

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for one another as some in our church family have experienced the loss of a loved one, are spending Christmas apart from family and friends, or the experience of broken relationships is especially difficult this time of the year. We also pray for those we support on the mission field who miss family this time of year.

We pray for **Shae Reitsma** as she recovers from a successful knee surgery that took place this past Thursday.

Lifting Lambs to the Shepherd

Aaron & Renee Alons ~ Asa, Bella, John, Ezra
Stefan & Ashley Sybesma ~ Addison, Kinley, Emrey
Craig & Tammy Solsma

Young Adult of the Week ~ Karter Van Meeteren works as a Power Lineman for the City of Sanborn. He has a church mailbox where you can place a note to him.

You Are Doing More Than You Know! Thank you! The collective ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is flourishing thanks to your generous ministry shares gifts. Together, we are training church planters, equipping leaders, and strengthening local congregations like ours. We are sharing Christ's love and expanding discipleship here and around the world. Learn more at **crcna.org/ministryshares**.

Christmas Sack program: Cornerstone Prison Church puts together sacks of Christmas gifts for ALL inmates in Sioux Falls and Yankton prisons. If you wish to contribute to this financially, send your donation to Cornerstone Prison c/o Dave Vande Kamp, Treasurer. 801 S. Gordon Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57110 asap.

**Spiritual things are
against the stream,
Heaven is up the hill**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Rhonda Nelson will Reaffirm her Faith during our morning service.

There are Sunday School and Catechism classes today

Evening Service Today at First CRC in Sheldon: For our 5:00 evening service we will be joining other congregations for a joint service of lessons and carols service at First CRC in Sheldon. If you would like to participate in a choir, please be at First CRC by 4:15 for rehearsal. There will be an offering box (they do not pass the plate) designated for Kaden's Closet and Love INC.

Our **Christmas Day service** will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Sunday, December 28 ~ **NO** Sunday School or Catechism classes

2 PM Prairie View worship service

4 PM Prairie View Christmas Caroling

The Playpen is set up for gifts to share with **Sienna Sybesma** and **Judah Schreurs**, the newest additions to our Church family.

You may also share some **Groceries** with **Laremy Schreurs & Reagan Noteboom**, who were married yesterday. Table by GEMS Cards

CES has you covered for the upcoming holidays!

Stock up on delicious pulled pork for your holiday gatherings—contact Cody or Amber Stange to pick up some bags. Looking for last-minute gifts? Grab a bag(s) of locally grown popcorn, perfect for family and friends. And when it's time to clean up those holiday messes, be sure to grab a roll (or two!) of our quality trash bags. Popcorn and trash bags are available in the Fellowship Hall.

Mark your Calendars! CES is hosting a "Drive-Thru Soup Supper" from 3:30 - 7:00pm, and an "In-Person Soup Supper" from 5:00 - 7:00pm on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026. Donation lists were placed in mailboxes last week, please check the list for the donation requested from you. This is a major fundraiser for CES, we greatly appreciate the congregation's assistance!

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanborn Christian - Positions open

~**Janitor/custodian position** effective immediately. This is a part-time position (25-30 hours per week); salaried position. Call Lee Vellema
~ For the 2026 - 2027 school year:

- **6th Grade Homeroom / Junior High Teacher** - full time; salaried
- **Athletic Director** - **part-time**; stipend available
- **Bus Drivers** - Sanborn Christian is looking for Bus Drivers to drive daily routes; part-time; paid per trip for 26.27 school year. Call Cody Stange.
CONTACT the board member mentioned or Mr. Minderhoud at sanchr@sanbornchristian.com or 712.729.3288 for applications or more detailed information.

The **Sioux County Oratorio Chorus** is about to kick off a new season, and all are invited to sing! Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 pm, beginning January 6, in the choir room at Northwestern College. The concert will be held on Saturday, April 25 at Northwestern's Christ Chapel. Contact Mike Ochsner at mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions.

Love INC will be offering a new session of classes on Thursday evenings from January 8, 2026 through March 19, 2026. Class offerings will include:
Finance ~ Parenting ~ GriefShare ~ English Learners
Identifying Destructive Relationships ~ Bible Study
To register, call (712) 324-9707

"Advent at Home: Away in the Manger" - Jesus knows what it feels like to be human, just like you. This means He understands when you're tired, hurt, or having a hard day. He loves you so much and always knows how to comfort and care for you! Explore all the great content at **kidscorner.net**, including the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, Bible stories, crafts, and activities.

The Light of the World Among Us - Together, let's explore the moment Isaiah's anticipation of light turns to the reality of the light of the world among us. We'll discuss Jesus Christ's birth, life, and the hope he brings, uncovering the profound meaning of Christ's light shining in our world and how we live as children of light. **GroundworkOnline.com**

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 21 - 27

(Sanborn) Keven & Robin Van Meeteren
(Sheldon) Kelly & Pam De Groot

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY - December 21

PPoint: Alan Visser family
Video: Levi Westra
Audio: Ben Reitsma
Doors: Keven Van Meeteren
Valet Parking: Brent Koldenhoven
Nursery: Shannon & Caitlin Rydberg
Greeters: Dave & Stephen Hofman
Larry Hofman & Gerald Dragstra
CIW: Anna VE, Maria VV, Bella A
Accom: AM Jamie Carlson
Offering: AM Budget, CES(Fair Share)
PM Kaden's Closet/Love, INC
Hospitality: Craig & Tammy Solsma
Jeromy & Paige De Kok
Allen & Glaussia Hubers

Next Week – December 28

Amber Stange/Craig Solsma
Karter Van Meeteren
Aaron Alons
Larry Stanley
Kevin Wiekamp
Sara Schilling, Braxton C
Kevin & Ann Hofman
Jon & Tonja Hoogers
Anna VE, Darcy E, Caitlin R
AM & PM Starla Reitsma
AM Budget, Mission Fund
PM - - - - -
Rich & Joy Vander Werff
Gerald & Deb Alons
Larry & Shyla Stanley

10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School and catechism
5:00 p.m. **Worship at First CRC in Sheldon**

Christmas Day Service – Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

PPoint/Audio/Video: Alan Visser family, Ben R, Levi W
Valet Parking/Doors: Travis Solsma, Gerrit Wiekamp
Nursery: Cindy & Alivia Koldenhoven
Greeters: Brent & Lindsey and Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven
NO Children in Worship or Hospitality
Accompanist: Jamie Carlson
Offering: The Banquet

NEW on Literature table: Newsletters from Northern Lighthouse,
"F" Street- Heerspinks, New Roots Review, MERF,
and Zuni Christian Mission School brochures
In Church mailboxes: Luke Society newsletter
CRCNA January Prayer Guide

THE LORD'S DAY – December 21, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ PEACE
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading and Prayer - **Peace**

*Song: **"Glory in the Highest"**

*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

*Song: **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** Red 80

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *Jeremiah 4: 1 - 2*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 5: 1 – 2*

Rhonda Nelson's Reaffirmation of Faith

*Song: **"I Love to Tell the Story"** Red 262

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 21

"Christmas – Meeting the Christ Child"

IN HIS WORD

*Song: **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** Red 56 vs 1, 3, 4

Bible Reading: **I Corinthians 1: 3 – 7** (p 994)

Message: **"Comfort One Another"**

Prayer of Application

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

IN HIS SERVICE

*Parting Blessing

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

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Worship at Sheldon First CRC at 5 PM today

Sermon Notes for December 21, 2025 AM Service
"Comfort One Another"
1 Corinthians 1:3–7

Introduction: Help When It Matters the Most

A. The Meaning of "Comfort"

B. The Challenges and Grievs we Face

C. Giving and Receiving Comfort

1. Strength from the _____

2. Facing and dealing with _____

3. Eliminating _____

4. Offering our _____