

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The holiday season can be difficult for those who are missing loved ones and those who are far away from family, like missionaries and members of armed services deployed overseas. Let's remember such loved ones with calls, visits and prayers during this season.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Tyler Stanley Scott Horstman Chyann Schreur

Sanford Senior Care

Harv Verbrugge Veda Bousema

Fieldcrest

Hazel Kuiper

Village Northwest

Tim Mouw

Young Adult of the Week ~ Laremy Schreurs attends Dordt University and is studying for Diesel Mechanics through the Agricultural Technician program there.

CES Popcorn Fundraiser forms and payment are due TODAY (put in Chet Vander Velde's mailbox. Can be purchased in 2lb bags for \$6, or 1qt mason jars for \$8; both options make great gifts!

The Playpen is set up in the Fellowship Hall, for those who wish to share a gift with our newest member, **Piper Rae Irmiter**.

Advance notice: Church Christmas program will be Sunday, December 22 at 5 PM.

Cadets, along with other groups, will be going Ice Skating in Sioux Center on Wednesday, December 11. Supper will not be provided, and we will be leaving URC at 6 pm and returning back at the church between 9:15 - 9:30 p.m. (wear appropriate clothing for the ice rink)

**Praise is not a vain compliment,
but the uninhibited hug of a child
for his father**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

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

Today is the first Sunday of the **Advent Season**. Each week our Advent Readers will represent friendships formed through the blessing of worshipping together at Sanborn CRC.

There will be NO Sunday School or Catechism this morning

Our church is in charge of the 2 PM Worship at **Prairie View** today

Next Sunday morning, a representative from Zuni Christian Mission School will speak towards the end of the service.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Piano Students! Band Students! The Music & Worship Committee wants to encourage you to be involved in worship services by sharing your musical gifts during evening worship preludes/offertories. Please talk to Jamie or Starla if you are willing to serve in this area of worship.

Giving Tree in the Fellowship Hall. Envelopes for monetary gifts, used to purchase gifts requested from Love, INC by TODAY.

Sunday Evening Bible Study group meets at 6:15 p.m. tonight. We will study Lesson 3. Gerald & Deb Alons are in charge of Lesson 3 and Lunch. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Congregational Meeting is tomorrow evening, Monday December 2, at 7:00 pm. Agenda/Budget proposals were in your mailbox last Sunday.

Women's Bible Study meets Tuesday, December 3, at 9:30 a.m. Study Lesson 6 "Glorious Mercy". Lunch provided by Alvina

GEMS Christmas Banquet – Monday, December 9 at Yesterday's Memories Museum (punch at 5:45 pm with Devotions, Meal, etc. to follow at 6:15 pm.) Catered meal, games, singing Christmas Songs, and fellowship. Tickets are \$10, payable that evening. All women and girls (daughters, grandmas, aunts are invited) – sign up by December 1.

Sanborn Christian Announcements

~ Is looking for **Bus Drivers** for the future. If you're interested, contact Cody Stange or any other school board member.

~ Please consider an **end of the year gift** to Sanborn Christian NICSTO to help us reach our goal of \$76,000. We still have room for about \$60,000 by the end 2024. Contact Mr. Minderhoud by early December if you would have intentions to give towards NICSTO.

~ **Fall/Christmas Concert** is this Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm at Sanborn CRC. We will also be having an afternoon program practice at 2:00 pm at the CRC for those who are unable to come to the evening program.

Will you prayerfully consider ***Celebrating Western*** with a Thanksgiving or year-end gift? Information was recently put in church mailboxes -also available on our website: **www.westernchristianhs.com**

Funds raised will support the General Fund and be allocated for capital improvements. You can contribute to Western through various means, including checks, gifts of grain, stocks or bonds, or the minimum distribution from your IRA. **Thank you** to everyone who has already given! Together, we are partnering to train the next generation to build His Kingdom! brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com

Friday, December 6: The Dordt University Choral Department will present "Born Thy People to Deliver," a Christmas Choral Concert on Friday Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium.

Saturday, December 7: The Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles will present their final concert of the fall semester on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7:00 pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

Advent Week 1: The Prophecy - Think of the names of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. How do these names bring us hope? How do they express God's faithfulness? Check out all the great content at **kidscorner.net**

Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor - The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah a "Wonderful Counselor." Discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus and its connection to the biblical wisdom tradition. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com**

Additional announcements on back page

Writing Missionaries in the month of December

Cyle & Jamie Carlson Shane Davis Terry & Lori Bootsma

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 1 - 7

(Sanborn) Jeromy & Paige De Kok (Sheldon) Mike & Judy Visser

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY -December 1

PPoint: Amber Stange, Craig Solsma

Video: Karter Van Meeteren

Audio: Aaron Alons

Doors: Ben Reitsma

Valet Parking: Ben Reitsma

CIW: Jessica S, Judy V, Abigail C

Nursery: Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp

Greeters: John & Laura Elgersma

Jack & Carol Elgersma

Accom: AM & PM Starla Reitsma

Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)

PM Benevolence

Hospitality: Keven & Robin VMeeteren

Stefan & Ashley Sybesma

Linda Verbrugge

Next Week – December 8

Brent Koldenhoven

Jeri Prins

Bob Oldenkamp

Lee Reitsma

Cyle Carlson

Jessica S, Lindsey K, Maci W

Pam De Groot, Lexi Baker

Pam De Groot & Casey Baker

Dave & Stephen Hofman

AM Jamie C PM Joy VW

AM Budget, Bldg. Proj. Fund

PM Kingdom Boundaries

Roy & Jeri Prins

Larry & Karen Bosma

Don Uittenbogaard

NO Sunday School & Catechism

2:00 p.m. Prairie View worship service

5:00 p.m. Worship

6:15 p.m. Sunday Evening Bible Study – Lesson 3

Monday 7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting, followed by Elders meeting

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Lesson 6

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting

6:00 p.m. Cadets – leaving URC for Ice Skating

Friday 7:00 p.m. SCS Christmas program in church

On Literature table: Bible League's December prayer calendar
International Seafarer's newsletter

THE LORD'S DAY – December 1, 2024
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ HOPE
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma
Children's Bell Choir: *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*
Welcome and Announcements
Advent Reading on *Hope*
*Song: **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** Red 56
*God's Greeting
*Song: **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** Red 76 vs 1 - 3

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *John 3: 19 - 21*
Prayer of Confession
*Song: **"His Mercy is More"**

Storytime w/Shannon *"Signal Strength?"*
Song: **"Because He Lives"** Red 361

Congregational Prayer
Offerings: 1st – **Budget** 2nd – **CES (Fair Share)**
Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**
Children in Worship for 3 – 6 yr olds ~ Lesson 18
"Advent II – Mary & Joseph"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer of Preparation
Bible Reading: **Luke 1: 8 – 20, 26 – 33** (p 891)
Sermon: **"The Angel Gabriel"**
Prayer of Application
*Song: **"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"** Red 81 vs 1 - 4

IN HIS SERVICE

*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: **"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"** Red 81 vs 5
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – December 1, 2024
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Ava Reitsma
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship: *Isaiah 40: 1 - 3*
Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Song: **"Blessed Be the God of Israel"** Red 67
*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed
*Song: **"My Jesus, I Love Thee"** Red 366

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Bible Readings: **Nehemiah 5: 1 – 6: 10: 30 – 39** (p 421)
Message: **"Restoring Covenant Identity"**
Prayer of Application
*Song: **"I Will Sing a Song of Triumph"** Red 349

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: **"Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** Red 590 vs 1, 8
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for November December 1, 2024 AM Service
"The Angel Gabriel"
Luke 1:8–20, 26–33

Sermon Notes for December 1, 2024 PM Service
"Restoring Covenant Identity"
Nehemiah 5: 1–6; 10: 30–39

Introduction: Trusted Messengers

A. It is Gabriel. Pay Attention!

B. The Message of _____ to Zechariah

1. an answer to _____

2. a child _____

3. he will _____

C. The Message of _____ to Mary

1. a complete _____

2. a child _____

3. he will _____

Cornerstone URC of Sanborn invite the women of our church to a Women's Conference February 28 - March 1, 2025. More information on the Bulletin Board Poster.

Conquering Cancer 4 O'Brien County Christmas bake sale on Saturday, December 7 Sheldon Hy-Vee at 9 am (usually sold out by noon). FREEWILL Donations (Baked goods are also welcome)

Coffee from Danny and Christa Longkumer for sale. If you'd like to purchase some, please contact Norma Geels at 712-348-0297. There is dark and medium roast available for \$20 for a 17.6 oz bag.

The following classes are being offered through **Love Inc. of Greater O'Brien County** starting Jan. 9, 2025: Embracing Life, Parenting, Finances, Bible Study and Container Gardening. Please contact the Love Inc. office @ 712-324-9707 to register.