

THE COMMUNICATOR

APRIL 29, 2026

Clyde's Update

This week we are talking about the nice rain. That has been some very good news for us in this area. I am hoping the trend hangs around for a while because we are behind. Things should start greening up now as soon as the sun starts to warm things up. That should happen soon as May is this week. That's right...May. We are at May, friends. The months just seem to fly by. May is always a busy month for lots of families with Mother's Day and graduations. My guess is that most of you have something planned for nearly every weekend of this coming month of May. I see that every single year. Enjoy your families everyone!

We finished up our selection of new Elders and Deacons on Sunday morning. I know it gets only a little attention these days, but it does matter, for these are the ones who will be listening and watching as things move along. They spend time working on the things that matter to us. We pray that God will be guiding them. The selections have been made, and we will be installing them this coming Sunday morning. I want to thank each one of you who cast a vote for the slate and thank each one of you who said, yes. I hope each of you know that really does mean a lot to your church family. We have some new faces going on the Consistory this year. I think that is healthy. Thanks again everyone.

I will try to give a report on my trip to Chicago, with Grant Boltjes, for our annual meeting with the Kingdom Network. For those of you who are familiar with the vocabulary, this meeting would be what we used to call General Synod. It was a couple days with all our churches together in the Chicago area with some speakers, missionaries, breakout sessions, lots of music and prayer time, of course time to get to know pastors and friends from around the country and now even different parts of the world. Grant and I both agree that there were so many just wonderful people in this group. We love the way they think and the general direction of this organization. It is a busy couple of days for sure with very little actual business meetings because there is not that much heavy lifting in that area. It is a very streamlined organization that is simply there to encourage, and guide churches to do what they feel is the best way for them to do ministry in their local context. We all together spent time reading through our 9 tenets of our focus and faith statement, and all agree to walk as churches in those 9 values. We spend time praying over pastors and elders and missionaries together. Lots of great conversation and good motivation as well as some things that really stretch one's thinking. I really do enjoy being with those people. It is tiring as that is a lot packed into a couple of days, but one just needs to rest up a bit and get back to it.

Sunday, we move to the third in our new series "Unshakable". I hope after Sunday that you have a better idea of just what I am trying to accomplish with these words. Now it is time to begin looking into the things that distract us from our lives in Christ. We want to spend time with things that shake us. Things that hinder us as a body of our growth and depth of faith. These are the things that challenge all of us and make the Spirit less impacting to our own lives and the lives of those around us. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

THIS WEEK

APRIL 29- MAY 6

Saturday, May 2

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, May 3

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

Worship Services

10:10am- Last day of Sunday School

Tuesday, May 5

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Thank you, Father God, for reaching out to save me. I was on the road to nowhere and you appeared just on time. You have given me a new name, 'Child of the Living God'. Thank you for casting my sin away and remembering it no more.

Amen.

From Every Day Prayers

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Check out our window display on managing money (appropriate after tax season and anytime). This includes both adult resources and books on teaching kids about saving, spending, and giving.

Watch for news on a monthly summer storytime happening with the church library.

New items are added every week. If you haven't stopped in lately, check out our new items and our new layout.

Your librarians,
Trudi, Lois, Lorena, and Merry

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

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Lloyd VanEssen (bladder cancer)
- Dorland Schuld (stroke recovery)
- Elaine Deelstra (eye sight changes)
- Carol Baker (cataract surgery)
- 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)

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



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!

FREE

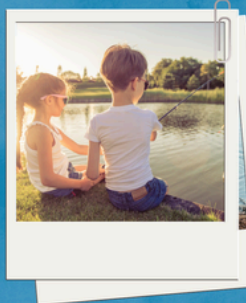
KID'S FISHING

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

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

National DAY OF PRAYER

7:00AM-7:00PM

THE CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN
THROUGHOUT THE DAY

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.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on May 19th at 1:30. Helen is hostess and Carol has the lesson.

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, May 19, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *The Wager* by Grann.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, May 20, at 9 pm at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave near 33rd St. We will be discussing *Hello, Beautiful*.

FINANCES

Sunday, April 26, 2026

General: \$7,240
Vision: \$865
Mission: \$733

General YTD: \$299,117
Vision YTD: \$24,781
Vision Account Balance: \$4,034

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Since I've had a few people asking about my next worship album, I thought it might be a good idea to give a little update on that in my newsletter article.

Over the past 2 years, I and my family have been working on recording my second worship album. Like the first album, this album features songs I've written. Some of songs you'll know because we sing them in worship at Community. But some of the songs will be brand new to the listener. We took a lot of time and care with this recording, and I think it's going to be leaps and bounds above the last album. I'm really excited to share it!

Right now, my dear brother-in-law is doing the somewhat tedious work of editing the recording and mixing it. That just means that he is paying meticulous attention to the details of what we recorded. When recording, every little thing matters. And of course, a recording is something you can hear over and over again. 😊 We want to make sure it sounds as good as it can possibly sound! Once the editing and mixing is finished, we will send it off to be mastered. And after it's mastered, we will be able to print CDs as well as make it available for digital downloads.

I've been asked by several of you if I plan to do another release concert at the Orpheum Theater like I did for my first album, and the answer is YES! I do hope to have another release concert! But right now, we can't schedule a date or a venue because we aren't exactly certain when the album will be ready to go. However, I will always try to keep you posted on those updates in my article here. I've also hired a website creator to design a website to access anytime for updates on my music. When that site is finally live, I'll be sure to share that publicly. (We are also including an online page for my family's bluegrass band, The Teels.)

Community, I would like to say thank you for your immense support and care of my music. Thank you for being willing to learn my songs and include them in worship. Thank you for the tremendous words of encouragement. Writing music is a surprisingly personal venture, and I can't express how thankful I am that you, as the Body of Christ, have been willing to say, "Keep writing songs!" to me when it has mattered most.

I hope this answers your questions and whets your appetite for what's to come. I keep telling people that it will be ready, "Soon!" Lord willing, soon!

Have a great week, friends!

Liz
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CHURCH SOFTBALL

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

MONDAY, MAY 4

7:25pm- Diamond A
8:20pm- Diamond C

New Elders & Deacons will be installed this **Sunday, May 3**

New Elders:

Bill Klein
Chad McKee
Kris Dunlap

New Deacons:

Jon Eggers
Craig Odens
Stacy Maassen-Surat

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY

We are in our final week of things for the school year! Wednesday night is our final week of high school youth group and Sunday morning is our final morning of Sunday School! As we move into test and graduation season, join me in praying for students and those working with them as the school year finishes up!

Our final event for the school year for both the middle and high school group is this Sunday, May 3rd from 6:30-7:30. While we are preparing the night with middle and high school students in mind, everyone is welcome to join us for a night of connecting with one another as we worship our God in song, scripture and prayer. Some students will be helping Abby and I lead as we end our year together. We would love to have you join us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out anytime!

Doyle
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Hi Community!

I'm writing this on a rainy day and the tree outside my office window has gorgeous pink flowers. I've got seasons on my mind. Just in case you are in a tough season right now, I wanted to offer some encouragement. Seasons don't last forever. Sometimes they change abruptly and we suddenly realize that things are looking up. In my life, more often, tough seasons gradually fade into something brighter. I realize one day that my shoulders aren't as tense, I laugh more often, and tears aren't quite so close to falling. Even in parenting, sometimes they are days, weeks, months, or even years that take more patience than others. If you are enjoying the season you are in, I am celebrating with you and hope this time fills you up. If things are rough right now, please know this won't last forever. You are not alone. God is with you and so is your church family. Reach out to someone you trust. Remember that there are mental health professionals who can help. They are good at what they do. Sometimes the seasons aren't so easy to define. The highs and the lows hit at rapid speed and it is hard to get our bearings. If you are in a rollercoaster season, or even a "blah" season, you aren't alone in that either. Seasons help us grow and change happens throughout our lives, but God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He's got us on His mind, and He has only good plans for us.

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

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