

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Travis & Anna Solsma ~ Della, Fallon

Milly Kroese

Jon & Tonja Hoogers ~ Kirsten, Kendra

Young Adult of the Week ~ Josiah Visser – recently was married to Grace Gomez. They live in Sheldon and both Josiah & Grace work at Demco in Boyden. Notes to them – put in Alan & Briana's mailbox.

Cornerstone URC of Sanborn will be hosting a **presentation on human trafficking** on Monday, November 23 at 7 pm. Stacey Besch of Team Iowa will be presenting. Human trafficking is a serious problem in Iowa, both statewide, and locally. The target audience is teens and youth who have their own technology or will have their own technology in the next year or two, along with their parents and grandparents and anyone else who may be interested. You are cordially invited to join us for this two-hour presentation.

**Waiting for an answer to prayer
is often part of the answer**

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

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We are Celebrating our Appreciation of Pastor Phil and his family today. We will worship at the Museum at 5 PM with **Mr. Dan Tracy**. Afterwards we will share a meal of various soups, along with your favorite dessert you want to share. Church 'bingo' will follow!

Next **Sunday, November 1**, our church will lead the 2 P.M. Worship service at Prairie View.

Next **Sunday evening, November 1**, we will have a Combined Service to commemorate the Reformation. First CRC in Sheldon is our host this year and the worship service will begin at 5 P.M.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Women's Bible Study – Pastor Westra will lead us in Lesson 3 this Tues., October 27, at 9:30 a.m. Lana Van Engen will provide lunch.

A **Volunteer** is needed to help with Bingo at Prairie View, on Friday, November 20. There is a sign-up sheet on the Literature table.

SCS's Harvest Sale will be held Saturday, November 7 in the gym .
2 PM – Doors Open 3 PM Meal (accepting to-go orders)
2 – 5:30 PM – Silent Auction
3 PM - Children's Store 3:30 PM – General Auction begins

SAFARI ADVENTURE ~ Join Bible League Int'l on Sat., October 31, from 9:00-10:00 AM for a tour of the Green Oaks Museum & Educational Center, located 3 miles south of Fairview, SD (29043 - 486th Avenue). See 140+ taxidermized animals in natural habitats from the Anden Van Beek family's global hunting trips. Refreshments and Q&A will follow. Free admission. Freewill donations will benefit Bible League and Mongolian orphanage supported by the Van Beek family. Children welcome

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Explore Western ~ Tuesday, November 17, 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!

If you plan to attend Explore Western or have any questions, please email or contact Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or [605-359-5704](tel:605-359-5704).

Western Christian School Board Seeking Trustee Nominations

Members of Western's society are invited to recommend candidates for board service. To submit nominations, please contact Board President Evan Wielenga at evan.wielenga@westernchristianhs.com. Nominations are encouraged by **December 31, 2026**.

Inspiration Hills Annual Fundraiser – Thursday, November 5. More information on the bulletin board. Register w/ printed **QR Code**, (bulletin board) or go to inspirationhills.org or call 712.986.5193.

Northern Lighthouse dinner (at 6131 N. 14th St., Lincoln, NE) Saturday, November 14 at 5:30 pm. (Menu includes choice of chicken or pork, salad, veggies, and bread) \$15 for Adults - \$10 for children 15 and under. Also a **Dessert Auction** to follow. Please RSVP to kjcjfsnl@gmail.com

Share Christ's Love Through a Hope Haven Wheelchair Distribution Trip

Hope Haven International Ministries is looking for volunteers to serve on upcoming wheelchair distribution trips in 2027. These trips offer the opportunity to work alongside local partners, share Christ's love, and help provide wheelchairs and mobility equipment to children and adults in need. Upcoming trips include Kenya, March 6–17, 2027; Uganda, April 25–May 5, 2027; and Thailand, April 29–May 9, 2027. No medical experience is required, and there are a variety of ways to serve as part of a distribution team. To learn more or apply, visit hopehaven.org/international-ministries/distribution-trips or contact Luke Russell at lucaser@hopehaven.org.

Announcements continue on back page of Bulletin

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ October 25 - 31

(Sanborn) Scott Horstman
(Sheldon) Cyle & Jamie Carlson

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY - October 25

PPoint: Alan Visser family
Video: Levi Westra
Audio: Ben Reitsma
Doors: Rich Vander Werff
Valet Parking: Kevin Wiekamp
Nursery: Carol Elgersma, Maci Wright
CIW: Tonya W, Lindsey & Alivia K.
Greeters: Marlin & Linda Vander Velde
Kyle Hofman, Tyler Solsma
Accom: AM/PM Jamie Carlson
Offering: AM Budget, Mission Fund
Hospitality: John & Laura Elgersma
Alan & Briana Visser
Larry Hofman

Next Week – November 1

Amber Stange, Craig Solsma
Karter Van Meeteren
Aaron Alons
Ben Reitsma
Ben Reitsma
Sara Schilling, Braxton Carlson
Tonya W, Priya S, Chloe R
Mike & Kristie Verhoef
Gertie & Judy (B) Visser
AM Starla Reitsma
AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
Craig & Tammy Solsma
Allen & Glaussia Hubers
Brandi Wright

10:50 – 11:40 a.m.

Sunday School & Catechism

5:00 p.m.

**Evening Worship at
the Museum**

(Meal, dessert and games to follow)

Monday 6:45 – 8:30 p.m.

GEMS Meeting

Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study – Lesson 3

In Mailboxes: CRCNA November Prayer guide
Nov/Dec Birthday/Anniversary calendar

On Literature table: MERF newsletter, Runia's newsletter

It's time to **WRAP GIFTS!** Monday, November 2, 10am, at Yesterday's Memories Museum. Please contact Amy VH if you are able to join her in some early holiday fun! 712-212-2774

THE LORD'S DAY – October 25, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

Bell Choir: **"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

*Call to Worship: *Psalms 24: 1 - 6*

*Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting

*Song: **"For the Beauty of the Earth"** Red 19 vs 1 - 4

IN HIS GRACE

Call to Repentance: *Romans 5: 12 - 15*

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: *Galatians 2: 20*

*Song: **"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"**

Responsive Reading of the Law Gray 1014

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd **Mission Fund**

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

Children in Worship for 3 – 6 year olds ~ Lesson 9 *"Abram & Sarai"*

IN HIS WORD

*Song: **"Dwell in Me, O Blessed Spirit"** Red 745

Bible Reading: **I Samuel 24** (p 254)

Message: **"Extending Mercy to an Enemy"**

Prayer of Application

*Song: **"By Faith"**

IN HIS SERVICE

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: **"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"** Red 854 vs 3

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for September October 25, 2026 A.M.
"Extending Mercy to an Enemy"
1 Samuel 24

Introduction: Discerning an Opportunity

A. The Circumstances

B. David's Conscience

C. David's Speech

D. Saul's Reply

5 PM today - Worship, Meal, Games at the Museum

Just Be with God - In *1 Kings 19*, the prophet Elijah felt scared and alone. He looked for God in a big wind, an earthquake, and a fire, but God wasn't in those loud things. Then Elijah felt a gentle breeze and knew God was speaking. God often speaks in the quiet. Go to **www.kidscorner.net** Also, check out the new Kids Corner Devotions app at <https://kidscorner.net/app>

Prayer and Discerning God's Will - God invites his people to communicate with him through prayer, a foundational discipline in the Christian life. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 16, Philippians 4:4-7, James 5:13-16, Psalm 143:7-10, Psalm 25:4-9, and Matthew 26:36-46 to understand how consistent prayer practice helps us listen to God's voice and discern his will for our lives. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com**

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at Maurice Reformed Church in Maurice, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is **November 20-22, 2026**. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit **www.TriStateTEC.org** or email **TriStateTEC@gmail.com**. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.