

## **PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**Terry Van Dyke** showed some improvements in his health this past week. Please pray he continues to get better so we can move to another care facility and pray for his family for their endurance as they continue working on those arrangements.

We extend our sympathies to the friends and family of **Jerry Bousema**, whose graveside service was held on Thursday in Sheldon. The white flowers on the left in the front of the sanctuary are from the Bousema family.

**We want to thank** our church family, friends, and Pastor Phil for all the thoughts and prayers. My test results on Monday were very favorable! *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble."* Psalm 46: 1 **Lee and Susie**

### **LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD**

Josh & Shannon Rydberg ~ Chloe, Caitlin  
Nick & Sara Schilling ~ Abe, Rori  
Seth & Shelby Irmiter ~ Memphis, Wylie

**Young Adult of the Week ~ Cody Sybesma** works at Sybesma Graphics. Any notes to him may be placed in his mailbox.

# **Jesus Christ is God's perfect provision for imperfect people**

**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](http://sanbornrcr.com) and the YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanbornrcr/live>

**Michael & Megan Ribbens** are participating in the worship service this morning. Michael will be giving the meditation and both of them will share an update about their ministry at the end of our service. There will be No Sunday School or Catechism or 5 PM service today.

**Christmas Day Service** – Monday at 9:30 a.m.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

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.

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

The **CES "Drive-Thru Heat & Eat Soup/Dessert Supper"** will be held Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. We appreciate the help from the Congregation for this major fundraiser for our CES. A donation sheet is in your church mailbox.

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

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

**Updating Church Pictorial Directory** – We would like our church family to submit a picture in the next few weeks. 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 over the holidays. Photos are the clearest if they are sent directly to the church's e-mail in a Jpeg, versus scanning photos.

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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](mailto:hrozenboom@sanbornchristian.com).

**Christmas Love for God's Global Family** - Just like the wise men, we can choose to follow Jesus. By accepting the gift of his love, we give him a big gift: our hearts. God's family is together by the love of Jesus, which was shown on the first Christmas. Check out all the great content at **kidscorner.net** like the Bible story podcast "The Wise Men."

**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 Prince of Peace** - As we celebrate Christmas, join Groundwork as we discover the deep and meaningful shalom Jesus brought to us in his birth, that he promises to establish permanently when he returns, and how we can be his agents of peace in our world here and now. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com**

## **Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 24 – 30**

(Sanborn) Lee & Starla Reitsma (Sheldon) Bruce & Lana Van Engen

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### **TODAY December 24**

PPoint: Tonya Wiekamp  
Video: Aidan Carlson  
Audio: Stefan Sybesma  
Doors: Gerrit Wiekamp  
CIW: Jessica S, Lindsey K, Abbigail C  
Nursery: Nikki Sybesma, Shae Reitsma  
Greeters: Chris & Nikki Van Beek  
Ben & Adrienne Reitsma  
Accom: AM Jamie Carlson  
Offering: AM Budget, Mission Fund  
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Hospitality: Jon & Pat Sybesma  
Larry & Shyla Stanley  
Gerald & Deb Alons

#### **Next Week – December 31**

Amber Stange, Craig Solsma  
Karter Van Meeteren  
Bob Oldenkamp  
Ray Elgersma  
Jessica S, Amber S, Bella A  
Kim Baartman, Josiah Visser  
Bill Roelfs, Don Uittenbogaard  
Larry & Alvina Reitsma  
AM Starla R PM Catherine S  
AM Budget/CES (Fair Share)  
PM Benevolence  
Craig & Tammy Solsma  
Jeromy & Paige De Kok  
Andy & Brandi Wright

### **Monday 9:30 a.m. Christmas Service**

#### **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

**On Literature table:** New Roots newsletter, Areopagus – ISU newsletter, Unity Christian newsletter

**In Mailboxes:** SCS School Bell, Western Witness, Luke Society newsletter, CRCNA January Prayer Guide  
January/February Birthday/Anniversary calendar

**THE LORD'S DAY – December 24, 2023**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Pastor Phil Westra**

**IN HIS PRESENCE**

Prelude: Jamie Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading, Candle, and Prayer

\*Song: "**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**" Red 80

**IN HIS GRACE**

Call to Repentance: *Jeremiah 6: 13 - 14*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 5: 1 – 2; Colossians 3: 15 - 17*

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

Storytime w/ Shannon: "*The Base*"

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

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Budget** 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Mission Fund**

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

Children in Worship (Kids 3–6 dismissed) L 21 "*Meeting the Christ Child*"

**IN HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Luke 1: 26 – 38** (p 892)

Message: "**Into the Fog of Christmas**"

\*Song: "**Go, Tell It on the Mountain**" Red 93

**Update from Michael & Megan Ribbens**

**Prayer for the Ribbens**

**IN HIS SERVICE**

\*Benediction

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

\*Postlude

\*stand if you are able

**SERMON NOTES**