

### **PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

On Wednesday, **Jon Sybesma** will begin the first of his six weekly cancer treatments at the Spencer & Cherokee Hospitals. Jon & Pat thank you for all your past and continued prayers.

We are thankful **Henry Collins**, 3-year-old son of Alex and Grace (Bootsma) has improved since being hospitalized on Thursday. Please continue to pray for his healing.

Continue to pray for **Terry Van Dyke**, that he would experience healing and be able to move to a new care facility soon.

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

Jon & Tonja Hoogers ~ Kirsten, Kendra

Dave & Ruth Hoogland

Chet & Maria Vander Velde ~ Cooper, Maggie, Carson, Case

**Young Adult of the Week ~ Max Meyers** is serving our country in the Air Force and is stationed at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha. Notes to him may be e-mailed to [maxmeyers54@gmail.com](mailto:maxmeyers54@gmail.com)

Dear friends at Sanborn Christian Reformed Church:

The impact you have through your **support for Resonate** reverberates through more than 40 countries. By sending ministry leaders you make it possible for them to bring the good news and offer continual support for believers and seekers everywhere.

In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf, Director

**Before following a leader, it is wise to see if he is headed in the right direction**

**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 and Evening worship services are on Church's website [sanbornrcrc.com](http://sanbornrcrc.com) and the YouTube link

<http://youtube.com/@sanbornrcrc/live>

There are no Sunday School or Catechism classes today

### **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

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

**Sunday Evening Bible Study** will meet week at 6:15 p.m. Dave Hofman will lead us in Lesson 4 in the Psalms. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Our "**Drive-Thru Heat & Eat Soup & Dessert Supper**" is Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 from 3:30-6:30 pm. Many hands will take part in preparing and serving at this community-wide event. Everyone should have received a donation sheet in their mailbox and parents should also have a work shift assignment sheet. If another copy is needed, please contact Tonja Hoogers.

**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 near future. 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).

The **Dordt University Chamber Orchestra** invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 12 in the **B.J. Haan Auditorium**. This free concert is part of a winter tour with performances scheduled in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa. Join us for an evening of music for the Glory of God! The concert will also be available on livestream at [www.dordt.edu/live-events](http://www.dordt.edu/live-events)

**Do you like to make plans?** By making plans, you can be excited about what's coming and anticipate what you may need to prepare. But did you know God has made even bigger plans for you? Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like KC's The Bible in One Year Plan.

**Your Questions about Scripture and Hope** - Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 6:9-13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 11:13-16, Revelation 20:1-6, John 15:18-25, and Psalm 46 to look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord's Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we'll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com** and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

## **Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ Dec. 31 – January 6**

(Sanborn) Mike & Kristie Verhoef (Sheldon) Esther De Boer

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### **TODAY December 31**

#### **Next Week – January 7, 2024**

PPoint: Amber Stange, Craig Solsma	Brent Koldenhoven
Video: Karter Van Meeteren	Jeri Prins
Audio: Bob Oldenkamp	Aaron Alons
Doors: Ray Elgersma	AM Rich VW PM Ben R
CIW: Jessica S, Amber S, Bella A	Linda O, Robin VM, Kinley S
Nursery: Shae Reitsma, Josiah Visser	Ann Hofman, Levi Westra
Greeters: Bill Roelfs, Don Uittenbogaard	Josh & Shannon Rydberg
Larry & Alvina Reitsma	Lee & Starla Reitsma
Accom: AM Starla R PM Michelle W	AM Jamie C PM Catherine S
Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)	AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM Benevolence	PM Benevolence
Hospitality: Craig & Tammy Solsma	Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp
Jeromy & Paige De Kok	Seth & Shelby Irmiter
Andy & Brandi Wright	Larry & Karen Bosma

Today NO Catechism or Sunday School

#### **5:00 p.m. Worship Service**

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets at URC  
Women's Bible Study – Lesson 6

**On Literature table:** MERF (Middle East Ref. Fell.) newsletter  
The Beacon (Northern Lighthouse) newsletter

**In Mailboxes:** Crossroads Prison Ministry newsletter

**THE LORD'S DAY – December 31, 2023**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.**  
Pastor Phil Westra

**IN HIS PRESENCE**

Prelude: Starla Reitsma

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: *Philippians 4: 4 – 7*

Opening Prayer

\*Song: "**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**" Red 98  
Starla and Ava

**IN HIS GRACE**

Call to Repentance: *Romans 3: 21 - 23*

Prayer of Confession: Red 640 in unison

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 6: 5 - 7*

\*Song: "**The First Noel**" PB 3 vs 1, 4, 5, 6

God's Will: *Romans 12: 9 - 19*

Congregational Prayer

Offertory: Ava Reitsma

Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Budget** 2<sup>nd</sup> – **CES (Fair Share)**

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

Children in Worship (Kids 3–6 dismissed)

L 1 "*Baby Jesus is Presented to God*"

**IN HIS WORD**

\*Song: "**The Birthday of a King**" PB 5

Bible Reading: **Matthew 2: 1 – 14** (p 840)

Meditation: "**God Shines a New Light**"

Prayer of Application

**IN HIS SERVICE**

\*Song: "**As With Gladness Men of Old**" Red 105 vs 1, 2, 4

\*Parting Blessing

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

\*Postlude

\*stand if you are able

**THE LORD'S DAY'S – December 31, 2023**  
**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5 P.M.**  
Pastor Phil Westra

**LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE**

Prelude: Michelle Westra

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: *Psalms 90: 1 – 2, 12*

Opening Prayer

\*God's Greeting

**LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING**

\*Songs: "**O God, Our Help in Ages Past**" Red 405 vs 1, 2, 3, 6  
"**Hours and Days and Years and Ages**" Red 401

\*Profession of Faith: Apostles Creed

**OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading: **Isaiah 5: 18 – 21** (p 596)

Heidelberg Catechism: **Q & A 127** (p 924)

Message: "**Moral Clarity for a New Year**"

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: "**Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer**" Red 43

**PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS**

Share Prayer Requests

Congregational Prayer

Offering: **Benevolence**

**OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART**

\*Song: "**O Splendor of God's Glory Bright**" Red 374 vs 1, 3

\*Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: "**O Splendor of God's Glory Bright**" Red 374 vs 4

\*Postlude

\*stand if you are able

**December 31, 2023 A.M. Sermon Notes**  
**"God Shines a New Light" ~ Matthew 2: 1 – 14**

Introduction: Conflicting Views on Magi

A. The Characters of the Story

1. \_\_\_\_\_ from the East
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Sky
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the king
4. Bible \_\_\_\_\_
5. the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ

B. Applications

1. the Scientist
2. Pursuit and \_\_\_\_\_
3. Honesty and \_\_\_\_\_

**December 31, 2023 P.M. Sermon Notes**  
**"Moral Clarity for a New Year"**  
**Isaiah 5: 18 – 21 and H.C. - Q & A 127**

Introduction: Petition Priorities

A. Christian Morality and...

1. Discipleship
2. Spiritual Warfare
3. Christian Love

B. Moral Clarity for...

1. Justice
2. Gender
3. War