

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We express our sympathy to relatives & friends of **Terry Van Dyke**, who passed away last Monday. His memorial service was held yesterday.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Phil & Michelle Westra ~ Levi, Hannah
Brody Elgersma Jack & Carol Elgersma

Please pray for the **6th Grade GEMS and their Counselors** during the month of January. **Bryah, Sadie, and Caitlin**, and **Bailey** are led by **Nikki Van Beek** and **Brandi Wright**.

Young Adult of the Week ~ Jordan Koekkoek works in Ames at the USDA as a Security Guard. His address is in the church directory (under Pam & Kelly), if you wish to send a note of encouragement to him.

Bible League prayer requests

East Asia. Pray for the ongoing Bible-based Literacy class for five children. Pray that these children learn about Jesus and that God's Word is sown in their hearts. Also, pray that their parents will develop an interest in joining the church service during the Christmas holiday.

Vietnam. Pray for the pastors trained, as thousands of Bibles and materials are being distributed to local churches. With Christmas approaching, these churches need Bibles for outreach and new believers. Pray for the safe and successful delivery of these materials.

India. Pray for Brother Mohan, for courage and protection against anti-Christian groups. May these oppositions cease, and may God strengthen him, granting courage and security so that he may continue to worship and serve without hindrance.

**The only kingdom that will prevail is
the Kingdom that is not of this world**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Morning & Evening Worship services are on Church's website sanbornrcr.com and the YouTube link

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

Worship! Taco Bar! Games! Next Sunday evening's worship service will be held in the Fellowship Hall followed by a meal featuring a Taco Bar. Households of Faith Groups 1 & 2 are organizing the meal; feel free to bring your favorite snack and game to be enjoyed during a time of fun and fellowship!

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Ladies Bible Fellowship will meet this Tuesday, January 16, at 1:30 p.m. They will study Lesson 6 – ***"Elijah – Knowing God's Power"***

If you did not register for the **ABIDE Meeting** for this Tuesday evening, you may still come to listen in from 6 – 9:30 p.m. at the First CRC in Sheldon.

Our "Drive-Thru Heat & Eat Soup/Dessert Supper" is **THIS Wednesday, January 17th**, from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Drive up the west entrance to place your order.

Freewill Donation to benefit our Fair Share.

Food Donations: There will be a sheet in the kitchen for you to cross off your name when you bring in your soup (at room temperature) or dessert **by 9 am that day**. The CES Board thanks you for your help with this important fundraiser!

Church Pictorial Directory – If you have a picture to submit for the Directory, please send one to sanrcr@mtcnet.net

Otherwise, we are taking pictures of some folks this Sunday during the Sunday School/Catechism time. We will work out something later to get pictures taken of families with children.

Early Bulletin deadline this week: Thursday, January 18 at noon

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Justice for All is hiring! Full time warehouse/transportation manager. Join the staff at JFA to further the ministry. Coordinate shipments, organize donated items, and build relationships with volunteers and ministry partners. CDL encouraged, but not required. Discover the way God uses JFA to meet the needs of those in our area, around the country, and around the world. Send cover letter and resume to Joel De Wit at joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org or contact for more information and full job description at 712.739.0055

Tri-State TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) For High Schooler's at the Maurice Reformed Church on Friday – Sunday, Feb. 16 - 18. Email TriStateTEC@gmail.com or on the website www.tristatetec.org go to 'sign up' and then click the candidate registration button.

Save the Date: Cornerstone Prison Church Banquet, Monday, April 1 at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. Freewill offering for Cornerstone's financial needs. RSVP to Kim at 712.476.5292

God's Love Brings People Together - This week, we remember the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a preacher who followed the example of Christ and brought all kinds of people together. This week's devotion and parent blog gives instructions for a science experiment. How can this experiment be compared to the power of God's love? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net

Humility - If we look closely, the Christlike virtue of humility is a root virtue from which many of the other virtues flow. Learn what it means to be humble, to witness Christ's own humility, and to learn how humility influences our thoughts and our actions. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ January 14 - 20

(Sanborn) Stefan & Ashley Sybesma
(Sheldon) Terry & Lori Bootsma

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY January 14

PPoint: Tonya Wiekamp
Video: Aidan Carlson
Audio: Stefan Sybesma
Doors: Brian Koldenhoven
CIW: Linda O, Robin VM, Kaylen K
Nursery: Sara Schilling, Chloe Rydberg
Greeters: John & Jessica Schreurs
Nick & Sara Schilling
Accom: AM & PM Starla Reitsma
Offering: AM Budget, Bldg. Projects Fund
PM Crossroads Prison Ministry
Hospitality: Mike & Kristie Verhoef
Nick & Sara Schilling
Don Uittenbogaard

Next Week – January 21

Alan Visser family
Levi Westra
Ben Reitsma
Lee Reitsma
Tonya W, Brandi W, Lamont S
Tammy Solsma, Mya S
Nate & Catherine Schreur
Cody & Amber Stange
AM Jamie PM Joy VW
AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM National Right to Life
Roy & Jeri Prins
Josh & Shannon Rydberg
Dave & Stephen Hofman

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

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

6:15 p.m. Youth Group
Devotions/Drink – Levi W, Snacks – Aleah

Tuesday 1:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Fellowship – Lesson 6
5 – 9:30 p.m. ABIDE Project mtg – Sheldon 1st CRC

Wed. 3:30 – 6:30 pm Heat and Eat Soup Supper
7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Lesson 7
Cadets at URC

On Literature table: Cornerstone Prison Church newsletter
Cherish House newsletter
ABIDE newsletter

THE LORD'S DAY – January 14, 2024
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: *Psalm 63: 1 – 5*

*Opening Prayer

*Song: **"Lord, I Need You"**

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *Luke 16: 13 – 15*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *2 Corinthians 8: 9*

*Song: **"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"** Red 363

God's Will: Litany of the Ten Commandments (Red 722)

Congregational Prayer

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

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

Children in Worship (Kids 3–6 dismissed) L 24 *"Jesus in the Wilderness"*

IN HIS WORD

*Song of Preparation: **"Ancient Words"** Red 762

Bible Reading: **Proverbs 5: 21 – 6: 5** (p 553)

Meditation: **"Freedom from Financial Traps"**

Prayer of Application

IN HIS SERVICE

*Song: **"Take My Life and Let It Be"** Red 863 vs 1, 2, 4, 5

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: **"Go Now in Peace"**

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY'S – January 14, 2024
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5 P.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: *Psalm 128*

Silent Prayer

*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Song: **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** Red 521

*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

*Song: **"And Can It Be"** Red 695 vs 1, 3, 4

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading: **Ephesians 1: 1–10** (p 1021)

Message: **"Abundance of Spiritual Blessings"**

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: **"How Vast the Benefits Divine"** Red 688

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Share Prayer Requests

Congregational Prayer

Offering: **Crossroads Prison Ministry**

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Song: **"Across the Lands"** Red 775

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: **"To God Be the Glory"** Red 956

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sunday, January 14, 2024 AM Sermon Notes
"Freedom from Financial Traps"
Proverbs 5: 21 – 6: 5

Introduction: Wisdom "Coram Deo"

A. The Financial Scenario:

1. reckless _____
2. boundary _____
3. money can _____

B. Financial Foolishness Today:

1. Money _____ most _____
2. _____ gets us what we _____

C. Financial Wisdom Today:

1. Navigate _____ and _____ boundaries
2. Avoid becoming _____ by _____

Sunday, January 14, 2024 PM Sermon Notes
"Abundance of Spiritual Blessings"
Ephesians 1: 1–10

Introduction: Focus on what we _____ not on what we _____

A. The Nature of God's Blessings

1. Heavenly realms
2. Spiritual blessings
3. in Christ

B. The Categories of God's Blessings

1. _____ and _____
(grace in light of the _____)
2. _____ and _____
(grace in light of the _____)
3. _____ and _____
(grace in light of the _____)

C. The Goals of God's Blessings

1. _____ to God
2. _____ under Christ