

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please remember **Verla Elgersma** in your prayers as she has grown weaker from cancer and is not getting out much anymore.

Sanford Senior Care

Harv Verbrugge

Fieldcrest

Veda Bousema Hazel Kuiper

Village Northwest

David Van Oort Tim Mouw

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Gerald & Deb Alons Jan & Helen Verdoorn
Chad & Ruth Roelfs ~ Henry, Jordan

Milly Kroese's celebrates her 90th Birthday is today!

Young Adult of the Week ~ Trevor Wiekamp works is a restaurant in downtown Des Moines. His address is 225 East Center Street, Apt# 111, Des Moines, IA 50309

We would like to express our **appreciation and gratitude** for the prayers, meals, and baby gifts at the birth of **Indie. Shane & Nikki**

Bible League prayers requests for the Middle East

~ A mom in one of the Bible-based Literacy classes asks for prayers on her 5 year old son's behalf. Doctors diagnosed him with blood cancer, and he is very tired. Prayers for her, as she is feels very stressed.
~ A literacy class teacher asked for prayer for her cousins who were involved in an accident. They were in a microbus, which caught on fire. Two kids and their families are injured. Pray for them to get well soon.
~ Please pray for Nervana, National Director of BL Egypt, and her family, as she lost her grandmother last week. She was a devout lady who shared her testimony with everyone who visited her.

Food Bank at Living Water Community Church is tomorrow from 4:30 – 6 pm. (610 2nd Avenue in Sheldon).

**Charity gives itself rich;
Covetousness hoards itself poor**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor Dave Smit will be leading us in worship next Sunday morning.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Sunday Evening Bible Study group will meet tonight at 6:15 p.m. Mike & Judy Visser will lead Lesson 3 and provide lunch. You're welcome at any time to join in our study of Philipians.

Our annual **Congregational meeting** will be held this Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. There will be reports from our pastor, evangelism committee, and building committee. We will also approve a 2023 budget. The agenda/budget proposal were in mailboxes last week.

Church Christmas Program – Sunday, Dec. 18 at 5 PM

Interested in playing in our church band at this program? If you used to play an instrument and would like to dust off your playing skills, please let Catherine know, and she will get you music and also find you an instrument if you need one.

Christmas Day - Sunday December 25 AM Service – no 5 PM service

Evangelism Committee – donations for **Love, INC** and **UDMO** are on the table by the GEMS cards. (by December 18)

Giving Tree: The tags w/ items listed on them are for UDMO (needed by Dec.12 - write tag # on gift). Small brown tags are for cash, for Love INC's Personal Supply closet, which the Evangelism committee will use to purchase the needed items (these tags needed by Dec. 25).

The **new automatic locks** are up and working! Church doors will be unlocked daily from 7:30 am-8:30 pm. If you need access before or after those times, please contact Lindsey Koldenhoven. Please make sure all doors are closed (not propped open) and lights are turned off when you leave. Thanks!

There are various pans and bowls in the kitchen left from the soup supper etc. Please check to see if any of them are yours.

You are invited to go **Christmas Caroling around Sanborn!** Meet at Cornerstone URC at 7:00 PM on Dec. 7 for instructions, go out caroling across town, and back to Cornerstone URC for fellowship & goodies.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please consider attending the **Western Christian Foundation Luncheon** on Wednesday, December 7. This will begin at 12:30 PM in the Western Christian Event Center. Please RSVP by contacting Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

Volunteers needed (male and female): to help with the Alumni Newsletter, Wed., Dec. 14, at 6:30 PM and Thurs., Dec. 15, at 9:00 AM here at Western. Contact Mr. Brad Vis - 605-359-5704 or brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com if you can help.

***Friday, December 9 at 7:30 pm** the Dordt University Chorale, Canons of Dordt, Bella Voce, and Concert Choir will present a program of sounds of the season from around the world. Please join us for a delightful evening of music as we celebrate the coming Messiah!

***Saturday, December 10 at 7:30 pm** join the Dordt Music Department for the final concert of the semester by the Dordt Instrumental ensembles. The Wind Symphony will feature Canons of Dordt (male vocal ensemble) and the Chamber Orchestra will perform Mozart's *Symphony No. 40*, alongside the Campus-Community Band.

***Friday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m.**, Dordt University's 4th Avenue Singers will present a concert in conjunction with the 4th Avenue Band. Join us for a fun evening of music!

**All of these concerts will be held in the B.J. Haan auditorium and livestreamed at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>

Advent: God Brings Peace - If you have any friends or family members who haven't trusted Jesus, tell them about how he came to earth to bring peace between us and God. You can also find ways to make things easier, less worrisome, or less lonely for people in need. Listen now at kidscorner.net

Witness how Zechariah, Elizabeth, and their son, John the Baptist, **prepare the way for Jesus' birth and again for Jesus' second coming** Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

(Additional Announcements on back cover)

Writing Missionaries for the Month of December

Larry & Karen Bosma Gertie Visser Verla Elgersma

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 4 - 10

(Sanborn) John & Jessica Schreurs
(Sheldon) Aaron & Renee Alons

TODAY ~ December 4

PPoint: Amber Stange, Craig Solsma
Video: Karter Van Meeteren
Audio: Bob Oldenkamp
Doors: AM Rich VW PM Keven VM
Nursery: Chyann Schreur, Levi Westra
Greeters: Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven
 Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven
CIW: Tonya, Amanda, Lamont
Accom: AM Jamie C PM Joy VW
Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
 PM Benevolence
Hospitality: Aaron & Renee Alons
 Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp
 Shane & Nikki Sybesma

NEXT WEEK ~ December 11

Brent Koldenhoven
Jeri Prins
Aaron Alons
Ben Reitsma
Shannon & Caitlin Rydberg
Ben & Adrienne Reitsma
Seth & Shelby Irmiter
Tonya W, Carol E, Bella A
AM Starla R PM Michelle W
AM Budget, Bldg. Proj. Fund
PM Love, INC
Terry & Lori Bootsma
Cyle & Jamie Carlson
Ben & Tina Meyers

10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes

5:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

Worship service

Sunday Evening Bible Study – L 3

Monday

7:00 p.m.

Elders meeting

Tuesday

7:00 p.m.

Congregational meeting

Weds.

7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Church Mailboxes: NEW Church Work Group list
NEW Calling/Visiting schedule
Deacons report/Offering schedule

NEW on Literature table: FFA Newsletter from WCHS
Newsletter from Brent Kooi
Newsletter from Rehoboth

THE LORD'S DAY – December 4, 2022
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson
Welcome and Announcements
Advent Reading & Prayer – Chet & Maria Vander Velde
*Song: **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** Red 56
*God's Greeting
*Song: **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** Red 76 vs 1 - 3

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *Ephesians 2: 1 - 5*
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon: *Ephesians 2: 8 – 10*
*Song: **"Before the Throne of God Above"** Red 682
God's Will: *Ephesians 6: 10 - 18*

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **CES (Fair Share)**
Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**
3 – 6 year-olds ~ **Children in Worship:** L 19 "Advent III– The Shepherds"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: **Luke 1: 46 – 55** (p 892)
Message: **"Mighty God"**
Prayer of Application

IN HIS SERVICE

*Song: **"Savior of the Nations, Come"** Red 74 vs 1, 4, 5, 6
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: **"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"** Red 98 vs 3
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY - December 4, 2022
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Joy Vander Werff
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Psalm 95: 1 – 2, 6 - 7*
*Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Songs: **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"** PB 2
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Red 61 vs 1, 2, 4, 7

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: **Psalm 132** (p 541)
Ephesians 5: 19 – 20 (p 1024)
Meditation: **"Singing for Joy"**
Prayer of Application
*Song **"Angels We Have Heard on High"** Red 82

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Share Prayer requests
Intercessory Prayer
Offering: **Benevolence**

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Song: **"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"** Red 478 vs 1 - 4
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: **"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"** Red 478 vs 5
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for Sunday Morning, December 4, 2022
"Mighty God" ~ Luke 1: 46 - 55

Introduction: God as a Strong Soldier

A. Mary's Testimony

1. God's actions for _____
2. God's actions for _____
3. connecting _____ and the _____

B. Jesus and God's Kingdom

1. spiritual _____
2. preaching and _____
3. healing and _____

C. Our Spiritual Battles

1. _____ vs. _____
2. our _____
3. beliefs build a _____ and _____

Sermon Notes for Sunday Evening, December 4, 2022
"Singing for Joy"
Psalm 132 & Ephesians 5: 19 - 20

Introduction: The Music of the Season

A. Singing for Joy: Our Gifts to God

B. Singing for Joy: God's Gifts to Us

C. Singing for Joy: Joining our Hearts and Minds

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.

Our mission continues and **The Village Treasure Chest** needs volunteers now more than ever. We encourage people of all ages to volunteer. We specifically need people to work on Saturdays, but any help is welcome. Apply at www.villagenorthwest.org/volunteer or at the Treasure Chest or Brenna Haack at (712) 324-5416 w/ questions.