

December 2, 2018

Greeters

West Door

East Door

Today: Brad & Janna Klarenbeek

John & Joanne Klarenbeek

Next Week: Greg & Marg Kuiper

Jake & Cheryl Moss

Ushers

December:

Accompanist

Today: Phyllis Vos

Next Sunday: Arla Feikema

Sound System

Today: Derek Hamm

Next Sunday: Shawn Feikema

Nursery

Today: A.M.- Makenzie Pap & Maddie Fick

P.M. - Melissa Fick

Next Sunday: A.M. – Barb Vogel & Zach Moss

P.M. – Cathryn Feikema

Library

Today: Carol Hoogland, Arla Feikema

Next Sunday: Arla Feikema, Linda Bork

Song Service

Today: Dale Dreessen

Next Sunday: Justin Moss

Offerings

Today: A.M.- LCSS

P.M. – Benevolence

Next Sunday: A.M.- World Renew

P.M.- Cornerstone Prison Ministry

Letters to Our Missionaries

Michelsons: Dave Hoogland & Diane Vanden Hoek

Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning

Cleaning: This Week: Darwin & Darla Timmer

Next Week: John & Evonne Top

Week's Events

**We extend a warm welcome to all who have joined us for
worship today!**

- Today:** 9:30 a.m. **Morning Worship**
10:50 a.m. **Catechism/Sunday School Program Practice**
6:30 p.m. **Evening Worship**
- Monday:** 9:00 a.m. **Perk-Up – Poplar Creek**
- Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. **Coffee Break/Story Hour**
- Wednesday:** 5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**
7:00 p.m. **GEMS/Cadets**
- Snack: Olivia Bork & Maddie Fick**
- Thursday:** 5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**
- Saturday:** 9:30 a.m. **Program Practice**

Coming Events

- ✓ **Advance Notice. Our annual congregational meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 12, at 7:00 pm. Agendas are in your church mailboxes today. Please plan to attend and prayerfully consider the following nominations for officebearers: as elders -- Don Bork, Dale Dreessen, Al Feikema, Shawn Feikema, Darwin Timmer, Wrede Vogel; as deacons -- Nick Bork, Cal Den Herder, Rich Hubbling, Brant Van Dyke.
- ✓ **“Come On Ring Those Bells - Jesus Christ is KING!”** Edgerton Christian Elementary School invites you to their K-8 Christmas Program **tomorrow evening, Monday, December 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. The students have been hard at work on vocal and instrumental Christmas music they have prepared especially for you! Join us as we joyfully celebrate the birth of our Savior!
- ✓ **SW BURGER FEED:** Join SW Circle #5 for a Burger Feed at the home Boys Basketball game against Pipestone on Tuesday, December 4. Serving time is 5-7:30 pm at Southwest MN Christian High School. Meal of burger, chips, homemade bar, and drink will be \$6.00. Items may also be purchased separately.
- ✓ The **GEMS** invite all grandparents and senior citizens of our church to come to our Christmas party on Wed. December 19th at 6 pm. Come enjoy a fun night of games and activities with the GEMS. Supper and snacks will be provided. Please sign the sheet in the back of church if you can join us and/or if you need a ride to and from church that evening!

- ✓ **Southwest MN High School Christmas Music Program:** Gaudete! Gaudete! Rejoice! Rejoice! Our Savior is born! The bands and choirs at SWC are excited to present their Christmas Concert "Gaudete!" on Monday, December 10th at 7:00 pm. The concert will be held at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Edgerton. All the ensembles will perform including, Chamber Choir, Eagle Choir, One Accord, Bel Canto, and the Concert Band. We are especially excited to reintroduce the Jazz Band back into the concert line-up! Come rejoice with us as we celebrate the birth of our King!
- ✓ Please join us next week Sunday for **potluck** in the fellowship hall at noon! Just bring a dish to pass and come enjoy each other.

Announcements

- **Today** we enter the season of the church year called “advent.” We remember the coming/arrival of the long-promised Messiah, which came to pass with the conception and birth of Jesus. This year’s advent messages will focus on truths revealed in the first chapter of the Gospel of John. May God work in our hearts so that we may joyfully remember Jesus’ first advent, and experience renewed hope as we anticipate His second coming.
- **This morning’s service** is preparatory to our celebration of the Lord’s Supper which is scheduled for next Sunday morning, December 9.
- **Calling all singers!** The Christmas program is in need of an “adult choir” to help with the program. All you have to do is show up at practice on Sundays and join in on the fun! 7th grade on up, please join in on the fun to make another great Christmas program. Thanks! Annie and Becky
- **College Students:** This week please be in prayer for Luke Nibbelink. He is a Senior at MN State University. His address is: 1341 Pohl Rd., Mankato MN 56001. His email is luke.nibbelink@mnsu.edu. Pray that he can keep up his studies in his final year. Pray for him as he considers different careers and where he should live.
- **To honor our serviceman, Johnny Vis,** this holiday season we are planning to send a care package. You may bring your items and/or greetings to church and put them in the box under the table in the fellowship hall. There is a list of suggestions on the table. If you would rather donate money, put it in our mailbox, and we will purchase some items. Please have item/money to church by December 16th. Thank you, Lori Osenga and Sue Henstra
- **Southwest MN Christian High School** would like to thank everyone who donated, attended, and contributed to the donation sale this year. In large and small ways, it all adds up to a night of support for SWMCH and more importantly the support of Christian education for students in our communities. The wonderful opportunity to share God's story on a daily basis with educational instruction is a blessing to cherish and share. The amount given to date is \$54,000.

Announcements Cont.

- **CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!** Crossroads Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the Reformed Church of Steen in Steen, Minnesota. TEC is an interdenominational three day Christian retreat/lock in designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is Friday February 15 through Sunday February 17, 2019. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.CrossroadsTEC.com/apply or email CrossroadsTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt, meals & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request. Crossroads TEC is also looking for adults with a passion for ministering to teens to help make the weekend a success.
- **Friday, December 7:** The Dordt College Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, and Concert Band will present a concert on Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. This concert of praise and celebration will feature a variety of musical selections, including Philip Sparke's *Mary's Boy Child*, arranged to be a Calypso (an Afro-Caribbean style of music), *Riu, Riu, Chiu* arranged by Marshall Fine (a Spanish Christmas carol depicting the story of the birth of Jesus and the joy of his coming to redeem the world from the guilt of sin), and *Of Sailors and Whales: Five Scenes from Melville*, a piece for wind band based on *Moby Dick* that will feature Dordt English Professor Mary Dengler as narrator.
- We would like to invite groups from the churches to share the Christmas season with our residents. We welcome groups to sing Christmas Carols, play music, help with baking, make a craft, help to decorate our building, etc. Thanks! Good Samaritans Society.
- **Tuesday, December 11:** 'Christmas Jazz Night' at Dordt College will take place on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:30 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature the Kantorei (a 16 voice jazz choir) and Jazz Band. The Kantorei will be celebrating the birth of Christ in unique and intricate ways with a cappella renditions of *Mary Did You Know* by Pentatonix, familiar carols like *Silent Night* and the Coventry Carol approached from a jazz perspective, and songs performed in collaboration with the Jazz Band. The Dordt Jazz Band will be swinging to some holiday classics like, *Here Comes Santa Claus*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. Come in out of the cold for a night of light, bright jazz music.
- **Friday, December 14:** The Dordt College Christmas Choral Concert will take place on Friday, December 14, at 7:30 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature Bella Voce (women's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir - over 160 singers. The choirs will explore a wide range of repertoire for Christmas to commemorate and marvel at the great mystery and wondrous gift of the birth of Christ. Highlights include works by Eric Whitacre, Jake Runestad, John Rutter, Ola Gjeilo, Knut Nystedt, Vijay Singh, and Michael Engelhardt. Stunning a cappella compositions will be side by side with several forms of accompaniment that will bring a deep texture to the program, including piano, cello, guitar, flute, harp, percussion, and handbells.

