

Church Calendar

- Today** 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship w/Coffee Fellowship
10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School/Catechism classes today
2:00 p.m. Prairie View Worship service
4:00 p.m. Cantata practice at First Reformed
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:15 p.m. Sunday Night Bible Study
- Mon.** 5:00 p.m. Bring your 'GEMS' daughter to Bowl Mor
7:15 p.m. Pick GEMS up at church (w/ mission gift)
- Tues.** 7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting
- Weds.** 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Bible Study
6:45 p.m. Cadets (not req/are invited) Christmas
Caroling w/ URC Cong. - snack at 8:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- Friday** 7:00 p.m. SCS Fall/Christmas program in our church
(also 2 p.m. rehearsal)

SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY

Greeters: A.M. Dave & Stephen Hofman, Pastor Al & Gwen Van Dellen
P.M. Jesse & Kassai Manwarren,
Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven

Nursery: A.M. Pat Sybesma, Mya Sybesma
P.M. Carol Buteyn, Chyann Schreur

Children in Worship: Tonya Wiekamp, Linda Oldenkamp

Hospitality: Brendan & Erin Olson, John & Amy Vander Haag,
Paige Graves

Prairie View visiting: (Dec. 2 – 8) Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven

Video: Travis Solsma **Audio:** Bob Oldenkamp

Power Point: John M. Vander Haag, Craig Solsma

NEXT SUNDAY

Offering: A.M. 1st – Budget, 2nd –Building Fund

Greeters A.M. Ben & Tina Meyers, Brendan & Erin Olson

Nursery: A.M. Jessica Schreurs, Matthew Meyers

Children in Worship: Tonya Wiekamp, Lindsey Koldenhoven

Organist/Pianist: A.M. Starla Reitsma

Hospitality: Ed & Gertie Visser, Tyler & Anna Van Ess,
John & Laura Elgersma

Prairie View visiting (Dec. 9 - 15) Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp

Video: Jeri Prins **Audio:** Aaron Alons

Power Point: Brent Koldenhoven, Liz Elgersma

Missionary Letter-writing for December

Cork & Carol Bootsma, Terry & Lori Bootsma, Jerry & Josh Bosma

WORSHIP NOTES

Our church is in charge of **Prairie View worship service at 2 P.M.** this afternoon. Plan to join in with the residents today.

Brent Kooi will speak to us next Sunday morning during the worship service about his work in Japan and with Genesis International College.

~ Our Church will be joining the First Reformed Church in the **Community Christmas Cantata**, to be held next Sunday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. For those who wish to participate, the practices continue today at 4 p.m. and next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. with the program at 6 PM.

Worship Notices ~ Our Church Christmas program will be held Sunday, December 16 at 5:00 p.m. (practices will be during Sunday School time on Dec. 9 and 16)

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

A Congregational meeting will be held this Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. The agenda includes the proposed Budget for 2019 (in your mailbox last week), a Repr. from Love, INC will talk to us about their mission/opportunities to serve, and there will also be reports from various church committees.

The **Deacons** request your prayerful consideration of a need for our Budget Fund. Budget needs are \$32,000 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 Evangelism Committee is conducting a food/dry goods Drive (non perishable food goods and toiletries) for **UDMO** (Upper Des Moines Opportunity) **and Love, INC.** Place donations on the table by the kitchen.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet tonight at 7:15 p.m. Dave Hofman will lead Lesson 3A and Amanda Vander Berg will provide Lunch. Anyone is invited to visit or join our Bible study.

Church Christmas Tea for all ladies and girls ~ Monday, Dec. 17 at 7 pm

Ushers for December

AM

PM

West

Scott Horstman

Center

Jon Sybesma

Don Uittenbogaard

Center

Dale Elgersma

Gerald Alons

East

John Elgersma

Additional Announcements

Sanborn Christian's Fall/Christmas Concert Friday, December 7 at 7:00 pm in the Sanborn CRC sanctuary. We will also be having an afternoon program practice at **2:00 pm** at the CRC for those would be unable to come to the evening program! ***The school is looking for some volunteers to help serve cookies/drinks the evening of the program. If you are willing to help please contact the school office. Thank you in advance!

The **Western Christian High School Music Department** invites all to Celebrate Christmas by attending the Western Christian High School Choral and Instrumental Christmas Concert on Monday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Event Center at Western Christian. All the choral and instrumental groups at Western Christian will be performing in music the birth of our Lord and Savior. Bake sale items for your Christmas season will also be available.

A FREE Concert will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7 pm at the HMS High School with *The Stray* – LIVE in Concert, and Guest Speaker, *Joel Penton*. This event is sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The **Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra**, led by conductor Dr. Angela Holt, will present its Fall Concert on Saturday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt. Consisting of talented middle school and high school string players, NISYO will perform works by Dvorak, Bohm, Plante and Stamitz as well as string arrangements from the PBS Series "The Civil War" and a traditional Christmas carol.

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.

Cornerstone Prison Church would appreciate donations of **Fudge**, to help fill Christmas sacks for Inmates. (Take note of instructions for how to pkg. pieces of fudge and mark on your container how many pieces are in it. Recipe on back table – please bring to church kitchen by Sunday, Dec. 9.

*Monetary donations are appreciated as well – to purchase other goodies to with fudge in Christmas sacks to inmates. Send to CHRISTMAS SACKS c/o St. Dymas, 1300 E. 10th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

John Vander Werff will be receiving chemo treatments every Monday in Spencer. There is a sign-up sheet on the Lit. table, if you could bring him.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Shane Sybesma ~ Cody, Conner, Mya, Caleb
Nick & Sara Schilling Dave & Ruth Hoogland

Prairie View Home ~ ~ Manor ~ ~ Inn

Thelma Elgersma	Maureen Prins	Alice Van Ess
Edith Vanden Berg	Mary De Young	
	Harv Verbrugge	

Village Northwest

Tim Mouw & David Van Oort

Fieldcrest Assisted Living

Noreen Krikke Angie Elgersma
Veda Bousema Arlan Wiekamp

Aspen Heights (Hull)

Jean De Jong

Sheldon Care Center/Sanford Health

Thelma Verhoef

Christian Retirement Home

Ted Bootsma Harold Hoftzyer Mitch Verdoorn

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayer

Max Meyers address can be found on the bulletin board

Check out the Christmas Lighting displays at Miller Park Campground. Our church has a display included in this town event.

The Sibley CRC invites you to the concert of the Sanborn Men's Quartet "*Four For Him*" which will be given on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018 at 3:00 pm. The quartet's mission is to proclaim the timelessness and beauty of the Church's age-old hymns, not only the melody, but also the message.

God's Promise to You

" Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5: 1

THE LORD'S DAY – December 2, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

- Prelude: Jamie Carlson
- Welcome
- * Call to Worship
- * Hymn of Praise "***O Little Town of Bethlehem***" LUYH 88
- * God's Greeting
- * Greeting One Another
- Lighting of the Advent Candle
- Ministry of Music ~ Erin & Hailey Olson
- * Song of Praise "***We Lift the Light of Hope***"

TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

- God's Will for Our Lives
- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon
- * Song of Confession "***Joy Has Dawned***"
- 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 18 ~ "Advent II – Mary & Joseph"**
(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 **#355 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"** LUYH 98
- * God's Parting Blessing
- * Doxology "**Go Now in Peace**"
- * Moment of Silent Reflection

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – December 2, 2018
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Joy Vander Werff
Welcome
Call to Worship
Silent Prayer

LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH JOYFUL HEART

Songs of Praise – **#344 "Silent Night"** LUYH 85
#348 "Away in a Manger" LUYH 86
***#11(PB) "There's a Song in the Air"**

* God's Greeting
Our Profession of Faith
Song "***Come Thou Almighty King***" vs 4 LUYH 492
Congregational Prayer

LET US HEAR THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Scripture: **Hebrews 11: 8 – 16** (p 1057)
Prayer for Illumination
Message: "**Having Faith in God**"
Prayer

LET US OFFER GOD OUR THANKSGIVING

Offering: **Benevolence**

LET US LIVE THE WORD OF GOD

* Hymn **#618 "Jerusalem the Golden"** LUYH 488
* God's Parting Blessing
* Doxology **#620 "By the Sea of Crystal"** vs 3 LUYH 489
* Silent Prayer

*Stand if you are able