

December 11, 2022

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
* Please Rise in Body or in Spirit

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

* God’s Greeting

* Call to Worship

* Silent Prayer

* Red Hymnal # 404
Blue Songbook # 8

The Solid Rock
Here I Am to Worship

Advent Wreath & Reading: Luke 1:39-56

Tyce & Natalie Tanner

Gray Hymnal # 351

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

Prayer of the Lord’s People

Offering
Offertory

Dégagé Ministries

(children 2 yrs-K are dismissed during the next hymn)

* Song

Mighty to Save

Scripture

Isaiah 49:1-6

Sermon

The Light of Christmas

Prayer of Application

* Song

Shine on Us

* God’s Blessing

* Gray Hymnal # 638

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

* Postlude

Sermon Notes

Sermons are recorded and can be viewed at <http://waylandcrc.org/sermons.html>

Welcome to Wayland Christian Reformed Church

We are so glad you joined us this morning.

Today is the 3rd Sunday in Advent.

The 3rd candle symbolizes JOY at the birth of Jesus.

Please join us for coffee, cookies & fellowship after the service.

Today

Thank you to Jerry Zandstra and the praise team for leading us in worship this morning.

Evening Bible Study meets **tonight** at 5:00 p.m. Then we will not meet again until January 8, 2023.

From Our Deacons

Please remember to include your **offering number** when you are giving. Include the number on your envelope and online checks. This is a huge time saver for the deacons and **helps to lessen the chance of errors**. If you don't have an offering number, call the church office, 269-792-2828. If you forgot, check your mailbox, it is written next to your name.

As you prayerfully consider year-end contributions, please **remember Wayland CRC**, especially our **Local Fund & Christian Education Assistance Fund**. **Thank you!**

Christmas Cards & Gifts

Help us to bring Christmas Joy to our members who are shut-in and those members currently serving in our military. Cards & gifts can be put into their individual bags in back of church by the nursery. **Last collection date is December 18**. Ideas include: adult coloring books, word search, Sudoku, baked goods and anything else you think of. **Shut-ins:** Kim Door, Lori DeVries, Ev Buist, Sam Dykstra, Norma Potter, Marge VanDerWeide, Linda Vander Vlugt, Jean VanderVeen & Jobbe Lammers. **Military:** Dani Verburg, Matt Haaksma, David & Amy Seinen. **Tim Sterk's** items will be included in the box from GEMS.

Parsonage Update

Parsonage Committee plans to meet with Hope Unexpected on December 13 to discuss more details in planning for the future use of our parsonage.

Christmas Boxes for Our Military

Christmas Service Project: This year our GEMS will be packing **100 care packages** for Timothy Sterk & Jordan DeLange's unit that is currently in Syria. A list of needed donations are in your mailboxes and posted on the bulletin board. GEMS will be **collecting until December 14**. There is a box in the back of church for all donations. **Monetary donations** also needed for shipping costs. **See Ashley Johnson for questions!**

GEMS Soup Supper and Service Project Night: Please join the GEMS for soup, salad and dessert at their Soup Supper on **Wednesday, December 14, 6-8 pm**. Monetary donations will be accepted and used for this project. During this time, we would also like the church family to help GEMS create Christmas cards and letters to go into every care package.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Cadet & GEMS Families: Getting ready to come to church on Wednesday nights can be very hectic. **Let us help you**. Starting Wednesday, January 4, 2023 we will be serving a free dinner, in the basement from 6:15-7:00 p.m. **every Wednesday night that Cadets & GEMS meet**. Bring the entire family and let us serve you.

Green Acres

Are you interested in helping out at a Sunday service at Green Acres once a month? If so, please see any Council member for details.

Bible League Giving Program

"Light of the World" Giving Program. This program is 5 weeks, with a question each day. Please see the calendars for this program in your mailboxes, the counter across from the mailboxes or by the bulletin board in the foyer. For more information or a copy of the calendar, please visit <https://www.bibleleauge.org/lotw/>. **We will collect the money on Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25.**

SON-Life Camp & Retreat Center

Register now for Winter Camp. Ages 8-12: January 6-8, 2023, ages 13-17: January 20-22, 2023. Visit son-lifecamp.org for more information.

Hiring for 2023 Summer Camp. Roles include Cook, health officer, counselors & more. Visit son-lifecamp.org for information.

Christmas Concerts

King's Choraliars Christmas Concert: tonight at 7:30 p.m. at LaGrave Avenue CRC. We will be celebrating the significance of Christ's birth through music. Our special musical guests will be the **Women's Choir of South Christian High School**. A freewill offering will be received.

CRCNA Position Opening

Full-time position opening for a **Campus Ministry Coordinator** anywhere in the United States or Canada. The **purpose of this position** is to provide leadership through capacity-building, connecting, innovation, learning, and resourcing in the area of Campus Ministry. For details visit www.crcna.org/jobs. Deadline is January 5, 2023.

Blue Christmas Service

Dorr CRC Church will offer a **"Blue Christmas"** service on **December 20 at 6:30 p.m.** Christmas can be a painful time for some. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. **We need encouragement** to live the days ahead of us. Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music that acknowledge God's presence and that Jesus has come to shine light into our darkness. A brief time of light refreshments and fellowship follow the service. **Nursery Provided.**

Volunteer Opportunities

Become a Lead Cook with World Renew DRS! Do you enjoy caring for others by cooking for them? Consider a ministry opportunity by becoming a Lead Cook DRS volunteer! While volunteers are working hard on reconstruction sites, there are others working hard in the kitchen. If interested, email Diana at dmarquez@worldrenew.net.

Seeking Housing Kuyers Institute at Calvin University is looking for **affordable housing for a visiting scholar**, her husband, and five children, as soon as possible through spring. If you can help, email at kuyers@calvin.edu.

Combat S.A.D.

Seasonal Affective Disorder is a type of depression related to changes in the seasons. Don't ignore the symptoms. **Call Pine Rest**, 800-442-0809 and identify yourself at a CAP member of Wayland CRC **for free help**.

Prayer Guide – December 11, 2022

Prayer Requests...

- **Adam Cnossen**, Tom & Donna's son, as his cancer has returned and currently hospitalized.
- **George Peereboom** will be moving to Byron Center Manor on December 12.

Ongoing Prayer Requests...

- **Harriet Davies** as she waits for the results of her biopsy.
- **Jobje Lammers'** as she continues receiving chemo-therapy.
- **Our Church Service Members: David Seinen, Tim Sterk, Dani Verburg & Matt Haaksma**
 - **Tim Sterk & Jordan DeLange** (Glyn & Char Davies' son-in-law) currently deployed to Syria.
- **Missionaries: Tom & Donna Cnossen, Kyle & Marcia Post**

Prayer Opportunities for Everyone

Wayland CRC Prayer Line anytime – (269) 792-PRAY

We want to pray for you! Please notify the office with prayer requests & updates.

Schedule for Weekly Offerings

Offering envelopes are in the chair pockets or in the back of church.

December 11 – Déagé Ministries – works in the Grand Rapids Heartside neighborhood reflecting the love of Christ to the poor and dispossessed of the area by being a safe harbor where friendships are formed and community begins.

December 18 – Christian Education Assistance Fund – helps our church families with the cost of tuition.

December 25 – (Christmas) - Bible League – purpose is serving the under-resourced Church globally through the provision of Bibles, biblical resources, and training to transform lives worldwide through God's Word.

January 1, 2023 - Local Expenses – pays for the day-to-day operations of the church.

January 8, 2023 - Benevolence Fund – a fund to help those in need.

January 15, 2023 - Right to Life - an organization of diverse and caring people united to protect the precious gift of innocent human life from fertilization to natural death.

January 22, 2023 - Cadets – our club for boys to help them grow spiritually in all areas of life (devotional, mental, physical, and social).

January 29, 2023 -Local Expenses – pays for the day-to-day operations of the church.

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| This Week's Activities (December 11-17) | | |
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| Today | 8:45 a.m. | Prayer Time for Service |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Evening Bible Study |
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| Monday | 6:30 p.m. | First Place Bible Study |
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| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Ladies Bible Study |
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| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. | Soup Supper/Christmas Project |

| Future Worship Services & Special Notes | | | |
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| December 18, 2022 | AM | Jerry Zandstra | Christmas Program |
| December 25, 2022 | AM | Jerry Zandstra | Christmas Day Service |
| January 1, 2023 | AM | Dan VanderWeide | Preparatory |
| January 8, 2023 | AM | Jerry Zandstra | Communion & Potluck |
| | PM | Russ Ooms | |
| January 15, 2023 | AM | Jerry Zandstra | |
| | PM | Russ Ooms | |

| Service Assignments for Volunteers | | |
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| | Today | Next Sunday |
| Nursery | Glyn & Char Davies Zoey Grassmid Kassidy Rook | Chloe DeVries, Dawn Doxey Jaeden Harshberger Keegan Harshberger |
| Little Lambs | Dawn Oosterheert Harley Kamps | Dawn Oosterheert Harley Kamps |
| Children's Worship | Shari Oetman | Shari Oetman |
| Ushers | Tyler Oetman Shannon Bird | Bryce Oosterheert Brett Schaafsma |
| Greeters | W S | Harvey Potter Anita Procter |
| Sound System | Shannon Bird | Simon Kraima |
| Security | Tom Apol | Shannon Bird |
| Roaming Greeters | Willy & Mary Lou | Willy & Mary Lou |
| Morning Coffee | Ron & Ruth Grassmid | Ron & Ruth Grassmid |