

# THE COMMUNICATOR

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

**THIS WEEK**  
**FEB 25- MARCH 4**

**Wednesday, Feb. 25**

5:30-6:30pm Meal:

Tacos

6:30-7:30pm-

Classes for all ages;  
Middle school youth group

7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

**Saturday, Feb. 28**

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

**Sunday, March 1**

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

Worship Services

10:10am- Sunday School

6:30pm- Refresh

(Young Adult group)

**Monday, March 2**

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday, March 3**

9:30am- Play Group

No AA Meeting

**Wednesday, March 4**

5:30-6:30pm Meal:

Baked Ravioli

6:30-7:30pm-

Classes for all ages;  
Middle school youth group

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## Clyde's Update

We knew winter could return, didn't we? February is fast coming to an end, so we are getting closer to the spring. I know it is better when we don't have any snow, but I think we know it is getting pretty dry in the area. I hope the spring rains come. It hasn't really been too bad of a winter for us and we will get through these cold days. We always do. I did manage to get back to see my mom last week for her birthday. We had a good visit. I need to do that a little more often. Life does get busy, but we can't get so busy we forget to connect to those people who mean so much. I think you all know what mean. Stay connected.

My trip to South Carolina was a good trip. I left here last Friday morning it was 9 degrees and when I got there that evening, it was 70. My body didn't know what to do with that. It is pretty area on the edge of the Smoky Mountains and the town is right in the heart of Bible Belt of USA. It is in many ways a mountain town just outside of Greenville. It is very near Clemson University. There are actually four different colleges all right in that area so lots of young people and lots of campuses in a very pretty part of the country. That area is one of the fastest growing areas in our nation. You can see that with lots of new building and new developments. That sounds like another town I know- Sioux Falls and our area. My stay there was a quick trip. I met lots of people, preached in a church there, and visited with the staff as they are looking to make some changes in their church to make a difference in their neighborhood. I was tired when I got home Sunday night. I never like airports much and those trips always remind me why. 😊 I know many of you were praying that my stay would go well and that I would bring a good word to them. I did my best...and I believe God was working. That's the best we can bring. That's what I did.

Sunday morning I am back with you all and really looking forward to that. I miss this place when I am gone. This is my job, but this is also my church home. We have a partnership in the Gospel here and a connection. I missed that. I don't think I would be happy traveling around speaking at places in front of people I don't know. I like knowing the people in front of me and together doing something for each other. That is different than traveling and coming into a new place. I am not a celebrity at all...it's not my heart. I can do speaking to groups like that and part of me does enjoy the challenge. I know it speaks to people when you share your life stories, but there are those for whom that gift works...I don't think it's for me on a regular basis. I struggle with that in a culture like ours that seems to put so much emphasis on "stars" and the famous among us. They are people too, just like us. They just have a usually single talent that is exceptional, and those gifts can certainly be celebrated and enjoyed, but it can cross a line and then it becomes something else...I am never sure how all of that works in the Kingdom. It's Lent at Community and our "famous" one by the name of Jesus is going to show us what greatness truly is. I am looking very forward to being with you all on Sunday...I really am! I want to work together to get to really know the Jesus who laid down his life to us. I want us to do that together. We'll do some good processing together in that room. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

**YOUTH GROUP  
FUNDRAISER**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

# PRAYER REQUESTS

“When you pray, God will hear you, God will forgive you, God will accept you, God will change you, and God will use you.”  
Chuck Swindoll

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## MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

### CALL TO FREEDOM

Call to Freedom provides supportive services for victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in South Dakota.

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## SUPPORTING THE THILL FAMILY

Leroy Vernon Thill was born on 11-10-2025. It was then that we learned Leroy was born with an esophageal atresia with tracheoesophageal fistula (EA/TEF). It is a rare birth defect where the esophagus does not connect properly to the stomach, and there is an abnormal connection between the esophagus and the trachea.

Leroy is now at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

If you feel led to help baby Leroy and his family, there are options at this link:  
<https://www.caringbridge.org/site/f13f0f6f-fdfc-11f0-95d9-abb447be661a/ways-to-help>

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

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### ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (hospice)
- Harlan Van Meeteren (hospice)
- Adam & Julie Brown's son, Austin (hospice)
- Junella Wesselink's nephew-in-law, Tom
- Gary McCann (neck surgery recovery)
- Kailee Taborda (Leukemia)
- Lloyd Van Essen (bladder cancer)
- Ken Stellinga (Whipple surgery-1/27)
- Edna VanDeVendel (breathing issues)
- Rick Beckstrom (radiation treatments)
- Jodi Ackerman's mother, Karen (aortic aneurysm)
- Leroy Thill (infant son of Katie & Trevor Thill)
- Claradith Kingsbury (stroke recovery)
- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Al Price
- Donna Holmgren's brother, Tim
- Jan Sturing
- Tim DeLoof (ALS)
- Steve Lee
- Denny Spitler (chronic foot pain)
- Mike Hay's father, Duane
- 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

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

605-940-6702



**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP= FRIDAY!**



**SIOUX EMPIRE CRU**  
**Fellowship Dinner**

**Join us for the 2026 Sioux Empire Cru annual Fellowship Dinner!**

Join the Sioux Empire staff team and student leaders for an evening dedicated to celebrating the incredible work God has accomplished through hundreds of college students this year. You will have the chance to hear inspiring stories and testimonies of God at work on campus and around the world. Enjoy a complimentary dinner while connecting with others.

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**Friday, March 6th | 2026**  
**5:30 Reception , 6:00 Welcome & Dinner**

**Community Reformed Church**  
**6800 E. 41<sup>st</sup> St. Sioux Falls, SD 57110**

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RSVP REQUIRED | Due to limited seating, reservations are required. Kindly RSVP by February 27th by reaching out to Joey Slieter at [joey.slieter@cru.org](mailto:joey.slieter@cru.org) or visit our website at [siouxempirecru.org](http://siouxempirecru.org) and click on the "events" tab.

Free childcare will be available on-site for children from infancy to 5th grade.



## ONGOING MINISTRIES

### SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **March 9** 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

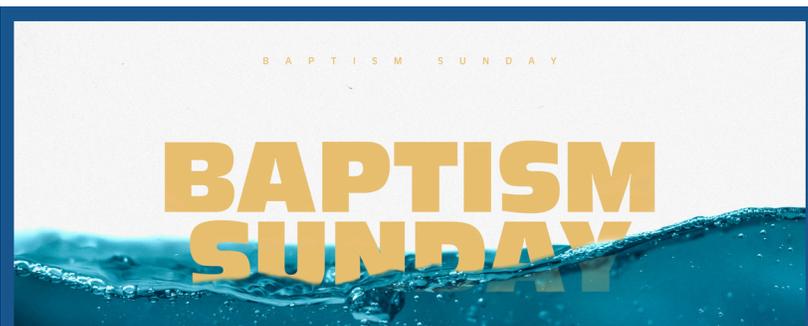
Weekly gathering of college students and young adults every Sunday at 6:30pm.

### BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, March 17, at 7 pm at the church. We will be discussing *Everything is Just Beginning* by Bartels.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, March 18, at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave near 33rd St. We will be discussing *West with Giraffes*.

BAPTISM SUNDAY



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**BELIEVER'S BAPTISM SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**  
**3PM**

IF INTERESTED, EMAIL LIZ ([LIZ.TEEL@COMMUNITYRC.ORG](mailto:LIZ.TEEL@COMMUNITYRC.ORG))

## FINANCES

Sunday, February 22, 2026

General: \$10,993  
Vision: \$525  
Mission: \$550  
Wednesday night: \$164

General YTD: \$129,612  
Vision YTD: \$5,006  
Vision Account Balance: \$1,849

**COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH  
6800 E. 41 STREET  
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57110**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

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Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Permit No. 7119

**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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