

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Laura Elgersma's mother, **Evelyn Jacobsma**, passed away recently. Her memorial service was held on December 19. Please remember Laura and her family in your prayers in this time of loss.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Linda Verbrugge Larry & Karen Bosma
John & Jessica Schreurs ~ Anna, Lamont, Liam

Young Adult of the Week ~ Levi Schreurs works for Andy Getting Farms. He and Priya Eisfeld will be married January 25 in our church and make their home in Sanborn.

ATLAS appreciates your prayers and everything you do to bless this ministry. Thank you for the financial donations that are a generous display of your support. We are grateful and hopeful to continue to be hands and feet of Jesus to other. **Atlas Board and Staff**

Bible League prayer requests for Asia

Philippines- Praise God for successful Bible-Based English Literacy training with 89 partners; also as we partner with The Hub for Christ church to use *Project Philip* Bible study materials. Also, pray for safety during typhoon season.

Bangladesh - Praise God for establishing a new Bible-based Bengali Literacy group among a Hindu community – for the potential to transform the lives so women could learn to read and write, connect with our Lord Jesus, and receive the gift of salvation.

**Security is not the absence of
danger but the presence of God
no matter what the danger**

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>

Next Sunday morning, **Rianne Van Meeteren** will make her Public Profession of Faith.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

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.

Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet next week Sunday at 6:15 p.m. Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp will lead lesson 4 and provide lunch. Anyone is welcome to join us.

The **CES Drive-Thru** (3:30-5:00pm) or **Dine-In** (5:00-7:00pm) **Soup Supper** is next week, Wednesday, January 8. Donation lists and work schedules were in your mailboxes a few weeks ago, if you are missing yours contact Ashley Sybesma. This is a major fundraiser for CES, we greatly appreciate the congregation's assistance!

DAY-OF HELP NEEDED: We will need a few volunteers to help with some prep work, a sign-up sheet can be found on the back table.

GEMS/Counselors: If you 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 still dark roast available for \$20 for a 17.6 oz bag.

Additional Announcements

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.

The **Sioux County Oratorio Chorus** will begin rehearsals on Tuesdays, beginning on January 14 at 7:30 p.m. (Dordt University choir room) All are welcome to sing. We will be teaming up with the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra to present Brahms' *Requiem* on April 15, 2025, with guest conductor, Dr. Ryan Smit. Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions.

The 4th-6th Grade Winter Retreat is an exciting opportunity for campers to experience **Inspiration Hills'** unique winter activities! The event will include a chapel message, worship, and Bible studies along with all the fun winter games! **Friday, Feb. 14 at 7pm** thru **Sunday, Feb. 16 – 11 am**. Go to inspirationhills.org/4-6-retreat to register or learn more about this event. Poster on bulletin board.

Trinity Reformed Church in Sioux Falls is sponsoring a One-day marriage retreat- "Reconnecting Through Love & Laughter" on Saturday, February 15. Speaker, Greg Speck, a communicator and youth specialist, will focus on healthy and happy marital relationships centered on the Lord. Poster on bulletin board – register and information at trinityrcus.org

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.

Home is a Blessing - God is our rock and our foundation. The home is the place where your family chooses to make a commitment to serve God. What a blessing! Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders.

Your Questions about Scripture and Hope - Join Groundwork as we look at some of the questions you asked this year in response to our discussions on the Lord's Prayer, Joshua, and Revelation; then we'll talk about the issues that feel most pressing for our faith right now and where we can find the hope and encouragement to keep living faithfully each day. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ Dec. 29 – Jan. 4
(Sanborn) Judy (B) Visser (Sheldon) Gerald & Deb Alons

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY -December 29

PPoint: Amber Stange, Craig Solisma
Video: Karter Van Meeteren
Audio: Bob Oldenkamp
Doors: Ray Elgersma
Valet Parking: Kevin Hofman
CIW: Anna VE, Carol E, Chloe R
Nursery: Nikki & Bryah Van Beek
Greeters: Seth & Shelby Irmiter
Ben & Adrienne Reitsma
Accom: AM & PM Starla Reitsma
Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM World Renew – DRS
Hospitality: Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven
Ben & Adrienne Reitsma
Gertie Visser

Next Week – January 5, 2025

Brent Koldenhoven
Jeri Prins
Aaron Alons
Rich Vander Werff
Chet Vander Velde
Jessica & Lamont S, Ann H
Pat & Kinley Sybesma
Larry & Alvina Reitsma
Lee & Starla Reitsma
AM Jamie C PM Joy VW
AM Budget, Mission Fund
PM Benevolence
Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp
Erin & Jenny Campbell
Casey Baker

NO Sunday School & Catechism

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Thursday 12 noon Youth Group meet at church
for meal and outing to Sioux Falls

In Church Mailboxes: January Birthday/Anniversary calendars

THE LORD'S DAY – December 29, 2024
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Psalm 18: 1 - 3*
*Opening Prayer
*Song: "**Angels from the Realms of Glory**" Red 81 vs 1 – 4
*God's Greeting
*Song: "**What Child is This**" Red 95 vs 1, 3

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: -*Psalm 18: 6*
Silent Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon: *Psalm 18: 27 - 30*
*Song: "**Christmas Hallelujah**"

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 1 "*Baby Jesus is Presented*"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer of Preparation
Bible Reading: **Luke 2: 25 – 38** (p 894)
Sermon: "**Simeon the Prophet and Anna the Prophetess**"
Prayer of Application

IN HIS SERVICE

*Song: "**Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace**" Red 97
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: "**Angels from the Realms of Glory**" Red 81 vs 5
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – December 29, 2024
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

Prelude: Starla Reitsma
Welcome and Announcements
Prayer
*Song: "**The Birthday of a King**" PB 5

Bible Reading: **Luke 2: 4 – 14**
Explanation of Edmund Sears' hymn by Leland Ryken
*Song: "**It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**" PB 10

Bible Reading: **Isaiah 9: 6; Malachi 4: 2, Romans 5: 11**
Explanation of Charles Wesley's hymn by Leland Ryken
*Song: "**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**" Red 80

Bible Reading: **John 1: 14**
"The Paradoxes of the Incarnation" by Augustine of Hippo
Congregational Prayer
Offering: **World Renew – Disaster Relief Services**

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Bible Reading: **I John 5: 1 – 2**
Song: "**O Little Town of Bethlehem**" Red 88
*Bible Reading: **Luke 2: 15 – 20**
*Song: "**Silent Night, Holy Night**" Red 85 vs 1, 2
*Parting Blessing
*Song: "**Silent Night, Holy Night**" Red 85 vs 3, 4
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for December 29, 2024 AM Service
"Simeon the Prophet and Anna the Prophetess"
Luke 2:25–38

Introduction: Babies in Public Places

A. The Spiritual Dimensions of this Account:

B. Simeon: _____ and _____

C. Anna: _____ and _____