

Church Calendar

Today 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship w/Coffee Fellowship
10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Christmas program practice
High School guys meet in Council Room

5:00 p.m. Church Christmas program

Tues. 7:00 p.m. Elders/Deacons meetings
8:00 p.m. Council meeting

Weds. 5:00 p.m. Cadet Christmas party- bring to Bowl-Mor
thru 8:30 p.m.(games/pizza at SCS gym) pick up at URC
7:00 p.m. Christmas Tea for women and girls

SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY

Greeters: A.M. Ken & Leilla Reitsma, Lee & Starla Reitsma
P.M. Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven, Roy & Jeri Prins

Nursery: A.M. Cindy Koldenhoven, Karter Van Meeteren
P.M. Kassai Manwarren, Judy (M) Visser

Children in Worship: Tonya Wiekamp, Lindsey Koldenhoven

Hospitality: Gerald & Deb Alons, Jon & Tonja Hoogers,
Nikki Boone, Linda Verbrugge

Prairie View visiting: (Dec. 16 - 22) Lee & Susie Van Tol

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

Power Point: Tonya Wiekamp, Shannon Rydberg

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Greeters A.M. Josh & Shannon Rydberg, Nate & Catherine Schreur
P.M. Larry & Alvina Reitsma, Ben & Adrienne Reitsma

Nursery: A.M. Adrienne & Ava Reitsma
P.M. Carol Bootsma, Cody Sybesma

Children in Worship: Tonya Wiekamp, Jeri Prins

Pianist: A.M. Jamie Carlson P.M. Catherine Schreur

Hospitality: Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven, Larry & Shyla Stanley,
Tony & Chelsea Scott

Video: Mike Verhoef **Audio:** Bob Oldenkamp

Power Point: Kristie Verhoef

Mitch Verdoorn will be celebrating his **95th Birthday** on Monday,
December 24. Praise God for the gift of life!

A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to worship with us today. The ALS System is available for those with hearing impairments. A nursery room is in the basement

WORSHIP NOTES

Our **Church Christmas program** will be this afternoon at 5:00 pm. (there will be another practice during Sunday School time today)

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The **Deacons** request your prayerful consideration of a need of \$24,000 for our Budget by the end of 2018.

The **Church Safety Committee** would appreciate volunteers to help monitor church doors at morning and/or evening services. Please talk to one of the Committee members if you're willing – Keven Van Meeteren, Lee Reitsma, Craig Solsma, Ben Reitsma, or Brent Koldenhoven.

The **Christmas Tea** (for ladies & girls) will be this Wed., Dec. 19 (note date of 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends to attend! More information on the flyer in your church mailbox (put in last Sunday). Please sign up TODAY by the Literature table.

The **Evangelism Committee** is conducting a food/dry goods Drive (non perishable food goods and toiletries) for **UDMO** (Upper Des Moines Opportunity) **and Love, INC** until Christmas Day. Please place your donations on the table by the kitchen.

The Music and Worship committee is putting together a special service for the evening of December 23. We will be doing a **Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**. Would you be willing to participate? There are places to read scripture, bring in a symbol and arrange it up front, or sing a Christmas carol (with a small group or even a solo/duet/quartet). We will meet as a group following the morning service on Dec 23 to go over who, what, where, when, but no full practice is needed. If you are willing to sing, we will find a time to practice that. Please call, text, or email Tonya Wiekamp if you are interested in being an active part of this service. (ktwiekamp@gmail.com or 441-3551)

Additional Announcements

Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend

Friday evening, January 25 – through Sunday, January 27. The theme for the weekend is "*Year of Reconciliation*" based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Monday, January 7. You may talk to Bob Oldenkamp with questions, or for more information/to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670.

Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

Love INC is preparing for the start of their winter session of Loving Help classes in both Sheldon and in Primghar. Classes are available for anyone living in O'Brien County. Classes will begin on January 10, 2019 and run through March 21, 2019. Classes are free and will be held Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30. Free childcare is available. The classes being offered in Sheldon include Successful Living, Making Parenting A Pleasure, and Bible Study, along with English for Adult Students (Inglés para Estudiantes Adultos) classes being offered in Primghar include Faith & Finances, Embracing Life, and Bible Study. For more information or to reserve your spot in one of these classes, please call (712) 324-9707 before Monday, January 7, 2019.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! Crossroads Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the Reformed Church of Steen in Steen, Minnesota. TEC is an inter-denominational three-day Christian retreat/lock in designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is Friday February 15 through Sunday February 17, 2019. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, visit www.CrossroadsTEC.com/apply or email CrossroadsTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt, meals & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request. Crossroads TEC is also looking for adults with a passion for ministering to teens to help make the weekend a success.

LOVE INC MEAT DONATION REQUEST (very low on pork & chicken, beef is gone) Loving Help Program's meat vouchers are used the most. Any questions? Contact Love, INC at 324-9707. How can you help?

- ~ Purchase meat at a local grocery store and leave it at the meat counter marked for Love INC. Items desired include ground beef, beef steaks, beef roasts, boneless/skinless chicken breasts, chicken hindquarters, pork roasts, bacon, and bratwursts.
- ~ If you farm, a donation of a 1/2 or a whole beef is greatly appreciated!
- ~ Monetary donations for purchase of needed meat/meat processing.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

John Vander Werff continues in hospice care at his home

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Jean De Jong

Alice Van Ess

Dale & Julie Elgersma

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayer

Bible League prayer requests

Europe ~ Thank God for Klodian, a former Muslim and new believer in Albania, whose life has been changed by Christ with the help of a Project Philip Bible study.

Latin America ~ Praise God for the new group of believers starting Church Planter Training in Nicaragua this week. May the Lord provide creative ways for them to establish new churches in their communities.

~We are so grateful for the new Portuguese easy-to-read Bible. Join us in praying for the divine appointments and open doors as two of our staff members travel to Brazil to explore partnership opportunities with organizations and churches; to engage Brazilians in His life-transforming Word and introduce them to Jesus.

God's Promise to You

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you."

John 14: 1 - 2

THE LORD'S DAY – December 16, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

- Prelude: Jamie Carlson
- Welcome
- * Call to Worship
- Lighting of the Advent Candle
- Song "***We Lift the Light of Hope***"
- * Hymn of Praise #340 "***O Come All Ye Faithful***" LUYH 76
- * God's Greeting
- * Greeting One Another

TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

- God's Will for Our Lives
- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon
- * Song of Confession #345 "***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***"
- Ministry of Music ~ Erin & Hailey Olson LUYH 80
- Congregational Prayer
- Storytime w/ Shannon ~ *Advent*
- Song "***Away in a Manger***" vs 1 LUYH 86

TO GIVE THANKS

- 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)

TO HEAR HIS WORD

- Scripture: **I John 1: 1 – 4** (p 1072)
- Message: "**The Word of Life**"
- Prayer

GOD SENDS US FORTH WITH HIS BLESSING

- * Hymn #356 "***Go Tell It on the Mountain***" LUYH 93
- * God's Parting Blessing
- * Doxology "***Go Now in Peace***"
- * Moment of Silent Reflection *stand if you are able
- * Postlude

Church Christmas program at 5:00 p.m. today

December 16, 2018 Sermon Notes A.M.
"The Word of Life"
I John 1: 1 - 4