

THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 26, 2025

THIS WEEK MARCH 26- APRIL 2

Wednesday, March 26

5:30-6:30pm-

Chicken Salad/Taco Salad

6:30-7:30pm- Classes for all ages;
Middle school youth group

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

Saturday, March 29

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, March 30

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

10:00am- Sunday School

10:00am- Foundations of Faith Class

Monday, March 31

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 1

9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, April 2

5:30-6:30pm-

Pizza from Pizza Hut

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

**DON'T
FORGET!**

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

**BALLOTS DUE THIS
SUNDAY MARCH 30**

Clyde's Update

I heard driving to work this morning that we might have an 80-degree day coming at the end of this week. Now, that is sign of spring coming for sure. It has been a windy month, but a very, what I would call, typical March and I am ok with that. I hope that might mean that April would follow suit, but I will have to see it first. You just never know. That's a theme of life as well. We live each day to the fullest and do the best we can, but we have only a small bit of control over the entirety of the whole. Someone bigger than us is working in that arena. Our word for today is trust! Trust in God and lean not on our own understanding. Not a bad way to walk through this world.

It has been a busy few days around here for me. A couple of funerals and church on Sunday will fill the schedule very quickly. It all went well. When you do what I do as a vocation, you quickly learn that the best you can do is be with people in times of struggle. You can be a word of encouragement. You can bring a word of comfort. You can walk them through something that we don't typically have any training for. I walk away from those moments knowing that I have done my best and that hopefully I have brought the presence of God into those moments with me. Remember, we all can do that. It can make a difference. Take the name of Jesus with you. It's a wonderful gift to share.

You might be seeing a little activity in the coming weeks with some of the concrete work around the church parking lot. We have folks looking at that right now and getting their bids together. We will be keeping you all informed as to how all of that is going to go. The folks who are looking to do that project are well aware of the challenges of keeping the place so we can do church. It will all work out just fine. These are things that need to get done and because of your awesome generosity, we are moving!

Some quick reminders this week: The "Seek" event is coming up in just a couple of weeks now. Registrations are coming in. Once again, I am encouraging us to make an effort to take that day to spend with each other, seeking God through music and prayer and teaching. Great food; great fellowship; great connections. I am trusting for a good day with all of you. Our communion Maundy Thursday service will be that following week. A time of deep reflection and gathering to bring the scene of the cross into our hearts at a deeper level. There will be one service that evening at 7pm. Invite a friend and join us. Also, don't forget to get ballots in for Elders and Deacons. I believe this is the final Sunday you can get that done. So far you have done a great job of getting those in. Good job everyone!

Sunday, as I mentioned this past weekend is going to be another day to focus our hearts on the message of the cross. This week we are going to take the old song "The Old Rugged Cross" and use that as our backdrop for the message. I am not going to go through it line by line, but I am going to consider what the writer is trying to say to us. It is a wonderful expression of the battle between the kingdom of the world and the kingdom of heaven. It's also a word of gratitude to a God who has made a way for us to lay down the trappings of this world and enter into a different resting place for these often troubled souls. I am looking forward to doing it. 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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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!

And Elisha prayed,
"Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see."
2 Kings 6:17

In need of prayer or want to
share your prayer request?
Email Pastor John at prayerline@communityrc.org

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PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Audrey Landegent (heart failure)
- Gary Van Den Hoek (going to Mayo)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Joselyn Cleveringa (seizures/testing)
- Meghan Hoogendoorn
- Helen Robinson's granddaughter
- Jenna Hoogendoorn's grandpa & grandma
- 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)
- 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.



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



We are down to our last 2 nights of Mid-Week! Here's what the schedule looks like moving forward:

March 26 5:30 Supper
 6:30 Final Night of Classes

April 2 5:30 Pizza
 6:30 Praise and Worship

Everyone is still welcome to join us for these last nights of Mid-Week!

The Seek Conference is only 3 weeks away. Remember this conference takes place on April 12. It starts at 9:00am and will go until about 4:00pm. Nursery is provided, Heather will be doing things with kindergarten through 5th grade all day long, and 6th grade – high school students are welcome to join the adults in the sanctuary for the entire experience. Lunch will be provided, so we ask that you pre-register for the event by using the QR codes on the signs, going online to our website, or signing up at the link. This all-day event 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. I think it's going to be a powerful time together. I hope you'll join us!

And lastly this week, I'd like to specifically thank Nick Sittig, Jacob Hein, Abbie Coffey, Grace Collins, Abby Burnside, Audrey Hein, and Pastor Clyde for being willing to meet for several extra rehearsals for the new worship song, "Fire." Community, we are so blessed to have musicians who are not only gifted but are also driven and willing to dig in with learning and extra practice in order to bring us new songs like "Fire." I truly believe this honors and glorifies God by expanding our worship experience and raising the bar in a good way. Of course, I'm deeply thankful for ALL of our players and singers who participate in numerous ways during worship. But this week, I'm especially thankful for these few who set the mark for us. Thanks, friends!

Have a good week!

Liz
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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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MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



We are in our final week before pizza and praise! Along with that, it is our final week of our current March Madness series for the middle school group. This week we wrap up our conversation on the importance of being intentional. So many things come up throughout the week that we can often miss time with friends here and there. As we finish this series, we will look at some practical ways we can be intentional even when our schedules don't seem to allow the time we want to have around our good friends.

With midweek wrapping up for everyone else, the high school will go back to being the only group here Wednesdays after next weeks pizza and praise. We will go back to our September timeline with a meal starting at 6 and the high school youth group starting at 7. We will be extending our March Madness series into April this year before starting a new series after Easter.

The high school group also has another service opportunity in early June. A few years ago we went out and helped get camp ready for the summer. This year, we will be heading back up Tuesday, June 3rd and coming home the 4th. There will be some cleaning, yard work and possibly a few small projects that we will work on. For any high school students who are free (whether they come to camp a few weeks later with me or not), save the date and join us!

That's it for this week! As we wrap up the year with the middle school group, and are drawing near the end of the high school group for the year, please feel free to reach out with any questions!

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 (Select "Parking Lot")



MAIL

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



FINANCES

Sunday, March 23, 2025

General: \$11,621
Vision: \$215
Missions: \$380
Parking Lot: \$25
Wed. Night: \$271

General YTD: \$142,357
Vision YTD: \$6,977
Vision Account Balance: \$12,919

AS YOU PLAN YOUR SUMMER...

CREATED

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

JOYFUL NOISE

SATURDAY,
 APRIL 12,
 2025

9AM-4:30PM

SPiritual RENEWAL EVENT FOR K-5 KIDS

PRAYER, GAMES,
 WORSHIP, PLAY,
 CRAFTS, MOVIE




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)



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Hi Everyone!

This week, I want to specifically ask you to register yourself for the Seek event here at church on April 12 and your children for the JOYFUL NOISE event. We are working hard to be sure this is a really good experience for your whole family.

For the Joyful Noise event, kids can look forward to spending time in prayer and learning more about prayer, playing games with their friends, singing (and probably dancing) with worship songs, playing with the toys and games in the Kids' Wing, making some fun and unique crafts, and watching the "Dolphin Tale" movie. I'm looking forward to this time together and have tried to plan a day that is a good balance of structured experiences and a nice break for the kids that allows them to relax and play a bit. I think it will be worth your time and theirs.

Also, remember to register for VBS at <https://communityrc.org/vbs>. We will need many helpers and we want kids to bring friends and neighbors.

The deadline for "early bird" registration at Inspiration Hills is sneaking up on us. If you sign up by April 15, Community is happy to pay of your child's registration. We want every kid to have a chance to go to camp if that's something they want to try. I want to share a specific item of praise and gratitude with all of you. This week, someone from our church sent a donation to sponsor camp for a child this summer. This is such a thoughtful gift, and I am so grateful and encouraged by their generosity. I'm excited to hear from all the kids that get to go to camp this summer and learn what God is doing in their lives.

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
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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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