

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Jerry Bousema passed away Thursday night. Please pray for his family and friends as they grieve his death and figure out when to gather and celebrate his life.

We are thankful **Floyd Vrieze**, Teresa Van Dyke and Shyla Stanley's father, was released from the hospital this past week. Pray he will continue recovering well at home.

Keep **Terry Van Dyke** in your prayers as he remains at Mayo and has not gotten any better or worse the past two weeks.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Jerry Elgersma Mike & Kristie Verhoef
Aaron & Renee Alons ~ Asa, Bella, John, Ezra

Young Adult of the Week ~ Chyann Schreur works at Wal-Mart in Sioux Center. Any correspondence to her may be placed in Nate & Catherine's mailbox.

The Church office desks have been updated. If you are interested in the old desks, please contact Cody Stange.

Note from the Evangelism Committee

Thanks to your generous hearts, we were able to fill all the Christmas Gift Tags for UDMO. We also were able to purchase \$1,130 worth of goods for Love, Inc's Gift Closet. Praise be to God and thanks for showing His love and care to many individuals and families during this Christmas season.

**Discontent makes rich men poor,
while contentment makes poor men
rich**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

The Morning worship service is on Church's website sanbornrcr.com and the YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanbornrcr/live>

This Morning we will have our Church Christmas Program during Morning Worship. Sunday School and Catechism classes will meet.

At 5:00 P.M. today, we will have a Christmas Candlelight Service.

Next Sunday morning, **Michael & Megan Ribbens** will be joining us and participating in the worship service. There will be No Sunday School or Catechism or 5 PM service.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

~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.)

Community Ladies Christmas Tea – *"The Fruit of the Spirit at Christmas Time"*. This Tuesday, December 19 at 1:30 pm. Invite your friends – Special music by SCS students – Bring a plate of goodies to share! Sponsored by Ladies Bible Study groups.

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 can be found on the hearth in the Fireside Room. Put your payment in Lori Bootsma's mailbox.

Mark your Calendars! CES "Drive-Thru Heat & Eat Soup/Dessert Supper" will be held Wednesday, January 17th, from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. We appreciate the help from the Congregation for this major fundraiser for our CES. (Donation sheets are in your church mailbox)

Soup Makers/ Dessert Makers: If you're willing to make a double batch of soup and/ or an extra dessert, please let Tonja Hoogers know. We'd love to have more as we ran out last year!

Parents: Work shifts have been assigned to you. If you need to trade, please do so and let Tonja know. (Parent schedule in mailbox)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

This year at **Sanborn Christian**, our **school theme is the Armor of God**. In January, we will be looking at the Shield of Faith. We would like to share some evidence with our students during chapel of how God continues to work in the lives of His people, just as He did during the Bible times. Have you experienced the faithfulness of God in your life or seen the evidence of answered prayers? If so, we'd love to hear from you!! Psalm 78:4 says, "We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done." We would like to compile some faith stories from our school community to share with our students to encourage them in their faith. If you would be willing to share, please talk to Holly Rozenboom or Catherine Schreur or send an email to hrozenboom@sanbornchristian.com.

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.

Free Sheldon Area Unity Meal – tomorrow, December 18 at Living Water Community Church. Between 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. come for the meal and a bag of groceries will also be available for each household.

The Shepherds' Joy -The shepherds were kind of like the last ones to be picked. They got the long and boring night shift job that nobody wanted to do: watch the stinky sheep. But God picked them for a special task the night Jesus was born. Check out all the great content at **kidscorner.net**, like the Bible story podcast "The Shepherds."

Jesus: Our Everlasting Father - Isaiah continued to reveal the nature of the Messiah when he called him the "Everlasting Father." this revolutionary title reveals the nature of Jesus and discover the comfort and belonging offered to us in Jesus, our Everlasting Father. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com**

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 17 - 23

(Sanborn) Craig & Tammy Solsma (Sheldon) Dave Hofman

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY December 17

PPoint: Alan Visser family
Video: Levi Westra
Audio: Ben Reitsma
Doors: Keven Van Meeteren
CIW: -----
Nursery: Pat Sybesma, Josiah Visser
Greeters: Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven
 Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven
Accom: AM Jamie C PM Starla R
Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
 PM Cornerstone Prison Church
Hospitality: Rich & Joy Vander Werff
 Liz Elgersma
 Jesse & Tasha Graves

Next Week – December 24

Tonya Wiekamp
Aidan Carlson
Stefan Sybesma
Gerrit Wiekamp
Jessica S, Lindsey K, Abigail C
Nikki Sybesma, Shae Reitsma
Chris & Nikki Van Beek
Ben & Adrienne Reitsma
AM Jamie Carlson
AM Budget/Mission Fund

Jon & Pat Sybesma
Larry & Shyla Stanley
Gerald & Deb Alons

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

5:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service

Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Community Women's Christmas Tea

On Literature table: Letter from "F" Street – the Heerspinks
Zuni Christian Mission School – teacher's letter
Cherish House newsletter

In Mailboxes: SCS School Bell, Western Witness, Luke Society
newsletter, CES Fundraiser sheets

Christmas Day

PPoint/Video/Audio/Doors: Tonya W, Aidan C, Stefan S, Larry S
Nursery: Cindy & Alivia Koldenhoven
Greeters: Roy & Jeri Prins, Jon & Pat Sybesma
Accompanist: Jamie Carlson
Offering: The Banquet

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 9:30 A.M.

December 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor Phil Westra

Prelude: Strings Group Piano: Jamie Carlson

Advent Reading, Candle, and Prayer: *Isaiah 49: 13*

*All Sing: **"Joy to the World"** Red 92

"Go Tell it on the Mountain" (Pre – 5th)

Bells: "Angels We Have Heard on High" (Pre – 5th)

The Meaning of "C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S" (Pre, 9th – 12th boys)

"Noel" (K – 8th)

"O Holy Night" (K – 8th)

"Adore Him" (6th – 11th girls)

Prayer

Bible Reading: **Luke 2: 8 – 14** (p 893)

Meditation: **"Good News of Great Joy"**

(NO Children in Worship)

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: Maci Wright

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **CES (Fair Share)**

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

*All Sing: **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** Red 80

"Silent Night/ Peace" (Pre – 12th)

*Parting Blessing

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

*stand if you are able

EVENING SERVICE 5:00 P.M.

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Prelude: Starla Reitsma

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Bible Reading: **Luke 1: 68 – 70** (p 893)

Explanation of Charles Wesley's hymn by Leland Ryken

*Song: **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** Red 56

Bible Reading: **Philippians 2: 8 – 9** (p 1027)

Explanation of Cecil F. Alexander's hymn by Leland Ryken

*Song: **"Once, in Royal David's City"** Red 87 vs 1, 2, 4, 5

Bible Reading: **Luke 2: 1 – 7** (p 893)

Explanation of Phillips Brook's hymn by Leland Ryken

*Song: **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** Red 88

Share Prayer Requests

Congregational Prayer

Offering: **Cornerstone Prison Church**

Candlelight Service

*Song: **"Angels, We Have Heard on High"** Red 82

Bible Reading: **Luke 2: 15 – 20** (p 894)

Explanation of Joseph Mohr's hymn by Leland Ryken

*Song: **"Silent Night, Holy Night"** Red 85 vs 1 – 2

*Parting Blessing

*Song: **"Silent Night, Holy Night"** Red 85 vs 3

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

December 17, 2023 AM Sermon Notes
"Good News of Great Joy"
Luke 2:8–14

A. Jesus Christ's own Joy

B. Our Joy in Jesus Christ

C. Joy and Happiness

D. Joy and Sorrow