

# Easter

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

MAUNDY  
THURSDAY  
COMMUNION  
SERVICE  
7:00PM

## THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 27, 2024

### Weekly Calendar

MARCH 20 - MARCH 27

#### Wednesday, March 27

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

#### Thursday, March 28

7:00pm- Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service

#### Saturday, March 30

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

#### Sunday, March 31

##### EASTER SUNDAY

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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Monday, April 1

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

7:00pm- WD40 Women's Group

#### Tuesday, April 2

9:30-11am- Play Group

#### Wednesday, April 3

7:30-8:30pm-

High School Youth Group

### CLYDE'S ARTICLE

And now we are into the last week of March. It is leaving a mark on us. We had some snow this week and some nice rain. I know there were others who had much more of the white stuff, so we can feel pretty fortunate about our conditions. March can do that. We have been saying that all month and now we see the results. We did need the rain so badly and maybe we can get more as the week continues. We can do a little snow. Hang in there everyone... spring is coming!

This is Holy Week which means we add a Thursday night service at 7pm. I have always enjoyed that service so much each year with you all. It will be a night of communion and a night of contemplation on the life and death of our Lord, Jesus. There are so much traditions in that service. Many churches do Good Friday services during this week, but our tradition runs deep with the foot washing tradition from the final meal with Jesus and his 12 followers. This year our focus will be Judas the betrayer. His story is one that is so confusing. Why did he choose to do this? What motivated him? Was it really about the money? Did he want to get even with Jesus for some reason? Did he think Jesus was not the one? This list of questions is endless. Often in these kinds of tragedies that is the case, far more questions than answers. We will investigate this life of his and the person we know as Judas. I think we will all learn some new things about him and maybe take away a new understanding of what was going on in his heart. It is a story with a sad ending for him...and for Jesus...the beginning of a painful journey to the cross. Father, forgive them...for they know not what they do. So true!

We finished up our MidWeek things last week. We had a great time with pizza and some good singing afterwards. One of the best parts for me was listening to the kids sing...and they can sing. We had a lot of fun. That final evening is always very enjoyable. It was a night to thank so many people for all the work they do in making that program work. Our cooks and sponsors are so important as well as the many of you who bring dessert items as well. It takes a lot of hands to do that program. So good to see and so rewarding to be a part of all that. Great job everyone!

Sunday is Easter! It falls on the last day of the month this year. That's early! The story will be the same, but this year our focus in power of that resurrection and what means for us right now. Jesus paid the cost that was our debt! That kind of love brought about a resurrection action that can set the most soul free. It can open the doors to a new life. We are no longer slaves to sin. The grave has been defeated. The curse of the fall has been redeemed. There is so much more. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!



## 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+.



## FINANCES

Sunday, March 24, 2024

General: \$18,552  
 Vision: \$335  
 Missions: \$225  
 Wednesday Night: \$228

General YTD: \$164,126  
 Vision YTD: \$13,361  
 Vision Account Balance: \$37,952

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Lois Hoff's mom, Marlene (hospice)

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Larry Halverson's dad, Vern
- Evita Attema (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's sister, Marlene
- Dave Van Dine (vascular)
- 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)
- 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

# 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

## ..... 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!

## ..... AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA meetings are held in-person or via Zoom on Saturdays at 10:00am.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?  
pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdkOreVZUTHIWkgx  
Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87467618339?pwd=N1Niems0MG5vdkOreVZUTHIWkgxZz09)

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

## ..... 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!**

FREE

# Parenting Event

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

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

**9:30-10:15AM- (ZACH SEEFLDT)**

**"INFORMED PARENTS- SOCIAL MEDIA/ DIGITAL CONTENT "**

**10:30-11:30AM- (AUTHOR SARAH R. MOORE)**

**"PEACEFUL DISCIPLINE"**

SARAH R. MOORE



ZACH SEEFLDT



**Child Care provided for infants- 12 years old  
To register for child care visit [605.church/parenting-event-2024](https://605.church/parenting-event-2024)**

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

WD40  
WOMEN'S  
GROUP

APRIL 1ST  
7-8PM



This week, I thought it might be good to share a short spiritual exercise that you could do once or even a few times during the week in preparation for our special Maundy Thursday service and Easter Sunday services. But first, here are a few details to keep in mind.

Thursday 7:00pm is our one and only Maundy Thursday Communion Service. This service is open to everyone. We will not have nursery available that evening.

Easter Sunday we will hold services at our normal service times, 8:00, 9:00, and 10:45. There will be nursery available at the 9:00 and 10:45 services. There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

And Monday, April 1, from 7:00-8:00pm, the WD40 women's group will be meeting in the fellowship hall for our monthly gathering. This is open to women of all ages, and we only have one more meeting in May before we break for the summer. Join us!

And now for a short spiritual exercise for your Holy Week.

Find a place where you can spend some time in undisturbed thought. For some of you, that might be in a room with the door closed, outdoors in a park, sitting in your car somewhere, or even going for a walk inside or outside. Aim for 15 minutes but you can certainly do more or less time depending on your schedule.

For the first several minutes, consider this question: Is there anything about Holy Week and Jesus' death and resurrection that makes me uncomfortable? What is hard about this? Why does this bother me? Spend some time in the tension of the discomfort and talk to Jesus about it. Tell Him about your thoughts and feelings. Then spend some time in silence listening for His response. Is there a Scripture verse, a single word, a thought, or memory Jesus is bringing to your mind? How does this comfort to you?

For the last several minutes, consider this question: Is there anything about Holy Week and Jesus' death and resurrection that I particularly look forward to? What is encouraging about this? Why do I love it so much? Why is this special to me? Spend some time in the excitement and inspiration you feel and talk to Jesus about it. Share with Him your thoughts and feelings and thank Him for this gift. Then spend some time in silence again, listening for His response. Is there a Scripture verse, a single word, a thought, or memory Jesus is bringing to your mind? How is Jesus celebrating this with you?

End with a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

My hope is that we'll be able to take some time this week to deeply think about the good and the bad, the uncomfortable and the comforting, the sadness and the exhilaration of this Holy Week.

Blessings!

Liz

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HEATHER'S UPDATE

# KID'S MINISTRY



Hello Everyone!

Registration for VBS is open. Please sign up and get more information at: <https://communityrc.org/vbs>

Wrapping up Midweek was good, and we spent some good time talking with our fifth graders before they zoom off to Middle School Youth Group next year. They gave some parting advice to the rest of the group and the rest of the kids sent them off with some encouragement and prayer. It was precious to hear what they all had to say to one another. Of course there were some giggles too.

We still have quite a few weeks of Sunday School remaining before our last day on 5/5/24 so if your child hasn't come to Sunday School before, it isn't too late at all!

Here in the office, my brain is working on VBS lessons, Sunday School for next year, and some of my seminary learning. I'm excited to hear what the kids think of those VBS adventures we're working on. I know I'm looking forward to it. I hope you enjoy these photos from Sunday. I snuck some pictures through the windows so I wouldn't interrupt the learning.

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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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