

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Pray for **Floyd Vrieze**, Teresa Van Dyke and Shyla Stanley's father, who is dealing with a bone infection and has a partial foot amputation scheduled for today.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Jerry Bosma Bruce & Lana Van Engen Liz Elgersma

Young Adult of the Week ~ Ivy Vander Haag us working in the Social Work field, and is presently living at home. Notes to her may be placed in John & Amy's mailbox.

Sanford Senior Care

Harv Verbrugge

Fieldcrest

Hazel Kuiper Veda Bousema

Village Northwest

Tim Mouw

Mao Clinic Prairie View

Terry Van Dyke Jerry Bousema

A **heartfelt thank you to the congregation** for literally putting a roof over my head. It is a comfort now already, to be able to anticipate that when the weather is windy or rainy, I can be at ease. I am so grateful for your kindness and generosity. Special thanks to Scott Horstman, Elder Dave Hofman and Deacon Cyle Carlson.

Milly Kroese

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.

If you owned everything your heart desires, chances are your heart would desire something else

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Both worship services are on Church's website sanbornrcr.com and the YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanbornrcr/live>

Next Sunday we are planning some special fellowship activities together for our afternoon service. We invite everyone who can make it to meet at Prairie View at 4:30 to do some Christmas Caroling. At 5:00 we will meet in our fellowship hall for a shorter service, followed by a meal and games.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Sunday Evening Bible Study will be meeting tonight at 6:15 p.m. We will study Lesson 3 in "Psalms". Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp will lead lesson and provide lunch. Anyone is welcome!

Congregational Meeting – tomorrow evening, at 7 pm.
There will be an **Elders meeting** afterwards.

Ladies Bible Fellowship will meet Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 1:30 p.m. to study Lesson 5 – Caleb & Joshua – Overcoming the Impossible.

Women's Evening Bible Study – Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7 pm

Have you checked the **Giving Tree** in the Fellowship Hall? Either use an envelope for monetary donations to **Love, INC** or gift tags for **UDMO**. All donations needed by Sunday, Dec. 10.

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.

Special Church Services/Events in December

- ~Sunday, December 17 – Church Christmas Program at 9:30 am
(no Children in Worship, Sunday School, or Catechism)
Candlelight Service at 5 pm
- ~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.)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanborn-wide Christmas Caroling this Wed, Dec. 6, meet at Cornerstone URC at 7:00 PM for instructions, go out caroling across town. Back Cornerstone URC for Christmas goodies and fellowship.

Dordt University concerts in B.J. Haan Auditorium – also livestream www.dordt.edu/live-events.

Choral Department Friday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Dordt Instrumental Ensembles Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.

“A Service of Lessons & Carols” Sunday, December 10 at 8:00 p.m.

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.

The Prophet Isaiah's Message of Hope is a person in Jesus Christ! Check out all the great content at **kidscorner.net** like the Bible story podcast “The Story of the Prophets.”

Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor – This what the prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com** and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes

Writing Missionaries for the month of December

Bob & Linda Oldenkamp Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp
Erin & Jenny Campbell

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 3 - 9

(Sanborn) Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp (Sheldon) Scott Horstman

TODAY December 3

PPoint: Amber Stange, Craig Solsma

Video: Karter Van Meeteren

Audio: Bob Oldenkamp

Doors: Ben Reitsma

CIW: Jessica S, Adrienne & Shae R

Nursery: Ashley & Kinley Sybesma

Greeters: Jesse & Tasha Graves

Dale & Julie Elgersma

Accom: AM Jamie C PM Joy VW

Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM Benevolence

Hospitality: Cory & Charity Verbrugge

Jack & Carol Elgersma

Gerald Dragstra

Larry Hofman

Next Week – December 10

Brent Koldenhoven

Jeri Prins

Aaron Alons

Brian Koldenhoven

Jessica & Anna S, Maria VV

Amber Stange, Chloe Rydberg

Dave & Stephen Hofman

Seth & Shelby Irmiter

AM Starla Reitsma

AM Budget, Bldg. Proj. Fund

PM Love, INC

Marlin & Linda Vander Velde

Nate & Catherine Schreur

Tyler & Anna Van Ess

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

5:00 p.m. Worship service

6:15 p.m. Sunday Evening Bible Study

Monday 7:00 p.m. Congregational meeting

Elders Meeting afterwards

Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Fellowship - L 5

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study - L 5

7:00 p.m. Cadets (others welcome)

meet at URC- Christmas Caroling around Sanborn

On Literature table: MERF Newsletter

In Mailboxes: Family Crisis Center envelope/info

Deacons Report/Schedule

THE LORD'S DAY – December 3, 2023
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson
Welcome and Announcements
Advent Reading, Candle, and Prayer
*Song: **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** Red 56

IN HIS GRACE

God's Will: *John 1: 1 - 5*
Prayer of Confession
*Song: **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** Red 76 vs 1 - 3
Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 10: 9 - 11*

Congregational Prayer
Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **CES (Fair Share)**
Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**
Children in Worship (Kids 3–6 dismissed) L 19 *"Advent III–The Shepherds"*

IN HIS WORD

*Song: **"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"** Red 746
Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 64** (p 649)
Message: **"Hope for Christmas"**
Prayer of Application
*Song of Application: **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** Red 88 vs 1-3

IN HIS SERVICE

*Benediction
*Doxology: **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** Red 88 vs 4
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – December 3, 2023
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Joy Vander Werff
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship: *Psalm 104: 1, 14, 15, 24, 27, 28, 33, 34*
Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Songs: **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** Red 80
"What Child Is This" Red 95 vs 1, 3
*Profession of Faith: Our World Belongs to God – Art. 10 & 13

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Bible Reading: **Luke 9: 10 – 17** (p 903)
Heidelberg Catechism: **Q & A 125** (p 922)
Message: **"Praying for Our Daily Bread"**
Prayer of Application
*Song of Application: **"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"**
Red 26

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Share Prayer Requests
Congregational Prayer
Offering: **Benevolence**

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Song: **"Like a River Glorious"** Red 699
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**
Red 965
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

December 3, 2023 A.M. Sermon Notes
"Hope for Christmas" ~ Isaiah 64

Introduction: When God Seems Absent

A. Petition for God's Action

1. Correct History
2. Right Motivation

B. The Paradox of God's Action

1. Covenant vs. Conflict
2. The Final Question

C. Hope in God's Action

1. Restatements
2. Future Fulfillment

December 3, 2023 P.M. Sermon Notes
"Praying for Our Daily Bread"
Luke 9:10–17 ~ Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 125

Introduction: Praying Together

A. Praying for my "daily bread"

1. physical and spiritual
2. needs and wants

B. Praying for others' "daily bread"

1. economics
2. politics
3. being the answer to someone else's prayer

C. Jesus' teaching on "daily bread"

1. fasting and feasting
2. our true bread