

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUEST**

We congratulate **Levi & Priya Schreurs** at the birth of their baby boy, **Judah Levi**, who was born on Saturday in Sioux Falls.

Monday evening, **Bella Alons & Hannah Westra**, met with the Elders to Profess their Faith. Public Profession will take place at a later date.

### **Lifting Lambs to the Shepherd**

Larry & Alvina Reitsma

Dave & Ruth Hoogland

Allen & Glaussia Hubers ~ Mia, Tito, Abby

**Young Adult of the Week** ~ **Brody Elgersma** installs garage doors and lives in Spencer. His address is in the back of church directory.

Address changes to make in your church phone directory

Jerry & Carol Buteyn – **1505 East 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Sheldon, IA 51201**

Lee & Susie Van Tol – **421 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Sanborn, IA 51248**

Just a **Word of thanks** from Sanborn Christian to Sanborn CRC for allowing us to use the church this week for our school Christmas program that took place this past Friday, December 5. Your partnership and the 'church setting' for Christmas is appreciated.

**Help us fill the church with beautiful poinsettias** this Christmas season! If you would like to contribute a plant to decorate our worship space, please bring your labeled poinsettia to church by Saturday, December 12. Place them on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please water your poinsettia well before bringing it to church. Any combination of red or white plants is welcome. You may take your plant home after the Christmas Day service or by Sunday December 28. Thank you for helping make our church festive and bright!

**You will never need more  
than God can supply**

**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](http://sanborncrc.com) and the YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanborncrc/live>

**Emily Ver Hulst**, representative for Zuni Christian Mission School, will speak towards the end of our 5 PM worship service today. There will be a time of fellowship with coffee & cookies after the service.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

**Sunday Night Bible Study** will meet this evening at 6:15 PM to continue the Video Series study of Lee Strobel – A Case for Christ – Lesson 3. Gerrit & Carol will lead lesson & Rhonda Nelson provide lunch.

**Youth Group** Bible Study at Seth & Shelby Irmiter's home at 6:15 p.m.

The **GEMS Christmas Banquet** is at the Museum, tomorrow - Monday, December 8. For those who signed up, we're serving Punch from 5:45 – to 6:15 pm with Devotions at 6:15 pm followed by the meal. There will be games, singing, etc. Ticket/meal price is \$10, payable at the door.

The Playpen is set up for any gifts to share with Shane & Nikki's baby daughter, **Sienna Aleece Sybesma.**

The **"Giving Tree"** ~ UDMQ - Green tags have gift ideas from several needy families. Purchase gift listed, wrap them and place green tag on outside of pkg. Deadline – Tuesday, December 16.

**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 before December 15.

Sundays, December 7 & 14 ~ **Program practice – NO** SS or Catechism

Sunday, December 14 ~ **5 PM Church Christmas program**

Sunday, December 21 ~ **Sunday School & Catechism classes**

**5 PM Joint Worship at Sheldon 1<sup>st</sup> CRC**

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

**2 PM Prairie View worship service**

## **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.

~ There is still room and time to **donate to Sanborn Christian's**

**NICSTO program!** Details in the November "School Bell".

Please contact Jeremy Van Ess. Thank you for considering!

CONTACT the board member mentioned or Mr. Minderhoud at [sanchr@sanbornchristian.com](mailto:sanchr@sanbornchristian.com) or 712.729.3288 for applications or more detailed information.

The **WCHS Christmas Concert** is Monday, December 15 at the **Western Event Center**. 7:00 PM ~ Bands and Orchestra 8:00 PM ~ Vocal portion of Program begins. Please make plans to join us!

Prayerfully consider **"Celebrating Western"** with a year-end gift. Funds raised will be given to the General Fund for capital improvements. Thank You to those who have already contributed to the mission of WCHS!

**BARGAIN ALLEY FURNITURE OUTLET** is in need of volunteers to collect and deliver furniture and mattresses. You do not need to come to the store, just be available to help in your town as needed. Please call 712-439-6802 or 712-441-1270 if interested or have any questions.

**"Advent at Home: Silent Night"** Do your worries ever feel really loud? You can tell them, "Shhhhhh! Jesus is here," and remember that He loves you and gives you peace. Explore all the great content at **kidscorner.net**

**Preparing for the Light of the World** - Jesus Christ is the ultimate light of the world. During Advent, we celebrate his birth and anticipate his second coming. Learn what it means to live in the light of Christ with expectation and to explore what it means to prepare our souls for the hope and illumination that Jesus brings. Go to **GroundworkOnline.com**

Sheldon Mobile Food Bank will be delivered on Thursday, Dec. 11 to Living Water Community Church in Sheldon from 4:30 – 6 p.m.

## **Writing Missionaries for the month of December**

Rich & Joy Vander Werff John & Jessica Schreurs

Levi & Priya Schreurs

## **Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 7 - 13**

(Sanborn) Aaron & Renee Alons (Sheldon) John & Jessica Schreurs

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **TODAY - December 7**

PPoint: Brent Koldenhoven

Video: Jeri Prins

Audio: Stefan Sybesma

Doors: Brian Koldenhoven

Valet Parking: Aaron Alons

Nursery: Lindsey & Brayden K

Greeters: Pam De Groot/Casey Baker

Jeromy & Paige De Kok

CIW: Jessica & Anna S, Judy V

Accom: AM Jamie C PM Joy VW

Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)

PM N. Lighthouse- Auto Gar.

Hospitality: Marlin & Linda V. Velde

Carol Elgersma

Brandi Wright

Shane Davis

### **Next Week – December 14**

Tonya Wiekamp

Aidan Carlson

Stefan Sybesma

Lee Reitsma

Alan Visser

Renee & John Alons

Kyle Hofman & Tyler Solsma

Jesse & Tasha Graves

Jessica S, Carol E, Abigail C

AM Catherine S PM Jamie C

AM Budget, Bldg Proj Fund

PM Zuni Christian School

Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp

Alan & Briana Visser

Gerald Dragstra

10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Program practice w/ SS/Catechism classes

### **5:00 p.m. Evening Worship**

Monday 5:45 p.m. Serving Punch at GEMS Banquet

6:15 p.m. Devotions – Meal, etc. begin

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Deacons meeting

**In Church mailbox:** Deacons report/Dec. offering schedule

**NEW on Literature table:** Cornerstone Prison Church newsletter  
Longkumer's newsletter

**Early bulletin deadline this week – Thursday, Dec. 11 at 9 a.m.**

**THE LORD'S DAY – December 7, 2025**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ LOVE**  
**Pastor Phil Westra**

**IN HIS PRESENCE**

Prelude: Jamie Carlson  
Welcome and Announcements  
Advent Reading and Prayer - **LOVE**  
\*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: *"Matthew 1: 20 - 21*  
Prayer of Confession (spoken in unison)  
\*Song: **"O Shepherd, Hear and Lead Your Flock"** Red 64  
Assurance of Pardon: *Galatians 4: 4 - 7*  
God's Will: **Exodus 20: 1 - 17**

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Budget** 2<sup>nd</sup> – **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**

\*Song: **"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"** Red 747  
Bible Reading: **Ephesians 4: 29 – 32** (p 1024)  
Message: **"Forgiving One Another"**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song: **"What Child is This"** Red 95

**IN HIS SERVICE**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Doxology: **"Go Now in Peace"**  
\*Postlude

\*stand if you are able

**THE LORD'S DAY – December 7, 2025**  
**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.**  
**Pastor Phil Westra**

**LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE**

Prelude: Joy Vander Werff  
Welcome and Announcements  
\*Call to Worship: *Jeremiah 30: 8 - 9*  
\*Opening Prayer  
\*God's Greeting

**LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING**

\*Songs: **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** Red 76 vs 1 - 3  
**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"** Red 61 vs 1, 2, 4, 7  
  
\*An Advent Lament: Red 62 (Responsive Reading)

**OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
Bible Reading: **Luke 11: 14 - 28** (p 907)  
Meditation: **"Miraculous Deliverance"**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song: **"Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise"** Red 104

**PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS**

Sharing Prayer Requests  
Prayer of Intercession  
Offering: **Northern Lighthouse – Auto Garage**

**Update from Zuni Christian Mission School**

**OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART**

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Doxology: **"He is Lord"** Red 227 vs 1  
\*Postlude

\*stand if you are able

**Sermon Notes for December 7, 2025 AM Service**  
**"Forgiving One Another"**  
**Ephesians 4:29–32**

Introduction: Spoken Belief vs. Lived Belief

A. Some Definitions

Repentance:

Forgiveness:

Reconciliation:

B. Remember this is Reciprocal

C. The Commitment to \_\_\_\_\_

D. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Forgiving:  
REACH for Forgiveness

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**Sermon Notes for December 7, 2025 PM Service**  
**"Miraculous Deliverance"**  
**Luke 11:14–28**

Introduction: Miracles of Jesus vs. Pop Culture

A. Two Challengers

B. Jesus' Logical Argument

C. Jesus' Short Parable

On Monday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m., the Dordt University Music Department will present its **Small Ensembles Recital**. The recital will include the clarinet choir and the KPH Singers performing a variety of pieces from various genres of music. The clarinet choir consists of four members, all playing clarinet or bass clarinet. Also included in the concert will be collaborating performers on string bass and clarinet. The clarinet choir will be playing selections from George Gershwin, Arturo Marquez, Lenny Sayers and Alfre Uhl. The KPH singers are a 4-part male group, entirely led by Dordt students. They will be singing material not often represented in a large choral setting. Generally the music performed will have a barbershop or gospel feel.

The Dordt University's **4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Jazz concert** is Thursday Dec. 11 at 7:00 pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Come for a relaxed evening of Christmas jazz music standards, fresh perspectives, featured solos, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

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](mailto: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.