



SULLY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Cultivating space for people to experience the transforming love of Christ.

Prayers, Praise, and Plans

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF CHURCH FAMILY CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Worship Today, December 17, 2023

Pastor Will Verhoef will lead us in morning worship as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

This evening the 412 Youth Group will lead the Candlelight Service, "*Because of Bethlehem, Love is Born. Hope is Here.*"

Church Family Prayers

➤ We offer our sympathy to Clara Hogeveen and Phil and Barb Hogeveen in the passing of Clara's sister Marcella Mueller.

Also, our sympathy to Gary and Lynnette Christensen and Wayne and Nora Ritter in the passing of brother, Wayne Nikkel. We pray for God's comfort and peace in the loss that each of these families is experiencing in this Christmas season.

➤ Remember the baby basket in the quilt room to celebrate the birth of Josie Faith Veenstra.

➤ Out of a desire to care for all our members, each week we will be placing names of shut-ins for you to remember in prayer. This week we want to specifically remember Don and Delores Van Rees and Mildred Van Soelen.

Next Week Sunday, December 24

Next week Sunday morning Mr. Scott Roose will lead us in worship.

There will be no evening service.

Offering: 412 Youth

Nursery Assignment: Melanie Van Maanen, Ada Van Wyngarden, and Erika Van Maanen

Coffee Servers: Jamie and Michelle Van Kooten

Tyler, Derek, and Emily Van Soelen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Bulletin Deadline Thursday Noon.)

Budget Giving

Total Congregational Giving since June 1, 2023: \$221,034.82

Budgeted goal by December 31, 2023: \$249,006.45

Budget Giving Goal by May 31, 2024: \$426,868.22

Celebrate Christmas at the **Sully CRC high school youth candlelight service**, titled *Because of Bethlehem, Love Is Born. Hope Is Here*, Sunday evening, December 17, at 5:00 pm. Enjoy an evening that includes:

- High school youth on hand bells
- Christmas praise packs for little children
- Kaylee Maasdam, local artist, painting artwork during the service

Results of the Congregational Meeting of December 4: Proposal #1 - failed with 66% in favor, Proposal #2 - failed by a narrow margin of 74% in favor.

Sunday school children 3yrs-4th grade will be singing at the beginning of the December 24 AM service. Please have your child(ren) meet in the fellowship hall by 9:15. They will be dismissed to find you after we are done singing. If you have any questions, contact Jentri Van Wyngarden (641-780-2191).

Pre-Profession of Faith class: The Discipleship Committee will be offering a question and answer session for those who are thinking about or want to know more about making profession of faith. The date is Wednesday, December 20, 6:00 pm, at the Church. We will be providing pizza so please let Mike Van Soelen know at 641-780-3953 if you have any questions or if you would like to attend.

Blue Christmas Service: Are the holidays hard for you? Are you struggling with grief or loneliness this holiday season? The Blue Christmas Service is offered especially for those hurting, whether you are mourning the death of a loved one, suffering from illness, addiction, or estrangement. We gather in the midst of suffering to remember God is good. God is strong. God is near. You are invited to a Blue Christmas Service on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room of Gateway Nazarene Church, 140 Gateway Drive, Oskaloosa, IA 52577.

Thrive Faith Formation Tip - ". . . and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." In what ways might you make more space for Jesus in your everyday life? Learn more at crcna.org/FaithPracticesProject

COUNCIL FUNCTION/DISTRICT

ELDERS

Lawrence Van Zee (24)..... Team 1
Mike Arkema (24)..... Team 4
Rick Vos (24) Vicar
Roger Zylstra (25) Team 6
Gary Christensen (25)..... Team 5
Landon Van Zante (25)..... Clerk
Dale Van Wyk (26)..... Chairman
Tim Vander Schel (26)..... Team 2
Nolan Vos (26)..... Team 3

DEACONS

Rick Jansen (24) Collection Fund, Team 5
John De Berg (24)..... General Fund
Kyle Van Kooten (24) B & G, Team 2
Mike Vander Molen (25)..... Benevolence, Team 3
Trevor Nikkel (25)..... Secretary, Team 6
Dennis Schut (26)..... Chairman
John Kramer (26)..... Vicar/Auditor, Team 4
Zach Dunsbergen (26) Team 1

CHURCH PROGRAM

Sunday

Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM
Prayer Meeting..... 8:45 AM
Church School..... 10:45 AM
*Growing in Grace..... 7:00 PM
*Truth Seekers..... 7:00 PM

Tuesday

*Coffee Break Ministry 9:30 AM

Wednesday

*Ruth Circle..... 1:00 PM
*Share Your Faith..... 6:45 PM
*GEMS 6:45 PM
*Cadets 6:45 PM
*412 High School Youth Group..... 7:00 PM
* Indicates these groups meet September through March.
Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM (year-round)

INFORMATION

Secretary Glenda Vander Leest—Office 594-3491 (cell-641-780-6166), bulletin deadline Thursday, 12:00am
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Worship Coordinator Jodi De Berg – 319-243-8754 email: worshipsullycrc@netins.net
Cancellations KCWN (99.9 FM), WHO (TV 13), and KCCI (TV 8)
Church Use Church Office – 594-3491
Communion Good Friday, third Sunday of February, June, September, and the last Sunday of December.
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Sunday School Superintendent..... Rick Vos
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