



*North Street Christian Reformed Church*  
December 22, 2024  
Pastor Dirk Koetje

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday - December 22**

***Fourth Sunday in Advent - "LOVE"***

- 9:30 AM Morning Worship Service  
NO Sunday School/Catechism
- 11:00 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal - *'Sanctuary'*
- 11:00 AM Information Meeting - Fireside Room  
For Hunter Safety Course Certification
- 5:30 PM Evening Worship Service  
Rev. Scott VanOostendorp  
Children's Worship meets - Rm.#1
- Story: 'The Boy Jesus In The Temple'
- 7:00 PM High School Youth Group - *'The Cellar'*  
Meal provided by Curt & Jamie Lucas Family

**Tuesday - December 24**

- 6:30 AM Elder Prayer Time

**Wednesday - December 25**

- 9:30 AM Christmas Morning Worship Service

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Dec. 29 Rev. Dr. Dan Kroeze - PM Service  
Old Year's Service
- Dec. 29 High School Youth Group meets  
Meal provided by
- Jan. 5 New Year's Service - AM Service
- Jan. 5 Sunday School/Catechism resumes
- Jan. 7 Worship Planning Meeting
- Jan. 7 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
- Jan. 7 IRBC Class - Fireside Room
- Jan. 8 Cadets meet (Boys - 2nd - 6th grades)
- Jan. 8 Middle School Youth Group (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Jan. 9 Men's Bible Study meets



## 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 difficult decisions.

**Evie Bonnes** was taken to the Hospital this past Wednesday evening with chest pains due to heart failure. We pray for the doctors as they address this health issue. Pray for Evie as she is feeling unwell.

**Dan DeJonge** underwent spine and elbow surgery on December 12. We pray for him during this long recovery process as he waits to see if surgery will work to restore the feeling in his hand. We pray too, for his wife **Beth**, as she cares for him following this surgery.

**Ida Kamphuis** is at Heritage Nursing & Rehabilitation in Zeeland to regain her strength and is doing quite well. 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. 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.

**Brinlie Unema (1-year-old daughter of Nick & Bri)** has been hospitalized after being diagnosed with RSV and the adenovirus. We pray for her and her parents during this time and pray that she will be well enough to return home soon.

**Ken VerBeek** was re-hospitalized last weekend due to weakness and blood pressure concerns. He has since returned home to *The Atrium* and has decided to come under the care of Hospice. Please continue to keep Ken in your prayers.

Continue to pray for those battling cancer:

<b>Terry Boerman</b>	<b>Randy Boeve</b>
<b>Betty Kroll</b>	<b>Linda VanDyke</b>

Council Member of Focus:  
*Elder Rick VanderPloeg*

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Offering Schedule:

**December 22:** AM Casas por Cristo  
North Street Mission Trip (House Building Materials)  
PM Gateway Mission

**December 25:** AM Crossroads Prison Ministry

**December 29:** AM Beautiful Gate  
PM North Street CAP

A **Congregational Meeting** was held on Monday, Dec. 9, for the purpose of approving the **2025 Budget**. Council is pleased to announce that the Budget Proposal was approved as presented and thanks the Congregation for your continued support.

**This Evening we welcome Rev. Scott VanOostendorp** to lead our Worship Service. Pastor Scott & his wife Cyndy have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren. Pastor Scott & Cyndy have lived in Zeeland for the last 39 years, serving as a pastor at an RCA church in town for 33 years, before retiring in 2018. He is currently a part-time staff member at Hudsonville Reformed (PCA) as Pastor of Visitation. Welcome to North Street! We pray that God will richly bless our time together.

**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](mailto:admin@parkviewafchome.org)). Thank You!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Morning's Second Offering is raising funds for Casas por Cristo**, specifically to cover the cost of the house building materials to be used by the Guatemala Mission Team during their trip in February. Total cost for these materials is over \$11,000; an additional \$4,189 is needed to fully fund this portion of the trip. Our NS mission team will build the home and the family then receives the home for free. Thank you for helping us bless a Guatemalan family in this way. If you have questions please see a trip member: *Eric, Nakisha, Taryn, & Lainey DeJong, Calvin Hilbelink, Rick, Linda, & Matt VanderPloeg, Ron & Erica Oskam, Mike & Levi VanAst.*

**The Church Office will be closed this week Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25.**

**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'* after today's Morning Worship Service for instructions and details. This is sponsored by North Street's Men's Fellowship. Any questions - contact ***Terry Boerman.***

**Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study** is gearing up for the Winter Season. In our Bible study on the book of James, author and teacher *Jen Cowart* helps women develop the habits and attitudes necessary to thrive whatever their circumstances. Starting on January 5, we will meet in the Council Room from 11-11:40 AM every other week in order to view a SHORT video teaching and have discussion, as we walk thru this study together. Daily homework is not required, but a workbook is available. Sign-up by January 2 at the 'Sign-up Station' in the Narthex or contact the church office ([office@northstreetcc.org](mailto:office@northstreetcc.org)).



## AT HOME MEMBERS

**John & Betty Bos:**

**John** lives at American House in Holland.

(American House, Baypoint Building, Room #2  
11911 James Street, Holland, MI 49424)

**Betty** lives in their home in Zeeland.

(2477 Rhodora Drive, Zeeland, MI 49464)

## CHURCH FAMILY

**The Guatemala 2025 Mission Team** "Thanks the congregation for your support through our recent dinner fundraisers at Russ' and Wolfies Sandwiches of Zeeland. Wolfies said that our fundraiser was the largest they have ever done because so many from North Street went out to eat! We are grateful too, for those restaurants supporting our trip and are blessed to be a part of such a generous community! Thank You!"

**Ross Harmsen (son of Larry & Barb)** will celebrate his 33rd Birthday on January 5. If you would like to send him a Christmas card or a Birthday card, his parents have provided us with his address:

***Ross Harmsen***

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## FOCUS ON MISSIONS

**Rev. Don Slager** serves as the editor for the Bible translation handbooks of United Bible Societies, which are written for translators worldwide. He is also the consultant for Bible translation projects in Liberia. For more information, send Don an email at [75403.2436@compuserve.com](mailto:75403.2436@compuserve.com) to be added to receive his letters and daily blog.

## COLLEGE STUDENT

**Sarah Kass (daughter of Camille Kass)** is a Senior at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. Her major is Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Chemistry focus) and a Pharmaceutical Chemistry minor. She is taking classes in Pharmaceutical Analysis, Mechanism of Drug Action, Technical and Professional Communication. Sarah is working for Residential Education as a Curriculum Assistant and as a cashier at the local grocery store. Sarah is going to do some stage management for the theatre department. She has applied to the MTU PhD program for Biochemistry! Sarah is celebrating her 22nd Birthday today, December 22! Happy Birthday Sarah! We continue to uphold you in our prayers as you complete your Senior year! Sarah's email is [sgkass@mtu.edu](mailto:sgkass@mtu.edu).

