

North Street Christian Reformed Church
Pastor Dirk Koetje

December 7, 2025
(Services available on website northstreetcrc.org)

Morning Worship Service
9:30 AM

Message by Rev. Dirk Koetje
“A Witness To The Light”
John 1:5-9

**Evening Worship Service
& Children’s Christmas Program**
5:30 PM

Message by Rev. Dirk Koetje
“Their Redeemer Is Strong”
Jeremiah 50:33-34

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 7, 2025			
<i>Accompanists:</i>	AM	Sue Arendsen, Val Leegwater	Prelude: Taryn DeJong, Maverick DeJong
	PM	Sue Lucas	Offertory: Derek Bostrom
		Prelude: Taryn DeJong, Lillian Bostrom, Natalie Wagenmaker, Annalise Wagenmaker	
<i>Advent Readers:</i>	AM	Sue Lucas, Naomi VanDussen	
<i>Ministry of Music:</i>	AM	Val Leegwater (piano), Briana Unema (guitar), Sydney Viel, Lyndsey Smith	
<i>Rover/Radio:</i>	AM	Steven VanAst	Dan Sterk Josh VandenBosch
	PM	Nick Unema	Zach VandenHeuvel Mark DuBois
<i>Ushers:</i>	AM & PM	Luke Mast (East), Brian Mast (Center), Tyler Mast (West)	
<i>Nursery:</i>	AM	Kathy Ebels, Emily Rottschafer, Abby Venema, Evelyn Busscher	
	PM	Jan Klompmaker, Barb Harmsen, Sadie DuBois, Thijs DuBois	
<i>Sound/Projection/Camera Operators:</i>	AM	Matt VanderPloeg, Larry Redder, Mitch Boerman	
	PM	James Viel, Larry Redder, Matt VanderPloeg	
<i>Children’s Worship:</i>	PM	NO Children’s Worship - S.S. Christmas Program	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - December 14, 2025			
<i>Accompanists:</i>	AM	Ruth Meekhof	
	PM	Sue Lucas	
<i>Rover/Radio:</i>	AM	Todd VandenHeuvel	Josh VandenBosch Curt Lucas
	PM	Dan Sterk	Mark DuBois Todd VandenHeuvel
<i>Ushers:</i>	AM & PM	Lincoln Boersema (East), Luke Worley/Allyn Arendsen (Center), Ryder Boersema (West)	
<i>Nursery:</i>	AM	Grace Hilbelink, Chelsea VandenBosch, Naomi VanDussen, Brooks Koetje	
	PM	Leigh VanDussen, Suann Zwiers, Adrie Koetje, Lauren Boerman	
<i>Sound/Projection/Camera Operators:</i>	AM	Martin Bostrom, Ron Oskam, Jackson Busscher	
	PM	Jerry Redder, Ron Oskam, Jackson Busscher	
<i>Children’s Worship:</i>	PM	Sara Boerman, Derek Bostrom, Maddie Weaver	

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday - December 7
Second Sunday of Advent - "PEACE"
9:30 AM Morning Worship Service
Communion
10:50 AM Sunday School/Catechism meets
(3yrs - 12th grades) 'til 11:45 AM
Program practice in Sanctuary (3yrs-8th grade)
12 noon Church Christmas Potluck Dinner
'The Grove'
4:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - 'The Grove'
5:30 PM Evening Worship Service
Children's Christmas Program
NO Children's Worship tonight
7:00 PM High School Youth Group meets
Meal provided by Adam & Janna Buttimer family

Monday - December 8
7:00 PM Congregational Meeting - *'The Grove'*
Council Meeting to follow

Tuesday - December 9
6:30 AM Elder Prayer Time
3:45 PM Worship Planning Meeting

Wednesday - December 10
6:30 PM Jr.Cadets/Cadets meet
(Boys - 2nd - 6th grades)
6:30 PM Middle School Youth Group meets
(Boys & Girls - 7th & 8th grades)
6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal - *'The Grove'*


Thursday - December 11
6:30 AM Men's Bible Study - *'Fireside Room'*
9:00 AM Hand2Hand Workday - *'The Grove'*

Saturday - December 13
5:45 PM Middle School/High School Outing
Griffins Hockey Game

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent
Dec. 14 Mission Presentation - ReFrame
Dec. 14 High School Youth Group meets
Meal provided by Bentley & Anne Kollen family
Dec. 17 Cadets Christmas Parties
Dec. 17 GEMS Christmas Party

PRAYER CORNER



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

Terry Boerman received a good report at a doctor visit this past week. The doctor heard air flow through all four lobes of Terry's lungs for the first time in 6 years! We rejoice with Terry & Linda and their family as they give thanks to God for this report! We continue to pray that the scan in January will show that the meds and other means are continuing to be effective at treating his lung cancer.

Bob Kamphuis underwent surgery this past Friday to repair a hernia. We pray that the surgery was successful and that his time of recovery will be uneventful. We pray for his wife Ida as she cares for her husband.

Earl Mokma was only able to receive 3 of his 5 chemo infusion treatments this past week due to concerns about his kidney function. He will continue taking his chemo pill and have a repeat blood test on Monday before his next meeting with doctors. We pray that his kidney function will improve and that his modified treatments will continue to be effective at treating his cancer.

Continue to pray for those facing an on-going recovery/chronic illness: *Ida Kamphuis*
JoAnn Kiger *Tim Meekhof*
Kristin Sterk *Paisley Worley*

Council Member of Focus:
Elder Ed Zylstra

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Church Christmas Potluck will be held on TODAY, December 7, 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 take a Hot OR Cold dish. Your cold dish may be a dessert. Tableware and drinks will be provided.

CHURCH FAMILY

Jim & Suann Zwiers would like to express “Our appreciation for your prayers, cards, calls, and words of encouragement after Suann’s foot surgery. Thank You North Street Church family!”


Ethan VanDussen has a new cell phone number:
1.616.758.1756

AT HOME MEMBERS

Rose Worley lives with her daughter and family in Zeeland.
(81 W. Lawrence Avenue, Zeeland, MI 49464)

John Holwerda lives at Royal Atrium Inn in Zeeland.
(400 Parkside Drive, Rm.#128, Zeeland, MI 49464)

Happy Birthday



Don Mannes
82 on December 11

FOCUS ON MISSIONS

Rev. Fikret & Darlene Bocek work for *Global Church Ministries* on church planting, discipleship, Bible and book distribution, and evangelism in their home country of Turkey. More information is available at www.globalchurchministries.us.

Rev. Don Slager, a consultant for Bible translation projects in Liberia for United Bible Society, is in Liberia until Dec. 11. Continue to pray that he and the teams he works with can complete all the necessary checks and corrections of the Maan Bible so it can be sent for typesetting and publications.

COUNCIL NEWS

Offering Schedule:

- December 7:

AM

N.S. Guatemala Trip

PM

Gateway Mission
- December 14:

AM

Harvest Stand Ministries

PM

North Street CAP

The 2026 Proposed Budget: A Congregational Meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, at 7:00 PM in *‘The Grove’* to discuss and vote on the proposed budget. If you have any questions or concerns beforehand, feel free to contact our *Treasurer Nick Fortosis*. Any member who would like to request an **absentee ballot**, should reach out to *Clerk Martin Bostrom*. Filled out absentee ballots can be placed in the *‘Ballot Box’* near the elevator in the Narthex.

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Bridge Youth Ministries Center in Zeeland has a family of 5 students in need of transportation after programming on school days. This would involve picking up 3 kids from The Bridge at 4:30 PM, then picking up 2 kids at Woodbridge Elementary at 4:45 PM. All 5 then need to be driven to the Mission for arrival by 5:10 PM. The prayer is that we could set up a church transportation group willing to split the duties just one day per week. A team of two people is recommended as the students are both boys and girls. The Bridge does have access to a vehicle that could be used. We are hoping this is a temporary solution while the family discovers its next step. Thank you for considering this hands-on ministry opportunity. Please contact *Jed Mulder* at The Bridge Youth Center (616.772.3843).

The Choral Ambassadors will be giving their Christmas concerts entitled *‘Light Has Come’*. Concerts will be held at Dutton URC on December 13 at 7:00 PM and Cornerstone URC on December 16 at 7:00 PM. A freewill offering will be collected for the choir.

