

### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

Continue to pray for **Jack Elgersma** to gain strength to battle infection and for the Lord to bring him healing through medical interventions and treatments.

### **LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD**

Jon & Pat Sybesma  
Jack & Carol Elgersma  
Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp

**Young Adult of the Week ~ Cody Sybesma** works at Sybesma Graphics. He has a church mailbox.

Prayer requests from Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF)

**Suffering Christians in Syria, Gaza and the West Bank** - Syrian Christians are facing a terrifying future under the new Islamist gov't. Recently suicide bombers of an Islamist group to which the current Syrian authorities once belonged, entered a well-attended local Orthodox Church in Damascus. Many were killed and many more injured. The authorities made ambiguous claims of arresting organizers of the terror attack. A retired Syrian Presbyterian minister has made a passionate plea for prayer.

**Augustine Program** - Praise God for MERF's intensive basic Bible training course serving rural pastors, elders and other church leaders with little or no theological training in South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania for over 20 years and for the expansion of the program to serve rural church leaders in rural Indonesia. Pray for Pastor Tim Burden, the program coordinator as he teaches in Indonesia in August.

**If Christ is in your home, your neighbors will soon know it**

**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 service is on Church's website [sanbornrcrc.com](http://sanbornrcrc.com) and the YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanbornrcrc/live>

### **Community Worship Service at Miller Park – 9:30 AM**

Our church is in charge of Prairie View Worship at 2 PM today.

**Pastor Phil and family** will be on vacation this coming week. Please contact your Elder with any needs you may have.

Next Sunday **Rev. Carl Bruxvoort** will lead our morning worship and **Mr. Dan Tracy** will be with us for our 5 PM service.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

There are **Gifts from the Garden** on a table in the Fellowship Hall. *Give and receive with a grateful heart!* (If your produce is not claimed on Sunday, please remember to remove it from the table.)

The **Evangelism Committee** is conducting a **Grocery Drive for Love, INC and U.D.M.O.** during the month of July. If anyone wishes to contribute a cash donation, we'll 'do the shopping' for you. There are also items needed for the **"Shop with a Cop"** program. \*Place bring your donations ASAP to tables in Fellowship Hall.

Plan now to attend **Bible League's "Christmas in July"** at Sibley First Reformed Church tomorrow - Monday, July 28 starting at 1:30 PM. Enjoy a silent auction, Bible League updates, and lots of fun/food/fellowship. You won't want to miss it! Consider donating an item for the silent auction to support the growing need for Bibles throughout the world.

**BIBLE LEAGUE SUPPORTERS:** You're invited to the *BEYOND YESTERDAY* conference, hosted by Bible League Volunteers on September 8-9 at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center. Renowned therapist and bestselling author, Jason VanRuler is our keynote speaker. For details and registration, visit **[bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets)** There are brochures on the literature table with more information.

### **Additional Announcements**

Sanborn Christian is looking for the following positions to be filled for the 2025 -26 school year:

**6th Grade Teacher** - full time; salaried position.

**Volleyball Coach** - part-time; coaching stipend available; responsible for coaching 6th - 8th grade girls volleyball from end of August - October.

**Athletic Director** - part-time; stipend available; responsibilities include (but not limited to): scheduling all athletic events and practices; finding officials for athletic events; finding coaches and those willing to operate the score clock when needed; maintaining athletic uniforms; and being in regular communication with the school office to ensure that calendar dates sync. Mr. Minderhoud would work alongside (train) for the 25.26 school year with the intention of handing the position off fully in 26.27.

**Bus Drivers:** Sanborn Christian is looking for Bus Drivers for the future beyond 25.26. Contact Cody Stange if you're interested.

**Mission Opportunity:** We're inviting volunteers to be part of a life-changing mission trip with Hope Haven, happening October 21–28, 2025.

This trip focuses on distributing wheelchairs and sharing the love of Christ with communities in need across **Costa Rica**. Whether you're passionate about serving others, building relationships, or experiencing global outreach firsthand, this is a beautiful opportunity to make a difference. Deadline to sign up: September 1. If you feel called to join or want more details, contact Kelly TeSlaa at [kteslaa@hopehaven.org](mailto:kteslaa@hopehaven.org) or 605-332-8300. Be the hands and feet of Jesus—one wheelchair at a time.

**God's Grand Story: Samuel Serves** - Want to hear a cool story about a kid God spoke to at night? Samuel was just a kid like you, and God used him in amazing ways—this devotion will inspire your whole family to listen for God's voice, obey with courage, and shine his light every day! Check out all the great content at **kidscorner.net**

**Unfaithful People and God's Grace** - God famously instructed Hosea to marry an unfaithful woman and used his marriage to Gomer as a symbol of all that was wrong with Israel in their relationship with God. Reflect on your own relationship with God and your need for His grace. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com**

### **Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ July 27 – August 2**

(Sanborn) Gerald & Deb Alons

(Sheldon) Judy (B) Visser

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

#### **TODAY - July 27 (PM)**

PPoint: Tonya Wiekamp

Video: Aidan Carlson

Audio: Stefan Sybesma

Doors: Larry Stanley

Valet Parking: -----

Nursery: -----

Greeters: -----

Accom: PM Michelle Westra

Offering: -----

PM Hope Haven

Hospitality: -----

#### **Next Week – August 3**

Alan Visser family

Levi Westra

Ben Reitsma

Ray Elgersma

Gerald Alons

Ashley & Emrey Sybesma

Josh & Shannon Rydberg

Don Uittenbogaard & Bill Roelfs

AM & PM Starla Reitsma

AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)

PM Benevolence

Craig & Tammy Solsma

Gerald & Deb Alons

Larry Hofman

2:00 p.m. Worship Service at Prairie View

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

**Church Mailbox:** NEW Phone Directory  
NEW Elders/Households of Faith list  
CRCNA August Prayer calendar

**On Literature table:** Love, INC Quarterly report  
MERF Newsletter

**THE LORD'S DAY –July 27, 2025**  
**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.**  
**Pastor Phil Westra**

**Sermon Notes for July 27, 2025 PM Service**  
**"Jesus' Story of Forgiveness"**  
**Matthew 18: 21 - 35**

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

Prelude: Michelle Westra  
Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship: *Psalm 130: 1 - 4*  
Opening Prayer  
\*God's Greeting

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

\*Song: **"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** Red 521  
\*Profession of Faith: **Psalm 25** (p 481)  
\*Song: **"Lord, I Pray"** Red 901

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

Prayer for Illumination  
Bible Reading: **Matthew 18: 21 – 35** (p 857)  
Meditation: **"Jesus' Story of Forgiveness"**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song: **"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"** Red 638

**PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS**

Share Prayer Requests  
Prayer of Intercession  
Offering: **Hope Haven**

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

\*Parting Blessing  
\*Doxology: **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** Red 965  
\*Postlude

\*stand if you are able

Introduction: A Matter of Comparisons

A. Quantifying Forgiveness we \_\_\_\_\_

B. Quantifying Forgiveness we \_\_\_\_\_

C. Basics of Christian Forgiveness