

## **PRAYER ITEMS AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

Continue to pray for Evangelism Booth **Volunteers and the people they meet**, during the Clay County Fair.

**Sanborn GEMS Club** will begin tomorrow evening with our Kickoff. We would appreciate if you would keep our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls and their Counselor in your prayers this month ~ *Abigail Carlson, Kallie Jederberg, Alexis Baker, Kinley Sybesma, Madelyn & Emma Vander Berg, Ceyla Verbrugge, Hannah Westra, and Counselor Jamie Carlson.*

## **LIFTING LAMBS TO THE SHEPHERD**

Brian & Cindy Koldenhoven  
Travis & Anna Solsma ~ Della  
Jon & Tonja Hoogers ~ Kirsten, Kendra

**Young Adult of the Week ~ Karter Van Meeteren** works as a Power Lineman for the City of Sanborn. His address in our church directory.

Men and women, join us on Sept 9-10 at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center for the Bible League conference, GRIT, GRIP, and the GOSPEL! Information on the dinner and conference can be found at [bibleleague.org/tickets/](http://bibleleague.org/tickets/)

**JFA 2025 Service and Learning Opportunities:** informational mtg. on Monday, September 16, 6:30PM at the JFA Ministry Center. Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-25; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 1-7; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 8-14; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – March 1-7; Grace Reigns, Colorado City AZ – April 4-12. Check out website at [jfa-niowa.org](http://jfa-niowa.org); call or e-mail Nick at **712.476.2804** or email [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org)

**When fear comes knocking,  
let faith answer the door**

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

Next Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> AM Offering is for **Rock Valley Christian – Flood Recovery.**

Children in Worship, Sunday School & Catechism will **begin next Sunday, September 15.** We will have devotions followed by an **Education Celebration Luncheon**, beginning at 11:50 a.m. Please plan to join us.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NOTES**

**Sunday School/Catechism teachers needed:** Two teachers are needed for our 3 & 4 yr olds and Two teachers for 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Catechism. These are co-teaching positions. Please contact Amy VH.

**CES ~ Sub Sandwich orders – DUE TODAY.** Subs will be assembled next week Wednesday, September 18. CES is also be hosting a Bake Sale, from 9:30 am – 1 pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> in the Fireside Room.

**GEMS Kickoff meeting** tomorrow, Sept. 9 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Supper provided! Dress for outdoor activities (wear tennis shoes)!

**Cadet Kickoff** (Boys & Girls Clubs)– Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 6:45 – 8:30 p.m. at Miller Park ball diamonds - for kickball, with snacks afterwards by the Shelter house. Contact Jake De Groot w/ questions.

**Heartland Classis meeting** will be held at the Ireton CRC next 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.



**THE LORD'S DAY – September 8, 2024**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 A.M.**  
Pastor Phil Westra

**IN HIS PRESENCE**

Prelude: Jamie Carlson  
Welcome and Announcements  
\*Call to Worship: *Psalm 9: 7 - 10*  
\*Opening Prayer  
\*God's Greeting  
\*Song: **"We Will Extol You, God and King"** Red 562

**IN HIS GRACE**

Responsive Reading of the Law (Gray 1015)  
Song: **"God, Be Merciful to Me"** Red 623 vs 1 - 3  
Assurance of Pardon: *Ephesians 2: 4 - 10*

**IN HIS WORD**

\*Song: **"O Word of God Incarnate"** Red 757 vs 1, 2  
Bible Reading: **Ecclesiastes 4: 1 – 12** (p 579)  
Sermon: **"Hardships and Friendships"**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song: **"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"** Red 257 vs 1, 2, 3, 6

**IN HIS SERVICE**

Congregational Prayer  
Offerings: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Budget** 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Building Projects Fund**  
Children's Offering – **Goats for World Renew**

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

\*stand if you are able

**THE LORD'S DAY – September 8, 2024**  
**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 5:00 P.M.**  
Pastor Phil Westra

**LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH PRAISE**

Prelude: Jamie Carlson  
Welcome and Announcements  
Call to Worship: *Psalm 144: 1 - 2*  
Opening Prayer  
\*God's Greeting

**LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS TO GOD WITH THANKSGIVING**

\*Song: **"Lead On, O King Eternal"** Red 328  
\*Profession of Faith: **Isaiah 59: 15 – 20** (in unison)  
\*Song: **"Across the Lands"** Red 755

**OPEN YOUR HEARTS TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
Bible Reading: **Ephesians 6: 10 – 13** (p 1025)  
Message: **"Our Spiritual Battles"**  
Prayer of Application  
\*Song: **"Deliver Me from Evil"** Red 656

**PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS**

Share Prayer Requests  
Congregational Prayer  
Offering: **Kingdom Boundaries**

**OFFER YOURSELVES TO GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART**

\*Song: **"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"** Red 199 vs 1, 2  
\*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. 8, 2024**  
**"Hardships and Friendships"**  
**Ecclesiastes 4:1–12**

Introduction: Perpetually Distracted

A. Facing the Reality of Oppression

1. human misery

2. Bible's vs. world's teaching

B. Having Envy Toward Neighbors

1. wisdom and foolishness

2. work and rest

C. Pursuing Friendships

1. collaboration that builds community

2. companionship that endures

**Sermon Notes for Sunday 5 PM Service, Sept. 8, 2024**  
**"Our Spiritual Battles"**  
**Ephesians 6:10–13**

Introduction: Finally...Spiritual Warfare

A. What is the Spiritual Battle?

B. Who are we Battling Against?

C. How do we Prepare Ourselves for the Fight?