

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Continue to keep **Teresa Van Dyke** in your prayers, thankful for the healing she has experienced, but also for endurance as she still deals with pain that comes and goes in her digestive system.

Jon Sybesma is dealing with a slow and drawn-out recovery since his open heart surgery three weeks ago. Please keep praying Jon will experience healing and have patience through the process.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Dave & Ruth Hoogland Jerry Elgersma
Chet & Maria Vander Velde ~ Cooper, Maggie, Carson, Case

Young Adult of the Week ~ Rianne Van Meeteren continues with her studies and clinicals through NCC in their Radiologic Technology program. She is living at home and notes to her may be placed in Keven & Robin's church mailbox.

After a follow-up CT scan, the doctors are very pleased with the effectiveness of the radiation as it continues to eliminate lung cancer. **We thank God** for blessing the medical treatment with much healing and for your prayers on our behalf.

Jerry and Carol Buteyn

Thanks to all my church family for all the phone calls, cards, and visits. I enjoy them all. Happy Holidays! May we all rejoice in God's promises in the coming year.

Hazel Kuiper

Bible League prayer requests for Latin America

Haiti - The staff of Bible League-Haiti requests continued prayers for the sociopolitical situation in the country.

Cuba - Pastors Julio César and Liset request prayers for children, as they lack basic food needs.

Peru - Pray for the *Project Philip* for adults and Church Planter Training program. May God guide in opening a new group in Lima.

Study the Bible to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy

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>

Our Church Christmas program will be held at **5 PM today**.

An offering will be received for **Hope Haven**.

(Practice will be held from 10:50 – 11:40 this morning)

Our **Christmas Day Service** is Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m.

An offering will be received for **The Banquet** in Sioux Falls.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Visitation with family of **Harv Verbrugge** – today from 2 – 4 pm
Funeral at 10 AM on Monday (burial ahead of time)

Youth Group: We are going as a group to Great Shots Golf on Thursday afternoon, January 2. The plan is to meet at church at noon, eat together, and then head to Sioux Falls where we have spots reserved from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please let Seth or Shelby Irmiter know whether or not you can attend so we can plan accordingly.

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.

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**. Money donations requested may be placed in Lori Bootsma's mailbox marked Sanborn CRC – CES. 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 4: The Blessing - What we can do is give His love to others and bless those around us the same way God blesses us? Christ is the ultimate blessing, and as God's children, He wants us to share the good news of Jesus's birth, death, and resurrection with others. Go to **kidscorner.net**, like *The Story of the Shepherds*.

Jesus: Our Prince of Peace - As we celebrate Christmas, discover the deep and meaningful shalom Jesus brought to us in His birth, that He promises to establish permanently when He returns, and how we can be His agents of peace in our world here and now. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com**

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 22 - 28 (Sanborn) Rich & Joy Vander Werff (Sheldon) Larry Hofman

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY -December 22

PPoint: Alan Visser family
Video: Levi Westra
Audio: Ben Reitsma
Doors: Gerrit Wiekamp
Valet Parking: Gerrit Wiekamp
CIW: Jessica & Anna S, Carol E
Nursery: Kristie V, Ceyla V
Greeters: Kevin & Ann Hofman
 Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven
Accom: AM & PM Jamie Carlson
Offering: AM Budget, Mission Fund
 PM Hope Haven
Hospitality: Cyle & Jamie Carlson
 Terry & Lori Bootsma
 Dave & Ruth Hoogland

Next Week – December 29

Amber Stange, Craig Solsma
Karter Van Meeteren
Bob Oldenkamp
Ray Elgersma
Kevin Hofman
Anna VE, Carol E, Chloe R
Nikki & Bryah Van Beek
Seth & Shelby Irmiter
Ben & Adrienne Reitsma
AM & PM Starla Reitsma
AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM World Renew - DRS
Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven
Ben & Adrienne Reitsma
Gertie Visser

10:50 – 11:40 a.m. All Students – Practice for program

5:00 p.m. Church Christmas program

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Power Point/Video/Audio: Alan Visser family/Levi Westra/Ben Reitsma
Valet Parking/Doors: Nick Schilling/Larry Stanley
Greeters: Bob & Linda Oldenkamp, Roy & Jeri Prins
Nursery: Joy Vander Werff, Bella Alons
Accompanist: Jamie Carlson
Offering: The Banquet

In Church Mailboxes: CRCNA January Prayer guide

On Literature table: New Roots newsletter
MERF newsletter
Beacon newsletter (N. Lighthouse)

THE LORD'S DAY – December 22, 2024
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ LOVE
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading on LOVE

*Song: "**Away in a Manger**" Red 86 vs 1 & 3

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *Galatians 3: 22*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Galatians 4: 3 - 7*

*Song: "**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**" Red 56

Storytime with Shannon: "*Candy Cane*"

Song: "**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**" Red 98 vs 2

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **Mission Fund**

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

Children in Worship for 3 – 6 yr olds ~ Lesson 21 "*Meeting the Christ Child*"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer of Preparation

Bible Reading: **Matthew 1: 18 – 25** (p 840)

Sermon: "**Jesus' Father, Joseph**"

Prayer of Application

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

IN HIS SERVICE

*Parting Blessing

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

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for December 22, 2024 AM Service
"Jesus' Father, Joseph" ~ Matthew 1: 18 - 25

Introduction: Adoptive Fathers

A. Joseph, a man of _____

B. Joseph, a man of _____

C. Joseph, a man of _____

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT 5 PM