December 11, 2022

(Services available on website northstreetcrc.org)

Morning Worship Service 9:30 AM

Message by Rev. Dirk Koetje
"Christmas In Exodus:
Born Thy People To Deliver"
Exodus 11:1-10; Exodus 12:1-13

Evening Worship Service 5:30 PM

Message by Rev. Dirk Koetje "For God So Loved The World" John 3:16

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 11, 2022

Accompanists: AM Ruth Meekhof Offertory: Addison Boersema, Ellary Boersema

PM Sue Lucas Prelude: Derek Bostrom, Lillian Bostrom, Knox Lucas

Little Lambs Choir (3's - 1st grade): Jamie Lucas, Director

Children's Choir (2nd - 5th grades): Elaine Venema, Director; Sue Lucas, Accompanist

Ushers: AM & PM Jackson Busscher (East), Bob Schipper (Center), Greyson Busscher (West)

Rover: AM Carl Weener PM Larry Harmsen **Nursery:** AM Jennifer Fortosis, Hope DuBois, Macie Schutt

PM Leigh VanDussen, Cora Boerman, Thijs DuBois

Audio/Visual Operators: AM Jerry Redder, Larry Redder, Matt VanderPloeg

PM Martin Bostrom, Larry Redder, Matt VanderPloeg

Children's Worship: No Children's Worship - Sunday School Christmas Program

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 18, 2022

Accompanists: AM Kristi Boerman, Val Leegwater

PM Ruth Meekhof

Ushers: AM & PM Luke Mast (East), Nick Fortosis (Center), Carl Weener/Hunter Vincent (West)

Rover: AM Mike VanAst PM Brent Leegwater
Nursery: AM Ruth Meekhof, Lena Worley, Taryn DeJong

PM Chelsea VandenBosch, Greyson Busscher, Abby Venema

Audio/Visual Operators: AM Todd VandenHeuvel, Sheryl VandenHeuvel, Tyler Bostrom

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Children's Worship: Sara Boerman, Rebecca Boerman, Thijs DuBois

Bulletin Announcements should be submitted by noon on Thursdays.

You may submit announcements by e-mail (carol@northstreetcrc.org), by calling Carol (772.1557),

Or write them out and place them in the Bulletin Editor's mailbox in the Narthex.

North Street Christian Reformed Church December 11, 2022

THIS WEEK

Sunday - December 11 Third Sunday of Advent: "JOY"

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Meal provided by Allyn & Sue Arendsen Family

Monday - December 12

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m Congregational~Meeting}$ - 'The Grove'

7:00 PM Council Meeting

<u>Tuesday - December 13</u>

6:30 AM Elder Prayer Time 3:45 PM Worship Planning Meeting

Wednesday - December 14

6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice

(GEMS/Cadets meet from 6:45-8:30 PM)

6:30 PM GEMS Christmas Party (girls 2nd-8th grades) 6:45 PM Jr. Cadets/Cadets Meeting (boys 2nd-8th grades)

<u>Thursday - December 15</u>

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study - Council Room

Friday - December 16

5:30 PM Wedding Ceremony

Emma Hilbelink & Aaron Bos

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 18 Rev. Shane Floyd - AM Service

Dec. 18 High School Youth Group

Meal provided by Brian & Kathy Busscher Family

Dec. 19 Elders/Deacons Meetings

Dec. 25 Christmas Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Dec. 25 Old Year's Service - 5:30 PM

PRAYER CORNER



The 24 Hour Prayer Line Numbers: Local: 879.0057 & Toll Free: 1.800.401.6640

Dan & Beth DeJonge: Please continue to remember Lea & Brian Dielman and their family, (daughter and son-in-law of Dan & Beth DeJonge) as their infant son, *Elliot Daniel,* 3 weeks of age, passed from his earthly family's arms to the loving arms of his Heavenly Father. A graveside service was held yesterday, December 10.

John Holwerda: We give thanks that John was able to have his brace removed this past week and that he continues to make progress as he recovers from his fall and surgery.

Kristin Sterk: We give thanks that Kristin was able to receive her chemotherapy treatment last week and that she is back home. We continue to pray that her chemo is effective and her side effects are minimal.

Jennie VanderWoude: Please remember Jennie in your prayers as she had a fall earlier this week at Raybrook, and has been in the hospital since Tuesday. Plans are for her to be transferred to a rehab facility.

Ken & Toni VerBeek: Please keep Ken & Toni in your prayers. **Ken** is dealing with severe lower back pain and is waiting on a doctor's appointment later this month. We pray for relief from the pain and good options for treatment. We also pray for **Toni** as she deals with memory loss and the specific trials that come from that. Please also remember their son **Kerry**, who is at John Hopkins Hospital being treated for leukemia. We pray that his treatments would be effective.

Council Member of Focus: *Elder Ron Lucas*

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Jubilee Centers International (David & Emily Romero) is an organization compelled by Christ's love for the poor to 'preach the year of the Lord's favor' (Luke 4:19) through community outreach involving formal Christian Education through holistic community development. The Romeros work in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. For more information, check the website at www.jubileehn.org.

COUNCIL NEWS

Offering Schedule:

Dec. 11: AM Jubilee International

PM North Street CAP

Dec. 18: AM RYS

PM The Bridge

(https://www.bymczeeland.org/donate)

Congregation Meeting: A Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, at 7:00 PM, in *'The Grove'*, to vote on the proposed budget for 2023. Please see *Mark DuBois*, if you would like an absentee ballot.

The 2023 Proposed Budget is in your mailbox. A congregational meeting will be held on Mon., Dec. 12, to discuss and vote on the proposed budget. If you have any questions or concerns beforehand, feel free to contact Mike VanAst or Keith Boerman.

Please note: All receipts for reimbursements and invoices to be paid for 2022 must be submitted by <u>Thursday</u>, <u>December 22</u>. Please place these items in the Treasurer's mailbox.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bridge Youth Ministry Center would like to give each of their students who attends their Christmas party a gift. A list of items that are popular with the kids can be found at the 'Sign-up Station' in the Narthex. If you are interested in donating, please drop off the gift at 'The Bridge' any time before December 15. Any questions, contact 'The Bridge' (616.772.3843). Thanks for your support!



AT HOME MEMBERS

Del & Winnie Machiela live in their home in Zeeland. (10473 Mary Ann Street, Zeeland, MI 49464)





Henry Meppelink 81 on December 13

CHURCH FAMILY

Dan & Beth DeJonge would like to say "Thank You for all of your prayers, concern, and support shown to us during this difficult time of Lea's pregnancy, and little *Elliot Daniel's* brief life. Your generous love and prayers have made a big difference for us. We rejoice that he was given just the right amount of time for us to get to know him and that he was able to be baptized. Through it all may Jesus' name be lifted up and glorified."



Stephan & Danielle Hilbelink would like to invite the Congregation to the Wedding Ceremony of their daughter *Emma and Aaron Bos*. Their wedding will take place this coming Friday, December 16, at 5:30 PM, at North Street.



A Grocery Shower is taking place for *Emma Hilbelink and Aaron Bos* who are looking forward to their wedding on Friday, December 16. Please place your gifts in the grocery cart in the Narthex by Sunday, December 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Update: Today we welcome *David & Emily Romero*, who will be providing a brief report during this Morning's Worship Service. Following the service, David & Emily will be in *'The Grove'* to expand on their ministry. All are welcome!

A Church Christmas Potluck Dinner will be held today, December 11, at 12 noon, in *'The Grove'*. Families of 3 or more are asked to bring a hot AND cold dish. Families of 2 or less are asked to bring a hot OR cold dish (one may be a dessert). Tableware and drinks will be provided.

Hilltoppers: Anyone age 55+ that would like to enjoy an evening of games and snacks on New Year's Eve (Saturday, December 31) in *'The Grove'*, please sign-up at the *'Sign-up Station'* in the Narthex for planning purposes. Any questions, talk to Terry or Linda Boerman.

The High School Youth Group will be returning to West Virginia to work with ARO for their summer Mission Trip <u>July 1-7</u>. As you think about your end-of-year giving, please consider supporting the youth of our church as they prepare for this trip.

Looking ahead to 2024, the High School Youth Group is planning to go to Alaska again during the week of <u>June 22-29</u>. Space will be limited, so if you are interested in coming along, talk to Dan Sterk.