

# THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 23, 2025

## Clyde's Update

We certainly had a great weekend! It was a lovely evening for Maundy Thursday, and as always, a great place to be together with all of you as we celebrated the last supper together. Sunday brought the people. Oh my! I'll talk a bit about that later in the newsletter. Easter is now behind us, and with it falling on the calendar rather late this year, the month of May is just about here. That means graduation time. The time just flies by. It doesn't feel much like spring these last few days with the chilly days, but it sounds like that may change this week. I do know it is very dry out there, and people are getting a little nervous about that. We could use a little rain and I did put my order in with God. He already knows. We must depend on his plan. I have learned to go with that as much as I can. It's not always what I want to hear, but I know it's what I need to hear. I still pray for rain, and at the same time, know that he knows that already...wait on the Lord! I have read that somewhere before. Depend on Him. Lean not on our own understanding. His ways are not our ways. They are higher! Trust! Amen!

This coming Sunday, is our annual congregational meeting to pray for God's direction in the selecting of our new members of the Consistory. There is a list of them in this week's newsletter along with a brief bio of each of them. They are all good people. Thanks to everyone who voted and got those ballots turned in. We can't do it without you. I want to thank the members who are going off the board. That group has been through a number of important things in their three years. If you see them around, say thank you! Mary Burggraaf, Stan Deelstra, Ross Larson, Tanner Corbin, Lyle Pudwill & Mark Theisen.

Sunday morning was just amazing. I love those days when everyone walks into that room. We had a large gathering at 8am and I thought, if this is the trend, this is going to be a big Sunday... indeed, it was. 9am might have been the largest Sunday crowd we have ever had for Easter. We filled it like that several years ago, but we have added chairs to the room since then. What I love is the singing! People just sing! It was glorious. The room was filled with celebration! There is so much power in that kind of setting. I do wish our on-line folks could be there and witness that. It is just so different when you are in the room. I am glad we have on-line, don't get me wrong. There are so many who can't get here for all kinds of reasons, and so that is their only option. I totally understand that, but it is something extra when you are all gathered together. It matters. However, there were some online people there on Sunday. That's right! They drove over to be here. They loved it! 10:45 was so very full. We went through so many doughnuts...oh my goodness! Such a great celebration! I think even the message was ok. 😊

This coming Sunday will be the last in this series on the Kingdom of Heaven. I do have to say, I am going to be kind of sad to let it go. That theme has been so instructive to me in framing how God works in our lives. I am sure I will continue to refer to things about that series for a long time to come. This week we talk about life in that first century after the resurrection. Jesus was alive now! How did that affect their daily lives? What changed? Who were they becoming? We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

## THIS WEEK

APRIL 23- APRIL 30

**Wednesday, April 23**

6:00-8:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

**Saturday, April 26**

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

**Sunday, April 27**

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

10:05am- Sunday School

10:10am- Congregational Meeting

(No Foundations of Faith Class on April 27<sup>th</sup> because of congregational meeting- class will resume May 4)

**Monday, April 28**

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 29**

9:30am- Play Group

**Wednesday, April 30**

6:00-8:00pm- H.S. Youth Group

THURSDAY, MAY 1ST

*National*  
**DAY OF PRAYER**

**7:00AM-7:00PM**

THE CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Darin and Laura Vos on the birth of their son, Luke James, on Saturday, April 19.  
Marv and Nancy Vos are the proud grandparents.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and prayers on behalf of Betty.  
Junella Wesselink

## CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to Dawn Beiswanger and her family on the passing of her father,  
Marion Van Der Plaats.

Our condolences go out to Roger and Cleone Leistra and their family in the passing of their daughter Andrea. Please keep them in your prayers.

## 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)

Also, we are once again collecting cards for nursing homes. Please put at The Link.

In need of prayer or want to  
share your prayer request?

Email Pastor John at [prayerline@communityrc.org](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Daniel Burlingame (infection)

## ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ron Hup (total knee replacement surgery 4/16)
- Jenna Hoogendoorn's grandma
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Caleb Ellwein (knee surgery recovery)
- Gary Van Den Hoek
- JoAnn Hanssen (nursing home)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- Joselyn Cleveringa (seizures/testing)
- Daisy Johnston (seizures)
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Lori Blom's dad, Kevin (cancer)
- Steve Zimmerman
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Melanie Oden's sister, Amber (breast cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Susan Vanden Berg's mom, Marlene (testing)
- 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)

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

## 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 shared a spectacular Resurrection Sunday celebration this past Sunday. It was truly a joyful blessing to be together in worship of Jesus and what He has done. It's hard to explain what it feels and sounds like from my perspective on a Sunday morning. To hear everyone singing and celebrating together is... indescribable. And I feel like that is a true glimpse of the Kingdom here among us. What a Sunday! And what a Savior!

Things are starting to wind down a bit as far as programming goes at Community. And that means I get to start looking ahead to next fall for potential studies and program ideas. I'll be doing a lot of reading and study regarding these options, and I'm always open to ideas from you! If there are adult classes or studies you wish we offered at Community, please let me know. I'll do my best to make them happen.

And lastly this week, I'd like to say a huge thank you to my sister, Abbie Coffey, for her massive contribution to our Maundy Thursday service last week. I have accompanied her singing of The Lord's Prayer dozens of times over the years, and every single time, I am moved by the power of the Spirit. God just moves when she sings that song. And I had so many of you ask me to pass along their appreciation for her from that evening. We are truly blessed to have her as a part of our worship bands every week. And we are blessed by her willingness to volunteer her talents at those special services. Abbie and I have spoken many times about how God moves when she sings, and she does not take that for granted. Her voice is always in God's hands, whether she nails it or not. 😊 She trusts Him with what she's been given. And I think that's a powerful word for all of us. Whatever gifts we have are in God's hands to be used as God sees fit and for His glory. Abbie's birthday is this week, and I'd like to say, "Happy Birthday, little sister! Thank you for who you are. You are a blessing!"

Enjoy these beautiful spring days!

Liz  
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Would anyone like to make a pan of bars for the CRU Retreat on May 3? Just email Holli if you're able to help! [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org)



## DOYLE'S UPDATE

# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

May is here which means our final week of high school youth group before we start up for summer again. With it also comes graduation for our seniors! For all seniors, if you would like to be recognized Sunday mornings, please send me how you want your name presented, a photo to use, where you are graduating from, and your plans for next year. I will be putting together a slide show that we will have running Sunday mornings. It's a fun season, and one of change! For the final weeks of school, I am praying for an ability to remain focused and motivated. It is so close, but I know there is still a lot to do!

Our high school group has another service opportunity/summer retreat in June. We will be heading up to Pickerel Lake to get camp ready for the summer. We will have a list of things they would like done from cleaning/sweeping the buildings, to windows and lawn clean up. It will be some work, but we will also have a lot of fun. We will leave Tuesday morning - June 3rd and will come home Wednesday afternoon the 4th.

Middle school youth group ended with midweek, but we do still have a few weeks of Sunday school left. Then, we will be having some events starting in June as a way to stay connected throughout the summer. Our first event will be June 8th. It is a Sunday and we will meet from 5:00 - 7:00 at church. We will have food, laser tag, and conversation as we start the summer off here at church! Save the date and I will get more info out later in May.

That's it for this week. If you have any questions about the student ministry, feel free to send them my way.

Doyle  
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## FINANCES

Sunday, April 20, 2025

General: \$18,127  
Vision: \$675  
Missions: \$140

General YTD: \$190,018  
Vision YTD: \$9,067  
Vision Account Balance: \$7,615



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27  
10:10AM**

### Those nominated for deacon include:

Ryan VanDeraa  
Jon Eggers  
Jim Fisher  
Alex Hoogendoorn  
Joel Kraayenbrink  
Lonny Ackerman

### Those nominated for elder include:

Dustin Schouten  
Bill Klein  
Chad Odens  
Karen Van Holland  
Jon Harmsen  
Dave Nelson

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## MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

### BISHOP DUDLEY HOSPITALITY HOUSE

The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, located in downtown Sioux Falls, offers a warm, safe and secure place to start the road back to a more stable, long-term way of living.

## LOOKING FOR NURSERY VOLUNTEERS!

Come play with the kids at Community!  
You'll serve only 4 times throughout the year!  
Email Teresa at [nursery@communityrc.org](mailto:nursery@communityrc.org) or go to [605.church](http://605.church) and fill out a form to volunteer.

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **May 12** 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, May 20, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by Lewis.

The morning book club will meet Wed., May 21, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave & 33rd St. We will be discussing *Vanished in Vermillion* by Reguse

### FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH CLASS

The Foundations of Faith led by Jon Harmsen will meet on May 4 & May 11 at 10:05am in the fellowship hall.

# KID'S FISHING

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**  
**9:00-10:30AM**  
**AT OUTDOOR CAMPUS**

Event



Sign up at The Link  
or email [connect@communityrc.org](mailto:connect@communityrc.org)

## Those nominated for deacon include:

**Ryan VanDeraa-** My name is Ryan VanDeraa. My family and I have been going to Community for 15 years. I am married to my wife, Emily. We have 4 kids. Landon (12), Hannah (10), Morgan (8), and Tanner (6). My suggestion for those who want to find their place at Community is to get involved with activities and volunteer. We have found a family here and my hope is others do as well.

**Jon Eggers-** My name is Jon Eggers. I have three beautiful children and a lovely wife, Natalie. We farm north of Sioux Falls. We have been members for about 15 years and Natalie and I will be married 15 years this November. Community has been a wonderful place to grow our faith and children.

**Jim Fisher-** I'm a proud father of two terrific kids. Married 18 years to my best friend of 19 years. I have the greatest job in the world – helping people save millions a year in taxes. When I have spare time, love working around the house, hiking, traveling, reading, spending time with family and friends, and grilling or smoking something awesome on my Traeger grill.

**Alex Hoogendoorn -** I grew up in Sioux Falls, then Northwest IA, and now back to Sioux Falls. My wife, Meghan, and I got married at Community in December of 2023 and welcomed our first born, Everly, into the world 7 weeks ago. It's been quite the change but we are so excited for it all. I've been attending Community Reformed my whole life and I am looking forward to serving the community that has served me for so long.

**Joel Kraayenbrink-** My name is Joel Kraayenbrink and my family and I have been members of Community Reformed Church since 2008. I grew up in Hull, IA. I met my wife, Kari in college in 2002 and we have spent most of our married lives in Sioux Falls. We have three children: Kaylee 14, Tyson, 8, and Wyatt 7, all who currently attend Sioux Falls Christian. It is a humbling honor to be nominated to serve my church family as a Deacon and I look forward to potentially serving in this role.

**Lonny Ackerman-** My name is Lonny Ackerman. I live in rural Brandon with my wife Jodi. We have 4 children ranging from 32 to 18 yrs old. Our family has been part of Community since 2015. I have had past Consistory experience at a different church and if the Lord selects me, I will serve to the best of my abilities.

## Those nominated for elder include:

**Dustin Schouten-** My wife Kara and I are originally from northwest Iowa. We moved to Sioux Falls 9 Years ago. I have worked in the construction industry most of my career. I enjoy golfing, fishing and hunting. We have 2 daughters that are teachers and live in Sioux Falls.

**Bill Klein-** Bill Klein, 60 years old, I have been at COMMUNITY since age 3, 1967 when my parents moved to Sioux Falls from Platte, SD. Have always believed, but "officially" gave my life to Jesus at a Lundstrom crusade in 1976. In the fall of 1983 while at SDSU, I broke my neck in a tug-o-war contest and became a quadriplegic. Attended Augustans College and worked for Sioux Valley (Sanford) and McKennan (Avera) hospitals traveling to schools around SD, IA, NEB, and MN giving head injury and spinal cord injury prevention seminars for 20 years. My father, Calvin Klein, and my sister, Rhonda Niewenhuis, also are at Community.

**Chad Odens-** Chad Odens has been married to Melanie for 22 years, father of Luke (13) and Julia (11). He is son of Rich and Carolyn Odens at Community. Chad attended Northwestern College in Orange City, and has been a software engineer at Omnitech in Sioux Falls for 22 years. Chad has attended Community since childhood.

**Karen Van Holland-** My husband, Aaron, and I have been married for 25 years. We started going to Community when it was on Churchill in spring 2000. We have three children---Brady and his wife Ashtyn of Sioux Falls; Faith, a high school math teacher in Sioux center, IA & Will, who is a junior at Harrisburg High School. I have been an Occupational therapist/Certified Hand therapist for over 26 years and I am currently working at Avera Orthopedics. In the past I have helped with VBS, sang in choir, taught Sunday school, helped in the nursery and served midweek meals.

**Jon Harmsen-** I've been married to Gracia for almost 7 years and we have 8 kids: Ezra, who is 5 years old, and 7 babies who are with Jesus that we are eager to meet again someday! We have been attending Community for the past 3 years or so. I work for Cru (the US ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ) as a campus minister/missionary to area college campuses. I love a good cup of coffee, deep relationships, USD Coyote Football (don't hold it against me 😊), and exploring the depths of Christ's heart for us.

**Dave Nelson-** Blessed to be a believer since childhood. Grew up on a farm. Worked last 30 years in the insurance business--mostly senior products. Graduate of SDSU. Married to Trudi, who normally can be found in the church library. Have 3 adult children who are all married- 1 grandson and 7 granddaughters. Long time church member. Co-lead prayer meetings (Fresh Encounters) on Saturday mornings.

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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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