

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND PRAYER REQUESTS

The results of **Jeri Prins'** scans were favorable – there is nothing new to be concerned about, so she will continue with the current treatments she is undergoing. We're **praising God** for her health and strength.

LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD

Gerald & Deb Alons Gerald Dragstra Lee & Starla Reitsma

Young Adult of the Week ~ Tayden Van Beek is working at Diamond Vogel in Orange City. Notes to him may be placed in Chris & Nikki's mailbox.

Classis Meeting Updates: This past week at our classis meeting church leaders focused on the call to make disciples and how each are called to that work. Mr. Matt Dengler serving at Hospers CRC and Mr. Scott MacDougall serving New City in Kansas City sustained their examination to be ordained as Commissioned Pastors. Mr. Del Wallinga also passed his examination to receive a license to exhort in our churches. Pastor Phil and Pastor Jesse also addressed our classis about our congregation's oversight of Living Water in Sheldon as they work toward becoming an organized congregation on their own.

Fair Booth: A big Thank You to all who volunteered to be at our faith booth for a shift or two this past week. We are grateful that six people served in this way for the first time. We pray our God will continue to use the conversations, prayer requests, and Bible materials from the fair this past week to encouragement them in their Christian faith.

**There are no new sins – we
just keep rerunning the old ones**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Preparatory Sunday, as we will celebrate The Lord's Supper next Sunday morning, Sept. 27. There is a devotional in your church mailbox to help in your preparation of this.

Sunday School & Catechism classes will be held from 10:50 – 11:40 a.m. today. A reminder that 4th – 12th graders should begin taking sermon notes (in bulletin or on podium in fellowship hall)

To begin our Church's Education season, the Fellowship and Education committees are hosting a **Brunch**, which will be held today, beginning with devotions at 11:55. Even if you didn't bring something to share, please join us. There is always plenty to eat!

Pastor Kevin Muyskens of Sheldon Immanuel CRC will lead us in worship at 5PM today. **Pastor Phil** will be preaching at the Hawarden CRC.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Women's Bible Study – beginning on Tuesday, September 29 at 9:30 a.m. We'll be studying from the book **"Growing Older and Wiser"**. Young – Middle-aged – Senior Citizens, will grow wiser... as we consider and apply the timeless truths of Scripture and become more like Him. Interested in attending? Talk to Deb Alons.

Sunday Evening Bible study (for any couples and singles) will begin on Sunday evening, October 4 at 6:15 p.m. We will be watching and studying Lee Strobel's video series – **"A Case for a Creator / Faith"**. Come visit or join in this study with us!

Before the evening worship, pick up a sermon outline on the podium.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Friday, October 23, the students and staff of Sanborn Christian School will head out into the community for **SCS Auxiliary Serve & Shine 2026**! This special serve day is an exciting opportunity for our students to let God's light shine through their words and actions as they put into practice what they've been learning in the classroom about serving others and showing God's love.

Do you or someone you know need a little help with outdoor fall clean up? Sanborn Christian students would love to lend a hand! Please contact Lisa Van Beek (712-348-6046) or Holly Rozenboom (712-344-0039) with details.

"Let your light so shine before men that all may see your good works and glorify your Father, which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

The Dordt University Music Department will present an **Honors Recital** on Friday Sept. 25 at 3:10 pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium. This recital will feature solo vocal and instrumental performances by top scholarship recipients from incoming freshman class as well as some upperclassmen.

Dordt Honor Choir Concert – On Sept. 24-26, nominated high school choral singers from around the country will join us on campus at Dordt University for the 2026 Dordt Honor Choir Weekend. The ensemble will spend Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday morning in rehearsals and leadership activities which will culminate in a final concert **at 1 pm on Saturday, Sept. 26 in the BJ Haan Auditorium**. The Honor Choir will be conducted by Dr. Ryan Smit, Director of Choral Activities at Dordt University. The concert and a PDF program will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

"Justice and Mercy and Being Kind Like Jesus" God's love and kindness for everyone show up in the Bible again and again. Is there someone who needs help or a friend? When we show mercy, we're acting like Jesus! Go to kidscorner.net

When Life Is Meaningless - Do you ever feel like you're spinning your wheels but not getting anywhere? Life can bring its share of discouragement. Glean wisdom for life from the Teacher and discuss why we can have hope even when life seems meaningless. Listen now at **GroundworkOnline.com**

Calling/Visiting Senior Members ~ Sept 20 - 26

(Sanborn) John & Amy Vander Haag (Sheldon) Carol Elgersma

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY - September 20

PPoint: Tonya Wiekamp
Video: Aidan Carlson
Audio: Stefan Sybesma
Doors: Ben Reitsma
Valet Parking: Ken Reitsma
Nursery: Lindsey & Brayden Koldenhoven
CIW: Jessica Schreurs, Darcy Eisfeld, Kirsten Hoogers
Greeters: Conner & Alyssa Sybesma
Rich VWerff, Ray Elgersma
Accom: AM & PM Jamie Carlson
Offering: AM Budget, CES (Fair Share)
PM Cornerstone Prison Church (S. Falls)
Hospitality: Stefan & Ashley Sybesma
Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven
Carol Elgersma

10:50 – 11:40 a.m.
12 noon

5:00 p.m.

Monday

6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Next Week – September 27

Alan Visser family
Levi Westra
Ben Reitsma
Lee Reitsma
Kevin Wiekamp
Mya S, Chloe R, Kinley S
CIW: Anna VE, Adrienne R, Caitlin Rydberg
Stefan & Ashley Sybesma
John & Amy Vander Haag
AM Jamie C PM Michelle W
AM Budget, Mission Fund
PM Crossroads Prison Ministry (Bible lessons)
Mike & Judy Visser
Dale & Julie Elgersma
Casey Baker

Sunday School & Catechism
Devotions & Brunch

Evening Worship

Deacons meeting
Council Meeting

In Mailboxes: Devotional for Lord's Supper
Longkumer newsletter

Sheldon Area Unity Meal is free and there are "groceries to take home", this Monday evening, September 21 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Living Water Community Church (610 2nd Avenue in Sheldon). The meal is prepared and served by area churches and local businesses

THE LORD'S DAY – September 20, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M
PREPARATORY SUNDAY
Pastor Phil Westra

IN HIS PRESENCE

Prelude: Jamie Carlson

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: *Isaiah 43: 1 - 3*

*Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting

*Song: **"How Firm a Foundation"** Red 427 vs 1, 2, 4, 5

IN HIS GRACE

Preparatory Exhortation for the Lord's Supper (Gray 976)

*Song: **"Not What My Hands Have Done"** Red 624

Storytime with Shannon ~ *"Here is the Church"*

Song: **"You Are My All in All"**

Congregational Prayer

Offerings: 1st - **Budget** 2nd **CES (Fair Share)**

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

Children in Worship for 3 – 6 year olds ~ Orientation 3

IN HIS WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading: **I Samuel 18: 1 – 16** (p 249)

Message: **"Friendship vs Envy"**

Prayer of Application

*Song: **"Like a River Glorious"** Red 699

IN HIS SERVICE

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: **"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"** Red 854 vs 2

*Postlude

*stand if you are able

THE LORD'S DAY – September 20, 2026
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5 P.M.
Guest Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin Muyskens

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE

*Prelude: Jamie Carlson

*Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

*God's Greeting

LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING

*Song: **"We Sing the Mighty Power of God"** Red 10

*Song: **"Christian Hearts in Love United"** Red 727

*Our Profession of Faith – Reading of HC Q & A 55 Red 245

Reading of HC Q & A 54 Red 253

OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Bible Reading: **Ephesians 2: 11 – 22** (p 1022)

Meditation: **"Uncomfortable Diversity"**

Prayer of Application

*Song: **"In Christ there is No East or West"** Red 268

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS

Sharing Prayer Requests

Prayer of Intercession

Offering: **Crossroads Prison Ministry** (Bible Lessons)

OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

*Parting Blessing

*Doxology: **"God, the Father of Your People"** 927 vs 1 - 2

*Postlude

*Indicates stand if you are able

Sermon Notes for September 20, 2026 A.M.
"Friendship vs Envy"
1 Samuel 18: 1 - 16

Introduction: The Joy Killer

A. Role Reversals

B. Offense Received but not Given

C. Mislead by Fear

Sermon Notes for September 20, 2026 P.M.
"Uncomfortable Diversity"
Ephesians 2: 11 – 22

Dividing Wall

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. -Ephesians 2:12

_____ is our _____.
For he himself is our **peace**, who has made the two one ... -
Ephesians 2:14a

_____ the _____
and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ... -
Ephesians 2:14b

_____d the _____
... by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. -Ephesians 2:15a

_____ a new _____
His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making **peace**, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross ... -Ephesians 2:15b-16a

_____ _____
... by which he put to death their hostility. -Ephesians 2:16b

Sermon notes – continued

_____ to the _____

He came and preached **peace** to you who were far away and **peace** to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. -Ephesians 2:17-18

You are _____.

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. -Ephesians 2:21-22

_____ = _____

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ... - Ephesians 2:19

_____ = _____ of _____

... built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, ... -Ephesians 2:20a

_____ = _____

... with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. -Ephesians 2:20b

God's _____ is Intentionally _____.

Aliens____ Foundation____ Reconcile____ Temple____ Hostility____