

## December 23, 2018

### **Greeters**

West Door

East Door

Today: Shelly Nibbelink  
Next Week: Alan & Becky Pilaczynski

Jamie & Brigette Pap  
Dave & Nyla Sandbulte

### **Ushers**

December: Jonathan Eisma and Cal Den Herder

### **Accompanist**

Today: Phyllis Vos  
Next Sunday: Arla Feikema

### **Sound System**

Today: Eric Haan  
Next Sunday: Derek Hamm

### **Nursery**

Today: A.M.- Amy Haan & Austyn Pap  
P.M. - Marilyn Van Santen  
Christmas: - Becca & Jesse Vis  
Next Sunday: A.M. –Emma Nibbelink & Jackie Feikema  
P.M. – Morgan Pap

### **Library**

Today: Carol Hoogland, Arla Feikema  
Next Sunday: Arla Feikema, Linda Bork

### **Song Service**

Today: Jim Nibbelink  
Next Sunday: Rod Fransman

### **Offerings**

Today: A.M. – Michelson's  
P.M. – LCSS  
Christmas Day – Atlas of Rock County  
Next Sunday: A.M. – Van Voorst – Hope for Life Church  
P.M. – New Roots

### **Letters to Our Missionaries**

Michelsons: Rich Hubbling & Pete Vis

### **Highway 75 Wayside Chapel Cleaning**

Cleaning: This Week: Brant & Stephanie Van Dyke  
Next Week: Monte & Michele Van Dyke

## **Week's Events**

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

**Today:** 9:30 a.m. **Morning Worship**

6:30 p.m. **Evening Worship**

**Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. **Christmas Day Worship Service**

**Wednesday:** 5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening** Service broadcast on Vast

**Thursday:** 11:30 a.m. **Senior Dining** (see additional announcement)

5:30 p.m. **Sunday evening** Service broadcast on Vast

## **Coming Events**

- **Advance Notice:** We will mark the beginning of a new year with a worship service on January 1, 2019, at 9:30 AM.
- **Luverne CRC** is invited to be special guests at Senior Dining this Thursday, December 27. Come at 11:30 am. Please RSVP to 283-9846.
- Tianna Top and Thomas Soodsma **invite the congregation** to celebrate with them at their wedding ceremony on Thursday, December 27 at 3pm.

## **Birthday and Anniversary Wishes**

- We would like to wish a very **Happy Birthday** to Gib Elbers on December 25, on his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday! Also **Happy Birthday** to John Brands on December 30, on his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday! Blessings to both of you on your year ahead!
- **Happy Anniversary** to Gib and Henrietta Elbers on December 29 on their 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. God is So Good!

## **Thank You**

- It's often said this time of year that it's more blessed to give than to receive. We experience that blessing at the Luke Society as we distribute the financial gifts of **Luverne Christian Reformed Church** to our ministries around the world. We see these gifts bearing everlasting fruit in the many new lives won for Christ. Thank you for being a part of the Luke Society family and touching lives in Jesus' name.
- **Thank you** to Chris and Jess Vogel for leading us this morning with a ministry of music, "What Child is This?"

# Announcements

- **Today** we observe the final week of advent. We will focus again on John 1, noting especially that in the birth of Jesus, “the Word became flesh.”
- There will be **NO TRIP** this week and next week. Thanks!
- **Cornerstone Prison Church, Faith Fellowship Weekend** is Friday, January 25 – 6:00-8:00pm & January 26 & 27 – 7:15am-4:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is “Year of Reconciliation” based on 2 Chronicles 7:14 “if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Monday, January 7. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at [office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!
- **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](http://www.CrossroadsTEC.com/apply) or email [CrossroadsTEC@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- **CHRISTMAS REMIXED** - Did you know the book of Revelation tells the Christmas story? It’s true. Complete with dragons and intense drama. Study Revelation 12 with Groundwork see the cosmic perspective on Christ’s birth and purpose revealed through the Apostle John’s vision. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork’s weekly emails for future episodes.

## **Announcements Cont.**

- **MARY'S MIRACLE** - The birth of Christ is the incarnation of God in human history. Kids Corner presents this dramatic presentation of the miracle of Jesus as seen through the eyes of Mary! Subscribe for free at [getkidscorner.com](http://getkidscorner.com). Free Giveaway: Kids Corner's "Know Your Bible Activity Book, Part 4!" Can you figure out all Kids Corner Christmas puzzles? [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net).
- **Jesus was Born for This** - God offers us abundant life through His son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas this week, include a gift for someone in need through the World Renew Gift Catalog. Your gift of a wheelchair, a sewing machine, or an adult literacy class is the best gift someone who lives in poverty, injustice, or disaster will receive this year. Go to [worldrenew.net/gifts](http://worldrenew.net/gifts) to give or call 800-333-8300 to order
- **Advent Family Faith Formation Tip** - On this fourth Sunday in Advent, retell the events leading up to Jesus' birth using the figures in your nativity creche. Don't have one? Use Lego or Playmobil people and blocks to make your own. Choose a narrator to read Luke 2:1-20 as the rest of you reenact the story. (Faith Formation Ministries; [crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation))
- **2019 JANUARY SERIES** - the award winning free liberal arts education delivered in 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series begins on January 3 and continues weekdays through January 23 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. EST with topics such as technology and faith, the church and disabilities, restorative justice, cancer research, the #metoo movement, and so much more, by top experts in their fields. Thousands in west Michigan will join us on Calvin College's campus; others will watch the live feed at more than 50 remote webcast sites, while others listen online. For information about speakers, topics, remote sites, and listening options, go to [www.calvin.edu/january](http://www.calvin.edu/january)
- **Calvin Symposium on Worship** - Join us January 24-26, 2019, at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. The three-day conference brings together a wide audience of artists, musicians, pastors, scholars, students, worship leaders and planners, and other interested worshipers. Excellent rates for students and groups from churches. All worship services are free and open to the public. See [worship.calvin.edu/symposium/](http://worship.calvin.edu/symposium/) for information and registration.

