

December 27, 2020

Accompanist

Today: Phyllis Vos
Old Years Service: Darla Timmer
Next Sunday: Darlene Dreessen

Sound System

Today: Derek Hamm
Next Sunday: Shawn Feikema

Library

Today: Open
Next Sunday: Open

Offerings

Today: A.M. – Hope for Life
Old Years: – Alfa Center
Next Sunday: A.M. – Justice For All

Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning

Cleaning: This Week: Pete & Maria Vis
Next Week: Shawn & Karmen Vis

Week's Events

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

Today: 9:30 a.m. **Worship Service**
10:50 a.m. **No Church Education Classes Today or
January 3**
6:30 p.m. **No Evening Service Today or January 3**
Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. **Mens Bible Study**
Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. **Ladies Prayer Time**
5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**
Thursday: 5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening Service broadcast on Vast**
6:30 p.m. **Old/New Years Service**

Our Church Family

- **Card Shower.** Congratulations to **John Brands** on his upcoming 90th birthday this Wednesday, December 30. You may help him celebrate by sending a card to him at 514 N. 4th Ave, Edgerton, MN 56128.
- **Happy 80th Birthday** to John Klarenbeek on January 2. We hope your day is extra special John and we pray the Lords Blessings on your year ahead!

Thank You

- Luverne Christian Reformed Church, thank-you for a recent gift of \$250! A few months ago, in light of COVID, I was feeling the need to get out and see people. We have been doing that again, in immigrant-owned stores, at Smithfield Foods as chaplain, on the streets, and with some service groups. If you feel that need also, to see someone different, let me know because we can do that together, carefully, with masks on. May God bless your Holiday season! ---Fred W., New Roots Ministry, Sioux Falls
- **Thank you** for saving all your Sunshine receipts. We average \$100 a month for sure in earnings for LCSS. Keep on saving, this is an easy little fundraiser for our school society! Thanks! Daci

Upcoming Events

- **Meals on Wheels:** Coming up in January, our church has the opportunity to help with Meals on Wheels again. Our congregation has always been so great about helping fill all the routes. The sign up sheet for the month is now on the table in the fellowship hall. Please consider this opportunity if you are able to help. It's a great opportunity to help those in need! If you have any questions, please reach out to April Spronk at 507-227-9672

Announcements

- **Welcome** to all who gather with us today for in person worship services, and to all others who join by streaming/viewing later. Since COVID-19 is still a factor we encourage any with underlying health concerns not to attend in person but to stream/view services. Please follow distancing practices like avoiding handshakes, by sitting in alternate pews
- **Offerings** may be left in offering plates by the doors of the sanctuary.
Offerings this week: am – Hope For Life
Old/New Years service – Alpha Center

- **As we approach** the end of 2020 and start of 2021, we are called to worship on Thursday evening, beginning at 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to attend, as we will not have a PM service on Sunday, January 3, 2021.
- **Praise Team.** We would like to make use of a praise team again in the coming year. If you're interested in helping or for more information you may speak to Staci Feikema or Brant Van Dyke. Thanks! The Music Committee
- **Schedule** to read through the Bible in a year, from www.fivedaybiblereading.com Week 52
 Job 28-30; Revelation 18
 Job 31-33; Psalm 102; Rev 19
 Job 34-36; Rev 20
 Job 37-39; Psalm 103; Rev 21
 Job 40-42; Psalm 150; Rev 22
- **Merry Christmas greetings and Happy New Year wishes from Southwest Minnesota Christian Schools.** If you were not able to view the Christmas concerts performed by both campuses, please use the following links to view both the elementary and high school band and choral performances! **K - 8 Christmas Concert-** The K-5 and Junior High Christmas programs can be found at the following link:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33r-KJUH2-M>
High School Christmas Concert - The High School Christmas concert can be found at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9DiMzPlkpA&t=301s>. Enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season to ring loud and clear all year through!

Council Room Notes

from meeting on Monday, December 21, 2020.

- Pastor opened the meeting with Jude 1:20-25 and prayer. One elder and one deacon were absent with notice.
- Council approved minutes from the annual **Congregational Meeting** held November 30, 2020.
- **Pulpit Supply.** Rev. Carl Klompein will lead worship Dec. 27 as Pastor Sparks fills a Classical Appointment to Colton, SD, CRC.
- Due to the extra services in observance of Christmas and Old/New Year's, Council decided not to schedule worship services on the Sunday evenings of December 27 and January 3.
- Music Committee reported on its recent meeting.
- **Words of thanks** were offered to those completing terms on Council: as elders -- Jim Nibbelink and Tim Van Bruggen; as deacon -- Shawn Vis
- Next meeting: Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7 PM.
- Motion to adjourn. Darwin Timmer closed with prayer.

From CRC Communications

FAMILY FIRE is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROUNDWORK: FAITH QUESTIONS WE ALL ASK - “Do we still need the Old Testament?” “Does God really love me? If he does, why is my life falling apart?” and “Will we make it through the pandemic?” Study Matthew 4:1-11, Psalm 13, Romans 5:8, and Matthew 25:31-46 with Groundwork as we seek answers to questions faithful believers have sent us this year and grow stronger in faith together. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

LOVING MY ENEMY - Check out this week’s new kids’ devotion about loving our enemies at www.kidscorner.net. As you listen, remember that what bullies say about you doesn’t define you. God has already said who you are. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC’s weekly emails for all the new content.

CRCNA Position Opening - Ministry Support Services, a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking for a part-time Curriculum Developer for the Thrive project. Thrive is a 5-year grant funded project. Hours for the first year will be up to 18 hours a week and will decrease over the remaining four years. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for a detailed position description or to complete an online application, attaching a resume and cover letter, no later than January 8, 2020.

The Practice of Hospitality: Kathleen Norris wrote, “True hospitality is marked by an open response to the dignity of each and every person.” As you go through your week, focus on approaching every person you meet with this kind of open response. At the end of the week, look back at how this approach changed your attitudes and actions. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)

READING WHILE BLACK - Join CRC campus ministers Rick Mast (University of Alberta in Edmonton) and Mike Wagenman (Western University in Ontario) for a discussion of Esau McCaulley’s new book, *Reading While Black: African-American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope*. We will meet on Sunday, January 24 at 8pm ET (5pm PT) over Zoom. You can register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/reading-while-black-book-discussion-tickets-132675860069>

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