

December 8, 2024

(Services available on website northstreetcrc.org)

Morning Worship Service

9:30 AM

Message: Rev. Dirk Koetje

“Salvation Belongs To The Lord”

Jonah 2:1-10

Evening Worship Service

5:30 PM

Sunday School Christmas Program

Message: Rev. Dirk Koetje

“A Census Should Be Taken”

Luke 2:1-7

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 8, 2024

Accompanists: AM Sue Arendsen
PM Sue Lucas, Derek Bostrom
Praise Team: AM Sadie DuBois, Mark DuBois, Taryn DeJong, Bill Lyzenga, Cora Boerman
Rover/Radio: AM Scott Hoek Mark DuBois Zach VandenHeuvel
PM Ron Oskam Allyn Arendsen Zach VandenHeuvel
Ushers: AM & PM Tyler Bostrom (East), Scott Dekkinga (Center), Derek Bostrom (West)
Nursery: AM Sydney Viel, Nakisha DeJong, Elizabeth Venema, Alli Peerbolt
PM Briana Unema, Erica Oskam, Naomi VanDussen, Mazy Sterk
Sound/Projection/Camera Operators: AM James Viel, Alden Lucas, Mitch Boerman
PM James Viel, Larry Redder, Matt VanderPloeg
Children's Worship: Not meeting - Sunday School Christmas Program

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 15, 2024

Accompanists: AM Kristi Boerman, Val Leegwater
PM Ruth Meekhof
Rover/Radio: AM Tim Meekhof Brent Leegwater Zach VandenHeuvel
PM Steven VanAst Todd VandenHeuvel Zach VandenHeuvel
Ushers: AM & PM Greyson Busscher (East), Ben Velderman (Center), Jackson Busscher (West)
Nursery: AM Kathy Ebels, Suann Zwiers, Auggie Schutt, Tyler Mast
PM Chelsea VandenBosch, Heidi Bostrom, Adrie Koetje, Evelyn Busscher
Sound/Projection/Camera Operators: AM Martin Bostrom, Ron Oskam, Tyler Bostrom
PM Jerry Redder, Ron Oskam, Tyler Bostrom
Children's Worship: Sara Boerman, Barb Harmsen, Lydia Busscher

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 8, 2024
Pastor Dirk Koetje

THIS WEEK

Sunday - December 8

Second Sunday in Advent - "PEACE"

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
Welcome of New Members
10:50 AM Sunday School/Catechism meets
Program Practice in Sanctuary
11:00 AM Women's Bible Study - *Council Room*
12 noon Christmas Potluck - *'The Grove'*
4:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - *'The Grove'*
5:30 PM Evening Worship Service
Sunday School Christmas Program
NO Children's Worship tonight
7:00 PM High School Youth Group - *'The Cellar'*
Meal provided by Brent & Val Leegwater

Monday - December 9

- 7:00 PM Congregational Meeting
7:00 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday - December 10

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

Wednesday - December 11

- 6:30 PM Jr. Cadets/Cadets will meet
(Boys - 2nd - 6th grades)
6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group Meeting
(Boys & Girls - 7th & 8th grades)
6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - *'The Grove'*

Thursday - December 12

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

Saturday - December 14

- Nerf Battle Youth Group Event (6th - 12th grades)
Meet at Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 15 Baptism - AM Service
Theodore Martin Rottschafer
Dec. 15 High School Youth Group meets
Meal provided by Keith & Kristi Boerman Family
Dec. 16 Executive Committee Meeting
Dec. 16 Elders/Deacons Meetings
Dec. 18 Cadets Christmas Party
Dec. 18 GEMS Christmas Party



PRAYER CORNER



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

Gert Driesenga continues to recover following a car accident and we praise the Lord for sparing her life, in light of all that has happened. We give thanks that she is expected to make a complete recovery and we continue to pray for her to be restored to health soon. We also pray for her husband **Rog** as he cares for his wife.

Mary Geerlings underwent surgery last week to remove a kidney stone. We are thankful that she is home and doing well and pray for her to make a complete recovery.

Ida Kamphuis remains hospitalized after a fall and declining health. She has started her kidney dialysis treatments and we pray that these will be effective. We also pray for her husband **Bob** as he continues to walk alongside his wife on this journey.

Betty Kroll continues to recover at home following radiation treatments at the Cleveland Clinic. We pray that this radiation is effective at killing the cancer cells.

Ken VerBeek was hospitalized following a heart attack this past Monday, December 2. We pray that Ken will be restored to health so he can return home soon.

North Street Missionary Don Slager is expected to return home on Monday, December 9. We pray for his safe return and continue to pray that his Bible translation work in Liberia is effective.

Continue to pray for those under Palliative or Hospice care:

Carolyn (Carrie) Redder **Jack VenHuizen**

Council Member of Focus:
Elder Bill Lyzenga

COUNCIL NEWS

Offering Schedule:

December 8: AM North Street CAP
PM Doors of Hope

December 15: AM Abide Project
PM Right to Life Education Fund

New Members will be welcomed during this Morning's Worship Service:

The Elders accepted the membership transfer of **Adam & Janna Buttimer and their children Clara and John** to join our fellowship here at North Street. The Buttimers come to us from Family Church in Zeeland.

Adam & Janna Buttimer

340 W. Main Avenue

Zeeland, MI 49464

Cell Phone: Adam: 1.616.403.3057

Janna: 1.616.403.5885

Email: Adam: ajabuttimer@gmail.com

Janna: jannabuttimer@gmail.com

The Elders accepted the membership transfer of **Bud & Robin Miedema** to join our fellowship here at North Street. The Miedemas come to us from Vriesland Church in Zeeland.

Bud & Robin Miedema

7120 Gordon Street

Zeeland, MI 49464

Cell Phone: Bud: 1.616.836.1498

Robin: 1.616.836.5209

Email: Bud: bmiedema50@gmail.com

Robin: robin.miedema60@gmail.com

The Elders accepted the membership transfer of **Jason & Lindsey Wagenmaker and their children Natalie and Annalise** to join our fellowship here at North Street. The Wagenmakers come to us from Faith CRC in Holland.

Jason & Lindsey Wagenmaker

979 East Bluff Ct.

Zeeland, MI 49464

Cell Phone: Jason: 1.616.638.8311

Lindsey: 1.616.638.3920

Email: lindsey.wagenmaker@gmail.com

The **2025 Proposed Budget** is in your church mailbox. A Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, at 7:00 PM, to discuss and vote on the proposed budget. If you have any questions or concerns beforehand, feel free to contact **Nick Venema** or **Nick Fortosis**. Any member who would like to request an **absentee ballot** should reach out to **Clerk Brian Busscher**. Filled out absentee ballots can be placed in the *'Ballot Box'* near the elevator in The Narthex.

Please Note: All receipts for reimbursement and Invoice for payment for 2024 **must be turned in by Wednesday, December 18, 2024**. Please place these items in the Treasurer's mailbox in The Narthex.

The **Deacons** would like you to consider **Parkview Adult Foster Care Home** in your year-end giving. They have experienced a deficit this past year due to increased costs and reduced contributions. For additional information, please contact your church representative, **Terry Boerman**, or contact **Jennifer Letcher**, Parkview Administrator (admin@parkviewafchome.org). Thank You!

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Dr. Mike Johnson, President and Founder of **Ascending Leaders**, helps churches, disciples, and leaders flourish through coaching churches on discipleship and vitality, teaching on discipleship in congregations, and resourcing churches and individuals with effective disciple materials. More information is available at www.ascendingleaders.org.



AT HOME MEMBERS

Kris Michmerhuizen lives at The Cortland Holland.

(445 - 104th Avenue, Holland, MI 49423)

Everdeane Bonnes lives at The Vines Senior Home in Elgin, Illinois.

(mail should be sent to her c/o Dwight Bonnes
11142 Shakespeare Avenue Westchester, IL 60154)



Don Mannes

81 on December 11

CHURCH FAMILY

Jennie VanderWoude passed away on Monday, December 2. Her funeral service was held this past Friday, December 6, at Yntema Funeral Home. We express our sympathies to her family and pray that the Lord would give her family peace during this time.

Wilma Busscher's brother, **Harold Walters**, age 95 of Hudsonville, passed away on Monday, December 2. We extend our sympathies to Wilma and the Walters family and pray that the Lord would give them peace in this time of loss.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM INFORMATION



Little Lambs Choir (threes-1st grade) will practice in the Sanctuary this morning during the Sunday School time (10:50-11:45 AM).

Children's Choir (2nd-5th grades) will practice in the Sanctuary this morning during the Sunday School time (10:50-11:45 AM).

Middle School Students will practice in the Sanctuary this morning during the Sunday School time (10:50-11:45 AM).

The Sunday School Christmas Program, 'The Shepherds And The Savior' will be a part of our Evening Worship Service tonight. The Middle Schoolers, Children's Choir, and the Little Lambs will meet in 'The Grove' at 5:10 PM that evening. We look forward to sharing this program with the Congregation, Family, and Friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The December Missions Newsletter is available in your Church mailbox. For our regular attendees, a copy of this monthly Newsletter is available at the 'Sign-up Station' in the Narthex (north stairwell by the elevator). Pick up a copy and stay informed about the Mission causes North Street supports!

Devotional Book Exchange: Do you have any devotional books that you or your family have already read and no longer need? Or perhaps you are looking for a new devotional to start, with the new year soon upon us. If so, consider donating your devotional books by bringing them to the specified table set up outside of the church office. (Please make sure there is no handwriting in the books). The donated books can be for readers of any age. If you don't have any books to donate but would like a new one, please help yourself to any of the books on the table for you or your family. The idea is simple; donate a book OR take a book OR both! The table will be set up only for the month of December. Enjoy! If you have any questions, feel free to contact **Kathy Busscher**.

Attention North Street Campers: Plans are being made to camp at **Dutch Treat Campground** the week of **July 11-19, 2025**. There is a sheet at 'The Sign-up Station' in the Narthex so we can determine how many sites to reserve. **TODAY is the last day to sign up**. If you wish more information, contact **Earl Mokma** (616.635.9582).

North Street Guatemala 2025 Mission Trip Fundraiser: Wolfies Sandwiches in Zeeland has graciously offered to donate 15% of their sales on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week, December 11 & 12, from 3:00-8:00 PM. This is in honor of their employee and Mission Trip participant **Erica Oskam**! Wolfies has take-out and on-line ordering options as well as dine-in. We invite you and your friends to stop by the Restaurant to enjoy dinner, while blessing our Mission Team with your support.

North Street Seniors will NOT be having their monthly breakfast during the winter months. We will resume in the Spring of 2025!

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Borculo Christian School PreSchool: At Borculo Christian School, we believe in laying a solid foundation for a lifetime of learning, faith, and growth. Our Christ-centered preschool program nurtures young hearts and minds, helping them explore God's world in a safe, loving environment.

We invite you to experience the BCS difference at our **Early Childhood Open House on Thursday, January 9, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM**. Tour our classrooms, meet our dedicated teachers, and see how we integrate God's Word into joyful learning experiences tailored for preschool-age children.

Early enrollment for alumni and current BCS families opens on **Monday, December 2**, offering priority access to this special opportunity.

If you are unable to attend the Open House or would like to schedule a private tour of BCS, don't hesitate to contact the school office. We'd be delighted to show you around and answer any questions about Borculo Christian and how a Christ-centered education can bless your child's faith formation.

Whether you're a parent of a future preschooler, an alumnus, or a community supporter, help us spread the word! Together, we can ensure the next generation begins their educational journey rooted in Christ.

To learn more, visit our website or call the school office. We can't wait to welcome your little one to the BCS family!

The King's Choraliars invite you to celebrate the birth of our Savior by joining them at their annual Christmas concert *Jesus, Brightest and Best* on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 PM at LaGrave Avenue CRC in Grand Rapids. Their guest vocal group will be the Unity Christian High School Choral Ensemble. Additional guest instrumentalists will also be featured as well as a carol sing. A Free will offering will be received.

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive at **Bethel Church** (515 E. Main Avenue, Zeeland) on Friday, December 13, from 11:00 AM - 3:45 PM. You can schedule your appointment at bethelchurchzeeland.org/events.