

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Ben & Adrienne Reitsma ~ Ava, Shae, Drew
Veda Bousema Lee & Starla Reitsma

Young Adult of the Week ~ Max Meyers continues to serve our Country in the Air Force and is stationed at Offutt Air Force base near Omaha, NE. His e-mail is in the church phone directory.

GEMS Club Counselors & Girls would like to thank you for your wonderful support of our Sub Sandwich Fundraiser this year. The girls (and parents) sold many subs, and we had great help on Wednesday. The funds raised help pay for supplies, extra activities & food, sponsoring our Esther School student (Norah), and more. **Thank you so much!**

The **MinnIaKota Youth Jr High (6th-8th) Retreat** is April 21, 22, 23 at Inspiration Hills. There are a few spots still open but registration will close on April 1st or as soon as the spots are filled. If you have not received a registration form and would like one contact Lee De Groot at degrootlee@gmail.com or text her at 712 470 4244

Jesus Cried - Through crying with his friend, Jesus set an example for us by showing empathy towards others. Go to www.kidscorner.net also 'like' the Bible Story Coloring Packet 6: The Miracle of Easter

Experiencing Palm Sunday with Jesus - observe Jesus' actions and countenance as he experiences the events of that first Palm Sunday. 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

**We can sometimes see more through
a tear than through a telescope**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Communion Sunday. All those who are truly sorry for their sins, sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, earnestly desire to lead a Godly life and are participating (professing) members in a Christian Church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper today.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

From the Council: A reminder to give suggestions for Elder & Deacon nominations to Pastor Westra or Josh Rydberg by today sometime.

Our Good Friday Service this year will be held at First Reformed Church in Sanborn at 7:00 PM. During this combined service Pastor Mark Ellens will be leading part of the liturgy and Pastor Phil Westra will be leading meditations on some of Jesus' words from the cross.

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) Sign-up by Lit. table, if you wish invite your mom, grandma, or daughter to come. Ticket cost is \$7.

A large part of the **Longkumer's business and ministry** includes roasting and selling coffee beans in Laos. Their specialty Pilgrim's coffee is available from her mom, Norma Geels. If you would like to buy a 17.6 oz bag for \$19, please call Norma at 712.349.0297.

As a **partner church to Love INC** in Sheldon, we have been asked to find 3-4 volunteers to move furniture on **Saturday AM, April 1**. Please talk to Starla Reitsma for more information and sign up. You would need to be in Sheldon at 9:30 AM. We are also looking for furniture movers to help on **Thursday, April 20 at 5:30 PM**. Thanks for considering these opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

Good Friday Passion Play, Friday, April 7 with 5, 7, 9 PM showings at the Sibley-Ocheyedan HS Auditorium, 11th Ave 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 brings to life the last week of Christ's life. The triumphal entry into Jerusalem and climaxing with the cross of Calvary.

*Listen to KIWA Radio for ticket availability – they go fast!

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanborn Christian is looking to hire a part-time school secretary/administrative assistant for the 2023-2024 school year. Contact Mr. Anthony Minderhoud sanchr@sanbornchristian.com or 712.729.3288 for more details or for an application.

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 sit together. Any questions? Contact Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

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

Hope Haven, INC's Annual Benefit Auction is this Friday, March 31 at Te Slaa Trucking near Hull (corner of Hwys 18/60). Help support individuals with disabilities through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. Doors open 4:30 PM ~ Food Booth - 5 PM ~ Love Auction - 5:30 PM (450+ items) Visit hopehaven.org/events to preview items

Inspiration Hills Camp ~ Join us this summer as we explore what it means for Jesus to be our source of Living Water through our various camp options. Registration ends April 15 at

<https://www.inspirationhills.org/summer-camp/>

*There are some brochures on the literature about these camps

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**

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ March 26 – April 1

(Sanborn) Cody & Amber Stange
(Sheldon) Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven

TODAY ~ March 26

PPoint: Amber Stange, Craig Solsma

Video: Karter Van Meeteren

Audio: Bob Oldenkamp

Doors: Ben Reitsma

Valet Parking: Tyler Van Ess

Nursery: Mya S, Shae R, Camden V

Greeters: Alan & Briana Visser

Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp

CIW: Amanda VB, Linda O, Bella A

Accom: AM Starla R PM Joy VW

Offering: AM Budget, Mission Fund

PM Hope Haven

Hospitality: Nick & Sara Schilling

Josh & Shannon Rydberg

Larry & Karen Bosma

NEXT WEEK – April 2

Brent Koldenhoven

Jeri Prins

Aaron Alons

Lee Reitsma

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Carol Bootsma, Aleah Schreur

Chris & Nikki Van Beek

Pastor Phil & Michelle Westra

PM GEMS Girls

Amanda VB, Robin VM, Kaylen K

AM & PM Jamie Carlson

AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)

PM GEMS International

Mike & Kristie Verhoef

Lee & Susie Van Tol

Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp

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

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

6:15 p.m. Youth Group

Devotions – Shae, Snack/Drink – Aidan

Monday 6:45 p.m. GEMS Practice/Awards Night

Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Fellowship – Lesson 3
"The Greatest Building"

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study – L 11

Church Mailboxes: GEMS Flyer, CRCNA April Prayer Guide

Literature Table: MERF (Middle East Evang. Fell. Newsletter)

THE LORD'S DAY – March 26, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
COMMUNION SUNDAY
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: "*Via Dolorosa*" Starla Reitsma
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Psalm 109: 26 - 28*
*Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting
*Song: "***Behold Our God***"

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *Hebrews 12: 1 – 3* (read responsively)
Prayer of Confession
*Song: "***Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive***" Red 638 vs 1, 3, 4
Assurance of Pardon: *Mark 10: 43 – 45*

Special Music: "*Jesus Loves Me/Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me*"
by Jill, Sydney, Gabby, & Summer Vander Werff

Congregational Prayer
Offertory: "*Amazing Grace*"
Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **Mission Fund**
Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**
3–6 year-olds ~ **Children in Worship:** L 35 "Jesus the King"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: **Luke 17: 1 – 10** (p 913)
Message: "**Unworthy Servants**"
Prayer of Application
*Song: "**God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**" Red 876

AT THE TABLE

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Red 810)
*Profession of Faith: *Psalm 103: 1 - 5*
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: "**To God Be the Glory**" Red 956
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY - March 26, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Joy Vander Werff
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship: *Psalm 96: 7 - 9*
Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Songs: "***Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise***" Red 515 vs 1 - 4
"***Keep What You Have Believed***" Red 769

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: **Revelation 3: 14 – 22** (p 1083)
Meditation: "**Lukewarm with the Laodiceans**"
Prayer of Application
*Song "***May the Mind of Christ, My Savior***" Red 334 vs 1, 2, 4, 5

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Share Prayer Requests
Intercessory Prayer
Offering: **Hope Haven**

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Song: "***By the Sea of Crystal***" Red 489
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: "***Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns***" Red 261 vs 1
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for Sunday Morning, March 26, 2023
"Unworthy Servants" ~ Luke 17:1–10

Introduction: Generational Differences

A. We _____ Jesus our _____

1. restore the idea and definition of a _____

2. _____ empowers us to _____ others

B. The Way to Not _____ our _____

1. Pursue serving Christ for _____

2. Put off serving because your _____ is _____

C. Our _____ Used His Position to _____

1. Christ's duty was to _____

2. Christ _____ and _____ us to be _____

Sermon Notes for Sunday Evening, March 26, 2023
"Lukewarm with the Laodiceans"
Revelation 3:14–22

Introduction: Historical Background of Laodicea

A. Jesus' Christ's Self-Identification

B. Triggering the Divine Gag Reflex

C. The Grace of Christ Offered to Laodicea and Us