

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

We express our sympathy to **Ray Elgersma & family** at the passing of wife and mother, **Phyllis**. Visitation is at the Sanborn Funeral home this afternoon from 2 – 4 pm, with her Memorial Service at **11 am** on Monday, in the **First Reformed Church of Sanborn**.

Pray for healing for **Lee Van Tol** as he is hospitalized in Sheldon for ongoing treatment of an infection.

Lifting Lambs to the Shepherd

Kelly & Pam De Groot Kevin & Ann Hofman ~ Jaxon
Chris & Nikki Van Beek ~ Tayden, Bryah

Young Adult of the Week – Ivy Vander Haag is doing her internship for her Masters' Degree in Social Work with Warner Dialysis Center in Spirit Lake and Spencer, as well as working at The Grain House.

Bible League prayer requests for **Latin America**

Dominican Republic - Pray that the renewal process/authorities for work permits would allow many volunteers, such as Islande Regneir, to be renewed much easier. God can make a way in the name of Jesus.

Venezuela - Pray that the *Project Philip* workshop for adults in Caracas have been effective, and for the evangelism and discipleship workshop at another church, with 50 participants.

Nicaragua - Pray for the work of our church planters, Kevin and Katerin, who are sowing the Word of the Lord in the community of Palo de Leche. Pray also for the legal procedures of incorporation in El Salvador.

**It is impossible for God
to do that which is contrary
to His nature**

We warmly welcome all who come to worship with us

WORSHIP NOTES

Next Sunday, a Special offering (2nd) will be received specifically for the "Parking Lot" project.

We will continue worshiping at the Yesterday's Memories museum on Sundays, July 12 and 19.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

A Mother's Room is available (marked) off the Game Room

Attention all Runners and Walkers! Saturday, July 25 will be the Sanborn Christian 5K Run and the 1-mile Fun Run/Walk in conjunction with Sanborn's Railroad Days! Registration forms were in your mailbox today, and forms are in the School Bell. Pre-register ASAP (place in Ashley Sybesma's mailbox). Looking forward to this day! What a healthy & fun way to support Sanborn Christian School.

CES has a mailbox! All checks for CES can be placed in this mailbox, (on the east side of the mailboxes). Thanks for your continued support!

CES is kicking off the 26-27 school year with a **new fundraiser, The Envelope Fundraiser!** Help support Christian education: Pick an envelope, donate the amount shown, and return to the CES mailbox. Our goal is to fill every envelope before school starts. Invited family, friends, grandparents, or employers to join in - every gift makes a difference!

Mark your calendar for **Bible League's "Christmas in July" fundraiser** to be held on Monday, July 27 at Hope Christian Reformed Church in Hull IA. There will be a Silent Auction of homemade food, craft items and much more! This event begins at 1:30 PM with an informal program and concludes with a dessert buffet . . . yum! Please consider donating to the Silent Auction whether or not you can attend and help to place Bibles in the hands of people around the world!

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cornerstone URC is hosting a **Summer Family Event July 7-9!**
All ages are welcome to Come! Supper will be served from 6:00-6:45.
At 7:00 we will have VBS for children ages 3-completed 4th grade
(register w/ QR code on posters). For children completed 5th grade
thru adults Rev. Eric Hausler from Christ the King OPC in Naples,
Florida will discuss the topic of hospitality. We'd love for you to join
us!

"Apollos: The Gift of Accepting Help" Sometimes we try to do
everything on our own because we want to feel strong—but it's okay to
need help! God made us to learn from each other, so who can you learn
from today? **At kidscorner.net**

Also, check out the KC Summertime Collection with lots of puzzles,
games, and fun activities. Good for road trips or quiet time at home.

God Calls and Prepares David - As humans, we are typically drawn
to strong, confident leaders. Join Groundwork as we continue our
study of 1 Samuel by examining 1 Samuel 16-17. Together, we'll learn
what God looks for in the heart of a leader and discuss what that
means for us when he calls us to partner with him in his work in the
world today. **Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com**

The **Sheldon Mobile Food Bank** will be delivered by truck on
Thursday, July 9. Food will be distributed between 4:30 – 6 p.m. at
Living Water Community Church.

Writing Missionaries for the month of July

Phil & Michelle Westra – Ava Reitsma – Ivy Vander Haag
Mike & Judy Visser

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ July 5 - 11

(Sanborn) Jon & Pat Sybesma
(Sheldon) Jon & Tonja Hoogers

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY - July 5

Greeters: Larry H, Gerald D

Kevin & Ann Hofman

Accom: AM & PM Starla Reitsma

Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)

PM Benevolence

Hospitality: Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven

Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp

Scott Horstman

Next Week – July 12

Brent & Lindsey Koldenhoven

Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven

AM & PM Jamie Carlson

AM Budget, Parking Lot

PM Bible League

Bruce & Lana Van Engen

Shane & Nikki Sybesma

Esther De Boer

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Handouts beside Bulletins: Longkumer's newsletter
Bible League's Christmas in July flyer

THE LORD'S DAY – July 5, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Psalms 33: 12*
*Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting
*Song: **"We Will Glorify"** PB 30

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *Acts 3: 17 – 19*
Prayer of Confession
*Song: **"Near the Cross"** PB 10

God's Will: **Romans 13: 8 – 14**

IN HIS WORD

Prayer of Preparation
Bible Reading: **I Samuel 8** (back of bulletin)
Message: **"Ancient Wisdom for America's Birthday"**
Prayer of Application
*Song: **"From Ocean unto Ocean"** PB 20

IN HIS SERVICE

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd **CES (Fair Share)**
Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**

*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: **"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"** PB 47
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

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

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

*Prelude: Starla Reitsma
*Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Psalms 33: 12*
*Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Song: **"We Praise Thee, O God"** PB 18
*Song: **"Spirit Song"** PB 34

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Bible Reading: **Acts 3**
Meditation: **"Miracle and Message"**
Prayer of Application
*Song: **"Take Time to Be Holy"** PB 24

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"** PB 43 vs 1
*Postlude

*Indicates stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for July 5, 2026 AM Service
"Ancient Wisdom for America's Birthday"
1 Samuel 8

Introduction: Putting History into Perspective

A. Wanting to Be Like Other Nations

B. The Sovereignty of God and State

C. Issues with Having a King

Sermon Notes for July 5, 2026 PM Service
"Miracle and Message"
Acts 3

1 Samuel 8

When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as judges for Israel. 2 The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. 3 But his sons did not walk in his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

4 So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. 5 They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

6 But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. 7 And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. 8 As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. 9 Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do."

10 Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. 11 He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will do: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. 12 Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. 13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. 14 He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. 15 He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. 16 Your menservants and maidservants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. 17 He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves. 18 When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the LORD will not answer you in that day."

19 But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. 20 Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

21 When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the LORD. 22 The LORD answered, "Listen to them and give them a king."

Then Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Everyone go back to his town."