, we celebrate our final night of Mid-Week until next fall. It takes SO many people to make that ministry run smoothly. I'd like to thank a few people specially for all the work they put in this year.

Thanks to Janet Bartscher for organizing and scheduling all the kitchen work crews. She also makes sure the hotdog supply doesn't run out every week! Thanks, Janet for keeping an eye on all those moving parts for the meals.

I'd like to thank all of our kitchen head chefs and work crews. It's too many people to name, but if you made BBQs, Italian food, Salads, Tacos, Shepherds Pie, Pulled Pork Sandwiches, or Soup, please know you have our deepest gratitude for filling our bellies every Wednesday night. We thank you for all your hard work of setting up, cooking, and cleaning up every week!

Special thanks to everyone who taught adult classes this year. I feel like it was one of our best years yet! At its peak, over 170 adults were attending classes every week. Now that is something to celebrate! Thank you to our teachers: Pastor Clyde, Pastor John, Susan Bierwagen, Grace Collins, and Kyle Wigg.

I know there were many people who helped in the youth areas as well as in the nursery. Thank you to all of you who helped teach and care for the children on Wednesday nights. You make an immense difference in the lives of those children!

And of course, I can't forget to thank everyone who just CAME! Thank you for committing to our classes and to helping with meals. Friends, a ministry cannot be successful unless people come and keep coming. The fact that our numbers stayed consistent all year was such a blessing. Thank you for participating in all we had to offer!

And as I mentioned last week, this Wednesday, March 20, will be our last night of Mid-Week. Everyone is welcome to join us for pizza at 5:30 and then praise and worship from 6:30-7:30pm. It's a wonderful way to acknowledge everyone who made this ministry possible and to join in worship to God, by whose hand all of this good has come. We do it for God, with God, and by God's grace. To Him be all the glory!

Lastly this week, I want to remind the women that our next WD40 meeting is coming up on April 1. This is technically Easter Monday. I want to note that here because I know it will be here before we know it, and it comes right on the heels of that holiday. We'll meet from 7-8pm in the fellowship hall, and we'll only meet one more time before we break for summer.

Have a good week, friends!

Liz

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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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