

THE COMMUNICATOR

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

THIS WEEK

FEB 4- FEB 10

Wednesday, Feb. 4

5:30-6:30pm Meal:
Pulled Pork Sandwiches

6:30-7:30pm-

Classes for all ages;
Middle school youth group
7:30-8:30pm- H.S. Youth Group

Saturday, Feb. 7

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, Feb. 8

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

10:10am- Sunday School

6:30pm- Refresh
(Young Adult group)

Monday, Feb. 9

Noon- Senior Citizens
(E. Pizza Ranch)
7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 10

9:30am- Play Group
No AA Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 11

5:30-6:30pm Meal:
BBQ Sandwiches
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Classes for all ages;
Middle school youth group
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Clyde's Update

It's early Tuesday morning as I sit down to write this newsletter, and it is not as cold and there is a little snow falling. I like it. The break from the cold is so welcomed. I noticed on Sunday how much better we were all moving around. It does make a difference. It is the month of February now, so we are making our way through the winter. I know there will be more on the way, but for now this is nice change.

We have had a busy few days around the church with the passing of some of our dear friends. We are into a season of that right now. I am just encouraging everyone to reach out to them if you know those families. Be praying for God to be near and that their journey's will be rich with His presence. I don't know why it is that sometimes there are these seasons like this, but it is very evident right now. It is also a good reminder to make the most of moments with your families. Life is fragile, friends.

There is not much news this week, as the calendar for events is rather slow at this time of the year. There are some events coming later in the spring which you will be hearing about in the coming weeks. I know that Inspiration Hills is now taking reservations for camps this summer, and according to my good sources, that place fills too fast. I know there were parents who signed in as soon as they could and were on a long holding list waiting for their chance to get kids signed up. There is just something right about that. I hear over and over from folks that their Jesus walk was highly impacted by moments they had with God at a church camp. There is just something very special about those places. We do scholarships at church for kids, so keep that in mind. It's a great ministry and we are all in!

Sunday's message is about seeking love; not hate. I won't give a lot of direction on just where I will take this theme, but I believe the message will be very helpful to each one of us. I am using several scriptures again this week and I want to look at what we can do when we feel anger in our hearts. There will always be things or people who bring out the worst in us and there are times when that anger has some validity, but what do we do with it. If we are not careful, it will take hold of our lives and make us something that we may not see coming at first. I want to speak to that and to this culture of hate we see around us. It is a tender issue, but I believe the Scripture gives us some great direction. Seek love! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gary McCann (neck surgery recovery)
- Harlan Van Meeteren (stomach cancer)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Kailee Taborda (Leukemia)
- Lloyd Van Essen (bladder cancer)
- Ken Stellinga (Whipple surgery-1/27)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris
- 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)

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to Judy Van Meeteren and her family on the passing of her mother.

Our condolences also go out to Mike Boyenga and family on the passing of his dad. Please keep their 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

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Questions?

Call Shawn Blom

605-940-6702



"I asked the Lord for help, and he answered me. He saved me from all that I feared." Ps.34.4

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.

THANK YOU

Willard Keizer and family wish to express their deep gratitude for the kind condolences and generous gifts at the passing of Darlene Keizer.

The family was strengthened by the beautiful music, sermon, flowers, and sharing of memories at Friday's service. Willard will be making a donation to Church on the Street in memory of Darlene.

Heartfelt thanks to our Community Reformed Church family.

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

ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **February 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.

HOPE CIRCLE

Hope Circle will meet on February 17 at 1:30 pm. Jerralynne is hostess and Jeanie has the lesson.

BOOK CLUBS

The evening book club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7pm at the church. We will be discussing *West with Giraffes*.

The morning book club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 9 am at the Bagel Boy on Minnesota Ave near 33rd St. We will be discussing *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

FINANCES

Sunday, February 1, 2026

General: \$14,290
Vision: \$1,035
Mission: \$405
Wednesday night: \$188

General YTD: \$101,633
Vision YTD: \$3,320
Vision Account Balance: \$7,556

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.

Friday, March 6th | 2026

5:30 Reception , 6:00 Welcome & Dinner

Community Reformed Church
6800 E. 41st St. Sioux Falls, SD 57110

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 or visit our website at siouxempirecru.org and click on the "events" tab.

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



BAPTISM SUNDAY

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BELIEVER'S BAPTISM SERVICE
SUNDAY, MARCH 15
3PM

IF INTERESTED, EMAIL LIZ (LIZ.TEEL@COMMUNITYRC.ORG)

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



Happy February, everyone! Things continue to roll along here at church! Here are a few things to keep in mind as we move ever closer to spring.

I mentioned this on Sunday, but I wanted to write about it here as well. I'm guessing most of you are familiar with the Christian college campus movement called CRU (originally called Campus Crusade for Christ). Our local CRU representatives asked us if they could hold their yearly Cru Fellowship Dinner here at Community. Of course, we said yes! This means that you, Community, are invited to attend. What happens at a Cru Fellowship Dinner? Well, here are a few things you can expect:

- You'll meet students from area Cru movements.
- You'll hear student stories of God at work.
- You'll eat great food and enjoy excellent fellowship.
- You'll hear about what they'd like to do in the future.
- You'll be given an opportunity to partner with CRU in a number of different ways.

This gathering will take place on Friday, March 6, from 5:30-8:00pm. This is a free event with free childcare, but an RSVP is required and can be given at siouxempirecru.org. If this is something that excites your spirit, I encourage you to attend!

Mid-Week continues to meet every Wednesday, and I am always moved by how God shows up and transforms lives every week. We still have several weeks of classes left this spring, so if you've thought about giving Mid-Week a try, now is as good a time as any! Join us for supper at 5:30 and classes at 6:30!

Our Believer Baptism Service is scheduled for Sunday, March 15 at 3:00pm. This service is open to anyone who would like to be baptized. Over the years we've seen both adults and kids make this decision. If you're interested in being a part of this service, or if you have further questions about what this involves, please don't hesitate to ask. You can email me or catch me on a Sunday morning. I'm here to help!

I noticed Heather put the VBS registration table in the lobby. I'll share more info about that on one of these Sundays. Let me just say that we're going to have a BIG time!!!

Have a good week, friends!

Liz
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

THE GIVE

Check out **THE GIVE** wall in the lobby. It's a place to donate to local ministries.

The Banquet
Dawn Dish Soap

Union Gospel Mission
hats, gloves, scarves for all ages

Children's Home Society
sidewalk chalk, bubbles

Mission Haiti
Pick up a packet of a child to sponsor for \$33/month



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HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY



Hi Community!

With the new year, I've noticed some parents signing up to start the "Parenting Disciples" tool. It is a great time of year to start it. You can get that tool from our website, or if you'd like, you can sign up to receive monthly reminders. The project is designed for busy parents, so don't be afraid to check it out, even if you have a full calendar each week.

<https://communityrc.org/parenting-tools>

See you soon!

Heather DeWit
Community Kids
605-336-1475

Parenting Disciples

SUPPORT FOR BUSY PARENTS RAISING JESUS-LOVING KIDS

1. Place the monthly verse in a visible location in your home.
2. Read the ideas for the month.
3. Spend time together as a family.

Read just one each month!



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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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