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Let's equip our churches to stand for *life.*

Sanctity Of  
*Human Life*  
Sunday



*January 16, 2022*

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**JANUARY 16, 2022**  
**9:30 AM Divine Worship**

Organ Prelude

Opening Praise -- **Children's Choir**

- "This is the Day", "I Wonder How It Felt"

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting/We Greet One Another

**\*Song of Praise:**

**"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

Verses: 1-3

**Responsive Reading of God's Law**

**Song of Salvation:**

**"He Knows My Name"**

LUYH Vs:1-2

Congregational Prayer

**\*Song of Preparation:**

**"Sweet Hour of Prayer"**

CH:1-2

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Matthew 6:16-18 (page 898/1504)

Sermon: **"SECRET FASTINGS"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

**\*Song of Application:**

**"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

PH 68:1

Offertory Prayer and Offering: Siouxland Unity & CEC

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song:**

**"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"**

B:PsH 487:1

\*Organ Postlude

**Organist:** Ranae Kooistra

\*Please stand if you are able

**FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH  
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JANUARY 16, 2022  
WELCOME!**

We extend a joyous welcome to all who are worshipping with us on this Lord's Day. If you are a visitor with us today and would like additional materials from First CRC, they are located in the "Visitor" mailboxes, and you are welcome to use them.

If you have no church home and desire information about church membership, please contact the church office. We pray that you will enjoy the presence of the Lord among His people today as we bring our praises, prayers, and hear His Word proclaimed.

**TODAY**

Today we celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday. This day is memorialized each year as we pray for an end to abortion. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed that all Americans are endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. On Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we celebrate the sacred gift of life.

This evening we welcome Pastor Dan De Groot as he leads us in worship.

**EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION**

Thank you to the Children's Choir for blessing us with their ministry of music this morning. Thank you to Taryn Van't Hul and April De Kam for leading the children and to Dee Faber and her accompaniment.

A heartfelt thank you to the congregation for your prayers, thoughts, cards, texts, and phone calls after my recent appendectomy. Also thank you to Pastor Haan for the hospital visit. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring church!

-- *Dan & Shannon Bloemendaal & family*

I would like to say thank you to all for the prayers, phone calls, texts, and cards after my hip surgery. Thank you to Pastor Matt for his visit and phone calls. Above all, we thank our Heavenly Father for His healing mercies.

-- *Merlin & Cindy Van Otterloo*

We would like to thank all those who remembered us in several different ways after the loss of my brother Peter Humme. A special thank you to Pastor Matt and Vern & Ellen Van Beek in the ways they blessed us. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

-- *Harlan & Mary Van't Hul*

We would like to thank all of you for the cards and other expressions of sympathy in the passing of our sister, Jan Alons. Special thank you to Pastor Matt and Elder Randy Byl for their visits and words of comfort and assurance.

-- *Roger & Hilaine Kempema*

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for our family and our ministry of Christian education in West Africa! A special thank you for your prayers for our son Nathanael and his health issues. We give thanks to God that his symptoms have disappeared.

-- *Sosthene, Kara, & Nathanael Maletougou - Missionaries*

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Please be in prayer this week for our Congregational members doing mission work in Guatemala. Mark & Deb Van't Hul and Nanci Grevengoed will be blessing many people in the work that they provide there.

Please lift up in prayer the family of Harlan & Priscilla Driesen. Priscilla's brother, Albert Van Beek of Sioux Center, passed away on Monday, January 10. May God bless and keep this family in their time of sorrow.

We express our Christian sympathy to the families of Francis LeLoux and Donna Bakker. Their sister-in-law, Johanna Catchot of Norfolk, VA, passed away on Saturday, January 8. Please remember the families of Johanna in thought and prayer as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please submit your family photo for the new picture directory as soon as possible!** *If you are interested in getting your family picture taken for the directory*, there will be 15 minute timeslots available on Jan. 29, Feb. 19, & Feb. 26 from 9-11AM in the Church fellowship hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

The Elders have begun their visits with our congregation for our Annual Family Visitation 2022. Our focus this year centers around Matthew 6:1-4. Plans are to schedule visits with all members of First CRC. Voluntary sign-up sheets have been posted on a table in back of the church narthex for the months of January and February. Please consider selecting from the listed dates that best suits your personal calendar. A family outline has been placed in your mailbox. The Elders would appreciate *filling up the January schedule soon*. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Byl (470-2259).

Next Sunday morning, Lord willing, we will have the joy and privilege of celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism administered to Savannah Todd Van Surksum, infant daughter of Eric & Erica Van Surksum.

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday.

**Adult Choir** will begin next week Sunday, January 23!

The first offering today will be received for **Siouxland Unity** and the second offering will be received for **CEC**. Siouxland Unity's denominational ministries are called to express the good news of God's kingdom that transforms lives and communities. They join together through regional assemblies and denominational ministries in the firm belief that together more can be done. The offerings next Sunday will be for our **Youth Group** and **New Roots**.

Newsletters are due next week.

The Community Impact Committee has placed a cradle in back of church in conjunction with Sanctity for Human Life Sunday. We will continue collecting baby items throughout January to be donated to the Alpha Center.

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rock Valley Christian School:

- ◇ Rock Valley Christian School is seeking applicants for kitchen help: Temporary (rest of the school year) or permanent position to begin immediately. Duties include - food preparation/dishwasher/various other related tasks. Hours: 8 AM - 2:00 PM. Application deadline is Wednesday, January 19. If interested, please contact Joe Dirksen at [joe.dirksen@rockvalleychristian.com](mailto:joe.dirksen@rockvalleychristian.com).
- ◇ Scrip orders are due 9:00 AM on Monday, January 17.
- ◇ Kindergarten begins daily on Monday, January 17.
- ◇ 2:30 dismissal on Wednesday, January 19.
- ◇ The 2nd graders will host Chapel on Friday, January 21.
- ◇ The RVCS ARROWS is holding a Valentine Fudge Fundraiser January 3-21. Join in this SWEET way to support our students and school! Orders will arrive on February 11. Contact any RVCS family or email [arrows@rvcsapps.com](mailto:arrows@rvcsapps.com) to order.
- ◇ The Winter Festival will be held live and online. Join us on Friday, February 18, in the morning for the Bake Sale/Gift Certificate/Small Item sales. We will be offering concessions during the auction again this year. The auction will begin at 6:00 PM. Please bring in your donations to school within the next couple of weeks. Farmer's please remember grain donations are still being accepted.
- ◇ RVCS is seeking full or part-time bus drivers. If interested, please contact Joe Dirksen at [joe.dirksen@rockvalleychristian.com](mailto:joe.dirksen@rockvalleychristian.com)

### Western Christian High School:

- Western's Christian Worship Arts and Leadership Class invites you to a **night of worship** on Thursday, January 20! Worship will begin at 7:00 PM in the Event Center at Western Christian. We will be joining together in song and will have the privilege of hearing Jennifer Dukes Lee speak for us. We hope to see you there!
- Bargain Alley Thrift Store in Hull, IA is looking to hire a part-time Retail Specialist for the store. If interested, stop in at Bargain Alley anytime on Tuesday-Thursday from 9-5 to pick-up a job application. Any questions, please contact Kari Hoekstra at 439-6800 or 441-2332.
- Please remember in thought and prayer the family of Adlemi Meija-Vargas, a freshmen at WCHS, whose family experienced a devastating house fire. Atlas of Sioux Center has set up an account at American State Bank to receive donations. The donations may be dropped off at American State Bank in Sioux Center, Atlas, Sioux Center Christian School, or Western Christian High School.

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**NURSERY:** AM: Cherie G, Aysha P, Aftyn B  
PM: Deb H, Kayla VE

**USHERS:** East: Cody D, Mike B                      West: Mitchell B, Colton VO

**GREETERS:** AM: Evan L, Gene L, Brent M  
PM: Larry M, Joe M, Brian M  
NARTHEX: Ron & Darletta L

**PRAISE TEAM:** Jasmine B, Tammy B, Jeff E, Mike B

**OFFERING:** AM: Siouxland Unity                      PM: CEC  
& CEC

**LETTERS:**    **Ribbens:** Justin DW                      **Maletoungou:** Shane DW

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**NURSERY:** AM: Kristin J, Harper VB, Teeghan B  
PM: Rhonda L, Brea VK

**USHERS:** AM: Youth Group  
PM: East: Travis J, Mike VZ                      West: Nate VK, Myron B

**GREETERS:** AM: Youth Group  
PM: Damon R, Dustin VB, Jeff VB  
NARTHEX: John & Carol DR

**SONG LEADER:** AM: Youth Group                      PM: Evan VB

**OFFERING:**                      AM: Youth Group                      PM: New Roots  
& New Roots

**LETTERS:**    **Ribbens:** Tyler DB                      **Maletoungou:** Harlan D

## **FAMILY VISITATION**

Thank you to all who have signed up thus far for Family Visitation. Please consider filling in the empty January and February visiting slots on the master sheets on the table in the narthex and call Randy Byl (470-2259) with any questions or changes.

Thank you!

This week's schedule is as follows:

### **Monday, January 17 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Lanae Davelaar & Edward

**6:45 PM** - Tyler Den Boer

**7:15 PM** - Rick Davelaar

**7:45 PM** - Myron Bleyenbergh

### **Tuesday, January 18 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Jordan Faber

**6:45 PM** - Bob Groeneweg

**7:15 PM** - Leonard Hoekstra

**7:45 PM** - Justin Faber

### **Monday, January 17 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Mitchell Byl

**6:45 PM** - Galen Grevengoed

**7:15 PM** - Evan Altena

**7:45 PM** - Fred Van Kley

### **Tuesday, January 18 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Evan LeLoux

**6:45 PM** - Joshua Byl

**7:15 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

**7:45 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

### **Tuesday, January 18 - At Home**

**1:15 PM** - Mary Ann Van Bommel

**2:00 PM** - Bob Kooima

**2:45 PM** - Harriet Vande Kamp

**3:15 PM** - Teresa Oostra

### **Monday, January 24 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Alvin LeLoux

**6:45 PM** - Ron LeLoux

**7:15 PM** - Howard Altena

**7:45 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

### **Monday, January 24 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Alex Kooima

**6:45 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

**7:15 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

**7:45 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

### **Tuesday, January 25 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - Scott Koedam

**6:45 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

**7:15 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

**7:45 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

### **Tuesday, January 25 - At Church**

**6:15 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

**6:45 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

**7:15 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

**7:45 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

### **Tuesday, January 25 - At Home**

**1:15 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

**2:00 PM** - Don Postma

**2:45 PM** - \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please try to fill in any open time slots. Thank you!

## 6:00 PM Divine Worship

Organ Prelude

### **Hymn Sing:**

**"His Name is Wonderful"**

PH 48:1

**"Amid the Thronging Worshippers"**

PH 37:1,3

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer

\*Declaration of Trust in God

\*God's Greeting

### **\*Song of Praise:**

**"My God, How Wonderful Thou Art"**

PH 328:1,3,5

\*The Nicene Creed (in unison)

**\*Song of Response: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"**

B:PsH 318:4

**The Belgic Confession - Article 7** (read responsively)

Congregational Prayer

### **\*Song of Preparation:**

**"I Sought the Lord and Afterwards I Knew"**

B:PsH 387:1-3

\*Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 John 1-13 (page 1136/1905)

Sermon: **"WALK IN LOVE AND IN TRUTH"**

Prayer for God's Blessing on the Preached Word

### **\*Song of Application:**

**"How Shall the Young Direct Their Way"**

G:PsH 584:1-2

Offertory Prayer and Offering: CEC

\*Benediction

**\*Closing Song: "Humble Praises, Holy Jesus"**

G:PsH 484:2

\*Organ Postlude

**Organist:** Ranae Kooistra

\*Please stand if you are able



## **BULLETIN INSERT - JANUARY 16, 2022**

**TODAY:** 9:30 AM: Morning Worship Service/SS & Catechism  
6:00 PM: Evening Worship Service

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**MON:** 7:00 PM: ABC Bible Study

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**TUES:** 9:45 AM: Coffee Break - Lesson 11

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**WED:** 7:00 PM: L.I.G.H.T Bible Study  
Mission Guild  
Men's Society Lesson 10  
7:20 PM: Cadets - Open Workshop

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### **PRAYER REMINDERS:**

- ⇒ Mark & Deb Van't Hul, Nanci Grevengoed - on mission in Guatemala
- ⇒ Kay Vis
- ⇒ Arvin Hoogendoorn
- ⇒ Howard Altena
- ⇒ Merle Koedam
- ⇒ Kalie Klein
- ⇒ Harlan Attema
- ⇒ Francis LeLoux & Family
- ⇒ Donna Bakker & Family
- ⇒ Harlan & Priscilla Driesen
- ⇒ Our Congregational members living in nursing/assisted living homes apart from their loved ones: Effie Brands, Esther De Roon, Violet Haak, Kit Kooima, Francis LeLoux, Jennie Maassen, Grace Teunissen, Mary Ann Van Bommel, John Vanden Bos, Henrietta Vanden Bosch, Harvey & Joanne Van Otterloo, Harlan Van't Hul, and Jerry Velgersdyk.
- ⇒ Areopagus
- ⇒ Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou - West Africa
- ⇒ *(ThereforeGo Ministries) Building Up* - Please pray that many in our supporting churches will catch the vision for the work of building relationships with emerging adults by joining a Mentoring Network. Please pray also for the young people whose lives will be touched through our SERVE mission trips.

## **THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Sunday - Kelly Haak

Wednesday - Deb Van't Hul

Thursday - Kaysha Altena, Myron Bleyenbergh, Brennan Van Kley

Friday - Elmer Boon, Harlan Driesen

Saturday - Easton Byl

## **FUTURE DATES**

January 20 - WCHS Night of Worship

January 23 - Youth Sunday/Baptism/Choir resumes

January 30 - Cadet Sunday

February 17 - Young Peoples - Murder Mystery Supper

February 18 - RVCS Winter Festival

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dordt College Announcement:** Dordt Oboe instructor Susan Miranda will present "**Sounds of the Oboe: Voice Less Heard**" on Friday, January 21, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature the oboe duo Leon and the saxophone-oboe duo the BS Project, in collaboration with Dr. Hannah Palmquist Hite, harp, and Brian Handeland, saxophone.

**Love INC of Sioux County** Winter Classes begin Tuesday, January 25, 6:45-8:00pm at Trinity CRC (lower level) in Rock Valley. Classes offered are ***Faith and Finances, Parenting, Boundaries, Grief Share, and Redemptive Compassion***. For information call Love INC Sioux County at 712-476-5990 or visit [www.loveincsiouxcounty.org/ourministries](http://www.loveincsiouxcounty.org/ourministries).

**Center for Financial Education 2022 Celebration Dinner** with a Live & Silent Auction will be held Thursday, January 27 at New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Special Guest: Anita Stroud. Punch - 5:45pm/Meal - 6:15pm. Join us in giving praise to God while enjoying a delicious prime rib dinner! RSVP by Mon., Jan 24 to [info@cfeministries.org](mailto:info@cfeministries.org) or call 722-3527.

### **Cornerstone Prison Church, Sioux Falls, Faith Fellowship Weekend:**

⇒ Friday, Feb. 18 - 6:00-8:00 PM Kick-Off Worship Service

⇒ Feb. 19 & 20 - 7:15 AM - 4:00 PM each day

The theme for the weekend is **RENEWAL**. Scripture texts come from Zechariah 4:6-10 and John 15:7, 10-12 & 15. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thurs., Jan. 17. For more information or to sign up, contact us at [office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call 507-215-3670.

**Justice For All is planning a UTAH BUS TOUR** focusing on our ministry partners Great Commission Utah and Grace Reigns. The dates are April 5-11, 2022. Join us, learn, and see how God is using these amazing ministries to share His love and grace to those within the FDLS communities in Utah. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA ([patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org) - 712-476-2804).