

## **Church Calendar**

- Today** 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Fellowship Coffee afterwards  
10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Christmas program practice Pre K – 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Catechism classes will still meet  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service
- Tues.** 7:00 p.m. Building Committee meeting
- Weds.** 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Lesson 4
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## **SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY**

- 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
- Children in Worship:** Shannon Rydberg, Ivy V.Haag, Julia Back
- Hospitality:** Marlyn & Alvina Hofman, Stefan & Ashley Sybesma,  
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

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Offering:** A.M. 1<sup>st</sup> – Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> – CES (Fair Share)  
P.M. Benevolence
- Greeters** A.M. Dale & Julie Elgersma, Jesse Graves  
P.M. Marlyn & Alvina Hofman, Jon & Tonja Hoogers
- Nursery:** A.M. Deb Alons, Ivy Vander Haag  
P.M. Laura Elgersma, Linda Oldenkamp
- Pianist:** A.M. Leah Kreutner P.M. Jamie Carlson
- Children in Worship:** Shannon Rydberg, Lindsey Koldenhoven
- Hospitality:** Roy & Jeri Prins, Kelly & Pam De Groot,  
Jerry & Josh Bosma
- Prairie View visiting:** (Dec. 15 - 21) Larry Reitsma
- Video:** Brody Elgersma **Audio:** Stefan Sybesma
- Power Point:** Tonya Wiekamp, Shannon Rydberg
- Doors:** A.M. Rich Vander Werff P.M. Lee Reitsma

## **Remember Missionaries and Servicemen during the Christmas season**

Addresses of our Missionary families on the last page of the Church directory.  
Max Meyers & Jordon Koekkoek's addresses are in the directory as well.

If you have a chance, drive through Miller Park campground.  
Our church and other churches/business have Light Displays there.

## ***Our Advent Worship***

*Our Advent worship this morning tells the story that takes place many years after God's people were banished from the Garden of Eden and lost their first home. When God called Abraham to start the journey back home, Abraham journeyed in faith to the land God showed him, and he was given the promise that this would be his new home. But in this Promised Land, Abraham was "like a stranger in a foreign country."*

*This Advent evening we listen to John the Baptizer as he calls God's people to submit themselves to the refiner's fire (Mai. 3: 2). While the refiner's fire hurts, it burns away the impurities that distract us from the kingdom of God – such as our houses, our cars, our fun, our success, and our frenzied pursuit of them. Are we willing to invite God to keep the refiner's fire going until the day when Jesus comes again?*

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

A **Congregational meeting** to approve the 2020 Budget & an update from the Search Committee will be at the close of the morning service at 10:30 am

The Annual **Church Christmas program** will be next week Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. There will be practice today and next Sunday, during the usual time for Sunday School. High School Catechism students will still meet.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

**From the Deacons:** We need \$21,000 over the next 4 scheduled Budget Offerings to meet our 2019 budget. Prayerfully consider this need. Thanks!

Put your gifts under the **Giving Tree** TODAY. Be sure to attach your tag to the gift for identification. More tags have been added to the Giving Tree this week for community members who would appreciate food baskets or grocery cards. Check the Tree - return items to church by next Sunday, December 15.

If you have **made fudge** for the Inmates for Christmas, please have your donation in the church kitchen by TODAY sometime

**Extra 'church' T-shirts have been ordered** ~ Please contact Judy (M) Visser if you would like one. (sizes and quantities are limited)

**CES Fundraising Event** ~ we will be providing a meal to the staff/spouses of Western Christian High School for their Christmas Party on **Wed., Dec. 18** Sign-up sheets are on the literature table with the items we're requesting to prepare the meal. Thank you in advance for contributing to this fundraiser!

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Western Christian** Music Dept. will present their annual Christmas Concert on Monday, December 16 at 7:00 in Western's Event Center. Please join in celebrating the birth of our Savior. In addition to great music, we will have a bake sale that evening to help support the arts at Western.

### **Music Events at Dordt University – B.J. Haan Auditorium**

Sunday, December 8 ~ The Dordt University Chorale will present "Noel! A Service of Lessons and Carols" at 8:00 p.m. Come and worship with the Chorale as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through song.

Tuesday, December 10 ~ "Christmas Jazz Night" at 7:30 pm and will feature the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Singers (jazz choir) and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Band (jazz band).

Friday, December 13 ~ The Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles (Campus-Community Band and Wind Symphony and the Chamber Orchestra) will present their final concert of the year at 7:30 p.m., titled, "Old, New, Borrowed, Blue, and a March!"

The Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra (**NISYO**), led by conductor Dr. Angela Holt, will present its Fall Concert on Saturday, December 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Consisting of talented middle school and high school string players, NISYO will perform works by Handel, Hofeldt, Tchaikovsky, Meyer, and Spata, as well as an American Spiritual Christmas carol and music from the movie "Frozen". This concert is free.

**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](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org), call 507-215-3670, or talk with Bob Oldenkamp

### **Bible League prayer requests**

**Africa** ~ Praise the Almighty God for the arrival of the newly developed French manual for the *Project Philip* training in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pray for the 15 believers who will begin their training soon.

**Asia** ~ Pray for the Lord to provide peace during the turmoil in Hong Kong. Damaged roads and roadblocks are making it difficult for believers to travel for ministry. Pray that Christians will seize this time to share the Good News and bring hope.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

Remember **John Vander Werff** and **Mitch Verdoorn** in your thoughts and prayers, as they feel the effects of cancer in their bodies.

We express our sympathy to **John & Ruth Vander Haag**, as their sister-in-law, **Velma Garvin**, of Marcus, passed away Friday, November 29. Her memorial service was held this past Tuesday.

John Vander Werff's sister, **Theodora Lockhorst**, fractured her hip so she has moved from her home to Pleasant Acres in Hull.

## **LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD**

Ray & Phyllis Elgersma    Mark Meyers    Ken & Leilla Reitsma

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\*Contact Information for **Rev. Aldon Kuiper** ~

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**Email: [aljankuiper@gmail.com](mailto:aljankuiper@gmail.com)**

Pastor Al Van Dellen's new cell number ~ 616.558.1123

The **Fellowship Committee** thanks all those in the congregation who helped with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner!

**Thank you** Congregation, for helping make the 2019 Soup & Pie Supper a great success! Your donations, attendance, and unfailing support are greatly appreciated. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the prep work, and all those who worked the supper. What a great blessing, to be part of a loving church family!

**The CES Board**

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Christmas; knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from the past can't be recreated? Love In the Name of Christ and Our Savior Lutheran Church are offering a free, **one time** seminar, **Surviving the Holidays**. It is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. It will be **Sat., Dec. 14, 9:00 am - 11:00 am**. To register, call the Love INC office at 324-9707.

### **Pray for Dedication**

Pray that our Congregation will place a high priority on spending time in God's Word as individuals and as a church.

*"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path."*

**Psalms 119: 105**

*Praise is simply letting off esteem*

**THE LORD'S DAY – December 8, 2019**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Rev. Al Kuiper**

**IN HIS PRESENCE**

- Prelude: Jamie Carlson
- Welcome and Call to Worship
- Lighting of Advent Candle ~ **PEACE** ~ Meyers' Family
- \* Advent Hymn **#328 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"**
- \* God's Greeting vs 1,4,5 LUYH 61
- \* Greeting One Another
- \* Song of Rejoicing **"Behold Our God"**

**IN HIS GRACE**

- Prayer of Confession
- Assurance of Pardon
- God's Will for Our Lives
- \* Song of Assurance **"Another Hallelujah"**
- Congregational Prayer
- Storytime w/ Shannon *"Phone Call from God"*
- Song **"Away in a Manger"** vs 1 LUYH 86
- Offering: 1st - **Budget** 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Building Fund**
- Children's offering – **Goats for World Renew**
- CIW (Ages 3–6) **Lesson 19 – "Advent III –The Shepherds"**  
(Children will be brought to Classroom across the hall for a snack)

**IN HIS WORD**

- Song of Preparation **"O God, You Are My God"** LUYH 743 (2x)
- Scripture **Genesis 12: 1 - 9** (p 10)  
**Hebrews 11: 6 – 12** (p 1057)
- Message: **PLACES OF CHRISTMAS -**  
**"God Comes to Our Ruined Home"**
- Prayer of Application

**IN HIS SERVICE**

- \* Hymn of Dedication **#337 "Joy to the World"** LUYH 92
- \* God's Parting Blessing
- \* Doxology **"Praise to God the Father Sing"**
- \* Moment of Silent Reflection
- \* Postlude \*Stand if you are able

PLEASE BE SEATED FOR A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**THE LORD'S DAY – December 8, 2019**  
**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.**  
**Rev. Al Kuiper**

**LIFT YOUR HEARTS TO GOD IN JOYOUS PRAISE**

Prelude: Joy Vander Werff  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Silent Prayer

**LIFT YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKFUL JOY!**

Songs of Praise –

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** LUYH 88  
**#348 "Away In a Manger"** LUYH 86  
**\*#344 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"** LUYH 85

- \* God's Greeting
- Our Profession of Faith
- Prayers of Intercession

**OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Scripture **Malachi 3: 1 – 4** (p 834)  
**Luke 3: 1 – 6** (p 895)  
Prayer for Illumination  
Message: **"HE WILL COME – The Refiner's Fire"**  
Prayer

**OFFER YOUR HEARTS TO GOD AS EAGER SERVANTS**

- Offering: **Christa Longkumer**
- \* Hymn **#327 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"** LUYH 70
  - \* God's Parting Blessing
  - \* Doxology **"Soon and Very Soon"** vs 1 LUYH 482
  - \* Silent Prayer
  - \* Postlude

\*Stand if you are able