

## **PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

Remember in your prayers this week - our **5<sup>th</sup> Grade GEMS** – Sadie, Caitlin, Bryah, and Desi

### **LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD**

Roy & Jeri Prins                      Jesse & Kassai Manwarren ~ Brody  
Tony & Chelsea Scott ~ Aiden, Allison, Austin

**Young Adult of the Week ~ Reuben Vander Haag** works in Council Bluffs at Vander Haag's Inc. His address is in the church directory.

Please add Chris & Nikki Van Beek's contact information to your church phonebook: **602 Walker Street, Sanborn, IA 51248, (N) 212-4589 (C) 212-4990 nikkiavanbeek@gmail.com**

**Your support** of the Northern Lighthouse is amazing. In addition to your monthly checks, you surprised us with an additional \$524. With the higher cost of food, fuel, & utilities things have been tight at the Lighthouse. You have blessed and encouraged us. **Thank You!**

**NL Elders & Leadership Team**

**You make a difference!** Thank you for your gifts of ministry shares, which enable congregation to do so much more to further God's Kingdom through missions, media, and church development. To discover more visit [crcna.org/ministryshares](http://crcna.org/ministryshares)

**Crossroads Prison Ministries** would like to thank our congregation for their support, which enables thousands of men and women to hear the life changing message of the gospel. To read more about the transformation you are making possible, visit [cpministries.org](http://cpministries.org)

**Lord, make my words gracious  
and tender, for tomorrow I may have  
to eat them**

**We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. The ALS system is available for those with hearing impairments.**

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**Pastor Dave Smit** will lead us in our morning worship and **Pastor Lee Christoffels** will lead the 5 PM worship. **Pastor Westra** has a classical appointment at the Orange City First CRC today.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

**Congregational Meeting Follow-up:** On Tuesday evening I opened with devotions and presented about my work. Rich and Gerald talked about our Evangelism Committee and the planned changes in missionary giving commitments. Cody spoke on behalf of our Building Committee, highlighting projects completed and plans for 2023. We distributed a year-to-date budget status for 2022 for information. Ken reviewed the budget for 2023 and it was approved. Thank you to many who came and this update summarizes what we discussed for those who missed it. I welcome your questions and comments. I am so blessed to be serving our Lord with you. --Pastor Phil Westra

**Prairie View service** next Sunday afternoon at 2 PM

**Church Christmas Program** – Next Sunday, Dec. 18 at 5 PM

**Christmas Day Service** – Sunday December 25 – no 5 PM service

**Ladies Bible Fellowship** will study Lesson 5 "Give Us Our Daily Bread" this Tuesday, December 13 at 1:30 p.m.

**Evangelism Committee** – suggested donations for **Love, INC** and **UDMO** are on the table by the GEMS cards. We're requesting your donations be brought to church on or before December 18 (next week).

**Giving Tree:** The tags w/ items listed on them are for UDMO (needed **by tomorrow** - write tag # on gift). All other tags are for gifts of cash, for Love INC's Personal Supply closet, which the Evangelism committee will use to purchase the needed items (these tags needed by Dec. 25).

The **new automatic locks** are up and working! Church doors will be unlocked daily from 7:30 am-8:30 pm. If you need access before or after those times, please contact Lindsey Koldenhoven. Please make sure all doors are closed (not propped open) and lights are turned off when you leave. Thanks!

\*There are various pans and bowls in the kitchen left from the soup supper etc. Please check to see if any of them are yours.

### **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*Friday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m.,** Dordt University's 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Singers will present a concert in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Band. Join us for a fun evening of music! This concert will be held in B.J. Haan auditorium and livestreamed at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>

Volunteers needed (male and female): to help with the Alumni Newsletter, Wed., Dec. 14, at 6:30 PM and Thurs., Dec. 15, at 9:00 AM here at Western. Contact Mr. Brad Vis - 605-359-5704 or [brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com) if you can help.

Our mission continues and **The Village Treasure Chest** needs volunteers now more than ever. We encourage people of all ages to volunteer. We specifically need people to work on Saturdays, but any help is welcome. Apply at [www.villagenorthwest.org/volunteer](http://www.villagenorthwest.org/volunteer) or at the Treasure Chest or Brenna Haack at (712) 324-5416 w/ questions.

### **Bible League prayers requests for the United States**

~ Pray for the upcoming *Project Philip* training in New York, New Jersey, and California, that the Lord will bless the churches participating in the trainings and the people who will be attending.

~ Pray for a vision trip that is currently happening in Peru, that the donor attending will be touched by seeing ministry in the field. Pray for traveling mercies for Maritza and all staff members and as they engage with partners in the field.

**Bibles for Missions Thrift Centers** ~ Remember the Memphis Thrift Center with your prayers and thanksgiving, that the Lord will continue to strengthen the volunteers and give them joy in the work they do to serve the community and raise funds for ministry in Asia.

**Advent ~ God's Joy** -what exactly is the joy of Christmas all about? Listen now at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net)

Learn from Mary's strong example of faith, wholly trusting God and submitting to his will in our lives as we continue to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)

## **Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 11 - 17**

(Sanborn) Jon & Pat Sybesma  
(Sheldon) Jesse Graves

### **TODAY ~ December 11**

PPoint: Brent Koldenhoven  
Video: Jeri Prins  
Audio: Aaron Alons  
Doors: Ben Reitsma  
Nursery: Shannon & Caitlin Rydberg  
Greeters: Ben & Adrienne Reitsma  
Seth & Shelby Irmiter  
CIW: Tonya, Carol E, Bella  
Accom: AM Starla R PM Michelle W  
Offering: AM Budget, Bldg. Proj. Fund  
PM Love, INC  
Hospitality: Terry & Lori Bootsma  
Cyle & Jamie Carlson  
Ben & Tina Meyers

### **Next Sunday ~ December 18**

Tonya Wiekamp  
Aidan Carlson  
Stefan Sybesma  
Lee Reitsma  
Jessica & Lamont Schreurs  
Lee & Starla Reitsma  
Larry & Alvina Reitsma  
Tonya, Anna, Kaylen  
AM & PM Jamie Carlson  
AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)  
PM NO offering  
Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven  
Bruce & Lana Van Engen  
Bev Brouwer

10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes

### **5:00 p.m. Worship service**

Monday 5:15 p.m. GEMS meet at church (bring mission items for Cherish Center) to go to Primghar (Pizza & Skating) arrive back at church by 8 pm

7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting

Tues. 1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Fellowship

Weds. 6:00 p.m. Cadets – leave URC for Ice Skating in Sioux Center (no supper, but snacks/drinks provided) Arrive back at URC by 9:30 – 9:45

**Church Mailboxes:** Longkumer newsletter

**THE LORD'S DAY – December 11, 2022**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Guest Pastor: Rev. Dave Smit**

**IN HIS PRESENCE**

Prelude: "Welcome to Our World" and "Noel" Starla Reitsma, piano  
Catherine Schreur, viola

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading & Prayer ~ Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven

\*God's Greeting

\*Song: "**How Great Our Joy**" Red 90

**IN HIS GRACE**

God's Will for Our Lives

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

\*Song of Confession: "**Blessed be the God of Israel**" Red 67

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: "O Holy Night"

Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Budget** 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Building Projects Fund**

Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**

3 – 6 year-olds ~ **Children in Worship**: L 20 "Advent IV– The Magi"

**IN HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: **Micah 5: 1 – 5** (p 809)

Message: "**God Brings Big Out of Little**"

Prayer of Application

\*Song: "**Speak, O Lord**" Red 755

**IN HIS SERVICE**

\*Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: "**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**" Red 56

\*Postlude

\*stand if you are able

**THE LORD'S DAY - December 11, 2022**  
**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.**  
**Guest Pastor: Rev. Lee Christoffels**

**LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE**

Prelude: Michelle Westra

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship: *Psalm 132: 1 – 5*

\*Opening Prayer

\*God's Greeting

**LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING**

\*Songs: "**God of Jacob, Please Remember**" Grey 132 vs 1, 2, 5  
"**Joy to the World! The Lord is Come**" Red 92

Our Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

**OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: **II Samuel 23: 8 – 39** (p 284)

Meditation: "**The Exploits of Mighty Men**"

Prayer of Application

\*Song "**Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**" Grey 559

**PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS**

Intercessory Prayer

Offering: **Love, INC**

**OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART**

\*Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: "**For All the Saints**" Red 254

\*Postlude

\*stand if you are able