

Church Calendar

- Today** 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship w/Coffee Fellowship
10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Christmas program practice
High School Catechism class will meet
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Tues.** 1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Fellowship – Lesson 6
- Weds.** 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Christmas Brunch at the
Parsonage
5:30 p.m. Young People's Christmas Party
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY

- Greeters:** A.M. Ben & Tina Meyers, Brendan & Erin Olson
P.M. Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven, Jesse & Kassai Manwarren
- Nursery:** A.M. Jessica Schreurs, Matthew Meyers
P.M. Pat Sybesma, Mya Sybesma
- Children in Worship:** Tonya Wiekamp, Lindsey Koldenhoven
- 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

NEXT SUNDAY

- Offering:** A.M. 1st – Budget, 2nd –CES (Fair Share)
P.M. Benevolence
- Greeters** A.M. Ken & Leilla Reitsma, Lee & Starla Reitsma
P.M. Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven, Roy & Jeri Prins
- Nursery:** A.M. Cindy Koldenhoven, Karter Van Meeteren
P.M. Carol Bootsma, Judy (M) Visser
- Children in Worship:** Tonya Wiekamp, Lindsey Koldenhoven
- Pianist:** A.M. and P.M. Jamie Carlson
- Hospitality:** Gerald & Deb Alons, Jon & Tonja Hoogers,
Nikki Boone, Linda Verbrugge
- Prairie View visiting** (Dec. 16 - 22) Lee & Susie Van Tol
- Video:** Brody Elgersma **Audio:** Stefan Sybesma
- Power Point:** Tonya Wiekamp, Shannon Rydberg

The Sibley CRC invites you to the concert of the Sanborn Men's Quartet
"Four For Him" which will be given TODAY at 3:00 pm.

Inspiration Hills ~ Holiday Bake Sale – Forms on Literature table –
newsletter in your church mailbox today as well.

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

Brent Kooi will talk to us about his work in Japan and with Genesis International College, during the morning service.

First Fruits committee – please meet in the Pastor’s Study after the evening service.

Our **Church Christmas program** will be next Sunday, Dec. 16 at 5:00 pm. (practices will be during Sunday School time today and next Sunday)

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

At the **Congregational Meeting** this past Tuesday, the Budget proposals for 2019 were passed. Kristi Robinson, Love, INC’s executive director, shared great information with us and we heard reports from Church committees.

The **Deacons** request your prayerful consideration of a need for our Budget and Mission Funds. Budget needs are \$32,000 by the end of 2018.

Giving Tree gifts should be returned to church by tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 10. Be sure to attach the tag with the Family # on the gift. Thanks to everyone who participated in this project!

Cornerstone Prison Church your donation of **Fudge** needs to be brought to church kitchen **by TODAY** sometime. *Monetary donations are appreciated as well (this week)– to purchase other goodies to go along with fudge in Christmas sacks to inmates. Send to CHRISTMAS SACKS c/o St. Dymas, 1300 E. 10th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

The **Christmas Tea** (for ladies & girls) will be Wed., Dec. 19 (note date change) 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends to attend! More information is on the flyer in your church mailbox. Sign-up by the Lit. table.

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** until Christmas Day. Please place your donations on the table by the kitchen.

Additional Announcements

The **Western Christian High School Music Department** invites all to celebrate Christmas by attending the Western Christian High School Choral and Instrumental Christmas Concert (tomorrow) Monday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm in the Event Center at Western Christian. All the choral and instrumental groups at Western Christian will be performing and celebrating in music the birth of our Lord and Savior. Bake sale items for your Christmas season are also available. (If you are willing to bring items for the Bake Sale, please text or call Stacy Andringa at 260-3274 or email stacyandringa@hotmail.com)

Dordt Concerts ~ in BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt College ~ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 11: 'Christmas Jazz Night' will feature the Kantorei (a 16 voice jazz choir) and Jazz Band. The Kantorei will be celebrating the birth of Christ in unique and intricate ways with a cappella renditions of *Mary Know* by Pentatonix, familiar carols like *Silent Night* and the Coventry Carol approached from a jazz perspective, and songs performed in collaboration with the Jazz Band. The Dordt Jazz Band will be swinging to some holiday classics like, *Here Comes Santa Claus*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. Come in out of the cold for a night of bright jazz music.

Friday, December 14: The Dordt College Christmas Choral Concert will feature Bella Voce (women's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir - over 160 singers. The choirs will explore a wide range of repertoire for Christmas to commemorate and marvel at the great mystery and wondrous gift of the birth of Christ. Highlights include works by Eric Whitacre, Jake Runestad, John Rutter, Ola Gjeilo, Knut Nystedt, Vijay Singh, and Michael Engelhardt. Stunning a cappella compositions will be side by side with several forms of accompaniment that will bring a deep texture to the program, including piano, cello, guitar, flute, harp, percussion, and handbells.

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?

~ 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.

~ If you farm, a donation of a 1/2 or a whole beef is greatly appreciated!

~ Monetary donations for purchase of needed meat/meat processing

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

John Vander Werff was brought home on Wednesday, and is under Hospice care.

We express our sympathy to **Jesse & Kassai Manwarren & Brody** at the passing of Jesse's grandfather, **Stanley Tripp Sr** of Spirit Lake. His memorial service was held yesterday in Spencer.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Jan & Helen Verdoorn Don Uittenbogaard
John & Laura Elgersma

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayers

If you picked up coffee from 'Pilgrim' (Longkumer's) and need to pay for it, please send your check to Christa Longkumer (c/o Norma Geels) at 1110 5th Street NE, Sioux Center, IA 51250.

Bible League International prayer requests

~ Praise God for the launch of the new comprehensive application called, "Program-to-Impact" which will be used for the ministry's business needs for program planning, people impact reporting, and grant management. This program facilitates our strategic ministry growth and donor engagement into the future!

~ Africa - Praise the Lord for the Project Philip graduation in Rongai, Kenya of about 400 people from 3 different churches. Pray that God will use them to reach out to the big population of Rongai with His Word.

~ Asia - Please pray for two Buddhist Bible-based Literacy students in Bangladesh. May God bless the teacher who is answering their eager questions about Jesus Christ our Lord.

God's Promise to You

"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."
John 7: 38

THE LORD'S DAY – December 9, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
SECOND 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 Candles ~ Larry & Karen Bosma
 - * Song of Praise "***We Lift the Light of Hope***"

TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

- Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
God's Will for Our Lives
- * Song of Confession "***Joy Has Dawned***"
Missionary Report ~ Brent Kooi
Ministry of Music ~ Leah Kreutner
Congregational Prayer
Storytime w/ Shannon ~ "Advent"
Song "***Away in a Manger***" vs 1 LUYH 86

TO GIVE THANKS

- Offering: 1st - **Budget** 2nd - **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)

TO HEAR HIS WORD

- Scripture: **I John 1: 1 – 4** (p 1072)
Psalms 98: 1 – 9 (p 522)
Message: "**The Lord Is Come**"
Prayer

GOD SENDS US FORTH WITH HIS BLESSING

- * Hymn **#337** "***Joy to the World***" LUYH 92
 - * God's Parting Blessing
 - * Doxology "***Go Now in Peace***"
 - * Moment of Silent Reflection
 - * Postlude
- *Stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – December 9, 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