

## **Church Calendar**

- Today** 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Fellowship Coffee afterwards  
10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes  
11:00 a.m. Adult class in Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Monday** 6:45 p.m. GEMS meeting  
8:30 p.m. GEMS Counselor meeting
- Tues.** 1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Fellowship
- Weds.** 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Bible study  
7:00 p.m. Cadets at URC  
Elders/Deacons meetings  
8:00 p.m. Council meeting

## **SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY**

- Greeters:** A.M. John & Jessica Schreurs, Tony & Chelsea Scott  
P.M. Tyler & Anna Van Ess, Larry & Shyla Stanley
- Nursery:** A.M. Pat Sybesma, Amber Stange  
P.M. Tina Meyers, Jeri Prins
- Children in Worship:** Jessica Schreurs, Erin Olson
- Hospitality:** John & Amy Vander Haag, Ray & Phyllis Elgersma,  
Amanda Vander Berg
- Prairie View visiting:** (Jan.19 - 25) John Schreurs
- Video:** Mike Verhoef **Audio:** Ben Reitsma
- Power Point:** Kristie Verhoef
- Doors:** Keven Van Meeteren

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

- Offering:** A.M. 1<sup>st</sup> – Budget 2<sup>nd</sup> –Mission Fund  
P.M. Love, INC
- Greeters** A.M. Nick & Sara Schilling, Cody & Amber Stange  
P.M. Amanda Vander Berg & Esther De Boer,  
Aaron & Renee Alons
- Nursery:** A.M. Ivy Vander Haag, Rianne Van Meeteren  
P.M. Erin & Brady Olson
- Pianist:** A.M. Leah Kreutner P.M. Joy Vander Werff
- Children in Worship:** Jessica Schreurs, Linda Oldenkamp
- Hospitality:** Gerald & Deb Alons, Cody & Amber Stange,  
Scott Horstman, Jesse Graves
- Prairie View visiting:** (Jan. 26 – Feb. 1) Jon Sybesma
- Video:** Travis Solsma **Audio:** Bob Oldenkamp
- Power Point:** Amber Stange, Craig Solsma
- Doors:** Jack Elgersma

**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**

**Dr. John Kok**, professor from Dordt University, will be leading us in worship morning and **Rev. Dave Smit**, retired pastor from Sioux Center, will lead our worship service.

Today is **Preparatory Sunday** for the Lord's supper; which will take place next week Sunday, January 26 D.V. There is a devotional in your church mailbox today to use in your preparation for Communion.

We also commemorate the **Sanctity of Life** today, remembering the taking of innocent children's lives by abortion. With all those who seek to genuinely honor and preserve the sanctity of human life by God, may we rededicate ourselves to work for its restoration in our country.

**First Fruits committee** - please meet in the Pastor's Study after the evening service.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

Pastor Kuiper will be available on Thursday, beginning at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Mark your calendar!** Our annual quilt day has been set for Tuesday, March 17 (we will be sewing all day that day plus Wednesday March 18 from 1-4 PM if needed). We look forward to seeing any and all members of our church for all or any part of those days you can fit in your schedule. Join in the fun and fellowship of creating quilts for those in need. More information to come. **Tuesday afternoon Bible Study Fellowship**

**Coffee from Christa (Pilgrim's)** ~ If you wish to purchase coffee from the Longkumer's, there are order forms in the fellowship hall. Return form with payment in an envelope. Deadline extended ~ do so by Sunday, January 26.

The Banner magazine wants to hear from you! - Please take their survey at **[thebanner.org/Survey](http://thebanner.org/Survey)**. Help them improve to serve you better. Your participation is voluntary, confidential, and will only take about 10 minutes.

Sheldon Area Unity Meal – Monday, January 20 at 6 p.m. at Living Water Community Church.

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Dordt** University Music Department will present a **Faculty Recital** on Friday, January 24, at 7:30 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature music by or in the style of Beethoven in honor of his 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. Performances will include compositions for marimba, flute, piano, and more. The recital is free and open to the public.

**Kirk Cameron is coming to Sheldon, IA (Mike Seaver from the hit 1985 sitcom Growing Pains), but Kirk's career didn't end there. He's a television and film actor and producer, noted recently for his work in family films **SAVING CHRISTMAS** and **MERCY RULE**, along with others. And you might remember him from the inspirational film, **FIREPROOF**.**

**Kirk has a passion for people to share their faith and have a gospel centered marriage and family. You're invited to his Living Room Reset Tour in Sheldon at Crossroads Pavilion, February 28, 2020. Kirk will be there with special guest Matt Hammit formerly of Sanctus Real and special video messages from Kirk's wife, Chelsea. Visit [www.echoconcerts.com](http://www.echoconcerts.com) to get your ticket today.**

### **Inspiration Hill Activities**

Registration for Summer Camps open on February 1. Log onto [www.inspirationhills.org](http://www.inspirationhills.org) to see what camps are available. We have Wilderness, Lodge, CHIPS, Day Camp, Discovery, Guys Only, Girls Only, Take Me Fishing, Saddle Up, Journey Camp, Grand Camp, and Family Camp! Brochures are on the literature table.

**Calling all 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders!** Join us Feb. 14 - 15 for an exciting weekend with your friends! You will be staying at Inspiration Hills Bunk Rooms in the Main Lodge. Activities include chapel, worship, winter activities like broomball & tubing, camp games, & much more! Visit [www.inspirationhills.org](http://www.inspirationhills.org) for more information about register!

**March 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> at** Inspiration Hills ~ **FamilyLife's Art of Marriage!**

See marriage the way God intended it to be as a true art form. For more than 40 years, FamilyLife has been helping couples understand God's plan for relationships. The Art of Marriage weaves together expert teaching, real-life stories, humorous vignettes, and more to portray both the challenges and the beauty of God's design. Join us to discover how to renew and refresh your marriage during this weekend. Go to [www.inspirationhills.org](http://www.inspirationhills.org)

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**John Vander Werff** (Room #211) and **Mitch Verdoorn** (Room #209B) at Sanford Senior Care are both dealing with effects of cancer on their bodies.

**Longkumer's write** ~ We have shared about our friend Tono a couple of times. We are delighted to inform you that his mother and older brother put their faith in Jesus last week. Praise God! Continue to pray for them as they begin this new life of loving and serving our great Savior. And please pray for Tono's wife as she still hasn't accepted Christ.

## **LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD**

Harv & Gloria Van Oort ~ David

Bob & Linda Oldenkamp

Amanda Vander Berg

*Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayer*

## **Pray for our next Pastor**

**Pray for OBEDIENCE.** Pray that our next pastor and his family will clearly hear and understand that they are being called to Sanborn, and that they will have courage as they obey that call.

*"The Lord told Abram, 'Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's house, and go the land that I will show you' . . . so Abram departed as the Lord had instructed him."*

**Genesis 12: 1**

***Sins concealed by man are never cancelled by God***

**THE LORD'S DAY – January 19, 2020**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.**  
**PREPARATORY SUNDAY**  
**Guest Pastor: Dr John Kok**

**GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE**

- Prelude: Starla Reitsma  
Welcome  
\* Call to Worship  
\* Hymn of Praise **"God, You Call Us to This Place"**  
\* God's Greeting vs 1,2 LUYH 531  
\* Greeting One Another  
\* Hymn **"O God Beyond All Praising"** LUYH 557

**TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM**

God's Will for Our Lives and Prayer of Confession ~ as we also  
prepare for Celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday (p 978)

- \*Song of Confession **#255 "God, Be Merciful to Me"** vs 1 - 3  
Congregational Prayer

Story time w/ Shannon ~ *"Don't Worry!"*  
Song **"Jesus Loves Me"** vs 1 LUYH 709

**TO GIVE THANKS**

- Offering: 1st - **Budget** 2<sup>nd</sup> – **CES (Fair Share)**  
Children's offering – **Goats for World Renew**  
CIW (Ages 3–6)  
**Lesson 6 "Jesus calls the Twelve Disciples"**  
(Children will be brought to Classroom across the hall for a snack)

**TO HEAR HIS WORD**

- Scripture: **Psalm 142** (p 545)  
Message: **"Freedom from the Cave"**  
\*Hymn: **#142 "Hear My Cry and Supplication"**  
Prayer

**GOD SENDS US FORTH WITH HIS BLESSING**

- \* Prayer of Doxology ~ Jude 24 & 25  
\* Doxology: **#322 "God, the Father of Your People"** LUYH 927  
\* Moment of Silent Reflection  
\* Postlude \*Stand if you are able

**THE LORD'S DAY – January 19, 2020**  
**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.**  
**SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY**  
**Guest Pastor: Rev. Dave Smit**

**LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP**

Prelude: Starla Reitsma  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Silent Prayer

**LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH JOYFUL HEART**

Songs of Praise –

***"Behold Our God"***  
***"Here I Am, Lord"*** LUYH 869  
***\*"We Are an Offering"*** LUYH 874

- \* God's Greeting
- Our Profession of Faith
- Congregational Prayer

**LET US HEAR THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED**

Scripture: **II Peter 1: 1 – 4** (p 1069)  
Prayer for Illumination  
Message: **"A New Year of Commitments"**  
Prayer

**LET US OFFER GOD OUR THANKSGIVING**

Offering: **Benevolence**

**LET US LIVE THE WORD OF GOD**

- \* Hymn **#533** ***"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"***
- \* God's Parting Blessing
- \* Doxology ***"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*** LUYH 946
- \* Silent Prayer
- \* Postlude

\*Stand if you are able