

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Let's pray for **Susie Van Tol** as she awaits more test results to get to the bottom of her abdominal pain.

We are thankful **Linda Beimers** had a successful surgery on Wednesday. Please pray she experiences healing and peace.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Kevin & Ann Hofman ~ Jaxon Jan & Helen Verdoorn
Tyler & Anna Van Ess ~ Aleah, Theodore, Ava, Ty

Please pray for our **5th Grade GEMS & Counselors** during the month of December. They are **Maci, Quinn, Stella, Julia, and McKenzee**. Their counselors are **Lindsey & Shannon**.

Young Adult of the Week ~ Abbie Altena is a senior at Oral Roberts University, where she is on a Pre-Med track. She is in the midst of the application process to Med. Schools. Her address is in the Church Directory.

We received your financial donations and want to know of our gratitude for them. We are stretching some of our 'reaches' and hoping to draw more people in for what ATLAS offers.

Gratefully and thankfully, ATLAS Board & Staff

**How happy a person is depends on
the depth of his gratitude**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

At 4:30 p.m. today, we will go Christmas Caroling at Prairie View, then come back to church for a brief Service, Food, and Games

Next Sunday Morning at 9:30 a.m. will be our Church Christmas Program. There will be Catechism & Sunday School this morning, but no Children in Worship. We will have a **Candlelight Service at 5 p.m.** next week.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Giving Tree in the Fellowship Hall – monetary donation for **Love, INC gifts needed** for **UDMO** are needed TODAY.

GEMS Christmas Party – Girls meet at Church at 5:45 p.m. for Pizza, Crafts, Games, and Singing. Don't forget to bring canned/non-perishable food for our Mission Project for Love, INC and UDMO!

Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, December 13 at 7 pm to study Lesson 5.

Special Church Services/Events in December

~Sunday, December 24 – Morning Service only at 9:30 am (no SS/Cat)

~Monday, December 25 – Christmas Service at 9:30 am

~Sunday, December 31 – Morning & Evening Services 9:30 am/5 pm

~**No** Service Monday, January 1, 2024 (no SS or Cat.)

Christmas Tea: The afternoon and evening Ladies' Bible Study groups are planning a Christmas Tea for Tuesday, December 19 at 1:30 PM. Ladies, you are encouraged to invite friends to attend this afternoon of music and inspiration. Please bring a plate of goodies to share during the lunch time to follow the program.

Still have Christmas shopping that needs to be done? Let **CES** help you out with some **popcorn! \$6/bag for popcorn kernels** that are sure to please! They are on the hearth in Fireside Room. Please put your payment (w/ name) in Lori Bootsma's mailbox.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in **need of volunteers** (male and female) to help with the **Alumni Newsletter**. We plan on working Wednesday, December 13, beginning at 6:30 PM here at Western. Please contact Mr. Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704 if you can help.

Cadets (Boys/Girls Club) will be going ice skating at the All Seasons Center, on Wednesday, December 13. Leaving Sanborn at 6:00pm and return by 9:30 pm (Skating is 6:45-8:45). Please make sure the kids have eaten supper. NO snacks or drinks allowed in the skating area but we'll provide snacks and water to eat/drink on the ride home. Let Counselors know if you will not be attending.

Western Christian's Christmas Concert (All Choirs & Bands) will be held at B.J. Haan Auditorium of Dordt University on Monday, December 18 at 7 p.m.

Dordt University's **4th Avenue Jazz concert** is Friday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events

Promises and Peace - During Advent, we remember the story of Mary, a teenager, called by God to be Jesus' mother. "How could this be?" she wondered at first. But the angel Gabriel assured Mary. "God's favor is on you," he said. "Anything is possible with God." Check out all the great content at **kidscorner.net** like the Bible story podcast "The Birth of Jesus."

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.

Jesus: Our Mighty God - The prophet Isaiah next calls the coming Messiah "Mighty God." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 10:21, Acts 1:6-8, and Revelation 5:6,11-14 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus. Together, we'll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God's power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com** (additional annon. on back page)

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 10 - 16

(Sanborn) Cyle & Jamie Carlson (Sheldon) Bev Brouwer

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY December 10

PPoint: Brent Koldenhoven
Video: Jeri Prins
Audio: Aaron Alons
Doors: Brian Koldenhoven
CIW: Jessica & Anna S, Maria VV
Nursery: Amber S, Chloe Rydberg
Greeters: Dave & Stephen Hofman
Seth & Shelby Irmiter
Accom: AM Starla Reitsma
Offering: AM Budget, Bldg Proj Fund
PM Love, INC
Hospitality: Marlin & Linda Vander Velde
Nate & Catherine Schreur
Tyler & Anna Van Ess

Next Week – December 17

Alan Visser family
Levi Westra
Ben Reitsma
Keven Van Meeteren

Pat Sybesma, Josiah Visser
Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven
Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven
AM Jamie C PM Starla R
AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM Cornerstone Prison Church
Rich & Joy Vander Werff
Liz Elgersma
Jesse & Tasha Graves

10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School (pre-school – 5th grades)
Practice for Program in Sanctuary
Catechism (6th – 12th – Class time)

4:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling at Prairie View
(message, food, fellowship, & games at church)

Monday 5:45 – 8:00 p.m. GEMS Christmas Party (w. Pizza for supper - remember Food Pantry items)
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Cadets/Boy's & Girl's Club members leave from URC for Ice Skating (back by 9:30 pm)
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Lesson 5

In Mailboxes: Ladies Christmas Tea flyer

THE LORD'S DAY – December 10, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading, Candle, and Prayer

*Song: "**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**" Red 61 vs 1, 2, 4, 7

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *Psalm 6: 1 - 4*

Prayer of Confession

*Song: "**How Deep the Father's Love for Us**"

Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 145: 8 – 13a, 17-18 (responsively)*

*Song: "**Away in a Manger**" Red 86 vs 1, 3 (alt. tune)

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **Building Projects Fund**

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

Children in Worship (Kids 3–6 dismissed) L 20 "*Advent IV–The Magi*"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: **2 Samuel 7: 1 – 17** (p 267)

Message: "**God's Covenant Love**"

Prayer of Application

*Song: "**Angels, from the Realms of Glory**" Red 81 vs 1, 3, 4

IN HIS SERVICE

*Benediction

*Doxology: "**Angels, from the Realms of Glory**" Red 81 vs 5

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Christmas Caroling at Prairie View 4:30 p.m. – Back to church for a message, meal, fellowship, and games

December 10, 2023 A.M. Sermon Notes
"God's Covenant Love" ~ 2 Samuel 7: 1 - 17

Introduction: Gift Exchanges

A. Three Characters

1. _____ Almighty

2. _____ the King

3. _____ the Prophet

B. Two Promises to David

1. David's _____ will build the Temple

2. David's _____ will endure forever

C. One Characteristic of God

1. God's _____ will endure

Updating Church Pictorial Directory – We would like our church family to submit a picture in the next couple of months. For those who don't have a current picture, we will take pictures at church a couple of Sunday in the future. Please keep this in mind around the holidays. Photos are the clearest if they are sent directly to the church's e-mail in a Jpeg, versus scanning photos.

Dear friends at Sanborn Christian Reformed Church ~ Thank you for joining us on mission with our God whose compassions never fail. Your congregation's support for Resonate helps spread the gospel in more than 40 countries where your missionaries and church planters are at work. Every day, people who are struggling find hope in Jesus Christ through the work you've made possible. What a great example of faith in action! Many of those your ministry leaders are working with come from difficult circumstances, but through Resonate you are a witness to the truth that God's compassions are new every morning. Thank you for supporting this work of living and sharing the gospel—we couldn't do it without faithful supporting churches! It's your generosity that helps to share the everlasting hope we have in Jesus with people who are lonely, anxious, and struggling. And what's more—mission work is an area of unity for the denomination. Mission work brings us together! Your giving is an encouraging reminder of what we can accomplish as the body of Christ across North America.

Kevin DeRaaf, Director

Justice For All is planning a **MISSISSIPPI BUS TOUR**, highlighting our ministry partners: John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation and Voice of Calvary Ministries of Jackson, MS and Mississippi Christian Family Services of Rolling Fork, MS. The dates are April 3-10, 2024. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in communities of needs in MS. We'll also explore the rich history, culture and stories of slavery, Jim Crow, and Civil Rights. A day in Branson on the way home will round out a great trip! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org – 712.476.2804