

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES and PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Don Uittenbogaard** and his family as his health and ability to communicate has gotten worse the last half of this past week. Pray for God's leading as they have to make some care decisions for him soon.

Jeri Prins has been diagnosed with Pancreatic cancer and will be making treatment decisions this week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Lifting Lambs to the Shepherd

Tyler Solsma Gerrit & Carol Wiekamp Carol Ann Carlson

Young Adult of the Week – **Kaleb Visser** works at Demco in Boyden and lives in Sheldon. Notes to him may be placed in Alan & Briana's church mailbox.

Sanborn Christian School will be hosting the community **Memorial Day program on Monday, May 25** which begins at 10:00 A.M. The 4th and 5th grade classes will be leading some patriotic singing. The 5th-8th grade band will also be performing three pieces. We are inviting anyone who plays an instrument or used to play an instrument to join us! Highschoolers, college kids, moms and dads, grandparents—you are all welcome! Please call the school or let Mrs. Schreur know if you would be interested in playing so that she can get you music. We will practice that morning at 9:15. Wear your red, white, and blue!

Run, Walk, Roll – Village Northwest –Saturday, June 6 beginning at 9 am. To register, use the link <http://www.villagenorthwest.org/events/run-walk-roll> or the QR code here.



How happy a person is depends upon the depth of his gratitude

We warmly welcome all who come to worship with us
ALS is available for those with hearing impairments
A Mother's Room is available in the basement

WORSHIP NOTES

Our worship services are on Church's website sanborncrc.com and YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanborncrc/live>

Fallon Ann Solsma, infant daughter of **Travis & Anna**, will be baptized during our morning service today.

Today is **Preparatory Sunday** – as we will celebrate The Lord's Supper next Sunday morning. There is a devotional in your mailbox today to help in your preparation.

There will be a brief **Christian Education Society** meeting at 11 a.m. back in the Sanctuary ~ Treasurer's report, New Board members, report from SCS and WCHS.

We celebrate our **Graduates** and the **End of our Sunday School and Catechism season**, with a luncheon at approximately 11:20 a.m. Bring your favorite salad – side dish to share.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Needed! A couple volunteers for May 19 & 26 to help Prairie View residents w/ Bingo and serving lunch provided (1:50 – 3 p.m). Sign-up sheet on the Literature table.

VBS at First Reformed Church – is hosting "*Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God*" – **May 31 – June 4th** from 5:30 – 8 pm each evening. Registration forms (kids and volunteers) and Grocery donations requested are **on the Table by GEMS cards**. Please register by May 17, if possible – for T-shirt to be ordered/sizes and bring grocery items to our church by May 24.

The Cadet Campout at Oak Grove (near Hawarden) is less than a month away– leaving Cornerstone URC at 1:45 pm on Friday, June 5, and arriving back at the church around 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 6. Let Jake De Groot know if your son is planning to attend!
****Grocery List needs for Campout sign up/bring to church by June 3– by VBS Information**

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opening at Sanborn Christian School for **6th Grade Homeroom - Jr High Teacher** - full time; salaried for the 2026-27 school year.

Contact Mr. Minderhoud @ sanchr@sanbornchristian.com

712-729-3288 for an application or for more detailed info.

SCS Auxiliary Fundraiser – **18th Annual Golf Tournament** –

June 27 (Registration Deadline – June 8).

Needed at WCHS: Custodial Staff - Kitchen Staff Member (Hourly)

-Play Director (fall performances) -SPED Certified Academic Support

Coach (2 days/week)

Please help us spread the word about these open positions! Any leads or inquiries can be directed to our Head Administrator, Dr. Brian Verwolf, at Brian.Verwolf@westernchristianhs.com

Seminar on Dementia – Iowa Lakes Community College – June 3

FREE, but must register. (Info on Literature table/posters)

Hope Haven is sponsoring its 28th Annual Hope Haven Fishing Benefit on Friday, June 5, starting at 7 am Big Spirit, Spirit Lake IA. Registration

fee is \$60 per angler and children under 16 are free. The entry fee includes an entry gift, eligibility for weigh-in prize categories, and a pork loin meal. Proceeds will benefit individuals with disabilities supported by Hope Haven. Registrations are due Thursday, June 4. For more information and to register, visit hopehaven.org/events or call Scott Koedam at 712-476-2820.

Sheldon Area Unity Meal is free and there are “groceries to take

home” – tomorrow, May 18 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Living Water Community Church. The meal is prepared and served by area churches and local businesses.

The Promised Gift: Pentecost - When Jesus was about to return to heaven to be with his Father, he reminded his disciples of the gift his Father had promised them. God sends his Holy Spirit to everyone who believes in Jesus. It’s an old promise that is still good for you today!

Go to kidscorner.net

Humanity Falls - This theme emphasizes the catastrophic impact of sin on humanity and creation, and clearly articulates the second major theme of the Bible - the Christian doctrine of the fall and our universal need for a Savior in Jesus Christ. **GroundworkOnline.com**

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ May 17 - 23

(Sanborn) Gerald Dragstra

(Sheldon) Bob & Linda Oldenkamp

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY - May 17

PPoint: Amber Stange, Craig Solsma

Video: Karter Van Meeteren

Audio: Bob Oldenkamp

Doors: Keven Van Meeteren

Valet Parking: Chet Vander Velde

Nursery: Cindy & Alivia Koldenhoven

Greeters: Cork & Carol Bootsma

Rhonda Nelson, Esther De Boer

Accom: AM Jamie C PM Ava R

Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)

PM Northern Lighthouse

(Auto Garage)

Hospitality: John & Laura Elgersma

Alan & Briana Visser

Jesse Graves

Next Week – May 24

Brent Koldenhoven

Jeri Prins

Aaron Alons

Gerrit Wiekamp

Aaron Alons

Kinley S, Chloe R, Aubree G

Terry & Lori Bootsma

Larry & Karen Bosma

AM & PM Catherine S

AM Budget, Mission Fund

PM Cornerstone Prison Church

Craig & Tammy Solsma

Allen & Glaussia Hubers

Carol Elgersma

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Western Christian High School graduation

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. VBS meeting at First Reformed
7:00 p.m. Sanborn Christian School graduation at URC

In Mailboxes: Lord’s Supper devotional
7 Pictorial Directory pages (add/replace)

On Literature table: Cherish Center newsletter

Early bulletin deadline – Thursday, May 21 at 8 am

THE LORD'S DAY – May 17, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M
PREPARATORY and GRADUATE SUNDAY
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Psalm 147: 7 - 11*
*Opening Prayer
*Song: **"When Morning Gilds to Sky"** Red 372
*God's Greeting and Mutual Greeting

IN HIS GRACE

*Song: **"Before the Throne of God Above"** Red 682
Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 6: 3 – 13*

BAPTISM of Fallon Ann Solsma

*Song: **"The Goodness of God"**
Preparatory Reading: *I Corinthians 11: 27 - 32*

IN HIS WORD

*Song: **"Ancient Words"** Red 762
Bible Reading: **I Samuel 3** (p 234)
Message: **"God Speaks to Samuel"**
Prayer of Application
*Song: **"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"** Red 754 vs 1, 3, 5

IN HIS SERVICE

Congregational Prayer

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

*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: **"God, the Father of Your People"** Red 927 vs 1
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – May 17, 2026
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

*Prelude: Ava Reitsma
*Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Psalm 97: 1, 10 - 12*
*Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Song: **"Come, People of the Risen King"**
*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed
*Song: **"I Serve a Risen Savior"** Red 365

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Bible Reading: **Acts 1: 1 - 11** (p 949)
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 49 (p 880)
Meditation: **"Christ Ascended to Heaven"**
Prayer of Application
*Song: **"Beautiful Savior"** Red 17

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: **"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"** Red 946 vs 1
*Postlude

*Indicates stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for May 17, 2026 AM Service
"God Speaks to Samuel"
1 Samuel 3

Introduction: Setting the Scene

A. Samuel hears _____ and his _____

Appreciating our teachers

B. The same message is given to _____ and _____

Discerning God's will together

C. Samuel develops personal _____ and public

Growing in our faith in Christ

Sermon Notes for May 17, 2026 PM Service
"Christ Ascended to Heaven"
Acts 1:1–11
Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 49

Introduction: Difficult Goodbyes

A. Our reasons for Jesus to stay on earth

B. The whole of Jesus Christ in heaven

C. The promised gift of the Holy Spirit