



# THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 6, 2024

## Weekly Calendar

MARCH 6 - MARCH 13

### Wednesday, March 6

5:30-6:30pm- Meal (Soup)

6:30-7:30pm-

Midweek Classes for Children,  
Middle School Youth Group & Adults  
(Nursery also provided)

7:30-8:30pm-

High School Youth Group

### Saturday, March 9

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

10:00AM- AA (via Zoom)

See page 2 for details

### Sunday, March 10

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

### Monday, March 11

Noon- Senior Citizens (E. Pizza Ranch)  
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

### Tuesday, March 12

9:30-11am- Play Group

### Wednesday, March 13

5:30-6:30pm- Meal

(Chicken Salad/ Taco Salad)

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## CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We are doing the month of March. I think we can assume that March has come in like a lamb. I wonder if it will go out like a lion. Are you all familiar with that saying? I really don't pay much attention to those because, often, they don't hold up very well with reality. As a matter of fact, I think I can remember some Marches that came in like a lion and went out like one as well. So, there you have it. We are much better at just waiting to see how it is going to go. We will know at the end of the month how it all worked out. In the meantime, enjoy this decent run of weather so far. I know I am.

Another quick reminder of the Parenting Morning coming up next month Saturday morning April 20; starting at 9:30am. We have a couple of great speakers for that morning. We tried to find a time that would work for everyone as well as keep it such that you only must give up part of your morning to be here. We also are providing childcare that morning. Check this event out. I think it will be worth your time.

With the season of Lent upon us right now, I would encourage you to spend a little extra time being silent before God. When the Psalmist writes the words in Psalm 139 "Search me oh God!" He is wanting God to examine his life and the many things going on inside. His heart. To do that, one needs to be silent for a moment Listening for God to speak to you. Don't be in a rush to get done and move on to the next thing. Slow down a little. Remove some of the agenda from your time with God and listen. We all have things that need attention. Some small ones and maybe some very large ones. When God searches, and He will, things will come to our minds. Spend some time with him as you journey this week. See if there be something that needs your heart's attention. Listen to God's voice. He will speak.

Sunday our series continues and this time we will look at Rome. Rome was a mighty empire at one time covering much of the area with all its power in full display. It would be the work of this government that would get the job done because the Jewish leaders who had within their laws the proclamation stating that they ought to kill a blasphemer, but the lacked the "permission" to do so...only Rome could do this for them. The Jewish leaders would have to work that part of the scheme as well. I hope you are all beginning to see just how messed up this all is becoming. The church of that day is doing things it never dreamed it would ever do, but here they are finding themselves in such an awful place. Scheming like this will often get folks in a deep bit of trouble on many fronts they never counted on. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

# KID'S MINISTRY



Hello Everyone!

On Sunday mornings, I typically spend my time floating around the Children's Wing to be available if any classes need help with anything. On occasion I also get to teach in a classroom, but I don't do that every week as I need to be available if there is an emergency or a volunteer becomes ill and can't find a substitute quickly enough. That time also means I also get to chat with parents and pray for the kids, volunteers, and families during that time. That's a special gift for me and something I look forward to. Most Sunday mornings this means I also get to watch the preschool age kids in their singing time with Emily and Cheryl. This Sunday, I was particularly in awe of God's goodness as I watched the little ones sing. What captured my attention is that each of the children is so unique. Some sing at full volume, some sing at almost a whisper. Some don't sing at all and instead are busy observing and soaking up all that is happening in the room. Some stand still, almost like an adorable little statue. Some dance and move constantly. Some of the kids grin from ear to ear throughout the experience. Some of the kids are noticers. It is so precious to me that they worship together, they love Jesus together, and they love one another. They are the church, even as they are doing the hard work of growing up. On Wednesday night during Midweek, and on Sunday mornings with the older kids, that crew of kids demonstrate the same gift to me. They are all so different and yet they show up, they bring who they are, and the gifts God is giving them. It is amazing to see the way God is teaching them and transforming them.

Thanks for giving me the blessing of hanging out with your kids, Community!

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

### NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dree Mayer (knee replacement 2/26)
- Russ Hoogendoorn's friend, Duane
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Evita Attema's sister, Lillika (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)
- Carrie Valentine (ankle surgery)
- 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 Kurt Enget and his family on the passing of his older brother who lived in North Dakota. Please keep the family in your prayers.

# UPCOMING DATES

## **Wednesday, March 20** **Pizza & Praise Night**

5:30-6:30pm- Pizza  
6:30-7:30pm- Praise & Worship

## **Thursday, March 28th** **Maundy Thursday Communion Service** 7:00pm

## **Sunday, March 31**

### **Easter Sunday**

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45am  
No Sunday School

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## **NOMINATIONS FOR CONSISTORY**

We need your help in Nominating new consistory members. You'll nominate 3 people for elders & 3 people for deacons.

The list of eligible people is at The Link in the lobby. Nomination forms can be placed in the designated box also located at The Link.

Email the church office  
(connect@communityrc.org)  
if You have any questions.

**DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

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## **FINANCES**

Sunday, March 3, 2024

General: \$10,605  
Vision: \$1,745  
Missions: \$315

General YTD: \$121,785  
Vision YTD: \$11,576  
Vision Account Balance: \$41,288

## **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**

Call To Freedom

### **..... 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](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, **March 11** 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, March 19, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Lake House*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, March 20, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave. We will be discussing *Hidden Valley Road*.

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

### **..... HOPE CIRCLE**

Hope Circle will meet on March 19th at 1:30 (please remember the time change!). Helen has the lesson and is serving as hostess.

FREE

# Parenting Event

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

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

**9:30-10:15AM- (ZACH SEEFFELDT)**  
**"INFORMED PARENTS- SOCIAL MEDIA/ DIGITAL CONTENT "**

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

SARAH R. MOORE



ZACH SEEFFELDT



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

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# GAME & pie Night

SATURDAY, APRIL 20  
5:00PM

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



Join us to learn how to save a life.

# CPR



training at Community

Thursday, March 7 | 6:00pm

Registration is required as space is limited.  
There is no registration fee.  
Child, Infant, Adult CPR/AED/1st Aid  
(We expect training to be complete before 9pm.)

Register by email or phone:  
[Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org](mailto:Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org)  
605-336-1475

LIZ'S UPDATE

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



We are closing in on the last few weeks of Mid-Week for the 2023-2024 year. It's hard to believe we are already at this point in the year! That's what happens when the weather gets nice! Remember that you are always welcome to join us for the meal at 5:30, and you can still jump into classes at 6:30 if you're interested. Our final night will be Wednesday, March 20, and we'll wrap up that night with pizza for the meal followed by a time of thanksgiving and worship. It's a fun way to celebrate all God has done during the year. Again, everyone is welcome, so make plans to join us!

As I write this article on Monday, I'm putting the finishing touches on the devotional time for the WD40 women's group. We still have 2 more gatherings this year until we break for the summer. We always meet on the first Monday of every month from 7:00-8:00pm in the fellowship hall at church. Women of all ages are welcome. And it's never too late to join us! We do new topics every month, so you'll never feel like you're behind or that you've missed crucial information. If you want to come together with other women to have meaningful conversations and be challenged in your faith journey, then join us! This has truly been the "grease that keeps us going."😊 I hope you'll join us for our next gathering on Monday, April 1st, and bring a friend!

I've had a couple of people ask me if I'm going to be recording my next worship album soon, and the answer is yes! When my brother-in-law broke his arm, that set all of our studio work back several months. He's healing up pretty well now, and physical therapy is doing its job, so I'm hopeful that we might be able to start that recording in the next few months. I'll be sure to keep you posted on that, and in the meantime, thank you for your patience!

Have a good week, friends!

Liz

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## SIOUX EMPIRE CRU FELLOWSHIP DINNER FRIDAY, APRIL 12 5:30-8:00 P.M.

at Central Church, 3102 W. Ralph Rogers Rd.  
There is a delicious meal and time for sharing from the  
CRU staff and some of the college/university students  
impacted by CRU campus ministries. The Sioux Empire  
CRU has ministry opportunities on several campuses in  
eastern SD. If they would like to be a part of the evening,  
call Mary at 605-929-4924.

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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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