

Church Calendar

Today 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Fellowship Coffee afterwards
10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Church Christmas program practice

5:00 p.m. Church Christmas Program

Weds. 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Cadet Christmas party – at Bowl Mor
continuing at SCS Gym until 8:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Elders/Deacons meetings
8:00 p.m. Council meeting

SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY

Greeters: A.M. Dale & Julie Elgersma, Marlyn & Alvina Hofman
P.M. Bob & Linda Oldenkamp, Jon & Tonja Hoogers

Nursery: A.M. Deb Alons, Ivy Vander Haag
P.M. Laura Elgersma, Linda Oldenkamp

Children in Worship: Shannon Rydberg, Lindsey Koldenhoven

Hospitality: Jerry & Sharla Back, Kelly & Pam De Groot,
Jerry & Josh Bosma

Prairie View visiting: (Dec. 15 - 21) Larry Reitsma

Video: Brody Elgersma **Audio:** Stefan Sybesma

Power Point: Tonya Wiekamp, Shannon Rydberg

Doors: A.M. Rich Vander Werff P.M. Lee Reitsma

NEXT SUNDAY

Offering: A.M. 1st – Budget 2nd – Benevolence
P.M. Mission India

Greeters A.M. John & Laura Elgersma, Dave & Stephen Hofman
P.M. Ray & Phyllis Elgersma, Mike & Bonita Elgersma

Nursery: A.M. Sharla, Isabel, & Trevin Back
P.M. Chyann Schreur, Julia Back

Organist/Pianist: A.M. and P.M. Starla Reitsma

Children in Worship: Shannon Rydberg, Jeri Prins

Hospitality: Mike & Kristie Verhoef, Dave & Stephen Hofman,
Lee & Susie Van Tol

Prairie View visiting: (Dec. 22- 28) Ed Visser

Video: Mike Verhoef **Audio:** Ben Reitsma

Power Point: Kristie Verhoef

Doors: Keven Van Meeteren

Remember Missionaries and Servicemen during the Christmas season

You can find addresses for our Missionary families on the last page of the Church phone directory. Mark Meyers and Jordon Koekkoek's addresses are in the church phone directory as well.

Our Advent worship this morning continues the story that began many years ago when Adam & Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden. Years later God called Abraham to start the journey back home, and gave him the promise his new home would be the Promised Land. However, when God's people were taken into exile, their home in the Promised Land was deserted. How would God keep his promise?

WORSHIP NOTES

Rev. Al Kuiper will lead us in worship today.

First Fruits committee – please meet in the Pastor's Study after the morning service today.

The Annual **Church Christmas program** will be this afternoon, at 5:00 p.m. There will be practice today during the usual time for Sunday School and Catechism.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Pastor Al Kuiper will normally be in the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays by 9 am. His contact information is (712) 470-6828 or aljankuiper@gmail.com. Also there is a church mailbox to place cards or notes for him and Jan.

From the Deacons: We need \$32,000 over the next 3 scheduled Budget Offerings to meet our 2019 budget. Please give this prayerful consideration as the year comes to a close. Thank You.

The weather announcement **texting service** has been expanded to include important announcements and prayer chain notifications. If you have not received a text from church and you desire to receive these messages via text, contact Aaron Alons.

The Evangelism committee's GROCERY DRIVE for UDMO and Love, Inc. is ongoing. Check the table in the Fellowship Hall for lists of items needed. There is an urgent need for groceries at UDMO.

The Fellowship committee still have a few tags on the Christmas tree for grocery or fruit baskets requested. Check this out TODAY!

Extra 'church' T-shirts have been ordered ~ Please contact Judy (M) Visser if you would like one. (sizes and quantities are limited)

Western Christian Music Dept. will present their annual Christmas Concert on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 in Western's Event Center. Please join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior. In addition to great music, we will have a bake sale that evening to help support the arts at Western.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Fellowship Weekend: Friday, January 17 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. and January 18 & 19 – 7:15am-4:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is “Year of Grace” based on Titus 3:3-8. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Mon., Dec. 30. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. For more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org, call 507-215-3670, or talk with Bob Oldenkamp

Love INC is preparing for the start of their winter session of **Loving Help classes** in Sheldon. Classes are available for anyone living in O'Brien County. Classes will begin on January 9, 2020 and run through March 12, 2020. Classes are free and will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30. Free childcare is available. The classes being offered in Sheldon include EmployABLE, Faith & Finances, Embracing Life, and Bible Study, along with English for Adult Students.

For more information or to reserve your spot in one of these classes, please call (712) 324-9707 before Monday, January 6, 2020.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 2-14, 2020): Travel by motor coach (8 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's 2nd and 3rd missionary journeys, visit other major sites of biblical and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, Professor at Calvin Theological Seminary will host this inspirational tour. For more info, visit www.jeffreyweima.com or contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu

Bible League Prayer Requests

Europe ~ Praise God for 40 children who recently completed their *Project Philip* Bible studies. Pray that they'll share the Gospel with families & friends.

Latin America ~ Pray for a group of 26 church planters in Mexico who recently finished their third of four training modules. Pray for the Lord to bless them through these next months of practical application, and through their dedication of sharing the Gospel and planting churches in this nation.

Middle East ~ Please pray for the Bible-based Literacy teachers' training that will take place in a Middle Eastern country. Pray for the Lord to open doors for the new teachers to be able to start classes right away. Pray too that lives will transform by the power of the Gospel as people learn to read and write in Arabic.

U.S. ~ Give thanks for the new partnership Bible League has with Prison Fellowship helping to provide inmates hope through God's Word. Pray that God would catalyze and support a movement of disciple makers, making disciple makers during and after incarceration.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We express our sympathy to **Jesse Graves and girls**, as his brother, **Eric** (a resident of Village Northwest), passed away Tuesday morning, from medical complications. His memorial service was held yesterday.

Harold Hoftzyer had an MRI taken last week and more tests run on Thursday to check out a growth on his left kidney. He is also wearing a back brace.

Remember **John Vander Werff** and **Mitch Verdoorn** in your prayers, as they deal with the effects of cancer in their bodies.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Shane Davis ~ Nathan, Benjamin Larry & Alvina Reitsma
Mike & Bonita Elgersma

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayer

Mitch Verdoorn will celebrate his 96th Birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 24
His address is P.O. Box 233, Ochevedan, IA 51354

The **Fellowship Committee thanks** all those who purchased Christmas gifts for the Giving Tree project! What a joy to find all the gifts wrapped and under the tree! We pray that God's gifts to us may be used to help others experience His love during this season.

Pray for Unity

Pray for unity for the Congregation during this time of transition, that we may not grow weary while we wait for God's calling of our next pastor.

*"Just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him,
strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and
overflowing with thankfulness."*

Colossians 2: 6 - 7

The primary test of life is not service but love for both man and God

THE LORD'S DAY – December 15, 2019
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Rev. Al Kuiper

IN HIS PRESENCE

- Prelude: Leah Kreutner
Welcome and Call to Worship
Lighting of Advent Candle ~ **LOVE** ~ Aaron Alons family
Ministry of Music by Leah ~ **"Noel"**
* Advent Hymn **#328 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"** vs 1,4,5
* God's Greeting LUYH 61
* Greeting One Another
* Song of Rejoicing **#358 "As with Gladness, Men of Old"**
LUYH 105

IN HIS GRACE

- God's Will for Our Lives
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
* Song of Assurance **"O Shepherd Hear and Lead Your Flock"**
Congregational Prayer LUYH 64

Offering: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **CES (Fair Share)**

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

CIW (Ages 3–6) **Lesson 20 – "Advent IV –The Magi"**

(Children will be brought to Classroom across the hall for a snack)

IN HIS WORD

- Song of Preparation **"Another Hallelujah"**
Scripture **Jeremiah 31: 1 – 14** (p 684)
Philippians 2: 8 (p 1027)
Message **PLACES OF CHRISTMAS ~**
"God Comes to Our Deserted Home"
Prayer of Application

IN HIS SERVICE

- * Hymn of Dedication **#337 "Joy to the World"** LUYH 92
* God's Parting Blessing
* Doxology **"Praise to God the Father Sing"**
* Moment of Silent Reflection
* Postlude *Stand if you are able

Worship/Christmas Program at 5:00 p.m. today

