

# THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 15, 2026

**THIS WEEK**

**APRIL 15- APRIL 22**

**Saturday, April 18**

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

**Sunday, April 19**

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

Worship Services

10:10am- Sunday School

**Tuesday, April 21**

9:30am- Play Group

1:30pm- Hope Circle

7:00pm- Book Club

No AA Meeting

**LAST DAY OF  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

## Clyde's Update

April is moving along. We did get a little rain, but I know we would all really enjoy a two-day soaker rain. We need that to really get things going in a good green direction. It has been a chilly April until Sunday, and then, just suddenly, it was a spring day. That is so how things can go in these spring months. I am hoping for spring to spring, but we will just have to see.

We had a good time at the Spring Fling fundraiser for the youth. Lots of things to do in that 2 hour time frame. It was good to see the folks enjoying the bingo game and I did learn that Bingo can really get quite competitive. The kids raised a good amount of money and exceeded their target number by a considerable amount. That is the generosity of this place. I can't say enough about that. Doyle and the kids did a great job putting it all together and I do want to thank the rest of the staff for their time spent there, as well. A lot of extra work was going on behind the scenes to make it all go. Liz had most of the crowd not sure who the auctioneer was and for those of you who were at the event, and wondering who that lady was in the front during the auction...that really was our Liz doing one of her famous characters that comes out when we most need it. It was a fun evening. Great job everyone!

We have our new slate for candidates for this year's consistory. I want to take time to thank the ones who are going off the board this year as we had our last meeting together last week on Thursday evening. Harvey Odens, Eric Van Donge, Sean Fantroy, Doug Harms, Tyler Wolf, and Darren Ellewin will be going off the board this year. A big thank you to these fellas and the time they have spent with us over these past 3 years. Each year it seems to me that the time the group spends so quickly gets away. It has been a privilege to work with in that capacity. Holli will have a list of the new candidates in the newsletter and a short bio on each of them as well. The elder list: Chad McKee, Joel Blankers, Kris Dunlap, Chad Odens, Mike Hilbrands, Bill Klein. The deacon list: Jon Eggers, Ryan Van Ruler, Craig Odens, DJ VerHey, Ryan Vanderaa, Stacy Maassen-Surat. Thanks everyone for voting this great group. We have been blessed with such wonderful people in these moments.

Sunday, we start a new series of sermons that will go through the end of May. A shorter series based on the things in our lives that can lead us away from God. We know the difference the Christ can make in our lives, if given a chance, but there are so many things that get in the way. For the most part, we all know these. Most of things I will talk about will be nothing new, but that doesn't mean they are easy to deal with. We all struggle with many of the same things day after day. What we need to do is come together each week and be engaged in good conversation and one in Spirit not to condemn or shame, but heal in encourage. That is a big part of what we can do together as churches. We'll talk more on Sunday, Have a great week!

# PRAYER REQUESTS

“When you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”  
Matthew 6:6

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## 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.

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## HAPPY 98<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!

Happy 98th birthday to Florene Meier on Friday, April 17! Please consider sending her a birthday card!  
Florene Meier  
1416 S Main Ave  
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

### Sunday, April 26

Congregational meeting  
10:10am

Those nominated for Elder:  
Bill Klein  
Mike Hilbrands  
Chad McKee  
Kris Dunlap  
Joel Blankers  
Chad Odens

Those nominated for Deacon:  
Jon Eggers  
Ryan Van Ruler  
Craig Odens  
DJ VerHey  
Ryan Vanderaa  
Stacy Maassen-Surat

Bios in next week's newsletter

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### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Carol Baker (cataract surgery)
- Glenda Van Den Hoek (knee replacement 4/9)
- 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=RwtTfrMNRbOXcg9KlhabfrdoMWC2Cb.1>

Meeting ID: 874 4057 5632

Passcode: 052482

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

605-940-6702



COMMUNITY'S YOUTH GROUP

# SUNDAY WORSHIP NIGHT

SUNDAY, MAY 3 | 6:30-7:30PM

This is for students, their families and is open to anyone who would like to join!

CHECK OUT THE  
**GOLF BALLS**  
IN THE LOBBY  
THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 19

FREE WILL DONATION  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MISSION HAITI



## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **May 11** 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/>

### 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.

## FINANCES

Sunday, April 12, 2026

General: \$34,696  
Vision: \$525  
Mission: \$680

General YTD: \$281,661  
Vision YTD: \$23,786  
Vision Account Balance: \$10,432

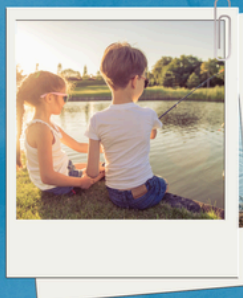
**FREE**  
**KID'S  
FISHING**

AT OUTDOOR CAMPUS

SATURDAY, MAY 16

10:00- NOON

Hotdog lunch provided & drawings for door prizes!



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

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, I have come across a few books that have been especially meaningful and helpful in my own walk with Jesus, and I'd like to share three of them with you.

The first book is called "Revolution of Character: Discovering Christ's Pattern for Spiritual Transformation" by Dallas Willard and Don Simpson. In this book, Don Simpson takes Dallas' book, "Renovation of the Heart" and works it into a series of personal studies to work through at your own pace. These spiritual exercises are inspiring, challenging, and thought-provoking, and they will absolutely grow your relationship with Jesus. If you're looking for a focused personal study to do over the course of several days (or weeks depending on how quickly you work), I recommend this book. And the beautiful thing about this book is that you could also work through it as a small group. You might want to give it a try!

The second book is called "The Faith to Flourish: God's Design for a Rooted, Resilient, and Fruitful Life" by Christine Caine. I'm new Christine Caine's writing. I was first exposed to her teaching where she was a guest on a podcast I listen to regularly. At my first listen I could tell that she has a deep and practical theological understanding of Scripture, and I was excited to read this book. It did not disappoint. In it, she breaks down the many times in Scripture where olive trees are mentioned as a metaphor for growth in Christ. That might seem simplistic, but let me assure you, it is not. She is a woman who has been doing full time ministry for decades, and she knows what she's talking about. She has given feet to her faith, and God has called and continues to call her to do massive work for the Kingdom. You will be encouraged and inspired by her story and her teaching.

And the last book I'd like to share with you is called, "A Diary of Private Prayer" by John Baillie (Updated and Revised by Susanna Wright). This is considered a classic in Christian literature, but Susanna Wright's revision has made it extra powerful to read in our current time and place. This is a collection of 31 morning and evening prayers that are meant to be read every morning and every evening. Sometimes written prayers can be off-putting and strange but believe me when I tell you that these prayers are going to give words to many things you've probably been thinking and feeling. There is a depth and honesty to these prayers that we don't often get into on our own. If you have been looking to amp up and grow your own prayer life, or if you feel like you are always praying the same things over and over, I strongly encourage you to get this book. It has already become a daily staple for me.

I hope these books help to inspire and grow your relationships with Christ!

Have a great week, friends!

Liz  
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org



# MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



# HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

Our Spring Fling Fundraiser was this past weekend and I continue to be amazed by the generosity of this congregation. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts, money and time this year. A group of the students were talking after everything was cleaned up before heading home. They see how you are all for them here at Community. There is something special about experiencing God's people showing up and students had the chance to have that Saturday. Again, thank you Community for your support of the youth here!

With Midweek finished up the main focus is Sunday mornings and finalizing summer events. The middle school and high school group go through the book of Matthew on Sunday mornings. That will be a great way to end Sunday School this year.

On May 3rd, we are having a worship night for the youth students, their families and anyone else that would like to join us. It will go from 6:30-7:30 and will include music, a devotional and a time of prayer. If you are free that Sunday night, feel free to join us for the evening.

That is it for this week. If you have any questions about the youth ministry here at Community, reach out anytime!

Doyle  
doyle.burnside@communityrc.org

Hi Community!

I want to remind you that there is a shelf of toys, games, and activities that you can check out to use at home. It is in the hallway near the Children's Wing and we call it the Connection Library. There are some indoor activities and some outdoor options as well. This time of year, the hammocks become very popular. You can check out a few hammocks at the Connection Library, then go to the Church Library for some books. Head to a local park and hang up the hammocks and enjoy some relaxing time reading, napping, and/or praying. It can also be a great way to have some quiet time to talk as a family as well. In the toy library, there is a family chat pack of topics to discuss if you get stuck. The items aren't just for families. Some of the items are great for an individual person of any age, so don't be shy. Check it out!

Speaking of the Connection Library, I'm looking for a volunteer or a couple of volunteers to organize those toys and go through each toy and game to be sure we aren't missing any pieces and make me a list of any replacement items so that I can purchase refills. If you are interested in taking everything off of that shelf and making it neat and enticing again, please call the office or email. You can do that project whenever it is convenient for you.

Speaking of libraries, did you know the Community Reformed Church Library has jigsaw puzzles in addition to the books for all ages? I am very thankful for our great library and the team of librarians that make it so user-friendly. I encourage you to go to the Church Library and browse the books and resources there. It is free to use, and I like to look at the books they feature on the outer shelf and windows as well as browse each section to see if something catches my eye. As the weather gets nicer, the idea of a fun book in the warm sun is even more enticing for me.

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

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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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