

December 3, 2023

(Services available on website northstreetcrc.org)

Morning Worship Service

9:30 AM

Message by Rev. Dirk Koetje

“O Come All Ye Faithless”

Malachi 2:10-16

Evening Worship Service

5:30 PM

Message by Rev. Dirk Koetje

“How To Contend For The Faith”

Jude 17-22

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 3, 2023

Accompanists: AM Ruth Meekhof
PM Ruth Meekhof, Derek Bostrom

Ushers: AM & PM Ryder Boersema (East), Todd VandenHeuvel (Center), Lincoln Boersema (West)

Rover: AM Tim Meekhof PM Dan Sterk

Radio: AM Scott Hoek/Nick Venema PM Zach VandenHeuvel/Todd VandenHeuvel

Nursery: AM Amy Schutt, Shawna Bouwkamp, Addison Boersema, Luke Mast
PM Lisa Poortvliet, Heidi Bostrom, Elizabeth Venema, Felicity Venema

Audio/Visual Operators: AM Jerry Redder, Ron Oskam, Jackson Busscher
PM Martin Bostrom, Ron Oskam, Jackson Busscher

Children's Worship Teacher/Helpers: PM Rachel Mast, Barb Harmsen, Thijs DuBois

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 10, 2023

Accompanists: AM Sue Arendsen
PM Sue Lucas

Ushers: AM & PM Luke Mast (East), Terry Boerman (Center), Tyler Mast (West)

Rover: AM Scott Visser PM Tim Schutt

Radio: AM Zach VandenHeuvel/Mark DuBois PM Dan Sterk/Nick Venema

Nursery: AM Mari-Joy Peerbolt, Chelsea VandenBosch, Auggie Schutt, Abby Venema
PM Erin Koetje, Suann Zwiens, Naomi VanDussen, Mazy Sterk

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

Children's Worship Teacher/Helpers: PM No Children's Worship - Christmas Program

Bulletin Announcements should be submitted by noon on Thursdays.

You may submit announcements by e-mail (bulletin@northstreetcrc.org), by calling Carol (616.772.1557),
or write them out and place them in the Bulletin Editor's mailbox in the Narthex.

North Street Christian Reformed Church
December 3, 2023
Pastor Dirk Koetje

THIS WEEK

Sunday - December 3

First Sunday of Advent: "HOPE"

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service - Communion
10:50 AM Sunday School/Catechism
Offering for Compassionate Heart Ministries
10:55 AM Women's Bible Study - Rm. #L-12
11:00 AM GROW Group - "The Grove"
Upward Bound
5:30 PM Evening Worship Service
Children's Worship meets - Rm.#1
Story: "Jesus Heals Two 'Daughters'"
7:00 PM High School Youth Group Meeting
Meal provided by Allyn & Sue Arendsen

Tuesday - December 5

6:30 AM Elder Prayer Time
3:45 PM Worship Planning Meeting
7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

Wednesday - December 6

(all activities meet at 6:30; dismiss at 8:15 PM)

6:30 PM 3D Boys Group (7th & 8th grade boys)
6:30 PM GEMS meet (Girls - 2nd-8th grades)
6:30 PM Jr.Cadets/Cadets meet
(Boys - 2nd-6th grades)
6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday - December 7

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 10 Second Sunday of Advent
Dec. 10 Women's Bible Study
Dec. 10 Church Potluck at 11:45 AM - "The Grove"
Dec. 10 Children's Christmas Program - PM Service
Dec. 10 High School Youth Group Meeting
Meal provided by Ryan & Sara Boerman Family
Dec. 11 Congregational Meeting - 7:00 PM
Dec. 11 Council Meeting to follow

PRAYER CORNER



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

Terry Boerman: Terry had another round of chemo this past Tuesday. We give thanks that it has been a successful course of treatment thus far and pray for favorable results in his scan in the coming weeks.

Helaine Miedema: Please keep Helaine in your prayers as she has been unable to receive cancer treatments for the past few weeks because of weakness. She was scheduled to have a PET Scan this past Friday to see what's going on. Please pray for Dale and Helaine in this time of suffering and uncertainty.

Carolyn (Carrie) Redder: Please keep Carrie and her family in your prayers as she has been placed on Hospice Care.

Kristin Sterk: Please keep Kristin in your prayers as she had a bone marrow biopsy this past Monday, November 27, followed by another round of chemotherapy. We pray that her biopsy shows favorable results and that her chemo side effects are minimal.

Continue to pray for those battling cancer:

Randy Boeve **Gret Heuvelman**
John Heuvelman **Helaine Miedema** **Kristin Sterk** **Marianne Vos**

Continue to pray for those facing an on-going recovery:

Tim Meekhof **Dale VanderYacht**
Ken VerBeek **Jennie VanderWoude**
Rose Worley

Council Member of Focus:
Deacon Nick Fortosis



COUNCIL NEWS

Offering Schedule:

December 3: AM Positive Options
(formerly known as Lakeshore Pregnancy Center)
PM North Street CAP

December 10: AM Upward Bound
PM Abide Project

The Elders praise God for hearing the profession of faith this past Monday evening of 3 young gentlemen. ***Tyler Bostrom, Ethan VanDussen, and Nathaniel VanDussen.*** Public Profession of faith will occur at a later date.

The 2024 Proposed Budget is in your mailbox. A **Congregational meeting** will be held on Monday, December 11, at 7:00 PM in *'The Grove'* to discuss and vote on the Proposed budget for 2024, and approve funding for the new church signage. If you have any questions or concerns beforehand, feel free to contact ***Keith Boerman or Nick Venema***. Please see ***Brian Busscher*** if you would like an absentee ballot. Ballots should be placed in the ballot box at the *'Sign-up Station'* near the elevator by Dec. 11.

A **New Members Class** will be offered on Sunday, December 10 & 17, in the Council Room, after the AM Service. This class is for anyone who is interested in becoming a member at North Street. Plan on attending both Sundays. If you have any questions, please talk to either Jim Zwiers or Brian Mast.

Thanksgiving Day Collection: The total amount received from the Thanksgiving Day collection was **\$18,884.00**. A breakdown of the amount received for each cause/agency will be listed in the next issue of *'The Reflections'*.

The Elders accepted the membership resignation of ***Julie Engels*** so she and her husband Andrew, can affiliate with Resurrection Life Church in Grandville. May God bless them in their new church home.

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Crossroads Prison Ministries connects people in prisons with mentors from churches to develop Christ-centered relationships as they study God's Word together. Some of our church members are involved with this ministry. More information is available at www.cpmministries.org.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christian Reformed Conference Grounds is excited to be hosting ***Timothy and Hosanna Noble*** in concert! This Christmas Dinner Concert will be presented on Friday, December 8, and Saturday, December 9. The cost for the dinner and concert is \$20.00/person, and reservations can be made by calling 616.842.4478 or emailing ministry@crcg.org. The doors will open at 5:00 PM; Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. Get your friends and family together and join us in kicking off the Christmas season with great food, fellowship, and praise to our almighty God for His goodness to us! Seating is limited and reservations have been filling up, but we still have room, so give us a call soon!

Save The Date! Cornerstone URC's 27th Women's Conference is scheduled for March 15-16, 2024, featuring ***Megan Hill*** who will be speaking on *"God's Grace in Seasons of Change: Finding Certain Hope in Uncertain Times"*. Watch for more information to come! Contact the Women's Conference Committee at curcwc@gmail.com if you have any questions.



AT HOME MEMBERS

Christmas Cards for our At Home Members:

2 baskets have been added for **Everdeane Bonnes** and **John & Betty Bos**. Please add them to your list as you prepare cards for our At Home Members. Cards should be placed in the baskets by Dec. 17.

Jennie VanderWoude lives at Holland Home/Raybrook Manor in Grand Rapids.
(2121 Raybrook St. SE #303,
Grand Rapids, MI 49546)

Everdeane Bonnes lives at Royal Atrium Inn in Zeeland.
(400 Parkside Drive, #234, Zeeland, MI 49464)

Happy Birthday



Ida Kamphuis
80 on December 3

CHURCH FAMILY

Vern VanKlompenberg passed away on Wednesday evening, November 29, peacefully at home, surrounded by his family. Visitation with the family will be on Monday, December 4, from 4:00-7:00 PM at North Street; and on Tuesday, December 5, from 10:00 -10:45 AM. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 5, at 11:00 AM at North Street. Please uphold Shirley, Lyle & Barb, and the VanKlompenberg family in your prayers in this time of grief.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROW Group will meet today. **Kevin Viening**, Executive Director of **UPWARD BOUND MINISTRIES**, will be sharing an update on what is happening at the 'old Zeeland Bowling Alley Building'. Grab your coffee and join us at 11:00 AM in *The Grove*.

Sunday Volunteers Needed: North Street needs additional adult (age 18+) men to serve as volunteers in a variety of ways on Sundays. Please contact Nakisha in the office (office@northstreetcrc.org or call 616.772.6971) for more information or to sign up to fill one of these needs:

Ushers: Arrive 30 minutes before the AM and PM services to help folks find a seat in the Sanctuary. These volunteers fill an important role as they help guests feel welcome in our church.

Rovers: Volunteers patrol the building before and during worship. These volunteers ensure the building remains secure, assist those who may arrive late, or have needs during the service.

A Church Christmas Potluck will be held on Sunday, December 10, at 12 noon. 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 of your dishes may be a dessert. Tableware and drinks will be provided.

