

Church Calendar

- Today** 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Fellowship Coffee afterwards
NO Sunday School and Catechism classes
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service
7:15 p.m. Sunday Night Bible Study
- Monday** 5:45 p.m. GEMS – Dad/Daughter Christmas party
(begins at Bowl Mor – bring items for Love, INC)
- Tuesday** 1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Fellowship
- Weds.** NO Coffee Break
5 – 7 p.m. CES Soup and Pie Supper in Fellowship Hall
- Friday** 1:50 p.m. Bingo at Prairie View (Wed. evening group)

SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY

- Greeters:** A.M. Larry Hofman & Harold Hoftzyer
Don Uittenbogaard & Bill Roelfs
P.M. Cork & Carol Bootsma, Esther De Boer & Liz Elgersma
- Nursery:** A.M. Judy (M) Visser, Kristie Verhoef
P.M. Jamie Carlson, Brody Elgersma
- Children in Worship:** Shannon Rydberg, Lindsey Koldehnoven
- Hospitality:** Terry & Lori Bootsma, Jack & Carol Elgersma,
Lee & Starla Reitsma
- Prairie View visiting:** (Dec. 1 - 7) Roy Prins
- Video:** Travis Solsma **Audio:** Ben Reitsma **Doors:** Larry
Power Point: Amber Stange, Craig Solsma Stanley

NEXT SUNDAY

- Offering:** A.M. 1st – Budget 2nd – Building Fund
P.M. Christa Longkumer
- Greeters** A.M. Terry & Lori Bootsma,
Scott Horstman & Shane Davis
P.M. Cyle & Jamie Carlson, Jerry & Carol Buteyn
- Nursery:** A.M. Robin & Rianne Van Meeteren
P.M. Pam De Groot, Kaylen Koldenhoven
- Pianist:** A.M. Jamie Carlson P.M. Joy Vander Werff
- Children in Worship:** Shannon Rydberg, Linda Oldenkamp
- Hospitality:** Marlyn & Alvina Hofman, Josh & Shannon Rydberg,
Bruce & Lana Van Engen
- Prairie View visiting:** (Dec. 8 - 14) Cork Bootsma
- Video:** Karter Van Meeteren **Audio:** Aaron Alons
Power Point: Koldenhoven's **Doors:** Ray Elgersma

Writing Missionaries for December ~ Brendan & Erin Olson,
Bob & Linda Oldenkamp, Ben & Tina Meyers

WORSHIP NOTES

This first week of Advent calls us to recover a hope in God that is more real than the nightly news or anything else that unsettles the heart (Ps. 25:1-3). This morning we begin our Advent journey this morning remembering that God came to our first home in the garden of Eden. This evening our worship reminds us that Jesus is coming again, and his return will come unexpectedly like a thief in the night. This evening the advent message, "He Will Come Unexpectedly," is based on Luke 21:25-36 where Jesus warns us that the day He comes will close like a trap on the unsuspecting.

Rev. Al Kuiper will begin serving as our **Interim Pastor** today. At this time he plans to be in the church office on Thursday mornings.

NO Sunday School, Catechism, or Adult classes today

A **Congregational meeting** to approve the 2020 Budget & hear an update from the Search Committee will take place next Sunday, Dec. 8, right after the morning service. The proposed Budget was in your mailbox last week.

The **Church Christmas program** will be Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

From the Deacons: We need \$32,000 over the next 5 scheduled Budget offerings to meet our 2019 budget. Please give this prayerful consideration.

From the Weather committee: Keep the 4" x 4" card that's in your mailbox - for Church cancellation information. Call Aaron Alons at 441-0633 if you want to be included in a group text for weather-related announcements.

Sunday Night Bible Study will meet this evening at 7:15 p.m. Amanda Vander Berg will provide lunch & Dave Hofman will lead the lesson. Anyone is invited to join us.

The **CES Soup & Pie Supper** is this Wednesday, December 4, from 5:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall – Freewill donation. This is a major Fundraiser for CES - your support is greatly appreciated! Mark your name off the sheet (above kitchen microwave) when you bring your 'donation' into the kitchen. Parents ~ check your schedule for when you work and Youth Group members ~ come to church by 4:15 – 4:30; eat and then be ready to work!

Choose a tag off the **Giving Tree** today! Your gifts should be under the tree by next Sunday, Dec. 8. Be sure to attach your tag to the gift for identification

Inspiration Hills "News" and "Celebrate Christmas Fundraiser" order forms are on the literature table.

Ushers for December**AM****PM**

West Door	Jerry Bosma	
Center Door	Scott Horstman	Marlyn Hofman
Center Door	Dale Elgersma	Roy Prins
East Door	John Elgersma	

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanborn Christian's Fall/Christmas Program will be held in our church this week Friday, December 6. You may attend their rehearsal performance at 2:00 p.m. or the Evening program, which is at 7:00 p.m.

(If you would be willing to help serve cookies and juice after the Christmas program, please contact the school office.) Thanks!

Friday, December 6, the "Christmas Choral Concert" at Dordt University at 7:30 p.m. will feature Bella Voce (women), Canons of Dordt (men), and Concert Choir. The choirs will explore a wide range of repertoire for Christmas commemorate and marvel at the great mystery and wondrous gift of the birth of Christ. Highlights include Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* for choir and harp, and humorous moments including "The Twelve Days *After* Christmas"

In collaboration with the Institute of Prison Ministries, **CROSSROADS** will be hosting a gathering for mentors AND prospective mentors at **Trinity CRC in Rock Valley** on December 7, 2019 from 9-11AM. Anyone interested in becoming a mentor can attend this brief training workshop. Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Joni at jjessup@cpministries.org ASAP. If interested in carpooling, talk with Esther De Boer.

Community Christmas Caroling ~ Wednesday, December 4. Meet at the Community Center at 7:00 PM., where we hope to divide into groups and sing Christmas carols to most of the town of Sanborn throughout the evening. Cornerstone URC will host snacks and hot drinks for all carolers back in the Community Center at 8:15. Come share the good news of Christmas!

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.

The Sibley CRC invites you to The Klassens Christmas Concert which is this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Come to hear their Christmas message.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Remember **Mitch Verdoorn** in prayer, as he deals with cancer.

John Vander Werff wishes to thank those who gave him a special Christmas card, and requests our continued prayers as he feels the effects of his cancer.

Arlan Wiekamp has returned to Fieldcrest. Continue to pray for him as he is weak and still recuperating.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Stefan & Ashley Sybesma ~ Addison, Kinley, Emrey

Marlyn & Alvina Hofman

Noreen Krikke

Prairie View Home

Thelma Elgersma

~ ~

Manor

Maureen Prins

Mary De Young

~ ~

Inn

Alice Van Ess

Fieldcrest

Veda Bousema

Noreen Krikke

Arlan Wiekamp

Sanford Senior Care

Angie Elgersma

Mitch Verdoorn

Christian Retirement Home

Ted Bootsma Harold Hoftzyer

Aspen Heights (Hull)

Harv Verbrugge

If you are **making fudge** for the Inmates for Christmas, please have your donation in the church kitchen by next Sunday, Dec. 8, so it can be delivered. The recipe can be found on the literature table – must be this recipe!

The Evangelism Committee is hosting a Grocery Drive for **Love, INC** and **UDMO** (Upper Des Moines Opportunity), until January 1, 2020. Bring your donations to the Fireside room – after the Soup & Pie Supper. They can be placed on the designated table in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!

(A list of groceries needed is in your church mailbox today)

This afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Come to hear their Christmas message.

Pray for Openness

Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the Congregation to accept and embrace the new pastor that God is calling to Sanborn.

"God does not see the same way people see, people look at the outside of the person, but the Lord looks at the heart."

I Samuel 16: 7

*Make this simple rule the guide of your life:
to have no will but God's*

THE LORD'S DAY – December 1, 2019
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

First Sunday of Advent ~ God Comes to our first home
Rev. Al Kuiper

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

- Prelude: Starla Reitsma
Welcome
* Call to Worship
 Lighting of Advent Candle ~ **HOPE** ~ Olson Family
* Hymn **#328 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"** vs 1,2,5 LUYH 61
* God's Greeting
* Greeting One Another
* Song **#253 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** LUYH 575

TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

- God's Will for Our Lives
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
* Song of Confession **"Another Hallelujah!"**
Congregational Prayer
Song **"Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer"** LUYH 660

TO GIVE THANKS

- Offering: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **CES (Fair Share)**
Children's offering – **Goats for World Renew**
CIW (Ages 3–6) **Lesson 18 – "Advent II – Mary & Joseph"**
 (Children will be brought to Classroom across the hall for a snack)
Ministry of Music ~ **"Welcome to Our World"** Erin Olson

TO HEAR HIS WORD

- Scripture: **Genesis 2 & 3** (p 2); **John 1: 14** (p 924)
Message: **"PLACES OF CHRISTMAS – Our First Home -**
 the Garden of Eden
Prayer

GOD SENDS US FORTH WITH HIS BLESSING

- * Hymn **#428 "O Worship the King"** LUYH 2
* God's Parting Blessing
* Doxology **"Praise to God the Father Sing"**
* Moment of Silent Reflection
* Postlude *Stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – December 1, 2019
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

Rev. Al Kuiper

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Starla Reitsma
Welcome
Call to Worship
Silent Prayer

LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH JOYFUL HEARTS

Songs of Praise – Congregational Favorites

- * God's Greeting
- Our Profession of Faith
- Congregational Prayer

LET US HEAR THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Scripture: **Luke 21: 25 – 36** (p 919)
Prayer for Illumination
Message: **"HE WILL COME UNEXPECTEDLY!"**
Prayer

LET US OFFER GOD OUR THANKSGIVING

Offering: **Benevolence**

LET US LIVE THE WORD OF GOD

- * Hymn **#329 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** LUYH 56
- * God's Parting Blessing
- * Doxology **"Soon and Very Soon"** vs 1 LUYH 482
- * Silent Prayer
- * Postlude

*Stand if you are able