



WHITE CREEK CHURCH

Independent Congregational

2948 14TH Lane Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 53965

Village of White Creek, Rural Adams County

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December 24, 2023

Morning Service

Welcome to Worship

Meet and Greet

Announcements

Offering

Doxology

Devotional - ADVENT -

Special Music/Prayer Requests

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Every member of the congregation is in the choir for this beautiful concert of Music and Scripture. Please meditate on the readings, and joyfully join in the singing. Hallelujah!

Hymn 83 "Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

Scripture

Hymn 82 "O Little Town Of Bethlehem"

Scripture

Hymn 88 "Joy To The World"

Scripture

Hymn 87 "Silent Night"

Scripture

Hymn 90 "The First Noel"

Scripture

Hymn 84 "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear"

Scripture

Hymn 92 "Away In The Manger"

Scripture

Hymn 80 "Silent Night"

Scripture

Hymn 83 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Prayer

CALENDAR

Sundays: Adult Sunday School - 9:15 A.M.

Morning Service - 10:30 A.M.

Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study - 10:00 A.M.

Senior Housing Clubhouse, Adams

Thursdays: Men's Bible Study @ Church - 5:30 P.M.

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service - 5 P.M.

December 25th - MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 31st - New Years Eve Gathering - 6 P.M.

January 1st - HAPPY NEW YEAR

January 20th - Women's Gathering at White Creek

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Bible Study will not meet this week. Please make plans to meet with the Ladies next week.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday from 5:30 to about 7:00 P.M. the men meet for Bible Study. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. All men are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

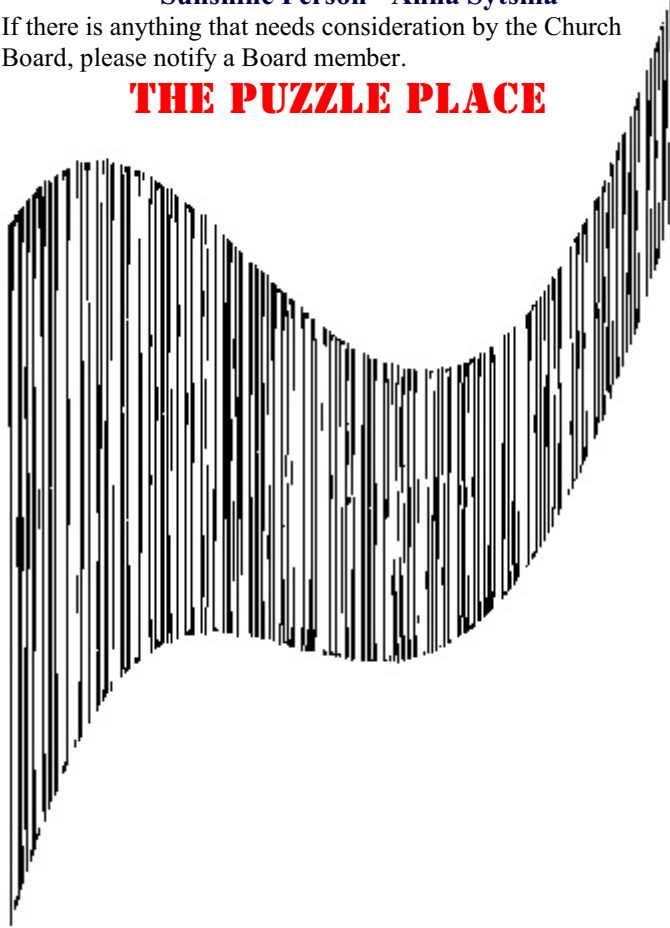
Please check the bulletin board in the Sunday School room. The top half is filled with greetings from Church folks. The bottom contains Season's Greetings from our missionaries.

CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS 2024

Pastor: Sam Downey
Clerk: Pam Morse
Treasurer: Meryl Lanphear
Deacons: Martin Sytsma
Stuart Burdick Moderator
Trustees: Larry Smith
Skip Collins
David Seelenbinder
Missions Director:
Beverly Downey
Other Officers :
Custodian - Meryl Lanphear
Sunshine Person - Anna Sytsma

If there is anything that needs consideration by the Church Board, please notify a Board member.

THE PUZZLE PLACE



REFERENCE:

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pat Townsend 2	Martin and Anna Sytsma 12
Chelle Sytsma 3	Travis & Michelle Clausen 14
Herb Babcock 15	
Ava Clausen 16	Matt & Kathy Anderson 18
Michael Smith 20	Sam & Beverly Downey 23
Gary Bacon 30	
Remi Clausen 31	

Please let us know about additions or corrections.

NEW YEARS EVE SERVICE

We will have a service on Sunday evening, New Years Eve, at 6 p.m. weather permitting. Come for an hour, or stay until next year! What a great way to start 2024!

ADVENT

We want to thank Nancy Burdick-Seelenbinder, and all those she recruited to help, for volunteering to lead us in observing Advent this year.

CONSIDER THIS

One of my favorite Scriptures as we prepare for a New Year is this:
Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13,14

We often contextualize that verse in a negative light, as if saying, "Things were bad last year, but they'll be better in 2024 because, well, they couldn't get any worse!" That is a valid point, but leads us to a false conclusion. We sometimes forget that God is still in control of things, and is still teaching us valuable truths through the experiences we live through. We must continue to live our lives by faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, no matter what transpires around us. We can't just assume things will be better, we must trust God to lead us to the better!

An even greater danger may be having a really good year, without realizing that the cause was the blessing of God. Remember that past success does NOT guarantee future success. Past success may, in fact cast a reflection on the future that distorts reality and gives a false sense of well-being. You, too, must forget the past and pursue God's will for your life in the future. Indeed, you have the past to build upon, but it is truly God who does the building, as we continually trust in Him. And it is so easy to rest on our past accomplishments, saying, "Look what I have done." But it is Paul who reminds us, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!" The past, with its successes or failures can't hold a candle to what God has prepared for those who love Him.

Let's get on with it!

Pastor Sam

PRAYER LIST

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.." [Romans 8:26](#)

Susan Burdick Sonny and Patrick
Kathy