

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

John C. & Ruth Vander Haag as well as **Milly Kroese** are still hospitalized in Sheldon and covet your prayers for their recovery.

Leah Kreutner had a good report last week and had another appointment on Friday. Continue to pray for her and baby's health.

Jack Elgersma's surgery has been postponed for now.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Bob & Linda Oldenkamp Mike & Bonita Elgersma
Laureen Vander Berg

Young Adult of the Week ~ Jordan Koekkoek has been honorably discharged from his service to our Country. He will begin training for his new job on Jan. 4, based in Washington D.C., as a Federal Contractor. Jordan's address is
20 Townsquare Circle, Apt. # 303
Stafford, VA 22554

Please keep these church members in your thoughts and prayers

Thank you for your acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy at the loss of my mother, grandmother, & great-grandmother, Rosemary Postma! Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and a great comfort to all of the family!

Larry & Alvina Reitsma & families

Bible League Prayer requests for Latin America

~ Praise God for the believers participating in an outdoor, socially distanced Bible study in Mexico as they learn about God's love through *Project Philip*.

~ Praise God for a 25-year-old believer in Haiti who is now the preacher at a church in the Dominican Republic. Bible League's partners in the Dominican Republic visited his congregation and introduced *Project Philip* Bible studies. The program was a dream come true for the young pastor. Pray that God will transform many lives through the use of these materials.

From the errors of others, a wise man corrects his own

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Rev. Lee Christoffels will lead us in worship this morning and **Rev. Al Kuiper** will be leading our worship this evening. Pastor Westra is traveling back from Vermont tomorrow, where he had conducted a Memorial Service of a dear friend.

Sunday morning's service will be on the Church Cable Channel at 9:30 and on our Church's website sanbornrc.com and the YouTube link (by noon) <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd343I-0A8List-FOhhphg>

NO Sunday School or Catechism today. Next Sunday, we will resume Sunday School and Catechism classes.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

From the Deacons ~ We are 5 weeks away from year end and are currently \$28,000 from our approved budget. Please consider this in your giving. **The deposit box on the west side of church is still being used by the deacons to receive offerings. **Thank you**

From the Council: There is an Agenda and 2021 Proposed Budget sheet for our Church in your mailbox today. Our Congregational meeting will be held on **Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

2020 Giving Tree: Due to staffing and volunteer concerns, Upper Des Moines Opportunity's Adopt-a-Family requests that our gifts be delivered to their office by December 7. please choose a tag or two and place your gifts under the tree by December 6. The tags need to be securely attached to the gift for distribution.

Thank you for your generosity during the Christmas season!

Sunday Night Bible Study – Sunday, Dec. 6 at 6:15 p.m. Study Lesson 2 in "James". Dave Hofman will lead the lesson and Amanda Vander Berg will provide lunch. Feel free to join us!

Sanborn Christian's Program will be held in our church **this Friday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m.**, but ONLY immediate family members can attend in person. It will be 'live' on the Sanborn Cable church channel and will be uploaded to YouTube as well.

Food Drive for UDMO and Love, INC will be ongoing throughout November – into December. Lists of groceries especially needed are on the [Table by the Church Kitchen \(where donations may be placed\)](#).

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Caroling, Wednesday, December 2. Join other Sanborn church members for a time of Christmas fellowship, cheer, and ministry as we do a Sanborn-wide night of Christmas Caroling. Meet at 7:00 PM at Cornerstone URC for directions and organization if you'd like to join us in singing out the good news of Christ's birth across town!

Meat orders from Western Christian's Fall Bonanza may be picked up this **Friday, December 4** from noon to 6PM.

Inspiration Hills – 'Celebrate Christmas' Fundraiser ~
Cookies, Snacks, Breads, Soups, etc. as well as Lunches on Friday – Sat., December 18 and 19. Look for Order Forms on Literature table.

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH ON-LINE RESOURCES

GROUNDWORK: THE SON OF GOD BECAME LIKE US - In Advent, we eagerly begin singing about the baby Jesus. Who is baby Jesus? The Son of God incarnate. Study Galatians 4:4-7 with Groundwork to discover why it was necessary for Jesus to be human and remember the reason God now considers us his beloved children. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com** or listen on KDCR Radio 88.5 FM on Sunday at 8:30 AM and 9:30 PM

Dive into Kids Corner's new website - Kids Corner has got loads of new faith-building resources to help your child discover their part in God's big story. Begin each week with a KC devotion for kids, with Bible readings, reflections, and prayer. And you'll meet fun new characters in the Casey's Day comic strip. You'll also receive a weekly encouragement just for parents. Be sure to watch the encouraging [Kids in Action videos](#), and of course, join the fun with Liz and Friends. Don't miss any of it! Subscribe to Kids Corner at **kidscorner.net**.

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.

Advent Devotional Series from Today - It's been a rough year. Let Advent help you see God's story in Christmas. This special devotional series takes you deeper into the true meaning of Christmas, the coming Savior. Subscribe at **todaydevotional.com/advent**

Download KC's Advent Gifts of Kindness devotionals to lead your family's Bible study as you prepare for Christmas.
<https://kidscorner.net/activities>

****GEMS Girls** – Grab one of the "Christmas bags" by the West Entrance! There will be a basket where you can return your "Completed Project"; and do so by Sunday, December 13. Thank You!

Calling Senior Members for the week of Nov. 29 – Dec. 5

Jon & Pat Sybesma (Sanborn)
Keven & Robin Van Meeteren (Sheldon)

Today ~ November 29

PPoint: Kristie Verhoef
Video: Mike Verhoef
Audio: Ben Reitsma
Doors: AM Rich V.W., PM Lee R.
Pianist: Starla Reitsma

Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM Benevolent Fund

Next Sunday ~ December 6

Amber Stange, Craig Solsma
Karter Van Meeteren
Bob Oldenkamp
Keven Van Meeteren
AM Jamie C. PM Joy V. Werff
AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM Benevolent Fund
Hospitality: Mike & Judy V.,
Andy & Brandi W., Esther DB

Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Lesson 3

THE LORD'S DAY – November 29, 2020
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Guest Pastor ~ Rev. Lee Christoffels

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma, organ, Ava Reitsma, piano
Welcome and Announcements
Advent Reading "COME" and Opening Prayer
*Advent Hymn: **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** LUYH 56
*God's Greeting
*Song: **"Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"** LUYH 60
vs 1,2,3

IN HIS GRACE

God's Will for Our Lives
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon ~ *II Thessalonians 5: 9 - 10*
*Song of Confession: **"God Be Merciful to Me"** LUYH 623 vs 1,2
Congregational Prayer
Storytime w/ Shannon *"I Know What You're Thinking"*
Song: **"Jesus Loves Me"** LUYH 709 vs 1

IN HIS WORD

Scripture: **Matthew 24: 36 – 44** (p 864)
Message: **"KEEPING WATCH"**
Prayer of Application
*Hymn: **#333** (Grey) **"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"**

IN HIS SERVICE

*Doxology: **"Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"** LUYH 60
*Moment of Silent Reflection vs 4
*Postlude *stand if you are able

Offerings received in the Fellowship Hall for
Budget, CES (Fair Share), and Goats for World Renew

THE LORD'S DAY – November 29, 2020
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Guest Pastor ~ Rev. Aldon Kuiper

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship: *Psalm 106: 1*
Silent Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Songs of Praise:
"O Worship the King" LUYH 2
"God of Mercy, God of Grace" LUYH 934
*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed
Share Prayer Requests
Prayer of Intercession
Offering our hearts with prayer offering:
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture: **James 2: 1 – 13** (p 1066)
Message: **"Mercy and Gratitude"**
Prayer of Application
*Song of Response: **"Before the Throne of God Above"** LUYH 682

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: **#32 (PB) "Find Us Faithful"**
*Moment of Meditation
*Postlude *stand if you are able

Offerings received in the Fellowship Hall for **Benevolent Fund**

November 29, 2020 A.M. Sermon notes
"Keeping Watch"
Matthew 24: 36 - 44

November 29, 2020 P.M. Sermon Notes
"MERCY AND GRATITUDE"
James 2:1-13

If I violate just one small point of God's law, am I really guilty of breaking ALL of God's law?

"Whoever keeps whole law yet breaks one – is guilty of all it!"
(2:10)

All of scripture testifies to this _____ truth.

Our confessions stand as a witness to this _____ truth.

How can I be truly confident that God in his _____ absolutely shows no favoritism to anyone?

"Mercy triumphs over judgment." James 2:13

God's mercy is _____ (Matthew 5:45, Romans 2:11).

God's mercy is _____ (Psalm 106:1; Psalm 136).

How can I be absolutely certain that God in his _____ personally covers me with the perfect obedience of Christ?

"God who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgression—it is by grace you have been saved."
(Eph. 2:8).

Because I am in Christ, I am _____ – covered with his righteousness, holiness, and knowledge (Eph. 4:24; Col 3:10).

Because I am in Christ, I am made new – it is "as if I had _____, nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me." (Q/A 60)