

# THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 1, 2026

## THIS WEEK

APRIL 1- APRIL 8

### Wednesday, April 1

6:30pm- Set up for Maundy Thursday

### Thursday, April 2

6:00pm & 7:30pm-  
**Maundy Thursday Service**

### Saturday, April 4

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

### Sunday, April 5

#### Happy Easter!

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

**NO Sunday School**

6:30pm- Refresh  
(Young Adult group)

### Tuesday, April 7

9:30am- Play Group  
**No AA Meeting**



Join us for a special Maundy Thursday service as we gather around the table—just as Jesus did with His disciples. This year, we'll experience Communion in a meaningful way by sitting at tables together, remembering the Last Supper and reflecting on what Jesus did for us.

**Thursday, April 2 @ 6:00pm & 7:30pm**

All are welcome. Pull up a chair and come to the table.

Nursery available at the 6:00pm service.  
6:00pm service livestreamed



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord, you are our strength and our song; our salvation. Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power. You are great and majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders. In your strength, guide us to your holy dwelling.

Exodus 15

## MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

### BISHOP DUDLEY 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.

## THANK YOU

Dear Community Reformed Church family:

My family and I wish to express our most sincere appreciation for the love and support that has been shown to our family with the passing of Harlan. Thank you to those involved in his visitation and funeral services including Pastor Clyde, Pastor John, Liz, those who served the meal and those who helped with other preparations. We also wish to thank everyone who have prayed for us, visited us, sent cards, brought food, and so many other kind gestures that have been shown to us. Your kindness helped us get through this very difficult time.

Sincerely,

Judy Van Meeteren and family

## HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Please join us in celebrating a very special milestone! In honor of the **60th wedding anniversary of Arlen and Evelyn De Zeeuw** on April 1, 2026, their children are requesting a Card Shower

Help to fill their mailbox with encouragement and well wishes as they celebrate this incredible occasion.

Please mail a card to their home address:  
Arlen and Evelyn De Zeeuw  
1905 S Purdue Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD  
57106

### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jan McDowell (shoulder surgery recovery)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Jayne Knockenmus's friend, Shelly
- Adam & Julie Brown's son, Austin (hospice)
- Kailee Taborda (Leukemia)
- Ken Stellinga (Whipple surgery-1/27)
- Jodi Ackerman's mother, Karen (aortic aneurysm)
- Leroy Thill (infant son of Katie & Trevor Thill)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Al Price
- Jan Sturing
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Steve Lee
- Gracia Harmsen's dad (esophageal cancer)
- Matt Meyer's fiancé Lynnette's dad (tumor)
- Ellen Nelson Garner (chronic airway disease)
- Brian Frisbee (ongoing rehab)
- Jerralynne Tjeerdsma's daughter, Deb (cancer)
- Jordan Lipp's mom, Becky (dementia)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)

In need of prayer or want to share your prayer request?  
Email Pastor John at [prayerline@communityrc.org](mailto:prayerline@communityrc.org)

## 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.

<https://bradymartz.zoom.us/j/87440575632?pwd=RwtTfrMnrB0Xcg9KlhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>

Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

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**SPRING  
FLING**  
YOUTH FUNDRAISER

**AT COMMUNITY**

CATERED MEAL BY CHEF DOMINIQUE | DESSERT AUCTION | BINGO

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**  
**6:00PM**

**\$30 PER TICKET**  
TICKETS ON SALE IN THE LOBBY OR BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE

## CURT VAN OORT'S TRIP TO GUATEMALA

In my 4th trip to Guatemala, I noticed things that I hadn't noticed before...things that left me pondering.

First, let me say that I know "poquito Espanol"...a little Spanish. Each year my vocabulary expands a little more. So, when the woman we were about to install a stove for said "Dios los bendiga"...God bless you, I naturally responded with "Gracias"...thank you. Little did I know that she would interpret that as me actually knowing Spanish fluently as she proceeded to unleash a lot of Spanish that went flying right by me. I caught at least a dozen "Dios bendigas" in her avalanche of Espanol. There was a lot of blessing going on and I'm pretty sure all of you were included.

After the estuva..stove was installed, we presented her with a leather bound Biblia...Bible which she clutched to her chest with tears welling in her eyes. It made me wonder - would I react the same? Would I hold it dear as she did or would I simply set it down somewhere in my house as I would another book? Do we treasure God's word as she obviously did or do we take it for granted?

We often think of mission trips as us going out to be the salt of the earth and a light in a dark world, but sometimes that light shines right back on us.

Dios los bendiga indeed!

Curt Van Oort

## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **April 13** at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!

### NO AA MEETING

These Tuesday evening meetings are paused at the moment. Here are other options for meetings in the area. <https://sober.com/aa-meetings/south-dakota/sioux-falls/>

### REFRESH

Weekly gathering of college students and young adults every Sunday at 6:30pm. **NOTE:** REFRESH will be taking a short break from April 19-May 17<sup>th</sup>.

### BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, April 21, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Hello, Beautiful*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, April 22, at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave near 33rd St. We will be discussing *Theo of Golden*. **(NOTE date change)**

### HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on April 21st at 1:30. Carol is hostess and Jeanie has the lesson.

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**THE MONDAY EVENING  
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
HAS ENDED FOR THIS YEAR.**  
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# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



# HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

It is Easter week and there will be no Sunday School. I pray you experience the great love and victory as we celebrate the sacrifice and resurrection of Christ! Then, the following week we will be starting a bible study series on the book of Matthew. Last week, students were able to write down three options of books to go through and we would take the book that was most listed. Matthew happened to be the top option for both groups! I am looking forward to getting into Matthew together as a group for Sunday mornings.

The Spring Fling Fundraiser is less than two weeks away now! This Sunday will be the final week for ticket sales You can get tickets by calling/emailing the church office or finding us Sunday morning between services. It will be a fun night with some great food. For those who are joining us and/or have donated prizes or money, thank you! I am always so grateful for the way you all support and care for the youth here at Community.

Finally, May 3rd we are having a worship night from 6:30-7:30. This is for students, their families and is open to anyone who would like to join us for a night of worship through song, scripture, a devotional, and prayer. We will be in the chapel, and students will have an opportunity to lead different areas of the night which is a great way for them to encourage one another!

I know it is a busy time, and there is a lot of things going on. As we continue to get closer to the end of the year, please feel free to reach out anytime with questions, prayer requests or for a time to connect.

Doyle

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doyle.burnside@communityrc.org

Hi Community!

This week, I want to thank the families that bring kids to church. On Wednesday night as we were singing praise songs, I found myself overwhelmed with how thankful I am for God's faithfulness in bringing amazing kids to Community. On Sunday morning we had some bigger Sunday School classes and again, I'm just so thankful!

I know that many families have full calendars, so the time we have together at Community is not something I take for granted. The kids are growing closer to Jesus. Some of the kids are really great at articulating their own stories of faith, and it is inspiring to hear. For some kids, they don't have words for the growing they are doing, but it is evident to those around them. We are doing our best to make the most of our time together, and the families continue to show up! Parents, I know it isn't always easy to make time to come to church, but I want to encourage you that it is time well spent. You are investing in something important. I hope that as the kids of Community grow up, they not only look back on their time in Children's Ministry as happy memories, but also continue to build on the growth by choosing to continue to invest their time in seeking Jesus.

See you soon!  
Heather DeWit  
Community Kids  
605-336-1475

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Our end of the week Mid-Week celebration night was a fantastic success!! We had well over 300 people join us for pizza and praise and worship this past Wednesday. What a night! I'm deeply thankful for many things regarding Mid-Week.

Thank you to the Nursery people led by Teresa Lipp and Larissa Corbin. This group created magnificent experiences for the littlest of Community every week, and God was certainly glorified in the nursery. I've even heard from several adults about how God used those children to challenge and grow the God-relationships of the adults. Thank you, Nursery!

Thank you to Heather DeWit for working so hard to create meaningful and educational experiences for kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Finding volunteers to work with these kids can be challenging, but Heather found creative and fun people to work with these kids week in and week out. Heather is always looking for new ways to help kids come to Christ, and I think this year held some of her best ideas yet. Thank you, Heather!

Thank you to Doyle Burnside for doing the hard work of Middle and High School Youth Groups. Doyle's care and compassion for those kids is evident, and he has been working hard to find new ways to connect with kids and help them grow in Christ. He has found some wonderful people to help as youth sponsors too. Thank you, Doyle!

Thank you to all of the people who taught adult classes this year! Over the course of the year, we were able to offer 8 different class options for our adults. And consequently, we had over 200 adults participating in classes every week. This is a huge win for the work of God at Community! Lives were changed, relationships with God and others were grown, and I believe God was honored. Thank you to our adult teachers; Pastor Clyde, Pastor John, John Blok, Grace Collins, Abbie Coffey, Audrey Hein, and Ross Larson!

Of course, we could not do Mid-Week without food! Janet Bartscher organizes the lion's share of all that happens with the kitchen on Wednesday nights. So, a HUGE thank you to Janet (and Brian) Bartscher for that work. And I'd also like to thank all of the head chefs; Janet Bartscher, Joel Blankens, Mary Burggraaf, Abbie Coffey, Kris Dunlap, Harvey and Karen Odens, Dustin and Kara Schouten. And thank you to the massive number of you who served on their work groups. I also want to thank the dozens of you who made desserts for Mid-Week! I think people love their desserts just as much as they love the main courses! Thank you for making that happen!

As you can see, it takes an army of people to make Mid-Week happen. An army of people and the grace of God!! Thank you, Community, and thank You, Lord, for an amazing year of Mid-Week!

And lastly this week, remember that we have 2 services for Maundy Thursday this year. Our early service is at 6:00pm. Nursery will be available at that early service. And the later service is at 7:30pm. A lot of work and planning has gone into this service, and we are praying God shows up in a powerful way. I hope to see you there for this special service.

Have a blessed Holy Week, friends.

Liz  
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org



**WE SERVED 85 PIZZAS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT!**

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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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