

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for **Hannah Willemstyn**, as she will be undergoing surgery at Sanford Sheldon hospital tomorrow, January 5.

Lifting Lambs to the Shepherd

Josh Bosma
Don Uittenbogaard
Kevin & Ann Hofman ~ Jaxon

Young Adult of the Week ~ Ivy Vander Haag is working towards her Masters Degree in Social Work thru Dordt University and works parttime at The Grain House. Notes to her may be placed in John & Amy's church mailbox.

Bible League prayer requests for Latin America

Mexico - Pray for the new evangelism work that church planter Hernández has begun in a community in Oaxaca (far from the city)

Chile - Pray for the *Project Philip* online workshop for youth, with brothers and sisters from different churches and cities. It will be led by pastor Manuel Diaz Bascur.

Peru - Pray for the arrival of the materials that are currently out of stock in our warehouse, especially the kits for children ages 10–12.

**A humble talent that is used
is worth more than one
of Genius that is idle**

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 morning worship service is on Church's website sanbornrcr.com and YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanbornrcr/live>

Catechism & Sunday School classes will meet today

First Fruits committee – meet in Pastor's Study after AM service

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Mike Elgersma is celebrating his **70th Birthday** today. The cake & ice cream for our fellowship time is provided by Mike & Bonita.

This Evening – **Sunday Night Bible Study** will meet at **6:15 p.m.** for Lesson 4 of the Video Series – "A Case for Christ". Gerald & Deb Alons will lead and provide lunch.

Women's Bible Study will meet this Tuesday, January 6 at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Westra will lead us in Lesson 1 of Romans – "*The Life of the Spirit*" and Carol Elgersma will provide lunch.

The **CES Soup Supper** is next week, Wednesday, January 14. Donation lists were in your mailboxes a few weeks ago; **parents – a work schedule is in your mailbox today**. If you have any questions or have misplaced your donation list please contact Maria Vander Velde. This is a major fundraiser for CES, we look forward to seeing you there!

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

You may also share some Groceries with **Laremy & Reagan Schreurs**, married on December 20. On table by GEMS Cards.

Sheldon Mobile Food Bank will deliver groceries on Thursday, January 8 to Living Water Community Church from 4:30 – 6 p.m.

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.

Western Christian High School invites you to two upcoming opportunities to learn more about the **Cornerstone Campaign** and the exciting plans for the future. **Dr. Brian Verwolf** and **Mr. Brad Vis** will be presenting the project, followed by a **Q & A session**.

Event Details: **Monday, January 19 at 12:00 PM (Noon)**

Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 PM

Both sessions will be held in the **Western Christian Event Center**. These sessions are a great opportunity to hear more about the vision behind the Cornerstone Campaign, ask questions, and learn how this project will impact our school community. We hope you can join us!

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.

Love: God's Most Powerful Gift. You were made to love and be loved—God made you special and gave you a heart that can share kindness, hope, and joy with others. When you choose love every day, you show strength, shine like Jesus, and make the world a brighter place! Check out all the great content at **kidscorner.net**

God's Covenants and Our Salvation - At times, we experience tension when trying to discern the relationship between God's grace and our works in relation to our salvation. Join Groundwork as we study what God's covenants provide and how he works, his gift of grace, and what he expects from us as his people. Listen at **GroundworkOnline.com**

Writing Missionaries for the month of January

Jon & Pat Sybesma Josh & Shannon Rydberg Nick & Sara Schilling

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ January 4 - 10

(Sanborn) Travis & Anna Solsma (Sheldon) Brandi Wright

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY - January 4

PPoint: Brent Koldenhoven

Video: Jeri Prins

Audio: Bob Oldenkamp

Doors: Keven Van Meeteren

Valet Parking: Keven Van Meeteren

Nursery: Ann Hofman, Aubree Graves

Greeters: Allen & Glaussia Hubers

Seth & Shelby Irmiter

CIW: Jessica S, Brandi & Maci W

Accom: AM Jamie C PM Michelle W

Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)

PM Benevolence

Hospitality: Phil & Michelle Westra

Jon & Pat Sybesma

Aaron & Renee Alons

Next Week – January 11

Tonya Wiekamp

Aidan Carlson

Stefan Sybesma

Rich Vander Werff

Gerit Wiekamp

Paige De Kok, Sadie Graves

Bob & Linda Oldenkamp

Roy & Jeri Prins

Jessica S, Lindsey K, Bryah VB

AM & PM Starla Reitsma

AM Budget, Bldg Proj. Fund

PM Love, INC

Larry & Alvina Reitsma

Nate & Catherine Schreur

Jesse Graves

10:50 – 11:40 a.m. Sunday School and catechism

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

6:15 p.m. Sunday Evening Bible Study

Monday 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Lesson 1

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Cadets at URC

In Church mailboxes: January Deacon's Report/Offering Schedule

NEW on Literature table: Beacon newsletter (N. Lighthouse)

THE LORD'S DAY – January 4, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Matthew 2: 1 – 2*
*Opening Prayer
*Song: **"Glory in the Highest"**
*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting
*Song: **"The First Noel"** PB 3 vs 1, 2, 5, 6

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *John 3: 19 - 21*
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon: *1 John 1: 5 - 9*
*Song: **"As with Gladness, Men of Old"** Red 105

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 23
"Jesus is Baptized"

IN HIS WORD

*Song: **"The Birthday of a King"** PB 5
Bible Reading: **I Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11** (p 1036)
Message: **"Encourage One Another"**
Prayer of Application
*Song: **"Love Has Come"** PB 6

IN HIS SERVICE

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

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – January 4, 2026
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Michelle Westra
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Psalms 97: 10 - 12*
*Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Song: **"Give Glory to God, All You Heavenly Creatures"**
Red 114 vs 1, 2, 5
*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed
*Song: **"Lead On, O King Eternal"** Red 328

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Bible Reading: **Psalm 2** (p 470)
Meditation: **"Christ is King, Rulers Be Wise"**
Prayer of Application
*Song: **"Jesus Shall Reign"** Red 219 vs 1, 3, 5

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Sharing Prayer Requests
Prayer of Intercession
Offering: **Benevolence**

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 January 4, 2026 AM Service
"Encourage One Another"
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Introduction: Encouragement and Comfort

A. The Gift of Encouragement

1. Encouragement is the spiritual _____ for the Christian life
2. Encouragement is the _____ side of discipline

B. The Testimonies of Encouragement

1. _____ Stories
2. _____ Relationships

C. The Art of Encouragement

1. Thoughtful Creativity
2. Ministries and _____

Sermon Notes for January 4, 2026 PM Service
"Christ is King, Rulers Be Wise"
Psalm 2

Introduction: Obsession with Worldly Power and Influence

A. The Rhetorical Question:

B. The Divine Answer:

C. The Wise Response: