

### **Lifting Lambs to the Shepherd**

Kim Baartman     Dave & Ruth Hoogland  
Christian & Chyann Hoyas

**Young Adult of the Week – Mya Sybesma** is working full-time as a CNA at Prairie View Home. Notes to her may be placed in Shane & Nikki's mailbox.

**Dear Church Family:** I'm thanking God for each of you; for the many ways you have and continue to show His love and care to me and my family, as we walk through this valley. You've shown so many gestures of love and support, that I can't even begin to name them. Special thanks to Pastor Phil for journeying and walking with me through this and His words of comfort, hope, and encouragement. We can all laugh and cry together. We serve a RISEN SAVIOR and we take comfort in knowing **Joy** is resting in His arms.

**Rich Vander Werff**

**Thank you so much** for the prayers, cards, texts, phone calls, thoughts, and visits concerning my surgery and healing. God is so good!

**Delores Vander Werff**

Danny and Christa Longkumer are selling **Pilgrim's coffee from Laos** - a 17.6 ounce bag for \$22. Contact Norma Geels at 712.348.0297 to order a bag.

**A reverent fear of God is the key to faithfulness in any situation**

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

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

**Western Christian Chamber Singers** will be sharing in Song, during the **5 PM Service today**. We welcome them and their family and friends! There will be a time of Fellowship along with refreshments after the service.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

**Elder and Deacon Nominees: On April 26** we will hold a brief congregational meeting after our morning service to vote on elder and deacon nominees. Nominees for Elder are Gerald Alons, Dave Hofman, Bob Oldenkamp, Ben Reitsma, Josh Rydberg, Mike Visser, and Harold Willemstyn. Nominees for Deacon are Kyle Hofman, Ken Reitsma, Levi Schreurs, Stefan Sybesma, and Chris Van Beek. If you have a reason why any of these individuals should not serve in these positions, please contact a council member this week. The Sunday following our vote, on May 3, we cast lots at the conclusion of our morning service to choose two elders and two deacons to serve for the next three years.

**Wednesday, April 15, 7 – 9 PM - Senior Citizens (60+) and Youth Night** at the Museum (sponsored by First Ref., CRC, and URC Youth groups). Come for fellowship, snacks & drinks, and games.

**Guys! Love Inc** is requesting help from our church with furniture distribution on Thursday, April 16 around 5:30 – 6pm. Please talk to Linda at Love, INC by calling Mon. – Wed. AM at 324-9707.

**CES Pulled Pork Fundraiser** With the warmer weather and the busier spring/summer schedules, this makes for a quick and easy meal. Each 3 lb bag is \$25. Order forms are in church mailboxes today, and can be returned to Ashley Sybesma by Sunday April 19. Thank you for supporting our Christian Education Society.

**Needed!** Volunteers to help Prairie View residents w/ Bingo and serving lunch provided for them on Fridays in May (1:50 – 3 p.m). There is a sign-up sheet on the Literature table. Consider helping!

**April 29 at 7:00 PM - Bake-Off ~ Youth Fundraiser**

**May 7 at 6:30 PM - National Day of Prayer at Living Water Sheldon**

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Job Openings for Sanborn Christian School** for the 2026-2027 school year. Contact Mr. Minderhoud @ [sanchr@sanbornchristian.com](mailto:sanchr@sanbornchristian.com) or @ 712-729-3288) for an application or for more detailed info.

- 1. Principal** - PreK-8th grade building principal.
- 2. 6th Grade Homeroom/Jr High Teacher** - full time; salaried
- 3. Educational Support / Resource Room** - full time; salaried position. This individual will support students with various learning needs by providing academic assistance, developing individualized support plans, and collaborating with teachers, parents, and administrators.
- 4. Athletic Director** - part time; stipend available

**Spring Cleaning with a Purpose** ~ Please consider donating your gently used items to the **Bargain Alley Thrift Store** and the **Bargain Alley Furniture Outlet**. The Thrift Store is especially in need of children's clothing and home décor. Thank You!

**Cornerstone Prison Church Benefit Banquet** ~ Monday, April 13  
Trinity CRC in Rock Valley at 6:30 p.m. If you hadn't signed up for this, but would like to still give towards their ministry, please send donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o Dave Vande Kamp  
PO Box 887, Sioux Falls, SD 57109  
or Donate online at [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org)

**Kingdom Boundaries Dinner & Silent Auction** - April 23 at 6 p.m. (Doors open 4:30 p.m.) at Embrace Church – Westside Campus, 100 N. Ebenezer Ave., Sioux Falls. There will be Inspiring Testimonies and Live Music as well. Get your tickets (\$40) by calling 605.667.0229 or go to [office@KingdomBoundaries.org](mailto:office@KingdomBoundaries.org) **QR Code on poster**

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will perform **Handel's Messiah** on Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 pm in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. The chorus will be joined by the Northwestern College A Cappella Choir, chamber orchestra, and soloists. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are \$5 for students. Tickets are available through NWC Music Dept/ Windmill Park Jewelers in Orange City, the Dordt Univ. Music Dept in Sioux Center, or from any SCOC member.

**"Go Outside and Learn About God"** Come explore God's amazing world like Job did and discover how animals, plants, and stars can teach us about how wise and powerful God is! and learn more about Him. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net)

## **Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ April 12 – 18**

(Sanborn) Craig & Tammy Solsma  
(Sheldon) Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **TODAY - April 12**

PPoint: Alan & Briana Visser  
Video: Levi Westra  
Audio: Ben Reitsma  
Doors: Larry Stanley  
Valet Parking: Gerald Alons  
Nursery: Tonja & Kirsten Hoogers  
Greeters: Bruce & Lana Van Engen  
Shane & Nikki Sybesma  
CIW: Anna VE, Maria VV, Bella A  
Accom: AM Catherine S PM Jamie C  
Offering: AM Budget, Bldg. Fund  
PM Midwest Evangelism  
Hospitality: John & Amy Vander Haag  
Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven  
Kelly & Pam De Groot

### **Next Week – April 19**

Amber Stange, Craig Solsma  
Karter Van Meeteren  
Bob Oldenkamp  
Rich Vander Werff  
Nate Schreur  
Pat & Kinley Sybesma  
Mike & Kristie Verhoef  
Alan & Briana Visser  
Anna VE, Darcy E, Caitlin R  
AM & PM Starla Reitsma  
AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)  
PM Crossroads Prison Ministry  
Mike & Judy Visser  
Dale & Julie Elgersma  
Casey Baker

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

**5:00 p.m.** Evening Worship w/ Western Christian Chamber Singers

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting  
7 – 9 pm Seniors/Youth Night at the Museum

**On Literature table:** Zuni Christian Mission School newsletter and Solanos' newsletter (also sent via e-mail)  
Bible League's April Prayer calendar

**Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone** - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Together, we'll study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. Go to [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com)

**THE LORD'S DAY – April 12, 2026**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M**  
Pastor Phil Westra

**IN HIS PRESENCE**

Prelude: Catherine Schreur  
Welcome and Announcements  
\*Call to Worship: *I Peter 1: 3*  
\*Opening Prayer  
\*God's Greeting  
\*Song: "**Living Hope**"

**IN HIS GRACE**

Call to Confession: *Romans 6: 12 - 14*  
Prayer of Confession in Unison  
Assurance of Pardon: *2 Corinthians 4: 6 – 7*  
\*Song: "**Marvelous Grace**" Red 696  
God's Will: **Romans 12: 9 - 19**  
Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Budget** 2<sup>nd</sup> **Building Fund**  
Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**  
Children in Worship for 3 – 6 yr olds ~ Lesson 36  
"Jesus' Last Passover"

**IN HIS WORD**

\*Song: "**Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**" Red 746  
Bible Reading: **Luke 24: 13 - 35** (p 922)  
Message: "**All Our Faith Points to Jesus**"  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song: "**Come to Us, Beloved Stranger**" Red 207

**IN HIS SERVICE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Doxology: "**He Is Lord**" Red 227 vs 1  
\*Postlude

\*stand if you are able

**THE LORD'S DAY – April 12 2026**  
**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.**  
Pastor Phil Westra

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

*"All Creatures that have Breath and Motion"*  
*"O Lux Beata Trinitas"*  
Welcome and Announcements  
\*Call to Worship: *Psalm 16: 9 – 11*  
\*Opening Prayer  
\*God's Greeting

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

\*All Sing: "**Crown Him with Many Crowns**" Red 223 vs 1 – 3  
*"Rise Up to Greet the Morning Dawn"*  
*"Abide with Me"*

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

Prayer for Illumination  
Bible Reading: **Psalm 46** (p 494)  
Meditation: "**Our Strength and Shelter**"  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song: "**God is Our Refuge and Our Strength**" Red 432 vs 1, 2, 5

**PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS**

UPDATE from MR. BRAD VIS  
Prayer of Intercession  
Offering: **Midwest Evangelism**

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

*"The Yearning"*  
\*Parting Blessing  
*"If We Walk in the Light"*  
\*Postlude

\*Indicates stand if you are able

Song titles in *italics* are sung by the Western Chamber Singers

**Sermon Notes for April 12, 2026 AM Service**  
**"All Our Faith Points to Jesus"**  
**Luke 24:13–35**

Introduction: Comparing Religious Beliefs

A. Hope in the Story of Jesus

B. The Scriptures are About Jesus

C. Word and Sacrament

**Sermon Notes for April 12, 2026 PM Service**  
**"Our Strength and Shelter"**  
**Psalm 46**

Introduction: Verse and Chorus

A. Chaos and Threats

1. disorderly creation

2. raging nations

B. the City of God

1. the place of God's dwelling

2. getting the world's attention

C. Where do we find our strength and security?