

PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We extend our sympathies to the **Verbrugge family** as the passing of **baby Conlyn** this past Thursday morning has left them, as 1 Thessalonians 4:13 puts it, "grieving with hope." We pray the God of eternal life comforts those who are saying goodbye to a child whose life on this earth was so short.

Pray for **Teresa Van Dyke** who is in the hospital again with digestive problems.

Pray for **Jerry Buteyn** who is undergoing radiation to treat a cancerous spot on his lung.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Josh & Shannon Rydberg ~ Chloe, Caitlin
Jerry Bosma Judy (B) Visser

Young Adult of the Week ~ Ivy Vander Haag is working on Her Master's Degree in Social Work through Dordt University and working at the Grain House. Notes to her may be placed in John & Amy's mailbox.

Bible League prayer requests for Africa

~ Tanzania-Mara - Give thanks that Ministry plans are now well-organized through church leaders, master trainers, and *Project Philip* group facilitators in the Butiama ministry.

~ Malawi - Praise God for His blessing of Audio Bibles in the Chichewa and Swahili languages. God's voice will help to reach the visually challenged and those who cannot read.

~ South Africa - Praise God for the successful *Project Philip* graduation of 11 inmates at the Maximum Centre, Free State Province. They were happy to receive their certificates and Bibles in their languages.

**You can expect God to intervene
when you have taken time to
intercede**

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 sanbornrc.com and the YouTube link <http://youtube.com/@sanbornrc/live>

Children in Worship, Sunday School & Catechism begin TODAY. (Reminder: 4th – 12th graders take Sermon notes – outlines available) We will have devotions followed by an **Education Celebration Luncheon**, beginning at 11:50 a.m. Everyone is invited!

Next Sunday is **Communion Sunday**. You will find a devotional in your church mailbox, to help in your preparation for this.

On Sunday morning, **September 29** we plan to celebrate the Professions of Faith of **Asa Alons, Aiden Carlson, Laremy Schreurs, Tayden Van Beek, Kaleb Visser, and Josiah Visser**.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

CES ~ Sub Sandwich orders will be assembled this Wednesday, September 18. You could pick up your order by mid-to-late afternoon. The **CES Bake Sale**, from 9:30 am – 1 pm on the 18th. Drop off donations by Tues. at 7:30 pm or before/by 8:30 am Weds.

Heartland Classis meeting will be held at the Ireton CRC this Wednesday, September 18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Those representing our church are **Pastor Westra, Elder Rich Vander Werff, and Deacon Chet Vander Velde**.

Tuesday Ladies Bible study will begin on Tues., Sept. 24. We will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. this year. We are studying **2 Peter & Jude** and would love to have you come and join us! If you have any questions, contact Lana Van Engen.

Sunday Evening Bible group invites you to join us for our first meeting, on Sunday, October 6 at 6:15 pm. "*Never Beyond Hope*", which highlights six Biblical characters, their failures and faults, and how God still shaped them and used them for His work. We pray we will learn together how God can use us despite our failures, too. Talk to Linda O. or Deb A. if you're interested in joining us & want a book.

Additional Announcements

The Dirksen and Keefer **Faithpacks** are sponsoring a combined Bake Sale and Rummage Sale on **Stewardship Day** Wednesday September 18 at Western Christian HS from 8:00-1:00 at the **West Parking Lot and/or Cafeteria**. All proceeds will go to provide services for families, women and children in our area through Guiding Star of Orange City and Alpha Center in Sioux Falls. Donations of items to be sold can be delivered to Bargain Alley in advance. If dropping off at the Bargain Alley, please designate that the items are for the Western Christian Rummage Sale. Items and Baked Goods can also be delivered on the day of the sale by 8:00am.

Dordt University **Honors Recital** is Friday, September 27, at 3:10 p.m., in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. Reception following the recital in the lobby.

Dordt Honor Choir - On Sept. 26-28, ninety-five high school choral singers will join us on campus at Dordt University for Honor Choir Weekend. Attendees come from Iowa, Minnesota, and Indiana and were recommended by their individual choir directors. The ensemble will spend Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday morning in rehearsals and will give a **final concert at 1 pm on Saturday, Sept. 28**.

Conquering Cancer 4 O'Brien County will be holding a *Celebration of Life* on **Tuesday, October 1** at the Crossroads Pavilion in Sheldon. A free-will catered meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please call or text Mary Klein at 712.261.5395 by Sept. 15, ASAP with your reservation. Info about speakers, silent auction, remembrance service by mailboxes.

The Sheldon Ministerial will be offering **Coats for Kids** again this year! Coats will be given away on Oct. 10 and Nov. 14 from 4:30-6:00 at Living Water Community Church in Sheldon. Coat donations can be dropped off Love INC (611 Park Row, Sheldon) between now and November 14.

Heart Checkups -As you sit in church or go to Sunday School, try to listen for something you can do during the week to come. God does not wait to use you until you are older, so as you are listening for something you can do, listen for someone you can encourage this week as well! Go to **kidscorner.net**

Understanding God's Judgment - where it comes from, what it means, why it's necessary, why it's also a source of grace. Listen at **GroundworkOnline.com**

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ September 15 – 21

(Sanborn) Alan & Briana Visser
(Sheldon) Ben & Adrienne Reitsma

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY -September 15

PPoint: Brent Koldenhoven
Video: Aaron Alons
Audio: Jeri Prins
Doors: Larry Stanley
CIW: Anna VE, Brandi W, Chloe R
Nursery: Tonja & Kirsten Hoogers
Greeters: Chet & Maria Vander Velde
Chris & Nikki Van Beek
Accom: AM Starla R PM Michelle W
Offering: AM Budget, Rock Valley Chr.
PM Bible League
Hospitality: Phil & Michelle Westra
Tyler & Anna Van Ess
Alan & Briana Visser

Next Week – September 22

Tonya Wiekamp
Aidan Carlson
Stefan Sybesma
Ray Elgersma
Anna VE, Maria VV, Maci W
Chloe R, Kaylen K, Abigail C
Marlin & Linda Vander Velde
Mike & Kristie Verhoef
AM Jamie C PM Joy VW
AM Budget, Mission Fund
PM Benevolence
Dale & Julie Elgersma
Marlin & Linda Vander Velde
Shane Davis

10:50 – 11: 40 a.m.

Sunday School & Catechism

11:50 a.m. Devotions/Church Education Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Monday 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Heartland Classis mtg at Ireton CRC
12:30 p.m. Assembling of Subs
7:00 p.m. Cadet meeting at URC

In Church Mailboxes: Lord's Supper devotional
On Literature table: Cherish Center newsletter

THE LORD'S DAY – September 15, 2024
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.
PREPARATORY SUNDAY
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Starla Reitsma
Welcome and Announcements
*Call to Worship: *Psalm 65: 1 - 4*
*Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting
*Song: "***Sing to the Lord of Harvest***" Red 398

IN HIS GRACE

Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper (Gray 976)
Song: "***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***" Red 426 vs 1 - 3
Assurance of Pardon: *Romans 10: 8 - 11*
*Song: "***In Christ Alone***" Red 770

Congregational Prayer
Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd – **Rock Valley Christian School**
Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**
3 – 6 yr olds dismissed ~ Children in Worship – Orientation 1 & 2

IN HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Bible Reading: **Ecclesiastes 7: 1 – 12** (p 581)
Sermon: "**A Wise Perspective of our Brief Lives**"
Prayer of Application
*Song: "***Take My Life and Let It Be***" Red 863 vs 1, 3, 5

IN HIS SERVICE

*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: "***By the Sea of Crystal***" Red vs 489 vs 3
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – September 15, 2024
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.
Pastor Phil Westra

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

Prelude: Michelle Westra
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship *Psalm 26: 2 – 3, 12*
Opening Prayer
*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Song: "***O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing***" Red 590 vs 1, 2, 4, 6
*Song: "***A Mighty Fortress is Our God***" Red 776 vs 1, 2, 4
*Profession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Bible Reading: **Ephesians 6: 10 – 14** (p 1025)
Message: "**Truth and Righteousness**"
Prayer of Application
*Song: "***Keep What You Have Believed***" Red 769

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Share Prayer Requests
Congregational Prayer
Offering: **Bible League**

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Song: "***May the Mind of Christ, My Savior***" Red 334 vs 1, 2, 5
*Parting Blessing
*Doxology: "***Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain***" Red 199 vs 4
*Postlude

*stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for Sunday Morning, Sept. 15, 2024
"A Wise Perspective of Our Brief Lives" ~ Ecclesiastes 7:1–12

Introduction: Numbering Our days Aright

A. Good, Better, and Best

1. to understand _____ in life, we need _____
2. to grow in _____, we need _____ moments
3. to get _____, we must endure _____

B. Character Erosion

1. to grow in _____, we must not fall for _____
2. to gain _____, we manage our _____
3. to resist _____, we practice _____

C. Aging with Grace

1. the _____ of nostalgia
2. the inheritance of _____

Sermon Notes for Sunday 5 PM Service, Sept. 15, 2024
"Truth and Righteousness" ~ Ephesians 6: 10 - 14

Introduction: Proactive or Reactive

A. The Belt of Truth

B. The Breastplate of Righteousness