

THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 22, 2026

THIS WEEK

APRIL 22- APRIL 29

Saturday, April 25

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, April 26

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

Worship Services

10:10am- Sunday School

10:10am- Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

9:30am- Play Group

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, MAY 3

COMING SUMMER 2026

Starting in June, Clyde will be offering an evening study on Romans and Psalms. Stay tuned for more updates.

Clyde's Update

Oh April, you just can't find your way! We were all hoping for spring to arrive, but it is sure not coming at us very quickly. So far it is all over the place. One day 80 and the next morning it might be in the 20's. I had a feeling this might be coming our way because most of the winter has been like that. Very up and down. Spring will eventually find its way here, but I have a feeling that is going to be in May. This keeps us on our toes I guess, and it also gives us something to talk about.

I have been noticing a few more graduation announcements in my mail these days. It is that time of the year again. The church is pretty booked up in the month of May with graduation things going on. I have a significant number of those to go to this year. I am going to have to work out my schedule to get those all in. I really don't mind; it is a great thing to be a part of in family's lives. Enjoy those moments friends.

We have our annual election of new Elders and Deacons this coming Sunday between services if you would like to come in and pray over that process with us. I know there is really no business to attend to in a formal way of the meaning of the word, but spiritually we need to be about the business of coming before God as a church and asking God to move in that room with us to bring the ones forward that will be making decisions for us in the coming years. That is very important. See you all there!

I will be traveling to the Chicago area this week as well for our annual meeting the Kingdom Network. It will be a quick trip leaving on Wednesday and returning on Friday. A couple of packed days of gatherings with our friends in the Kingdom Network. There is business to attend to, but mainly it is a time to gather to be encouraged and challenged to bring the Good News of the Gospel and make disciples of those around us. Lots of workshops and breakout sessions. Speakers who will share from the Word, songs to sing, prayers to offer. It is a celebration of sorts. I will find good things to take back with me as I always do. Grant Boltjes will be going with me, as he is on the Global Board. We'll have a report when we get home with you. Pray for good travel and pray that God will be moving in that at place.

Sunday, we really get into full swing on this new series. As I mentioned yesterday, this idea has really taken off in my mind. It has been a great study thus far. I am looking forward to sharing thoughts and bringing us together as a church to learn and grow together in what it means to be the church in a fallen world. It is about making disciples. It's about growing faith and getting deeper. It's becoming more like Jesus for a world that is seeking a face and way that will bring hope to life and a message that opens our hearts to who God is. However, we all know there are things that distract us and wound our spirits. Things that bring pain and division. Things that cause the Spirit to be lost in our hearts with so many other things trying to make their way into our worlds. Ugly things that ruin the Kingdom work we all wish to be a part of. We want to talk about those things and how we battle this battle together. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Dorland Schuld (stroke recovery)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elaine Deelstra (eye sight changes)
- 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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Ken Stellinga and his family in the loss of his older brother, Bob. Please keep the friends and family in your prayers.

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

One tap mobile

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

605-940-6702



"Lord God, help me to receive Your love in greater height, depth, breadth, and constancy—and to respond with ever-increasing love for You. This will set me free from bondage to self, empower me to grow increasingly preoccupied with You, My Savior King."
from Jesus Listens by Sarah Young

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

I want to thank my church family for all the birthday cards and bouquet of flowers I got on my 98th birthday. I was blessed by each and every card.

Thank you everyone! God Bless you!

Love, Florene

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

COMMUNITY'S YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH 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 26

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/>

WD40

Women of all ages, join us for WD40 on Monday, May 4 from 7-8pm. Led by Liz Teel.

CHURCH SOFTBALL

Come cheer on the Community coed softball team Monday nights at Sherman Park by the Zoo

MONDAY, APRIL 27

6:30pm- Diamond C
8:20pm- Diamond A

FINANCES

Sunday, April 19, 2026

General: \$10,216
Vision: \$130
Mission: \$125

General YTD: \$291,877
Vision YTD: \$23,916
Vision Account Balance: \$3,169

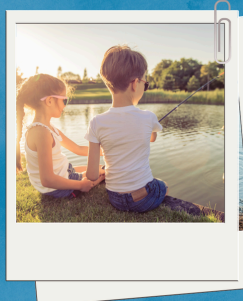
FREE KID'S FISHING

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

Those nominated for deacon include:

Ryan VanRuler- I grew up on a farm near Steen, Minnesota. I went to tech school in Watertown. Sara and I have been married for 25 years. Emily is 22 and Carter is 20. I have owned and operated Dakota Floor Restoration for almost 12 years.

DJ VerHey- DJ has been attending Community Reformed Church for 38 years. He is married to his wife, Anna, and together they own and operate Complete Fence. DJ and Anna reside in Tea, where they are raising their three children: Asher, Ari, and Avaya. Through both his family life and business, DJ seeks to live out his values with integrity and service to others.

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 (13), Hannah (11), Morgan (9), and Tanner (7). 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.

Craig Odens- Craig Odens, a longtime member of Community Reformed Church, is an electrician. He lives with his wife, Ruth, and their cat Lucy. Their daughter, Sarah, lives in Auburn, AL. One of his favorite things about Community is all of the friendships he's made throughout the decades.

Stacy Maassen-Surat- Stacy has been a member of Community since 2007 and enjoys teaching Sunday School, singing in choir, and providing a helping hand. She works in banking and financial services as a BSA Officer, specializing in compliance and data, fraud detections, and team leadership. She is a dog mom, clarinetist, auntie of 13 nieces and nephews, and lover of outdoor activity, flowers, ice cream, music, and the ocean.

Those nominated for elder include:

Chad McKee- My wife Diane and I have been attending Community Reformed Church for over 20 years. We have three children who grew up attending this church along with Sunday School & Youth Group. They are now adults; Kyle, Jeff and Katie who is married to Tate Leslie.

I have previously served as a deacon for three terms. I enjoy our church as it provides a welcoming sense of community, fellowship, and a place to build relationships with a wide variety of people in various age groups.

Kris Dunlap- Kris lives with her husband, Josiah, and 3 kids, Will, Drew, and Lucy on the east side of Sioux Falls. She has been a member of Community Reformed Church her whole life and is happy to be raising her family in the same wonderfully supportive church community she grew up in!

Mike Hilbrands- Mike and his wife Jolene have been members of Community since moving to Sioux Falls in 1984. They have 4 children and 11 grandchildren. Their second daughter Kelli and her husband Sean also attend Community with their two daughters, Finlee and Charlie. Mike was a Human Resources Manager at Citibank for 32 years before retiring 9 years ago. He currently works part time at HyVee in the meat and cheese department. He enjoys farming on the side, spending time with the grandchildren and fishing.

Bill Klein, 61 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 Augustana 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 has been married to Melanie for 23 years, father of Luke (14) and Julia (12). He is the son of Rich and Carolyn Odens at Community. Chad attended Northwestern College in Orange City, IA, and has been a software engineer at Omnitech in Sioux Falls for 23 years. Chad has attended Community since childhood.

Joel Blankers- I was raised on a farm in the NW Iowa community of Sheldon and met my wife Lisa when we were both in high school. We have one son (Vance) who lives in Boston. He and his wife both work for a large research university there. Lisa and I have been a part of Community since we moved to Sioux Falls.

APRIL 9, 2026

CONSISTORY NOTES

In attendance: Clyde Teel, Karen Van Holland, Dustin Schouten, Mike Boyenga, Harvey Odens, Doug Harms, Darren Ellwein, Jon Harmsen, Susan Bierwagen, Lonny Ackerman, Sean Fantroy, Alex Hoogendoorn, Eric Van Donge, Jim Fisher, Jordan Lipp, Tom Weerheim

Lunch by Doug Harms, Meditation: Thoughts for grandchildren from Proverbs.

MSA minutes of March 12, 2026, consistory meeting.

MSA March 2026 financial report by Jim Fisher.

Old Business

New sanctuary lighting is pending, per Pastor Clyde.

Gratitude was expressed to all volunteers and staff who, with good cheer and alacrity, prepared and cleaned up for the Maundy Thursday Communion Celebration. Many participants have expressed appreciation for the fresh insight on communion.

New Business

Staff reports were reviewed.

The Kingdom Network annual meeting will be 4/22-24/26, in Chicago. Pastor Clyde will attend.

A Gordon Mote concert will be presented on August 28, 2026, at CRC.

Consistory members who have completed their 3-year terms are Darren Ellwein, Doug Harms, Harvey Odens, Sean Fantroy, Eric Van Donge, Tyler Wolf. Each made closing remarks. Consistory wishes to express deep appreciation for their dedicated service.

Next Elders' meeting is 4/12/26, 10:10 am, fellowship hall.
Next Consistory meeting is 5/14/26, 7:00 and 8:00 pm, fellowship hall.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Clyde.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Bierwagen, Clerk



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

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WELCOME

We welcome this new member
to Community!

Baylea Van Beek

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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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