

Church Calendar

- Today** 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship w/Coffee Fellowship
10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes
6:00 p.m. Evening worship service
- Monday** 6:45 p.m. GEMS meeting- Bring-a-friend Night
(Couns. mtg at 8:30)
- Weds.** 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Bible Study
12 noon Lenten Luncheon ~ First Reformed Church
5 – 7 pm SCS Auxly. Pancake Supper in the Gym
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Lesson #11
Young People's meeting
Devotions – Karter, Snack – Matthew
Cadets at URC
Elders/Deacons meetings
8:00 p.m. Council meeting

SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY

- Greeters:** A.M. Andy & Brandi Wright, Harv & Gloria Van Oort
P.M. Harv & Linda Verbrugge, Lee & Susie Van Tol
- Nursery:** A.M. Amanda Vander Berg, Cody Sybesma
P.M. Linda Oldenkamp, Tonja Wiekamp
- Children in Worship:** Shannon Rydberg, Julia Back
- Hospitality:** Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven, Larry & Shyla Stanley,
Tony & Chelsea Scott
- Prairie View:** Kevin Wiekamp **Video:** Mike Verhoef
Audio: Bob Oldenkamp **P. Point:** Kristie Verhoef

NEXT SUNDAY

- Offering:** A.M. 1st –Budget ~Mission Fund P.M. World Renew-DRS
- Greeters** A.M. Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp, Mike & Kristie Verhoef
P.M. Mike & Judy Visser, Ed & Gertie Visser
- Nursery:** A.M. Pam De Groot, Sharla Back
P.M. Tonja Hoogers, Hailey Olson
- Children in Worship:** Shannon Rydberg, Linda O., Rianne V.M.
- Pianist** A.M. Joy Vander Werff P.M. Leah Kreutner
- Hospitality:** Keven & Robin Van Meeteren, Jon & Tonja Hoogers,
Harv & Linda Verbrugge
- Prairie View:** Gerald Alons **Video:** Travis Solsma
Audio: Bob Oldenkamp **P.Point:** John M. Vander Haag, Craig
Solsma
- Letters:** **Rev. Sam & Karen Keyzer** – Jim Van Dyke
Rev. Michael & Megan Ribbens –Terry Van Dyke
Rev. Mike & Dawn Menning – Randy Van Dyke

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

Rev. Dan De Groot will lead us in worship today. **Rev. Marvin Leese**, retired pastor from Sioux Center, will lead us in worship next Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Auxiliary Pancake Supper: Come to Sanborn Christian on Wed., March 21 for our Pancake Supper! The Sanborn Fire Dept. will be making and serving delicious pancakes and sausages. Drinks will include coffee, juice, and milk. Food will be served from **5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** in the school gym. A free will donation will be taken for the Sanborn Christian School Auxiliary.

Anyone willing to help make Sub Sandwiches next week Tuesday, March 27, please talk with any GEMS Counselors. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Evangelism Note ~ There will soon be a Gideon's Card Rack – on the table with GEMS cards. It has Funeral – Celebration – Thinking of You cards. There is a place where you state the number of Gideon Bible (s) you've purchased in memory/honor of the person whom you're giving the card to. Bibles are \$5. This is a great way to show someone you're thinking of them AS WELL AS spreading God's Word! Contact Harv Verbrugge, a Gideon, with questions.

ALSO ~ We are beginning a food drive for UDMO and LOVE,INC. UDMO especially has a real shortage right now. They served nearly 2700 folks in December alone. A table will be set up in the fellowship hall for donations.

Love, INC also needs ~ Women's Body Wash, Hair Conditioner, Women's Deodorant, Kleenex, Toilet Paper (4-6 pk). Please set by grocery items.

Save the Date! The next 'Men's Night Out' will be Saturday, April 28 (note change). *Captain Dan Keating* will be with us to share his testimony as well as his life's adventure as a charter boat fishing captain. Supper will be at 6:00 p.m. Mark it on your calendar! Invite your friends, co-workers and family members! Free will offering.

Are you interested in the **Co-Ed Softball League** this summer? If so, please contact Lindsey Koldenhoven. We are looking for men and women. (Josh Vermeer, Reformed Church's youth pastor, is organizing this.)

Additional Announcement

Tastefully Simple products are being sold by our 8th graders until April 2. *Please note that Fuller-Stanley products are no longer available through this contact.* Part of their sales goes towards their class trip to Des Moines.

If you are interested in ordering, please contact

*Levi Schreurs *Riely Andringa *Lyndsey Moser
*Grace Hofman *Makenzie Iwema *Shayla Van Beek

Round-Up Information: Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 starting at 8:30 am. The students will eat lunch at school and will be ready for pick-up at 12:30 pm. Preschool Round-Up is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 starting at 8:30 am and will be finished around 11:30 am. If you are interested in sending your child to either kindergarten or preschool for the 2018/2019 school year or know of a family who might be interested in SCS, please contact the school office.

The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra in conjunction with a generous grant from Sioux Center Recreation and Arts Council will present a Guest Concert by the Camerata RCO of the Netherlands on March 20. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the BJ Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College. Advance tickets are available at Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center and Jubon Juweelen in Orange City. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or niso@dordt.edu.

HUNGRY FREE KIDS OF SIOUX COUNTY AUCTION ~ Friday, March 23 – free will dinner from 5:30-6:30 PM followed by an auction in Dordt College's Rec Center. The aim of the auction is to bring awareness to people in NW Iowa that there are children all over our nation who are hungry. Even in Sioux County, an agriculturally-driven community, there are kids from families who have food insecurities. Help us fill sack packs for the Sack Pack Programs in Sioux County! Our goal is to raise over \$50,000 a year to go towards Sack Pack programs and other hunger-related causes in Sioux County. In our county alone, we need over 16,000 sacks per school year.

Friday, March 23: The Dordt College Concert Choir will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This is the final concert in a spring break tour that included stops in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Directed by Mr. Ryan Smit, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, including hymn arrangements, gospel, recently composed works, part songs from the Renaissance and Romantic eras, and Hispanic music from Spain and the Southwestern United States. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Jon Sybesma's surgery on his toe went very well. He is waiting for the lab results, and really appreciated your prayers.

Bill Bousema has pneumonia and is in the Sheldon hospital.

Veda Bousema fell and broke her femur bone. She is in the hospital in Sioux Falls and will have surgery there. Please remember Bill & Veda in your and prayers.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Todd & Emily Verhoef Terry Van Dyke
Tyler & Anna Van Ess ~ Aleah

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayers

Wednesday, March 21: All are invited to a spaghetti dinner at First CRC in Sioux Center from **5-7 pm**. Hosted by the Dordt College Concert Band, freewill donations will be accepted to support the band's upcoming tour to Europe in May.

Good Friday Passion Play – Friday, March 30 – Sibley/Ocheyedan H.S. Auditorium – 5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM. Free tickets may be reserved by calling 712.754.2945 or by emailing ocmapassionplay@gmail.com (church groups and organizations may request enough for their group) Attending this program will heighten your appreciation of what our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, experienced on that Good Friday, and will prepare you for the glory of Easter morning. Listen to KIWA Radio for ticket availability.

Needed ~ One or two more English teachers at our school in Savannakhet. The teachers need only a bachelor's degree, not necessarily in education. We would ask for a year commitment starting in June or July. If you or anyone you know is interested, contact me at christalongkumer@gmail.com.

God's Promise to Us

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."
James 1: 12

THE LORD'S DAY – March 18, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dan De Groot

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma - piano, Catherine Schreur - viola

Welcome

- * Call to Worship
- * Hymn of Praise **#239 "Amid the Thronging Worshipers"**
- * God's Greeting LUYH 511
- * Song of Praise **"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"** LUYH 610

TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for Our Lives

- * Song of Response **#482 "Man of Sorrows – What a Name"**
- Congregational Prayer LUYH 170

TO GIVE THANKS

Offering: 1st - **Budget**

2nd - **CES (Fair Share)**

Children's offering – **Goats through World Renew**

Children in Worship (Ages 3–6) **Lesson 35 "Jesus the King"**

(Children will be brought to Classroom across the hall for a snack)

TO HEAR HIS WORD

Scripture: **Mark 9: 2 – 13** (p 880)

Message: **"The Way to the Crown is Through the Cross"**

Prayer

GOD SENDS US FORTH WITH HIS BLESSING

- * Hymn **"In Christ Alone"** LUYH 770
- * God's Parting Blessing
- * Doxology **"Go, My Children With My Blessing"** vs 1-LUYH 946
- * Moment of Silent Reflection
- * Postlude *stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY -March 18, 2018
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dan De Groot

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Starla Reitsma

Welcome

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH JOYFUL HEARTS

* God's Greeting

Songs of Praise

#591 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" LUYH 330

#383 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LUYH 168

***#424 "Spirit of the Living God"** LUYH 749

Our Profession of Faith

Song "**God, Me Merciful to Me**" vs 1 - LUYH 623

Congregational Prayer

LET US HEAR THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: **Mark 9: 14 – 32** (p 880)

Message: "**Everything is Possible for Him Who Believes**"

Prayer

LET US OFFER GOD OUR THANKSGIVING

Offering: **Benevolence**

LET US LIVE THE WORD OF GOD

* Hymn **#501 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

* God's Parting Blessing LUYH 590

* Doxology "**God Be With You Til We Meet Again**"

* Silent Prayer vs 1, LUYH 944

*Postlude

*Stand if you are abl