

Community Announcements Continued...

- **The Association for the Advancement of Dutch American Studies (AADAS) 2025 Conference**, Hope College, Holland, MI, June 26-28. **Theme:** Post-WWII Dutch Immigration to North America – We are looking for immigrants and their kids to research/assemble their individual/family immigration stories, while we can. What events/things stand out in your mind? Does your family still have items from the Netherlands and why? Get out those letters, photos, and immigration artifacts; talk to those who shared your experiences to affirm/test your recollections; compare your immigrant journey/life against published immigration accounts. How is your family story both personal and representative? We are also looking for research papers on topics related to the conference theme. Possible topics are listed in the Call for Papers, together with other info., on the AADAS website: <https://dutch-americans.org>. Submit an abstract (250 words) of your memoir or research paper to henk.aay@gmail.com before Feb. 1, 2025

Veteran's Day Salute

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country – or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who “came back to faith” during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for 40 years, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. “That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people,” he told a reporter. “I always liked the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it.”

On Veteran's Day, we salute Bergeland & all the men/women who selflessly serve.

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Family of Christ, welcome to worship!

May you sense Jesus' presence and be strengthened in his love.

Today at First

Pastor Brian Dunn leads us in worship today. C.G. #1 hosts coffee time.

This evening, walking tacos will be served following the evening worship service.

There will also be games, plan to stay for food, fun, and fellowship.

Next week, Pastor Brian Dunn will lead our services. C.G. #1 hosts coffee time.

Our Church Family

Cole & Danielle Habben moved to Stafford, VA following their wedding in June. Cole started (TBS) The Basic School for Marine training Oct. 15 and they will be there until May. He will graduate on May 16. Then they will move to Florida for Flight School. I'm sure this young couple, would love to receive some mail from home.

Send them a card/note of encouragement to: 200 Lakewood Drive, Apt. 303, Stafford, VA 22554. Keep Cole & Danielle in your prayers.

Nursery Today Julie H., Lori G., Lacey P.

11-17 Wyatt & Breanna C., Ashley B.

Valet Parking Today Dolan Granstra

Nov. 17 Keith Habben

Sound Today Bolkema/Jon/Anthony

Nov. 17 Kassy/Olivia/Amelya

Security Today Tom Van Dyke

Nov. 17 Norm Scholten

Praise Team Today Rachel, Laura, Arlo, Gus

Nov. 17 Avery, Maci, Boden, Ethan

Cookies 11-17 Laura K., Kristin K., Marilyn K.

11-24 Ruth K., Betty K., Lindsey N.

Offerings only for: Gen. Fund, Christian Ed., Above Quota Missions & Classical Min. Shares. Put in offering box, Treasurer's box, or mail to church (901 9th Street).

First CRC Announcements:

- **Special Offering Today for Pacific Island Min. (Eric & Penny Schering).** PIM teachers only make \$200/month! They are very short on their budget.
- **Operation Christmas Child** – please feel free to take supplies available on the narthex table. Deadline for returning boxes – next week Sun., Nov. 17.
- **Christmas Program - Dec. 8, 5 p.m.** Coffee/desserts served afterwards.

Activities This Week

Sun.	10:45 AM	Catechism Classes meet
	10:50-11:10 AM	PreK – 4th Grade Singing Practice
	11:00 AM	Choir Practice
	5:00 PM	Evening Worship Service – stay for walking tacos & games
Mon.	6:15 AM	“The Great De-Churching” Fall Bible Study – last week
Wed.	9:30 AM	Coffee Break Bible Study – study lesson 4.
	6:15 PM	Elders meet
	7:00 PM	Deacons meet
	7:30 PM	Council meets
Sat.	9-Noonish	Cadet Service Project – raking/removing leaves. Check below

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- **Reverse Offering for Love INC Food Pantry** – take 1 or more slips from basket on offering box. Please bring items to the fellowship hall **by Sun., Nov. 24.**

Advance Notice – Mark your Calendars!

- Sun., Dec. 22 - there will be **no evening worship service.**
- Wed., Dec. 25, 9:30 am - **Annual Christmas Day Service** will be held.
- Sun., Dec. 29 - we will have our regular am & pm worship services.
- Wed., Jan. 1, 2025 – there will be **no New Year’s Day service.**

I want to thank all of you for your gifts for Pastor Appreciation. You are incredibly generous! Thank you! It has been a blessing to serve you here at Sheldon First. We are so grateful God continues to affirm our call here. As a pastor, the ups and downs of ministry can often be a challenge. I am grateful for people who have supported my work, even giving me license to experiment and yet remain supportive. Thank you again! I praise God for using me and my family to work in your hearts and in our community. I pray it will continue in his grace, for many years to come! Pastor Brian

Cadets are planning a service project for Sat., Nov. 16, 9-12, or when finished. We would like to rake/remove leaves from peoples yards. Please call/text Jevon Klyn at 712-348-4048 to get on the list. Please include your name & address in text. Thanks!

Sheldon Christian School Announcements:

- **Veterans Day Program** – tomorrow 9 am. Includes all students & band.
- **NICSTO** – Please consider a contribution to SCS through NICSTO helping us reach our \$71,000 goal for tuition assistance. NICSTO contributions due **Dec. 1.** Contributions are vital for affordability to many of our families through this tuition assistance program. Questions, call Mr. Marlin Schoonhoven at SCS.

Unity Christian Announcements:

- **Veterans Day Chapel** – Mon., Nov. 11, 9:55 am in Knight Cntr. Veterans may dress in uniform and will be honored. Veterans/students will participate in this celebration to honor men/women who have served in the protection of U.S.A.
- **Combo Night** – Thur., Nov. 14, 7 p.m. *Mannenkoor* One-Act play, and The Cast. Purchase tickets through Bound. Adults - \$8, K-12 - \$5.
- **Middle School Open House** – Mon., Nov. 25, 7-8:30 p.m. All middle school students/parents are invited. Meet in Knight Cntr. 7-7:30 pm., break into sections.

Explore Western – Tues., Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Families w/students are invited to attend our fall showcase. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, & enjoyable experience for prospective families as they learn about “Who We Are” & “What We Do” at Western Christian. If you plan to attend, have ?’s, or would rather schedule an individual tour, contact Brad Vis (605) 359-5704 brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com.

Community Announcements:

- **Coats for Kids** – bring good coats to Love INC till Nov. 14. Coats given away Nov. 14 at Living Water Church. Sponsored by Sheldon Ministerial Assoc.
- **Sheldon Mobile Food Bank** – Thur., Nov. 14, 4:30-6 pm - Coats 4 Kids NE door
- **Sheldon Free Unity Meal** – Mon., Nov. 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m. You are invited to join us for a **free meal** and **groceries to take home** at the Living Water Com. Ch.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** – Fri., Dec. 6, 10 AM – 4 PM at 1st CRC in Sheldon. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:SheldonIA to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome! Give blood. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

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Morning Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

9:30 AM

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Evening Worship – Pastor Brian Dunn

5:00 PM

Opening Service

Call to Worship – Psalm 67 - Responsive

Opening Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“God of Mercy, God of Grace”**

*God’s Greeting/Mutual Greeting

*Song of Praise: **“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”**

Service of Reconciliation

God’s Will for Life – Exodus 20:1-17

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Micah 7:18-20

Children’s Message

Service of the Word

Song of Preparation: **“Here I Am to Worship”**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 3:1-24**

Sermon Title: **“The Curse”**

Prayer for Application

*Song of Praise: **“You Raise Me Up, with Be Still My Soul”**

Service of Dedication

Congregational Prayer

Offering

*Song of Dedication: **“He Leadeth Me”**

*Benediction

*Doxology: **“My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”**

**Please stand, if able.*

We Gather to Worship

Call to Worship – Psalm 131

Silent Prayer

*Opening Hymn: **“As the Deer”**

*God’s Greeting

Responsive Affirmation of Faith: **Article 10 Belgic Confession**

*Song of Praise: **“Your Name”**

Pastoral Prayer

We Hear God’s Word

Hymn of Preparation: **“Like a River Glorious”**

Scripture Passage: **John 1:1-5**

Sermon Title: **“The Divine Christ”**

Prayer of Application

We Respond in Faith

*Song of Dedication: **“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”**

*Benediction/Blessing

*Doxology: **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**Please stand, if able.*