

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We praise God for blessing **Teresa Van Dyke** with relief from pain this past week and pray she continues to experience healing.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Nick & Sara Schilling ~ Abe, Rori

Dave Hofman

Keven & Robin Van Meeteren

Please pray for the 5th Grade GEMS and their Counselors - in December. They are **Emrey, Cayla, Hope, Mherci, Sutton**. Counselors are **Shannon** and **Lindsey**.

Young Adult of the Week ~ Kaleb Visser continues his studies in Production Welding at NCC and working parttime at Demco. Notes to him may be placed in Alan & Briana's church mailbox.

We want to extend a huge **thank you to everyone** who reached out, brought freezer meals, and showered us with gifts as we welcomed Piper into our family this month. We are extremely grateful to have such a loving and thoughtful church family to surround ourselves with!
Seth and Shelby Irmiter

Thanks so much for the wonderful **Thanksgiving dinner** - - (message sent from a family who had their meal delivered)

Events are projects of Honor God Ministries, Inc. Phone: 712.541.1502

***Sheldon Mobile Food Bank** - Thursday, December 12 - 4:30-6:00 pm at Living Water Community Church.

***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.

**Man sees your actions,
but God sees your motives**

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

Emily Verhulst, representing Zuni Christian Mission School, will give us an update at the end of our Morning Service today.

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

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Piano Students! Band Students! The Music & Worship Committee wants to encourage you to be involved in worship services by sharing your musical gifts during evening worship preludes/offertories. Please talk to Jamie or Starla if you are willing to serve in this area of worship.

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

GEMS Christmas Banquet – is tomorrow evening at Yesterday's Memories Museum (punch at 5:45 pm with Devotions, Program, Singing, Meal, etc. to follow at 6:15 pm.) If you reserved a ticket, please pay at the door (\$5 for GEMS Girls and \$10 for other guests).

Youth Christmas Party: Come to Alan and Briana Vissers' at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, Dec. 11 for our party. Food and gifts will be provided.

Cadets, along with other groups, will be going Ice Skating in Sioux Center this Wednesday, December 11. Supper will not be provided, and we will be leaving URC at 6 pm and returning back at the church between 9:15 - 9:30 p.m. (wear appropriate clothing for the ice rink)

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**. Please check your mailbox today for the donation list. 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.

WCHS Christmas Concert – Monday, December 16 at 7 pm

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

Information available at 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

The Dordt University's **4th Avenue Jazz concert** on Friday Dec. 13 at 7:00 pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

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 2: The Servant - God had an important role for Mary. She responded, "I am the Lord's servant! No matter how young or old we are, God will give us everything we need to be a faithful servant. Go to kidscorner.net, like the Bible Story Podcast The Birth of Jesus.

Jesus: Our Mighty God - We'll discuss how his presence as a helpless baby displays the awesomeness of God's power and gives us hope as we anticipate his return. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ December 8 - 14

(Sanborn) Brandi Wright (Sheldon) Casey Baker

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY -December 8

PPoint: Brent Koldenhoven
Video: Jeri Prins
Audio: Bob Oldenkamp
Doors: Lee Reitsma
Valet Parking: Cyle Carlson
CIW: Jessica S, Lindsey K, Maci W
Nursery: Pam De Groot, Lexi Baker
Greeters: Pam De Groot & Casey Baker
Dave & Stephen Hofman
Accom: AM Jamie C PM Joy VW
Offering: AM Budget, Bldg. Proj. Fund
PM Kingdom Boundaries
Hospitality: Roy & Jeri Prins
Larry & Karen Bosma
Don Uittenbogaard

Next Week – December 15

Tonya Wiekamp
Aidan Carlson
Stefan Sybesma
Keven Van Meeteren
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Jessica S, Adrienne & Shae R
Linda O. Braxton C
Kevin & Ann Hofman
Jon & Tonja Hoogers
AM Starla R PM Michelle W
Budget, CES (Fair Share)
Bible League
Mike & Kristie Verhoef
Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp
Seth & Shelby Irmiter

10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School & Catechism
5:00 p.m. Worship

Monday 5:45 – 6:15 Punch at Christmas Banquet
6:15 p.m. Christmas Banquet devotions, meal, etc.

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Cadets leaving URC for Ice skating party
6:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party at Vissers
7:00 p.m. Deacons' meeting
9:15 – 9:30 p.m. Arriving back at URC

In Church Mailboxes: Bible League newsletter
Dec. Offering Schedule/Deacon's report

On Literature table: Ribbens newsletter (sent via email)
Longkumer newsletter (sent via email)

Church Christmas program will be Sunday, December 22 at 5 PM

THE LORD'S DAY – December 8, 2024
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ PEACE
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson
Welcome and Announcements
Advent Reading on *PEACE*
*Song: "**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**" Red 80
*God's Greeting
*Song: "**On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**" Red 70

IN HIS GRACE

Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon: *Luke 1: 30 – 33, Hebrews 4: 16*
*Song: "**For the Glories of God's Grace**" Red 677 vs 1, 3, 5
Responsive Reading of the Law: Grey pg 1017

Congregational Prayer
Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **Building Projects Fund**
Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**
Children in Worship for 3 – 6 yr olds ~ Lesson 18
"Advent II – Mary & Joseph"

IN HIS WORD

Prayer of Preparation
Bible Reading: **Luke 1: 38 – 56** (p 892)
Sermon: "**The Blessed Mary**"
Prayer of Application
*Song: "**Once in Royal David's City**" Red 87 vs 1, 2, 4

IN HIS SERVICE

*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: "**Angels from the Realms of Glory**" Red 81 vs 5
Presentation about Zuni Christian Mission School by Emily Verhulst
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – December 8, 2024
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: *Isaiah 49: 13*
Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Song: "**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You**" PB 2
*Song: "**O Little Town of Bethlehem**" PB 4

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Bible Readings: **Ezekiel 10: 1 – 19; 11: 22 – 24** (p 724)
Message: "**God's People Without God's Presence**"
Prayer of Application
*Song: "**Love Has Come!**" PB 6

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Share Prayer Requests
Congregational Prayer
Offering: **Kingdom Boundaries**

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: "**Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**" Red 590 vs 1, 8
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for December 8, 2024 AM Service
"The Blessed Mary"
Luke 1: 38–56

Introduction: Mission Impossible

A. The _____ of Mary

B. The _____ of Mary

C. The _____ of Mary

Sermon Notes for December 8, 2024 PM Service
"God's People Without God's Presence"
Ezekiel 10:1–19; 11:22–24

Introduction: Hard Goodbyes

A. God's Presence in the Old Testament

B. Waiting Centuries for God's Return

C. God With Us