

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Craig & Tammy Solsma Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp
Nick & Sara Schilling ~ Abe, Rori

God 's Blessing on **Don Uittenbogaard**, who will celebrate his **80th Birthday** this coming Friday, March 24.

Young Adult of the Week ~ Cody Sybesma works at Sybesma Graphics – his address is in the church phone directory.

God Is Our Home Free Zone ~ When life gets overwhelming, scary and feels out of control, you need to find safe spaces like that "Home Free" zone. God is the safest place we can seek when life gets hard. Check out all the great content at **kidscorner.net** and 'like' the Bible Story Coloring Packet 6: The Miracle of Easter.

Waiting for Christ's second coming can feel discouraging as we continue to witness the pain and brokenness of this world. Join Groundwork as we study John's vision of a restored heaven in Revelation 22 and discuss the hope and encouragement it provides so that we might persevere and remain faithful in doing the work to which God has called us while we wait. Listen now at **Groundworkonline.com**

Family Fire ~ an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at **familyfire.com**

ATLAS and **Northern Lighthouse** both say **Thank You** for the donations they received from our church family. They are so encouraged by these blessings on their ministries.

**There is nothing around the corner
that is beyond God's view**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday morning service - 9:30 a.m. Church Cable Channels, Both services on our Church's website sanbornrc.com and the YouTube link https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd3_43l-0A8List-FOhhphg

This Evening at 5:00 pm, we will hold a time of worship and fellowship with a meal and games at Yesterday's Memories Museum. Invite neighbors and friends to come!

The Lord's Supper will take place during the worship service next Sunday morning. There is a devotional in your mailbox to help in your preparation of it.

First Fruits committee - meet in Pastor's Study after AM service.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

GEMS Sub Sandwich Fundraiser – We will be begin assembling Sub Sandwiches at 10 a.m. this Wednesday, March 22. If you would be willing to help, it would be greatly appreciated!

CES ~ Bake Sale – this Wednesday, March 22, from 9am – 1pm in the fireside room. Bring donations before 8 pm Tues. or by 8 am Weds.

From the Council: A reminder to give your suggestions for Elder and Deacon nominations to Pastor Westra or Josh Rydberg by next Sunday.

From the Building Committee: Please hand in your written suggestions, for the kitchen remodel project on the yellow sheet which was distributed in mailboxes a couple weeks ago. Place in Cody Stange's mailbox **today sometime**.

GEMS Banquet for Women and Girls will be held on Monday, April 3 at Yesterday's Memories Museum (6:15 pm – punch served; 6:45 pm devotions, meal, and program) There is a sign-up sheet on the Literature table, if you wish invite your mom, grandma, or daughter to come. Ticket cost is \$7 payable at the door that evening.

First Reformed VBS "**Jerusalem Marketplace**" - June 5 – 9 in the evenings. Next meeting is Tues., March 21 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conquering Cancer 4 O'Brien County ~ is sponsoring a Pizza Ranch Tip Night on Monday March 27 – from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Are you ready for high school? On **Thursday, March 30**, we would like to welcome all **8th grade students and parents** to **WCHS**. Come for a free supper between 5:15-6:15 pm, and the main program in the Event Center at 6:15 pm. Parents and students are asked to together. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or by cell 605-359-5704.

Good Friday Passion Play, Friday, April 7 with 5, 7, 9 PM showings at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium, 11th Avenue NE in Sibley. FREE tickets are available and may be reserved. Call **712.754.2945** or e-mail your request to ocmapassionplay@gmail.com This play has become a wonderful time of preparation for Easter Sunday, by bringing to life the last week of Christ's life. Beginning with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and climaxing with the cross of Calvary, you will witness this pivotal point in history.
*Listen to KIWA Radio for ticket availability – they go fast!

Her Health Women's Center is holding their Annual Banquet on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Marriott Center, 385 East 4th Street, South Sioux City, NE. Featured speaker and best-selling author, **Ryan Dobson**, brings a message on strengthening families and marriages. Tickets are free, but registration needed. Call **712.276.0237** or go to **PartnersofHerHealth.org**

"A Day for Women" - sponsored by Kinship Radio, will be held Saturday, May 6, at the Hosanna Lutheran Church, 105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato, MN. This year's special guest is Angela Thomas-Pharr, author of *"Redeemed: Grace to live every day better than before."* There will also be music, lunch, and mini sessions. Cost is \$40 and space is limited so call or e-mail soon to **kinshipradio.org** or call **800.810.5559** or **507.526.3233**

Sheldon Area **Unity Meal** – Monday, March 20 (tomorrow) at Living Water Community Church from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. with a bag of groceries to take home. Meals to-go available at 6:15.

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ March 19 - 25

(Sanborn) Jerry & Carol Buteyn (Sheldon) Erin & Jenny Campbell

TODAY ~ March 19

PPoint: Alan Visser family
Video: Levi Westra
Audio: Ben Reitsma
Doors: AM Rich VW PM Keven VM
Valet Parking: Chris Van Beek
Nursery: Nikki & Bryah Van Beek
Greeters: Cory & Charity Verbrugge
Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp
CIW: Amanda VB, Maria VV, Lamont S
Accom: AM & PM Starla Reitsma
Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM Cornerstone Prison Church
Hospitality: Craig & Tammy Solsma
Alan & Briana Visser
Jesse Graves

NEXT WEEK – March 26

Amber Stange, Craig Solsma
Karter Van Meeteren
Bob Oldenkamp
Ben Reitsma
Tyler Van Ess
Mya S, Shae R, Camden V
Alan & Briana Visser
Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp
Amanda VB, Linda O, Bella A
AM Starla R PM Joy VW
AM Budget, Mission Fund
PM Hope Haven
Nick & Sara Schilling
Josh & Shannon Rydberg
Larry & Karen Bosma

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

5:00 p.m. Worship – Food- Fellowship - Games
at Yesterday's Memories Museum

Monday 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. VBS meeting at First Reformed

Wednesday 9:00 am – 1 pm CES Bake Sale
10:00 a.m. Sub Sandwich Making begins
(2 pm – pick up your order)

Church Mailboxes: Lord's Supper devotional
CPM newsletter
Living Stone Prison newsletter

Literature Table: Cherish House newsletter
Cornerstone Prison Church newsletter

THE LORD'S DAY – March 19, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
PREPARATORY SUNDAY
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Ava Reitsma

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: *Psalm 111: 1, 7 - 9*

Opening Prayer

*Song: **"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"** Red 538 vs 1, 2, 4

*God's Greeting Ava & Starla

IN HIS GRACE

*Call to Repentance: *I Corinthians 11: 23 - 29*

*Song: **"Have Thine Own Way"** Red 737

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *I Corinthians 15: 1 - 4*

*Song: **"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"** Red 121 vs 1 – 4

Responsive Reading of the Law (gray pg 1017)

Storytime with Shannon: *"God-Chosen"*

Song: **"They'll Know We Are Christians"** Red 256 vs 1

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: Ava Reitsma

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **CES (Fair Share)**

Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**

3–6 year-olds ~ **Children in Worship:** L 34 "Jesus and Zacchaeus"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: **Luke 14: 25 – 35** (p 911)

Message: **"The Cost of Discipleship"**

Prayer of Application

IN HIS SERVICE

*Song: **"I Surrender All"** Red 739

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: **"To God Be the Glory"** Red 956

*Postlude

*stand if you are able
Sermon Notes for Sunday Morning, March 19, 2023
"The Cost of Discipleship"
Luke 14:25–35

Introduction: Hard Sayings of the Bible

A. Shocking Words about _____

1. discipleship requires:

2. practical scenarios:

B. The Story of _____

1. Jesus is telling us:

2. Jesus is against:

C. The Story of _____

1. Jesus is telling us:

2. Jesus is against: