

THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 5, 2025

THIS WEEK MARCH 5- MARCH 12

Wednesday, March 5

5:30-6:30pm-

Soup Night

(baked potato, white chicken chili, Italian sausage & tortelloni & minestrone for veg. option)

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

Middle school youth group

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

Saturday, March 8

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, March 9

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

10:00am- Sunday School

(NO FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH
CLASS THIS SUNDAY)

Monday, March 10

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 11

9:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, March 12

5:30-6:30pm-

Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup Night

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

March is here everyone! Spring is getting closer! I know I need not get too excited because we have some distance yet to travel before winter is gone. You never know about March. Even this first week we will see a lot of changes in the patterns, but it is March. I was putting together all my new slides for Lent this morning, so I know that means a change is coming. There is a kind of hope for what is coming, and I like that. Remember to move those clocks ahead on Sunday morning, or I guess technically Saturday night. Daylight savings time starts this week.

Lent is starting this week and although we don't make a big shift in things around the church because of that, we do understand the theme. I think many of us get into that frame of mind and pay a bit more attention to the journey that Jesus made for all of us. His extraordinary life and the battle with evil was revealed intensely in many of the Bible stories that center around his last days. None of this was going to be easy or as I have heard it sometimes said, "It will take dying to get this done!" It is a sobering reminder of what the Kingdom of Heaven on earth can be like. There is a battle that is real, and Jesus is going to wage it on our behalf. We will journey with him.

A reminder of the "Seek" event coming in April. That will be here before we know it. We have been encouraging people to register for that event as we need to know just how many we need to plan for. We are trying to make it a day to seek God for whatever God may be to trying to say to us as a church and also what God may be wanting to say to us individually. As we in the office have been saying, there is nothing wrong with getting the church together for a day of prayer and worship during Lent. It seems only good things can come from that. We hope you will be able to join us. Kids of all ages are welcome. Meals all provided. We are planning on seeking the Kingdom for a day!

We have also put out the list for new Elders and Deacons to be nominated. It's a lot of names, but you work with the names you know. There is no way to know every person on those list. We need you to help us with this. Get it done for us please. When you are considering who to put on the ballot or if you wonder what Elders and Deacons do, let me outline that a bit this week. Elders are the spiritual monitors of sorts for the church. They are the ones who watch and listen to aid in keeping the message of the church in line with the Bible. They are the ones who also care for the spiritual health of all our folks. They are our Spiritual Caregivers. Deacons take care of details like finances, missions, buildings, and the nuts of bolts of churches. They work to make sure that the wheels don't fall off. They spend time planning ahead and keeping track of how the gears are turning. I hope that helps as you consider your choices.

Sunday, we start this second half of our kingdom series. The focus now will be on Jesus. The holy Son of God who came to earth to introduce us to this new kingdom and make a way for us to be a part of it right now. This Sunday, will be the introduction into this series, and we will focus on the magnitude of his love for each of us. 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

BENEFIT EVENT FOR CHRIS THESENVITZ

Saturday, March 8th
5pm-11pm
The Alliance (1600 W. Russell St.)

Ticket Details:
\$20 per person, kids 10 & under free
Tickets available at the door or online at
southdatotaalliance.org

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alex & Meghan Hoogendoorn on the birth of their daughter Everly Kathleen. Grandparents are Russ & Teresa Hoogendoorn & great grandparents are Alvin & Dolly Hoogendoorn.

SAVE THE DATE

PIE & GAME NIGHT

Saturday, April 5th
5:00pm

Bring a game if you wish. Pie provided!
All ages welcome!

**Devote yourselves to prayer,
bring watchful and thankful.**
Colossians 4:2

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Mike Boyenga's nephew, Luke DeJong (brain surgery)
- Carrie Valentine (foot & ankle surgery)
- Terry & Dree Mayer's son-in-law, Tony
- Fern Eeten (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (hip surgery recovery)
- Ryan Van Ruler (open heart 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)
- Junella Wesselink's sister (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)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)

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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



March is here and with the first Wednesday comes our new series "March Madness". It is our relationship series we have each March. This year, there has been a lot of conversations, questions, and experiences shared about friendships so we are going to be primarily focused on that very topic. We all experience the ups and downs of friendships in life so as we dive into our relationship series this March, we aim to address the questions, the joys and the pains that can come along with it.

This past weekend I was in Madison, SD at a retreat called Teens Encounter Christ (TEC). It is a weekend that goes through the message of the gospel and calls us to respond to God's love in our life. It is also primarily led by other teens who have already gone through the weekend. It is so powerful to see the fire, passion and obedience this next generation brings. A while ago, I got to share about how this generation will be fine in their faith because they have the Good Shepherd. This weekend was another reminder of that very message and how the gospel transforms the lives of people. We have an amazing God!

Next week, the high school group will not be meeting at the church as we celebrate the year with our Red Carpet Night. This is an event we do each year where students dress up and go out for a nice meal and time together. It's a great way for the group to celebrate the school year and continue to build up the community in the high school group. I do ask that students let me know if they plan on coming so I know who to look for!

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

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Seek
PRAYER EVENT

SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE THROUGH WORSHIP & PRAYER

IN COOPERATION
WITH STRATEGIC RENEWAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

605.CHURCH/SEEK

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!

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **March 10** 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

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will hold their postponed Feb. meeting on March 18th at 1:30 pm. Mary is hostess and Carol has the last lesson of our old books. New books are \$12.

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, March 18, at 7pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Last Exchange* by Martin.

The morning book club will meet Wed., March 19, at 9am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave & 33rd St. We will be discussing *Under the Tulip Tree* by Shocklee.



LIBRARY NEWS

The church library has had some big changes in the last week. Check it out!

FINANCES

Sunday, March 3, 2025

General: \$12,087
Vision: \$660
Missions: \$615
Parking Lot: \$200
Wed. Night: \$240

General YTD: \$108,937
Vision YTD: \$5,527
Vision Account Balance: \$18,863

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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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