

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The doctor confirmed this week that **Shyla Stanley's** knee was fractured in a fall she took. The plan is to wait 3 – 5 weeks until this is healed and then decide whether the meniscus tear in her knee will be repaired. Please pray for her healing and patience in this matter.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Jerry Elgersma ~ Brody

Harold Hoftzyer

Brendan & Erin Olson ~ Hailey, Brady, Colby

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayers

We would like to thank the congregation for prayers, cards and words of encouragement in the loss of our mom. A special thank you to Pastor Kuiper and Elder Kevin Wiekamp for your visits and encouraging words in our time of waiting for the Lord to take mom Home. We would like to thank those who visited her during her years at Fieldcrest and Sanford senior care. She would say guess who came to visit me today. She always enjoyed the visits. Thanks again!
The Angie Elgersma family

We would encourage you, if you haven't done so, to contact Pastor Phillip Westra, his wife Michelle, and their children Levi (7th grade) and Hannah (3rd grade). Their address is: **The Westra Family**
49 Church Street
Vegennes, VT 05491

Or his e-mail pastor@cvcrc.net

Pastor Westra is also entertaining a call from Sheldon First CRC. Please remember Sheldon First CRC and Pastor Westra's current church, Champlain Valley CRC in prayer.

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor Al Kuiper message was recorded during this past week, and can be accessed (at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning) by:

1) Click on this link

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd3_43I-0A8List-FOhhphg

2) Go to www.youtube.com - and type in Sanborn CRC

3) His message will also be on the Church Cable Channel (at 9:30 A.M.

Sunday morning)

Offerings for ~ Budget, Benevolence, CES (Fair Share), and Mission Fund, or other needs as marked can be mailed to the Church or placed in the new dropbox on the West side of Church under the carport.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

From the Elders ~ We apologize for the changes that we are compelled to make at this time. Due to cancelling church services for the next four weeks, this affects our ability to worship together into Holy Week. That changes our plan for Maundy Thursday and Easter services, Communion, and Family Visiting. Our goal for the coming weeks is to provide an opportunity for Worship as best we can.

Our intent is to re-evaluate the situation in a few weeks and hopefully be able to have Communion together in May. If you need help with anything, please do not hesitate to contact an Elder or Deacon, and we'll do our best to help.

Psalm 46 says, "God is our refuge and strength, our very present help in times of trouble . . . Be still and know that I am God."

Quilt Days have been postponed! However, there are squares of different sizes for you to sew for quilt tops. The squares are on the table in the fireside room ~ so stop anytime and choose some cheery squares to sew into quilt tops. Hoping to set a day for quilting soon. Any questions, contact Susie Van Tol or Carol Buteyn. Thanks in advance for your help!

GEMS Girls Club ~ Sub Sandwich Fundraiser ~ We will be postponing the assembling of Sub Sandwiches until Wednesday, April 29 (temporary date set). If we have received a payment by check from you, we will not be depositing it until the Subs are made.

GEMS Sunday Activities and the **GEMS Mother/Daughter Banquet** are canceled for this year. Parents and girls should have received a letter via 'Snail mail', E-mail, and Facebook, which explains the postponement of Sub Sandwich - making, and details on other activities which are being planned for later May into early June.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SCS Auxiliary Pancake Supper scheduled for March 25 is Cancelled.

Because of the recent closing of schools by Governor Reynolds, **8th Grade Day at Western Christian High School**, scheduled for Thursday, April 2, has been cancelled. Information will be coming on how 8th graders can register for next fall's classes and will be available by calling the office at Western Christian at 712-439-1013. If any parents or students would like a tour of the school or and/or would like to visit about the registration process with Karinda de Boom - Academic Registrar, please call the office to make arrangements.

Western Christian's Spring Drive letter and envelope are in your church mailbox. If you wish to contribute, please mail in envelope provided.

The "Tonight Show" themed event with the **Justice for All Foundation** Event has been postponed until Friday, August 21. Contact Joel De Wit at 712.476.2804 or joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org with any questions. Also, until further notice, we will be closing our drop off room and not accepting volunteer groups starting at 4pm today (3/18/20). If there are groups or questions, please call before coming.

The **Joan Ringerwold Recital Series** ~ Masterclass, Organ Recital, & Hymn Festival at Dordt College has been postponed, most likely to Spring 2021.

Her Health Women's Center (Pro-life)– Fundraising Banquet has been postponed until this fall (date will come out soon). PartnersofHerHealth.org or call (712) 276-0237.

The 14th Annual BENEFIT BANQUET for **Cornerstone Prison Church** has been postponed/rescheduled for June 29 at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley.

The **Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra's** Spring Concert for Tuesday, April 7th has been cancelled. Questions can be directed to the NISO website or niso@dordt.edu.

Love, INC needs (Vouchers for Loving Help program)

Laundry Detergent, Liquid Fabric Softener, Bleach, Dish Soap, Conditioner, 13 gal. Garbage Bags, Q-Tips, Toothpaste, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Quart & Gal Ziploc Bags. Donation - put in the Fireside room.

**Pray for our Current Staff and Leadership
during this transition**

Pray for Integrity. Pray that all the leadership exhibit good Christian character and integrity with their relationships and dealings in life.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Micah 6: 8

***One way to build spiritual strength
is to commit God's Word to memory***

FAMILY FIRE is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at **familyfire.com**. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROUNDWORK: I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE CREATOR - Why can we trust God when bad things happen? Study Psalm 19:1-6, Job 28:34-41, and Psalm 104:27-30 with Groundwork to discover why we can believe in the creator God and his providence, and why this belief gives us comfort. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com** and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes. Or KDCR Radio 88.5 FM – Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

THE LORD'S DAY – March 22, 2020
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
Pastor Al Kuiper

IN HIS PRESENCE

Call to Worship ~ John 6: 35

Hymn of Praise **"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"** LUYH 43

God's Greeting

IN HIS GRACE

Confession and Assurance ~ Psalm 81 (See below)

God's Will for Our Lives

Congregational Prayer

IN HIS WORD

Song of Preparation **"Spirit of the Living God"** vs 1 LUYH 749

Scripture ~ **Exodus 25: 23 - 30**

Leviticus 24: 5 – 9

John 6: 35

Message ~ **"THE WAY OF SALVATION: The Bread of Life"**

Prayer of Application

IN HIS SERVICE

God's Blessing

Doxology **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

THE WAY OF SALVATION "THE BREAD OF LIFE"

Exodus 25:23-30, Leviticus 24:5-9, John 6:35

THE WAY OF SALVATION BEGINS IN THE OUTER COURT.

God reveals his desire to come and live among his people (Ex. 25:8).

The PENALTY of sin is removed by the blood of the lamb on the altar.

The POLLUTION of sin is washed away at the bronze laver.

THE WAY OF SALVATION LEADS US FROM THE OUTER COURT INTO THE HOLY PLACE.

"Christ loved the church . . . and [presented] her to himself as a radiant church . . . holy and blameless."
Ephesians 5:27

Twelve loaves of bread were baked with fine flour; and they remained on the table before the Lord for a week. Only priests could eat the bread, and it could only be eaten in the Holy Place, because it was holy.

The "bread of presence" was always to be in the Lord's presence, as a symbol of the Lord's desire to have face to face FELLOWSHIP with his people. (Exodus 25:30)

JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY OF SALVATION, AND HE IS BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN.

"I am the bread of life . . ." (John 6:50)

Jesus is our perfect priest, and he is the living bread!
(Heb. 7:26)

The "bread of presence" is a picture of now the body of Christ, a people made holy, called to live in God's presence in a way that is holy and pleasing to the Lord – always!

"Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to PRESENT your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God." (Romans 12:1)

Psalm 81

**Sing: You satisfy the hungry heart with
gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O Saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.**

(LUYH 815 refrain)

Reader: Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of our
salvation!
Raise a song; sound the tambourine,
the sweet lyre with the harp.
Blow the trumpet at the new moon,
at the full moon, on our feast day.

**Sing: You satisfy the hungry heart with
gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O Saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.**

Reader: When the Lord delivered his people
from Egypt,
he made a new declaration for those
he called his own:
"I relieved the burden from
your shoulder;
your hands were freed from the
basket.
In distress you called, and I delivered
you;
I answered you in the secret place of
thunder;
I tested you at the waters of
bitterness.
Hear, O my people, while I admonish
you!
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
There shall be no strange god among
you;

you shall not bow down to a foreign
god.
I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of the land of
slavery.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill
it.

**Sing: You satisfy the hungry heart with
gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O Saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.**

Reader: "But my people did not listen to my
voice;
they would not submit to me.
So I gave them over to their stubborn
hearts,
to follow their own counsels.
Oh, that my people would listen to
me,
that they would walk in my ways!
I would quickly subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.
Those who hate the LORD would cringe
before him,
and their fate would last forever.
But he would feed you with the finest
of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would
satisfy you."

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