

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We express our sympathy to the **Linda Verbrugge, Cory & Charity** and **all of their family**, at the passing of **Harv** on Thursday. Visitation will be at the Sanborn Funeral home on Sunday, Dec. 22 from 2 – 4 pm. His Funeral will be held on Monday, Dec. 23 with burial at 10 am and the Memorial service at 11 am.

Judy (B) Visser continues with treatment for cellulitis, and appreciates your ongoing prayers.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Phil & Michelle Westra ~ Levi, Hannah
Roy & Jeri Prins Alice Zonnefeld

Young Adult of the Week ~ Kim Baartman works as an Associate at HMS and does Respite Care parttime. She has a church mailbox to place notes to her.

Dear Sanborn CRC: What a gift it was to worship with you this past Sunday. It was so good for me to hear your stories and connections to Zuni. Your congregation was so welcoming!

I am so thankful for the long friendship your congregation has had with Zuni Christian Mission School and church. You have blessed us with many prayers, words of encouragement, and gifts of time and financial support. Generous support from congregations like you allow us to continue bringing Christian, mission education to students and families in Zuni, New Mexico. We pray that God would continue to do the impossible in this place as the Good News of Salvation through Christ is proclaimed. **Elahkwa!** **Emily Verhulst**

Sheldon Area Unity Christmas Meal - Monday, December 16 from 5:30-6:30 pm at Living Water Community Church. This is a free hot meal open to anyone who wishes to come for fun and fellowship. This event is a project of Honor God Ministries, Inc. Phone: 712.541.1502

**Patience is a virtue that
carries a lot of Wait!**

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 sanbornrcr.com and the YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanbornrcr/live>

Rev. Henry Lengkeek, retired pastor from Rock Valley, will lead our morning worship today and **Mr. Barry Miedema** will lead our evening worship.

Our All-Church Christmas program will be next Sunday, December 22 at 5 PM.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

First Fruits committee – please meet in Pastor's study after the morning service today.

GEMS/Counselors: If you still have donations for Cherish House, there are boxes in the Fireside Room where you may place them. They will be delivered in January.

CES has 3# pkg of Smoked Pulled Pork available for \$25. Please talk to Cody Stange if you wish to buy some.

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 **Western Christian High School Christmas Concert** is tomorrow evening (Monday, December 16) at the B.J. Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. This begins at 7:00 PM. The concert will also be live streamed on Youtube.

Mark your Calendars! CES is hosting a "Drive-Thru Soup/Cinnamon Roll Supper" from 3:30 - 5:00pm, and an "In-Person Soup/Pie Supper" from 5:00 - 7:00pm on **Wednesday, January 8th, 2025**. A donation list was in your mailbox last Sunday. This is a major fundraiser for CES, we greatly appreciate the congregation's assistance.

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.

Will you prayerfully consider ***Celebrating Western*** with a year-end gift? Information 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

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.

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.

Advent Week 3: The Baby - not just any baby - he was the Son of God – the long-awaited Messiah! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast ~ *The Journey of the Wise Men*.

Jesus: Our Everlasting Father - Isaiah continued to reveal the nature of the Messiah "Everlasting Father." This revolutionary title reveals the nature of Jesus and discover the comfort and belonging offered to us in Jesus, our Everlasting Father. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 15 - 21
(Sanborn) Erin & Jenny Campbell (Sheldon) Jerry & Carol Buteyn

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY -December 15

PPoint: Tonya Wiekamp

Video: Aidan Carlson

Audio: Stefan Sybesma

Doors: Keven Van Meeteren

Valet Parking: Keven Van Meeteren

CIW: Jessica S, Adrienne & Shae R

Nursery: Linda O. Braxton C

Greeters: Kevin & Ann Hofman

Mike & Judy Visser

Accom: AM Starla R PM Michelle W

Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)

PM Bible League

Hospitality: Mike & Kristie Verhoef

Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp

Seth & Shelby Irmiter

Next Week – December 22

Alan Visser family

Levi Westra

Ben Reitsma

Gerrit Wiekamp

Gerrit Wiekamp

Jessica & Anna Schreurs, Carol E

Kristie Verhoef, Ceyla Verbrugge

Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven

Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven

AM & PM Jamie Carlson

AM Budget, Mission Fund

PM Hope Haven

Cyle & Jamie Carlson

Terry & Lori Bootsma

Dave & Ruth Hoogland

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

5:00 p.m. Worship

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Council meeting

In Church Mailboxes: WCHS newsletter
Luke Society newsletter

On Literature table: F-Street/Heerspink's newsletter
Cherish Center newsletter

THE LORD'S DAY – December 15, 2024
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ JOY
Guest Pastor ~ Rev. Henry LengKeek

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading on *JOY*

*God's Greeting

*Song: "***O Come All Ye Faithful***" Red 76 vs 1, 2, 3

Starla, Ava, Joy

Organ, piano, trumpet

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Song: "***O Come, O Come, Immanuel***" Red 61 vs 1 - 4

Assurance of Pardon

God's Will for our Lives

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 19

"Advent III – The Shepherds"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Text: **Luke 1: 57 – 80** (p 892)

Message: "**The Song of Zechariah**"

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Response: "***Joy to the World***" Red 92

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 15, 2024
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Guest Pastor ~ Mr. Barry Miedema

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Michelle Westra

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: *Isaiah 40: 31*

Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Song: "***Comfort, Comfort Now My People***" Red 59

*Song: "***While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks***" Gray 215

*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading: **Luke 2: 8 – 20** (p 893)

Message: "**The Shepherds' Joy**"

Prayer of Application

*Song: "***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming***" Red 79

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Share Prayer Requests

Congregational Prayer

Offering: **Bible League**

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: "***Good Christian Friends, Rejoice***" Red 98

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for December 15, 2024 AM Service
"The Song of Zechariah" ~ Luke 1: 57 – 80

1. What is your favorite song of the Christmas/Advent season?
2. What is the song of Zechariah called?
3. What role did Zechariah and Elizabeth play in the story of the Bible?
4. What feelings do you think Zechariah experienced in being selected by God and then silenced?
5. What does Zechariah prophesy in verses 68 – 69 summarize about the gospel story?
6. What does Hebrews 2: 14 – 15 state and how does this echo Zechariah's prophecy?
7. The second part of the song begins in verse 76. What is John's role in the advent story?
8. How do we live out this song today?

Sermon Notes for December 15, 2024 PM Service
"The Shepherds' Joy" ~ Luke 2: 8 - 20