

## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

We express our sympathy to the **friends and family of Veda Bousema** - she passed away last Tuesday. The memorial service for Veda was held yesterday.

### **Lifting Lambs to the Shepherd**

Jan & Helen Verdoorn      Levi & Priya Schreurs  
Christian & Chyann Hoyas

**Young Adult of the Week ~ Shae Reitsma** is attending Dordt University and enrolled in the Nursing program and playing volleyball. Notes to her may be placed in Ben & Adrienne's church mailbox.

### **Bible League Prayer requests for Africa**

~ **Burundi**. We are still in the process of receiving our Bible study materials. The *So Choose Life* and *Reaching Towards the Goal* booklets are on the way. Pray for a smooth and timely delivery.

~ **Ethiopia**. Pray for Fiscal Year 2026 (starting October 1, 2025) for better ministry accomplishments and to be able to reach new areas according to the strategic plan.

~ **Ghana**. The team will travel to the **Volta Region** to visit some Bible study participants who finished the *Book of John* during their *Project Philip* Bible studies using the Audio Bible. These groups came after the pilot program was successfully executed last year.

**Standing your ground is easier  
when you're grounded in faith**

**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 [sanbornrcr.com](http://sanbornrcr.com) and the YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanbornrcr/live>

**Pastor Westra's** message today is related to Chapter 6 "*Sing with the Local Church*". Next Sunday's message is based on Chapter 7 "*The Radical Witness when Congregations . . . Sing*"

**Pastor's Appreciation** – Celebrating **Pastor Phil & family and their 5 years with us!** Come to the Museum by 5 pm tonight – Meditation by Dan Tracy, Meal, Games, & bring your favorite dessert or munchies. Offering (basket) for the Local Cadet program

## **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

**NEEDED:** Individuals to join the **PowerPoint committee** (in the rotation or as a substitute). Your help would be appreciated! Contact Brent Koldenhoven or other power point team members.

## **HELP YOURSELF TO QUILT SQUARES!**

Are you looking for a project for those chilly fall evenings? The quilt squares are in the library area of the Fireside Room ready to be chosen for quilt tops. Located on the shelving closest to the kitchen; there are many sizes and colors for you to choose from. Check the squares out soon and sew for a bit!!

**Love INC's** hygiene & cleaning product supply is low-Donations needed

Size 6 diapers (preferably Pampers)	13-gallon garbage bags
Pull Ups (all sizes)	Kleenex      Laundry detergent
Toilet paper	Men's shaving cream      (set donations by GEMS Cards)

\*These items will be delivered on Monday, October 20\*

Also "**Coats for Kids**" will be distributed on November 13 from 4:30 – 6 pm at Love, INC. If you wish to **Donate Coats for the Kids**, please drop them off at Love, INC no later than Nov. 13. (hours are Mondays – all day, Tues – Friday in the AM only)

**Bargain Alley Thrift Store** (1103 Maple Street – Hull) ~ in need of toddler/youth clothing. Open Tuesday - Saturday. Please contact Kari with any questions. [bargainalleyhull@gmail.com](mailto:bargainalleyhull@gmail.com) or 712-439-6800.

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SCS Positions: Athletic Director** - part-time; stipend available; responsibilities include (but not limited to): scheduling all athletic events and practices; finding officials, coaches, operators of score clock; maintaining athletic uniforms; being in regular communication with school office to ensure that calendar dates sync. Mr. Minderhoud would work alongside (train) for the 25.26 SY & handing over position 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.

**Love INC** of Greater O'Brien County is currently looking for a part-time Office Assistant/Receptionist to support the daily operations of our office. Whether you're looking for a volunteer opportunity or a paid position, we encourage you to apply! Full job description and printable application can be found at [www.sheldon-loveinc.org/employment](http://www.sheldon-loveinc.org/employment).

### **Explore Western, on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:00 PM**

Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about "Who We Are" and "What We Do" at Western Christian High School. You'll also get a sneak peek at an exciting capital project God has placed on our hearts—join us for Explore Western!

**Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)** weekend – **Nov. 21-23**, at the First Presbyterian Church in Sibley. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. To learn more or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt, etc. Scholarships are available upon request.

**"Sharing God's Story"** You're never too young to make a big difference for God! Discover how your talents, passions, and actions can inspire others and be part of God's amazing plan. Check out all the great content at **kidscorner.net**, like our video Bible study "God's Big Story".

**God's Faithfulness from Generation to Generation** - Celebrate Groundwork's 15th anniversary and study God's Word together! Join Groundwork to explore the biblical foundation for legacies of faith and reflect on how God has remained faithful from generation to generation. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com**

## **Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ October 12 - 18**

(Sanborn) Chet & Maria Vander Velde  
(Sheldon) John & Laura Elgersma

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **TODAY - October 12**

PPoint: Brent Koldenhoven  
Video: Jeri Prins  
Audio: Aaron Alons  
Doors: Ben Reitsma  
Valet Parking: Kevin Wiekamp  
Nursery: Briana & Taliyah Visser  
Greeters: Mike & Judy Visser  
Gertie and Judy (B) Visser  
CIW: Shannon R, Judy V, Abigail C  
Accom: AM Jamie C PM Ava R  
Offering: AM Budget, Building  
PM Local Cadets  
Hospitality: Keven & Robin Van Meeteren  
Kevin & Tonya Wiekamp  
Dave & Ruth Hoogland

### **Next Week – October 19**

Tonya Wiekamp  
Aidan Carlson  
Stefan Sybesma  
Brian Koldenhoven  
Keven Van Meeteren  
Tonja & Kirsten Hoogers  
Alan & Briana Visser  
Mike & Kristie Verhoef  
Shannon & Caitlin R, Carol E  
AM & PM Starla Reitsma  
AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)  
PM Kingdom Boundaries  
Kevin & Ann Hofman  
Terry & Lori Bootsma  
Tyler Solsma

10:50 – 11 :40 a.m. Catechism & Sunday School classes

**5:00 p.m. Pastor's Appreciation** – Meditation, Meal, Games, Fellowship at the Museum

Monday 6:45 p.m. GEMS Meeting

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting  
Cadets at URC

**Church Mailbox:** Western Witness

**NEW on Literature Table:** Cherish Center newsletter

**Additional Announcements on back page of bulletin**

**THE LORD'S DAY – October 12, 2025**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M**  
**Pastor Phil Westra**

**"Worship as the Local Church"**  
**I Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 16**

**IN HIS PRESENCE**

Prelude: Jamie Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship: *Psalm 92: 1 - 3*

\*Opening Prayer

\*God's Greeting

\*Song: ***"It Is Good to Sing Your Praises"*** Red 513

**IN HIS GRACE**

Call to Confession: *Matthew 11: 28 - 30*

Prayer of Repentance

\*Song: ***"Come Away from Rush and Hurry"*** Red 527

Assurance of Pardon: *I Timothy 1: 15 - 16*

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Budget** 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Building Fund**

Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**

Children in Worship for 3 – 6 yr olds ~ Lesson 7 *"Creation"*

**IN HIS WORD**

\*Song: ***"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*** Red 747

Bible Reading: **I Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 16** (p 1040)

Message: **"Worship as the Local Church"**

Prayer of Application

\*Song: ***"In Christ Alone"*** Red 770

**IN HIS SERVICE**

\*Parting Blessing

\*Doxology: ***"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*** Red 1 vs 1 & 4

\*Postlude

Introduction: Synod 2025 on Virtual Churches

A. The Embodied household of God

B. Growing in Tangible Godly Living

C. Local Pastoral Leadership and Worship

\*stand if you are able

Gathering at the Museum for Meditation, Meal, Games  
Offering for the Local Cadet program 5 PM

**Sermon Notes for October 12, 2025 AM Service**

**Dordt University concerts** and PDF programs will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

**Friday, Oct. 17, 3:10 pm – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Jazz Concert** ~ at BJ Haan Auditorium Featured on the performance will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Singers and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed afternoon of big band standards, fresh jazz perspectives, featured solos, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments.

**Friday, Oct. 17, 7:00 pm – Fall Music Festival: Instrumental Ensembles** ~ at BJ Haan Auditorium will feature the Wind Symphony, Chamber Orchestra and Campus-Community Band. This free concert will include selections from a wide range of music genre

**Friday, Oct. 17, 8:30 pm – Fall Music Festival: Choral Ensembles**  
The second half will feature four of the Dordt choral ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will draw from a wide range of styles from the Renaissance to 21<sup>st</sup> century works and explore themes of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration.

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**Sat., October 18 ,11:15 a.m. - Defender Days Hymn Festival**

*"Great One In Three, Eternal Praises Be"* ~ B.J. Haan Auditorium  
The Hymn Festival will celebrate the Trinitarian nature of God with hymns and songs led by organ, brass, percussion, choir, flute, cello, and piano. A prelude by Dordt organ students will take place prior to the start of the Hymn Festival. You are warmly invited to gather and sing joyfully!

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**IN SEARCH OF BEAUTY** - Join the American Center for Puccini Studies and Professors Cindy Moeller (NWC) and Michelle Monroe (UNI) for a FREE concert showing the development of music for women's voices from Handel to Mozart to Mascagni. This elegant selection of duets will be performed **Saturday, November 8, 7pm** at Gezellig Events Space in downtown Orange City, with an additional reading of the play that inspired Mascagni's opera *Zanetto* on **Tuesday, November 4 at 7pm**. Both events are FREE with food and drink available for purchase, but reservations are requested--call Woudstra Market at 712.737.2913.