

Church Calendar

Today 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship w/Coffee Fellowship
NO Sunday School or Catechism
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship – "*Lessons & Carols*"

Tues. 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Worship service

SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY

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

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

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

Power Point: Kristie Verhoef

Christmas Day Service ~ Tuesday, December 25 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Pianist: Leah Kreutner **Greeters:** Keven & Robin V. Meeteren

Offering: The Banquet Bruce & Lana Van Engen

Nursery: Tammy Solsma, Amber Stange

Audio: Bob Oldenkamp **Video/P.Point:** Mike & Kristie Verhoef

NEXT SUNDAY

Offering: A.M. 1st – Budget, 2nd –CES (Fair Share)
P.M. Benevolence

Greeters A.M. Craig & Tammy Solsma, Cody & Amber Stange
P.M. Larry & Shyla Stanley, Tyler & Anna Van Ess

Nursery: A.M. Chelsea & Ali Scott
P.M. Adrienne & Drew Reitsma

Children in Worship: Renee Alons, Jeri Prins

Pianist: A.M. Leah Kreutner P.M. Catherine Schreur

Hospitality: Keven & Robin Van Meeteren, Liz Elgersma,
Rich & Joy Vander Werff

Prairie View visiting (Dec. 30 – Jan. 5) Denny & Bev Brouwer

Video: Travis Solsma **Audio:** Ben Reitsma

Power Point: John M. Vander Haag, Craig Solsma

In church mailboxes today ~ Pamphlet from Luke Society
January/February Birthday/Anniv. Calendar
Bio of new Mission India church planter
Christa Longkumer newsletter/Kingdom Boundaries testimonial

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

This evening we will have a Worship Service of Lessons and Carols at 6 PM

Our Worship service on Tuesday, **Christmas Day**, will be held at 9:30 a.m.

Next Sunday, **Rev. Lee Christoffels** will be leading us in our morning worship and **Rev. Mark Waterstone**, will lead our evening worship. Pastor Al will be taking his quarterly Sunday.

Rev Michael Ribbens will be leading us in worship on Sunday, January 6, in the morning. The Fellowship committee is planning a noon luncheon with the Ribbens as well. More details to come.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

The **Deacons** request your prayerful consideration of a need for our 2018 Budget of \$17,000. As well, because of many ongoing needs – offerings for Benevolence are greatly appreciated.

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 Evangelism Committee's food/dry goods Drive (non perishable food goods and toiletries) for **UDMO** (Upper Des Moines Opportunity) **and Love, INC** runs through Christmas Day. Please place your donations on the table by the kitchen.

If you wish to submit an updated family picture for the Church Pictorial Directory, please e-mail it to sancrc@mtcnet.net or give one to Linda O.

Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend

Friday, January 25 – 6:00-8:00pm & January 26 & 27 – 7:15am-4:00pm each day. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. You may talk to Bob Oldenkamp or for more information/to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670. (Forms to sign up are on the literature table)

Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

Additional Announcements

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 Adulto). The 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.

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?

- 1) 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.
- 2) If you farm, a donation of a 1/2 or a whole beef is greatly appreciated!
- 3) Monetary donations for purchase of needed meat/meat processing.

Bring a friend! All are invited to sing with the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus as we return to perennial favorite, Handel's *Messiah*, for our upcoming season! Weekly rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 15, 7:30-9:30 in Dordt College's choral rehearsal room, and the performance with orchestra, Dordt and NWC choirs, and professional soloists will be in BJ Haan Auditorium on Saturday, April 27. For more information, find us on Facebook or email Mike Ochsner at mkchsnr@gmail.com.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Nikki Boone underwent exploratory and gall bladder surgery in Spencer. She is now at home recuperating.

John Vander Werff continues to be in Hospice care at his home

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Lee & Susie Van Tol Arlan Wiekamp

John C. & Ruth Vander Haag

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayer

Remember **Mitch Verdoorn** as he celebrates his **95th Birthday** tomorrow!

Bible League prayer requests

Middle East ~ Thank God for Magda, a widowed mother of four, living in Muslim-dominated Egypt, who was able to attend Bible-based literacy classes at her church. Learning to read and write is delivering her from what she calls, "The jail of illiteracy"! Thank God that she is a believer, and pray for her and her children, that they would grow close to the Lord each day.

United States ~ Please pray for the U.S. Ministry trainers as they work tirelessly while bringing the Word of God to thousands of people all across the U.S. Pray for their health, strength, and wisdom.

~ Pray that God would bless the partnership between Bible League International, the American English Schools, and the Reach Beyond Spotlight English Clubs. The partnership has the potential to take the Bible-based Literacy program to thousands of people across the world and in the U.S.

Reminder for Cadets ~ Maximum weight for your derby car is 6 oz. and no graphite allowed in the gym. Adults -Pinewood Derby is Weds., Feb. 20. There will be an Open Class – so if you want a derby car, contact Jake De Groot at jacob.degroot@hotmail.com

God's Promise to You

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

I Peter 2: 9

THE LORD'S DAY – December 23, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
FOURTH 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 Love"**
 - * God's Greeting
 - * Greeting One Another
 - * Hymn of Praise **#2 (PB) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"**

TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

- God's Will for Our Lives
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
- * Song of Confession **#26 (PB) "That Beautiful Name"**
Congregational Prayer
Storytime w/ Shannon – "Advent"
Song **"Away in a Manger"** vs 1 LUYH 86

TO GIVE THANKS

- Offertory: Rianne Van Meeteren
Offering: 1st - **Budget**
 2nd - **Mission Fund**
Children's offering – **Goats for World Renew**
CIW (Ages 3–6) **Lesson 21 ~ "Meeting the Christ Child"**
(Children will be brought to Classroom across the hall for a snack)

TO HEAR HIS WORD

- Scripture: **John 1: 1 – 14** (p 924)
Message: **"The Word becomes a Baby"**
Prayer

GOD SENDS US FORTH WITH HIS BLESSING

- * Hymn **#22(PB) "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"**
- * God's Parting Blessing
- * Doxology **"Go Now in Peace"** *stand if you are able
- * Moment of Silent Reflection
- * Postlude

Worship Service of Lessons and Carols tonight at 6 P.M.

December 23, 2018 Sermon Notes A.M.
“The Word becomes a Baby”
John 1: 1 - 14