

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Delores Vander Werff will see the Sioux Falls heart specialist Tuesday, December 28 and the Orange City doctor on Wednesday, December 29 for her 1st visits after surgery.

Verla Elgersma shared with me she believes the end of her life is near. She asks that we continue to pray for both her and her loved ones. Her greatest desire is to be with Jesus and the people she loves in heaven.

--Pastor Phil Westra

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Adrienne Wiekamp
Reuben Vander Haag
Dave & Ruth Hoogland

Young Adult of the Week ~ Kyle Hofman trucks locally and works with cattle – along with his brother. His contact information is in the church directory.

Thank you to Elder Larry & Alvina Reitsma for their visit at SF and at home. Also to the church family for your thoughts, prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, visits, and gifts while at Sanford Heart hospital & Rehab. and at home. God is so good!

Delores Vander Werff

Thank you for all the cards, calls, and gifts I received for my 90th birthday. All were greatly appreciated. Above all, thanks be to God for His many blessings all these years.

Milly Kroese

I wish everyone of my great Church Family, **HAPPY Holidays and a Prosperous New Year!** I appreciate all the visits, cards, and phone calls, and especially all the pictures from my two little artists. God Bless You All!

Hazel Kuiper

**Jesus' name is not so much written
as it is 'plowed' in the
furrows of history**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday morning service - 9:30 a.m. Church Cable Channels, Both services on our Church's website sanbornrc.com and the YouTube link https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd3_43l-0A8List-FOhhphg

*Children's Worship bulletins on Lit. table reflect the message today.

NO Children in Worship, Sunday School, or Catechism today
NO 5 PM Worship service today

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

From the Deacons

Thank you for your faithful giving! We have collected 97% of our 2022 budget. Additionally, our expenses for the year have been under our projections, which has given us a healthy balance in the General Fund. Surplus collected from your offerings will go towards our 2023 budget.

If anyone would like to contribute to our upcoming kitchen or parking lot projects, please note that on your contributions or talk to a deacon.

Valet Parking is available at the West Doors of Church.

Giving Tree: The small brown tags with your gift of cash are needed ASAP. The Evangelism committee will be purchasing personal supply items for Love, Inc.

Christmas: God's Gift of Jesus ~ When we share the gifts of Christmas, we point others to the ultimate gift: Jesus. Listen at **kidscorner.net**

Jesus, Shepherds, and Angels: A Savior is Born - The story of Jesus Christ's birth is wonderfully familiar, but slowing down to read and study it again brings comfort and renewed hope. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com**

Family Fire is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at **familyfire.com**

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CADETS ~ NO regular meeting on Wednesday, January 4, but we have reserved Cone Park in Sioux City from 6-9 pm for sledding - hope everyone can make it! This is a church-wide invite, so **families and friends are welcome to join in the fun!** Cost is being covered by CURC youth group and boys/girls clubs; concessions are available at your own cost; and ice skating is an option, \$3 for skate rental. Due to the open invite and time/distance, please let me know if transportation is needed and I will work on coordinating carpool. We strongly encourage carpooling with family, or friends, as a primary option. We will only have transportation lined up for those who communicate a need in advance, if you do not respond we will assume you not attending or have transportation handled. Carpool vehicles will be leaving Sanborn at 5:00pm and should be back to church around 10:30pm.

Justice For All is planning a KENTUCKY BUS TOUR, focusing on our 4 major ministry partners: Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY; Helping Hands, Hyden KY, Appalachia Reach Out Inez, KY; and Appalachian Mission of Hope, Berea, KY. The dates are April 12-18, 2023. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in very poor communities throughout Kentucky. We'll be exploring the rich history, culture and stories of the mountain 'hollers', coal, and horses! And God's amazing creation will also be on display! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org – 712-476-2804

Justice for All is having a meeting with information about Service & Learning Trips at Justice for All ministry center on Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 6:30pm. Address is for the ministry center is 1335 Valley Drive Rock Valley, IA 51247. There will be light refreshments available. With questions, please contact Nick at Justice for All 712.476.2804. Consider going on a trip this year to work alongside others in a different community.

FOOD BANK at Living Water Community Church will be Tuesday, January 3 from 4:30 – 6 PM

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 25 - 31

(Sanborn) Terry Van Dyke
(Sheldon) Casey Baker

TODAY ~ December 25

PPoint: Alan Visser family
Video: Levi Westra
Audio: Bob Oldenkamp
Doors: Larry Stanley
Nursery: Linda O., Hannah W.
Greeters: Bob & Linda Oldenkamp
Roy & Jeri Prins
CIW: - - - - -
Accom: Jamie Carlson
Offering: Budget/Mission Fund

Hospitality: Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven
Kelly & Pam De Groot
Gertie Visser

Next Sunday ~ January 1, 2023

Amber Stange, Craig Solsma
Karter Van Meeteren
Ben Reitsma
Mike Visser
Tammy Solsma, Nikki Sybesma
Bill Roelfs & Don Uittenbogaard
Jon & Pat Sybesma
Anna V.E., Brandi W., Alivia K.
AM & PM Starla Reitsma
AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM Benevolence
Ben & Adrienne Reitsma
John & Amy Vander Haag
Kevin & Ann Hofman

NO Sunday School and Catechism classes

Church Mailboxes: January CRCNA prayer calendar
Crossroads Prison Ministry newsletter
Northern Lighthouse newsletter
(new picture of Keyzers on bulletin board)

NEW on Literature table: New Roots Review
Heerspinks/F Street newsletter

GEMS - Esther School newsletter by
'GEMS' bulletin board

THE LORD'S DAY – December 25, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

Christ Candle Reading and Prayer

*Song: "**Joy to the World**" Red 92

*God's Greeting

*Song: "**What Child is This**" Red 95 vs 1, 3

IN HIS GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Galatians 4: 4 – 5*

Responsive Reading

*Song: "**O Come, All Ye Faithful**" Red 76 vs 1, 3, 4

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **Mission Fund**

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

NO Children in Worship today

IN HIS WORD

*Song: "**Silent Night! Holy Night**" Red 85 vs 1, 3, 4

Scripture: **John 1: 1 – 14** (p 924)

Message: "**The Light Shines in the Darkness**"

Prayer of Application

IN HIS SERVICE

*Song: "**Go, Tell It on the Mountain**" Red 93

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: "**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**" Red 98 vs 3

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

NO 5 PM Service Today

Sermon Notes for Sunday Morning, December 25, 2022
"The Light Shines in the Darkness"
John 1:1–14

Introduction: A Christmas Nativity Play

A. Spiritual Realities

1. In the Beginning, back to _____

2. Darkness and _____

3. Recognizing and _____

B. Expansive Descriptions of God's Son

1. _____ (*Theos*) and _____ (*Logos*)

2. _____ and _____ of Men

3. _____ Among Us

C. Blessings and Benefits of Belief

1. _____ by God

2. _____ of God

3. Beholding the _____