

December 15, 2024

(Services available on website northstreetcrc.org)

Morning Worship Service

9:30 AM

Message: Rev. Dirk Koetje
“The God Who Shows Mercy”
Jonah 3:1-10

Evening Worship Service

5:30 PM

Message: Rev. Dirk Koetje
“Shadows And Substance”
Colossians 2:16-17
Belgic Confession; Article #25

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 15, 2024

Accompanists: AM Kristi Boerman, Val Leegwater
PM Ruth Meekhof, Sue Arendsen Prelude: Jennifer Fortosis
Baritones: Paul Mulder, James Viel
Praise Team: AM Bri Unema, Sydney Viel, Lyndsey Smith; Cajon: Dan Sterk
Ministry of Music: AM Val Leegwater, Nick & Bri Unema, Sydney Viel, Lyndsey Smith,
Garrett & Grace Hilbelink, Aaron & Emma Bos, Miles Hilbelink, Calvin Hilbelink
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, Nakisha DeJong, Auggie Schutt, Tyler Mast
PM Chelsea VandenBosch, Heidi Bostrom, Adrie Koetje, Lillian Bostrom
Sound/Projection/Camera Operators: AM Martin Bostrom, Ron Oskam, Tyler Bostrom
PM Jerry Redder, Larry Redder, Tyler Bostrom
Children's Worship: Sara Boerman, Barb Harmsen, Lydia Busscher

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 22, 2024

Accompanists: AM Sue Lucas
PM Sue Arendsen
Rover/Radio: AM Scott Visser Scott Hoek Zach VandenHeuvel
PM Miles Hilbelink Allyn Arendsen Zach VandenHeuvel
Ushers: AM & PM Lincoln Boersema (East), Luke Worley/Todd VandenHeuvel (Center),
Ryder Boersema (West)
Nursery: AM Nancy Oskam, Laura Visser, Cora Boerman, Brooks Koetje
PM Jan Klompmaker, Leigh VanDussen, Lydia Busscher, Grant Boerman
Sound/Projection/Camera Operators: AM Matt VanderPloeg, Alden Lucas, Jackson Busscher
PM James Viel, Alden Lucas, Jackson Busscher
Children's Worship: Erin Koetje, Adrie Koetje, Luke Mast

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 15, 2024
Pastor Dirk Koetje

THIS WEEK

Sunday - December 15

Third Sunday in Advent - "JOY"

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
Baptism - Theodore Martin Rottschafer
NO Sunday School/Catechism
10:45 AM Education Committee Meeting
11:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal - *'Sanctuary'*
5:30 PM Evening Worship Service
Children's Worship meets - Rm.#1
Story: 'The Magi Show The Way To Bethlehem & Christmas'
7:00 PM High School Youth Group - *'The Cellar'*
Meal provided by Keith & Kristi Boerman Family

Monday - December 16

5:00 PM Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Elders/Deacons Meetings

Tuesday - December 17

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

Wednesday - December 18

6:10 PM Sr.Cadets (Boys 7th & 8th grades)
Meet at Church to go to *'Lost City'*
Parents pickup boys at 8:30 PM @ *'Lost City'*
6:30 PM Jr.Cadets/Cadets will meet
(Boys - 2nd - 6th grades)
Christmas Party
6:30 PM GEMS Christmas Party
(Girls - 2nds - 8th grades)
@ Upward Bound
Parents: drop off girls at 6:30 PM @ *'Upward Bound'*
Pickup girls **inside** at 8:15 PM @ *'Upward Bound'*
6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - *'The Grove'*

Thursday - December 19

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 22 Adult Choir Rehearsal - 11:00AM
Dec. 22 Rev. Scott VanOostendorp - PM Service
Dec. 22 High School Youth Group meets
Meal provided by Curt & Jamie Lucas Family
Dec. 25 Christmas Morning Service - 9:30AM

PRAYER CORNER



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

Randy Boeve continues to struggle with cancer. We pray for wisdom for Randy & Susan as they face some difficult decisions.

Dan DeJonge was scheduled to have spine and elbow surgery on Thursday, December 12. We pray that this surgery works to restore the feeling in his hand. We pray too, for his wife **Beth**, as she cares for him following this surgery.

Ida Kamphuis has moved to Heritage Nursing & Rehabilitation in Zeeland to regain her strength. We pray that her kidney dialysis treatments are effective as well. We also pray for her husband **Bob** as he continues to walk alongside his wife on this journey.

Kristin Sterk was able to have her scheduled heart ablation in Ann Arbor this past Tuesday. While the doctor wasn't able to correct all the misfires in her heart, they were able to address some; and for that we give thanks. We continue to pray for **Dan & Kristin, and Mazy** as heart failure remains a part of their family's story.

Ken VerBeek has returned home following a heart attack on December 2. We continue to pray for him as he recovers.

Don Slager is safely home following his time in Liberia. We give thanks for his safe arrival home and pray that the translation work he was able to complete will be a blessing to those who can now hear God's Word in their own language.

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

Dolores Bouwkamp	Stephan Hilbelink
JoAnn Kiger	Cheryl Kroll
Judy Mokma	Tim Meekhof
Sarah Miedema	Kristin Sterk
Ken VerBeek	Paisley Worley

Council Member of Focus:
Deacon Nick Fortosis

COUNCIL NEWS

Offering Schedule:

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

December 22: AM Casas por Cristo
North Street Mission Trip
PM Gateway Mission

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!

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bridge Youth Ministry Center in Zeeland will be hosting their annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 19, and they are anticipating about 110 kids. Their goal is for each student to leave with a gift.

Listed is a Christmas List of ideas. Gifts should be brought to **The Bridge by Tuesday, December 17.**

Christmas List:

Fluffy blankets Candles
Adidas, Nike, UnderArmour T-Shirts & Sweatshirts
(Adult S,M,L)
Zeeland High School (Chix or Dux) T-Shirts or Sweatshirts (Adult S,M,L)
Baseball Hats - Nike, UnderArmour, Chix, Dux
Girls flannel pajama pants (Adult S,M,L)
Belt bags for girls Claw Clips (for hair) for girls
Nail Polish Bracelets
Journals Bead Kits
Professional Colored Pencils
Papermate Inkjoy gel pens or Papermate felt pens
Nerf guns Basketballs Footballs
Owala Water bottle (boy or girl colors)
Box of Snacks 12 pack of pop
Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Amazon, Meijer
(The Bridge staff/volunteers will gladly do the shopping for you!)

The King's Choraliers 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.

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!



AT HOME MEMBERS

Cheryl Kroll lives at MediLodge of Holland.
(1221 E. 16th Street, Rm.#205, Holland, MI 49423)

Wilma Busscher lives at Royal Atrium Inn in Zeeland.
(400 Parkside Drive, Rm.#224, Zeeland)

CHURCH FAMILY

Jim Staat Sr.'s brother, Nick Staat, age 83, passed away on Thursday, December 5. We pray for the Staat family in this time of loss.

Gert Driesenga would like to "Thank my Church Family for all of your prayers, cards, and well-wishes following my car accident and hospital stay. I am so grateful for our First Responders, Doctors, and Nurses, for their care. Also to my *husband Rog*, who is an excellent care giver and cook! Above all, Thanks be to God for helping me through this experience."

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Rev. Jeong & MiSook Gho work for Resonate Global Ministries in Japan. "We dream a great dream with you for Asia through leadership training ministries including Discovery Bible Study Training, Timothy Leadership Training, and Evangelical Teacher Association Training. More than 200 leaders from Japan, Korea, and neighboring countries participate in our trainings." More information is available at www.resonateglobalmission.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**.

Michigan Hunter Safety Course: All those interested in taking the Michigan Hunter Safety Course Certification should meet in the *'Fireside Room'* on December 22, after the Morning Worship Service for instructions and details. This is sponsored by North Street's Men's Fellowship. Any questions - contact **Terry Boerman**.

