

THE COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 11, 2026

THIS WEEK

MARCH 11-18

Wednesday, March 11

5:30-6:30pm Meal:

Chicken Salad/ Taco Salad

6:30-7:30pm-

Classes for all ages;

Middle school youth group

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

Saturday, March 14

7:00am- Fresh Encounter

Sunday, March 15

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

Worship Services

10:10am- Sunday School

6:30pm- Refresh

(Young Adult group)

Monday, March 16

7:00pm- Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 17

9:30am- Play Group

No AA Meeting

7:00pm- Book Club

Wednesday, March 18

9:00am- Book Club

(Bagel Boy on MN Ave)

5:30-6:30pm Meal:

Joel's Lasanga

6:30-7:30pm-

Classes for all ages;

Middle school youth group

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

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Clyde's Update

It's another nice Monday morning in the great state of SD. A little windy, but we have all learned that wind is part of our DNA. It has been a pretty nice month thus far, but a little rain would sure be a wonderful gift. We could use that. I saw lots of people out and about this past Sunday. The bike trails were full and parks were buzzing as everyone starts to get that magic of spring fever. It does seem like winter has lost a bit of its hold on us, but I know how fast things can change. I'm holding off my celebration for a bit, maybe I'll be wrong and that would be good news for all of us.

I made mention Sunday that we are planning on putting tables in the worship center for Maundy Thursday's communion service coming up here in a few weeks. I have always wanted to do something like this, but as I stated I feared it would be just too much work. However, thanks to the CRU members, they showed that this is very doable and with that we are going to take this on. I will need some help getting it all set up and I will be reaching out to some of you to give us a hand in that. We also know that with the tables in there, we can't seat as many people in there, which means we will need two services and not just one. That being said, we have been trying to figure out the best times. We are leaning to having the first service at 6pm followed by the second one at 7:30pm. That gives us plenty of time in the middle to reset things and still give those who are there to mingle a little time afterwards. I don't like it when everyone must rush out after a service like that. I will be asking you on Sunday for a hand raise as to which one you will attend. It just gives us an idea of how it all should work out. I hope you can see why we are being so intentional about how we divide it up. It matters. I don't want anyone to feel like we have run out of room. I am excited about doing this. I believe it will be very meaningful to all of you. That's my prayer!

I want to give a word of reminder to get your tickets for the Youth Fund Raiser coming up in April. We need lots of people to join us for a fun evening with some great food, and of course, the dessert auction after the meal. You won't want to miss that. Tickets are on sale in the lobby. Also, we are doing an adult baptism service on Sunday at 3pm. We have a smaller group this time, but we are going through with it. Scheduling people has been a bit of a challenge, but we are moving forward on this. I would encourage you all to come and be a part of this event. Celebrate what Christ has done.

The CRU fundraiser was last weekend and I want to say in my newsletter that I was very happy that we could host that event for that ministry. I was very impressed with those young people and their sponsors and leaders. I love those organizations that go out on the front lines and share the message of Christ. It was wonderful to hear the stories from the young people themselves about their faith walks and their connections with CRU. It was a great night.

Sunday's message is about Jesus and his decision to go forward knowing what was in front of him. What Kind Of Love Is This? That will be the title for the message for Sunday. I am certain most church folks know that God's love is well displayed at the cross, but I want to take that idea to a deeper level and make it personal for us. We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

PRAYER REQUESTS

"Be an intercessor. Remember to pray for those in your life who have needs only God can meet."

Chuck Swindoll

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

MISSION HAITI

Love Jesus. Love Others. Make Disciples. Mission-Haiti's purpose is to show the love of God by developing and equipping strong Christian leaders in Haiti for the cause of Christ.

ELDER/ DEACON NOMINATIONS

PLEASE TURN IN BY SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Nomination list can be found at The Link.

WELCOME

We welcome these new members to Community!

Sean & Chelle Tvedt
Mitchell & Laura Wiemers
Tim and Sandy DeLoof

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

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Jan McDowell (shoulder surgery recovery)
- Anna Halverson (seizures)
- Jayne Knockenmus's friend, Shelly
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (hospice)
- Harlan Van Meeteren (hospice)
- Adam & Julie Brown's son, Austin (hospice)
- Kailee Taborda (Leukemia)
- Lloyd Van Essen (bladder cancer)
- Ken Stellinga (Whipple surgery-1/27)
- Edna VanDeVendel (breathing issues)
- 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
- 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





Join us for a special Maundy Thursday service as we gather around the table—just as Jesus did with His disciples. This year, we'll experience Communion in a meaningful way by sitting at tables together, remembering the Last Supper and reflecting on what Jesus did for us.

Thursday, April 2 @ 6:00pm & 7:30pm

All are welcome. Pull up a chair and come to the table. Nursery available at the 6:00pm service.



PIZZA & PRAISE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Come for an informal night of pizza & praise and worship!
 5:30-6:30pm Pizza
 6:30-7:30pm Praise & Worship



ONGOING MINISTRIES

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, **April 13** 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*.

FINANCES
 Sunday, March 8, 2026

General: \$8,756
 Vision: \$5,425
 Mission: \$120
 Wednesday night: \$141

General YTD: \$148,611
 Vision YTD: \$10,831
 Vision Account Balance: \$7,674



HEATHER'S UPDATE KID'S MINISTRY



MIDWEEK-
THE TIME WITH
GOD ROOM



MIDWEEK- NOAH'S ARK



MIDWEEK FUN



PRAY



THROUGH THE ROOF



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP



The weather has been so nice these past few days, and according to the amount of hair my cat is shedding, I'd say we are in for an early spring!! 😊 Let's talk about a few things coming up at church.

Mid-Week only has 3 gatherings left for the year: March 11, 18, and 25. And on our final night, we will be having a night of pizza and praise and worship that's open to anyone who would like to come. This has been an exceptionally great year of Mid-Week, and once again, I would say that even if you haven't been coming, but you'd like to check it out, now is a good time to do that. The classes are starting to wrap up but you can still join us and get a taste of what Mid-Week is like. Supper is served from 5:30-6:20pm, and the classes run from 6:30-7:30pm.

This Sunday at 3:00pm we will be hosting an Immersion Believer Baptism service! Friends, if you've never come to a service like this, I encourage you to join us. I have seen many people baptized, and it never ceases to move me. To watch people making this decision who come up out of the water dripping with "new life" is a powerful and encouraging experience. So, if you're free this Sunday afternoon, come join us for this special service.

Also, speaking of that baptism service, it is not too late to decide you'd like to be baptized! If you've been thinking about doing that, you can absolutely participate! And you can even decide at the last minute. There are just a few details I'd need to share with you about the process, but if you think you'd like to be baptized on Sunday, please contact me. I'd love to add you to our list.

As you've probably read in Clyde's article, we are trying something new for Maundy Thursday this year. And if you haven't read his article, please head there now and check out what we are planning. I think this format change is going to make that service especially meaningful. For now, we are still discussing the times for this service, but we do know it will be on Thursday evening, April 2. More information will follow.

Have a blessed week, friends.

Liz
Liz.Teel@communityrc.org

DOYLE'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

**SPRING
FLING**
YOUTH FUNDRAISER

AT COMMUNITY

CATERED MEAL BY CHEF DOMINIQUE | DESSERT AUCTION | BINGO

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
6:00PM

\$30 PER TICKET

TICKETS ON SALE IN THE LOBBY OR BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE

Come to support our youth group as they raise money for Rocky Mountain High this summer!

We'll have a meal catered by Chef Dominique, a dessert auction and we'll end the night with BINGO!

Tickets are on sale in the lobby on Sunday or call the church office (605-336-1475)

**If you'd like to donate prizes for BINGO, please email Doyle
Doyle.burnside@communityrc.org.**

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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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