

Church Calendar

- Today** 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Fellowship Coffee afterwards
10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School and Catechism classes
11:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study class
11:45 a.m. Devotions followed by Luncheon
12:30 p.m. Brief Program – honoring Pastor Al & Gwen
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service
- Monday** 6:45 p.m. GEMS meeting
- Tuesday** 1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Fellowship
- Weds.** 9:30 a.m. Coffee Break Bible study
5:30 p.m. Young People's – leave for event at Dordt
7:00 p.m. Elders/Deacons meetings
Women's Bible Study – Lesson 3
Cadets at URC
8:00 p.m. Council meeting

SERVING OUR FELLOWSHIP TODAY

- Greeters:** A.M. Cody & Amber Stange, Harv & Gloria Van Oort
P.M. Ed & Gertie Visser, Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp
- Nursery:** A.M. Adrienne & Drew Reitsma
P.M. Chelsea & Allison Scott
- Children in Worship:** Tonya Wiekamp, Amber Stange
- Hospitality:** Bob & Linda Oldenkamp, Aaron & Renee Alons,
Don Uittenbogaard, Shane Sybesma
- Prairie View visiting:** (Nov. 17 - 23) Amanda Vander Berg
- Video:** Brody Elgersma **Audio:** Stefan Sybesma
- PPoint:** Tonya Wiekamp, Shannon Rydberg **Doors:** Lee Reitsma

NEXT SUNDAY

- Offering:** A.M. 1st – Budget 2nd –Benevolence
P.M. Autumn's Center
- Greeters** A.M. Mike & Judy Visser, Jerry & Sharla Back
P.M. Aaron & Renee Alons, Gerald Alons
- Nursery:** A.M. Tonya Wiekamp, Karter Van Meeteren
P.M. Carol Bootsma, Aleah Schreur
- Pianist:** A.M. and P.M. Catherine Schreur
- Children in Worship:** Shannon Rydberg, Amber Stange
- Hospitality:** Jerry & Carol Buteyn, Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven,
Ben & Tina Meyers
- Prairie View visiting:** (Nov. 24 - 30) Bruce Van Engen
- Video:** Mike Verhoef **Audio:** Bob Oldenkamp
- Power Point:** Kristie Verhoef **Doors:** Craig Solsma

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

Pastor Al's farewell message is this morning. Devotions and a Luncheon (pork, chicken, potatoes, salads) will be at 11:45 a.m., a brief program at 12:30 p.m. with dessert afterwards -- in honor of Pastor Al's retirement and Pastor Al and Gwen's ministry among us.

Pastor Jesse Walhof, from Living Waters Community Church in Sheldon, will lead us in worship for the Evening service tonight.

Rev. Duane Tinklenberg, retired pastor from Sioux Center, will lead us in worship next week Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Youth Group ~ Be at church this week Wednesday (Nov. 20), ready to leave at 5:30 p.m. for the event at Dordt University. Reminder – you must be at church on Weds., Dec. 4 by 4:15 – 4:30p.m. to eat and then help with the Soup Supper.

The **Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner** will be held in our church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, November 28 after the 9:30 Worship Service. Invite your family and friends to join us if you have no other plans! Reservations can be made by calling the church office (729-5132) **by this week Friday**; leave your name and number of guests, if there is no answer. More details are in church mailboxes today!

Mark your calendars ~ The **CES Soup & Pie Supper** is scheduled for Wed, December 4, from 5:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet for volunteers needed the day of, can be found on the back table. Mark your name off 'donation' sheet (above kitchen microwave), if you bring it in early!

Our church is again participating in the **"Adopt a Family"** Christmas gift project through Upper Des Moines. Because of their timetable for delivering gifts, we will be putting up our Giving Tree this week. Gifts need to be under the tree by Friday, December 13. Consider participating in this project, and bring joy to families during the Christmas season.

The Board of Directors at Western Christian invite you to reserve Friday, November 22 for the **Western Christian Fall Bonanza**. It includes an online auction (runs through tomorrow), a live auction, and Kids's Carnival. A Chuckwagon supper is new for this year's meal. Go to www.westernchristianhs.com for more information.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Western Christian invites all 5th-8th grade students and their parents to **Explore Western**, Tuesday, November 19 at 7PM. Time will be spent sharing the unique ways Western Christian is meeting the needs of 21st century students, and exploring how learning is an act of worship. You will meet the staff, tour the school, and see how God is working in the lives of our students. To help plan for the event, please RSVP via email to wes.fopma@westernchristianhs.com or call 712-439-1013. Even if you do not RSVP you are still welcome to come!

The **Valley Male Chorus** is joyously welcoming new members to be a part of the upcoming 2020 concert season (January-March 2020)! The Valley Male Chorus sings praises to God, while also supporting the local and world-wide ministries of Hope Haven. For more information, please contact: Tom Hydeen (712.737.4909 or 712.737.2544) or Rich Koele (712.476.3117 or rkoele@hopehaven.org)

The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra will present a Fall Concert, **"The American Dream"**, on Tuesday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. Tickets are available to purchase online at <https://niso.dordt.edu> and at the door the night of the concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or niso@dordt.edu.

Love In the Name of Christ of Greater O'Brien County appreciates your involvement in their 'voucher' ministry! (Bring donations to Fireside Room)
Items needed: Kleenex, Disinfectant Spray, Cough Drops, Hand Soap, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Baking Chips, Fruit Juice, Salsa, Cooking Oil or Spray, White, Brown, or Powdered Sugar

Bible League prayers requests

Latin America ~ Pray for the 500 pastors who attended *Project Phillip* training this past week in Venezuela. Thank God that even in the chaos taking place in the country many are still sharing the hope of His Word.

Middle East ~ Please unite in prayer for the first Bible-based Literacy teachers' training in English. Pray for God's Church to grow and spread throughout this new opportunity.

U.S. ~ Thank the Lord for the partnership we have with *By the Hand Club for Kids* in Chicago. This is an after-school program that emphasizes academic excellence while nurturing the whole child. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in hearts as Bible League materials are used to teach children and families about the good news of Jesus.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Robin Van Meeteren's surgery was successful. She returned home on Tuesday afternoon and is recuperating there. Continue to remember in your thoughts and prayers ~ **Verla Elgersma, John Vander Werff,** and **Mitch Verdoorn** as they fight the cancer and/or its effects in their bodies.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Craig & Tammy Solsma ~ Travis Jerry Elgersma ~ Brody
Cyle & Jamie Carlson ~ Aidan, Abbigail, Braxton

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayer

TODAY IS CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY ~ Chaplaincy is a healing, reconciling ministry of God, an expression and extension of God's activity and mission in the world. The CRC endorses 146 chaplains to embody the grace of Christ in our communities. Please join us in praying for and supporting the ministries of chaplains everywhere. (there is a flyer in your church mailbox today)

Volunteers needed at WCHS on TOMORROW from 9AM to 3PM to assist w/ the annual alumni newsletter mailing. (Work while seated, Lunch provided) Please email mlkroese@gmail.com or call 712-439-2159 if you can help.

Pray for Humility

Pray that God will be glorified in the work of the Search Team and that they will draw near to Christ, seeking Him holiness and presence daily.

"O Lord, I will honor and praise your name, for you are my God. You do such wonderful things." **Isaiah 25: 1**

Life is a long lesson in humility

THE LORD'S DAY – November 17, 2019
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

- Prelude: Leah Kreutner
Welcome
Children playing Bells **"My Jesus, I Love Thee"**
Sunday School children singing **"Days of Elijah"**
* Call to Worship
* Songs: **#556 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** LUYH 348
"The Steadfast Love of the Lord" LUYH 347
* God's Greeting
* Greeting One Another

TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

- The Call to Repentance ~ Isaiah 30: 15, 18
*Song **"Be Still and Know"**
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon ~ Romans 5: 1 - 2
*Song of Confession **"His Mercy is More"**
Ministry of Music ~ **"Doxology"** Leah Kreutner
Congregational Prayer

TO GIVE THANKS

- Offering: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **CES (Fair Share)**
Children's offering – **Goats for World Renew**
Ministry of Music ~ **"I Will Wait for You"**
CIW (Ages 3–6) **Lesson 16 "How the Church Tells Time"**
(Children will be brought to Classroom across the hall for a snack)

TO HEAR HIS WORD

- Song **"Speak, O Lord"** LUYH 755
Scripture: **Hebrews 12: 1 – 29** (p 1058)
Message: **"The Cloud"**
Prayer

GOD SENDS US FORTH WITH HIS BLESSING

- * Song **"When We All Get to Heaven"**
* God's Parting Blessing
* Doxology **"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"**
2nd verse ~ *To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, whom heav'n and earth adore*
From men and from the angel host, be praise and glory
evermore. Amen *stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – November 17, 2019
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.
Guest Pastor ~ Rev. Jesse Walhof

LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP

Prelude: Joy Vander Werff
Welcome
Call to Worship ~ Psalm 33: 1 - 3
Silent Prayer

LET US WORSHIP GOD WITH JOYFUL HEART

Songs of Praise –

#558 "Lord of All Hopefulness" LUYH 378

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" LUYH 772

*** "In Christ Alone" LUYH 770**

- * God's Greeting ~ Galatians 1: 3 - 5
- Our Profession of Faith ~ Apostles Creed
- Congregational Prayer

LET US HEAR THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

Scripture: **Genesis 22: 1 – 19** (p 18)
Prayer for Illumination
Message: **"A Story of Obedience"**
Prayer

LET US OFFER GOD OUR THANKSGIVING

Offering: **Benevolence**

LET US LIVE THE WORD OF GOD

- * Hymn **#548 "When We Walk with the Lord"** LUYH 327
- * God's Parting Blessing ~ Jude 24 - 25
- * Doxology **"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**
- * Silent Prayer LUYH 965
- * Postlude

*Stand if you are able