

## Prayers of Praise and Petition

If you have prayer requests, call  
Diane Sessions @ 696-0877

### Prayers of Praise

1. For the opportunity to give out gift cards as a way of sharing God's love this Christmas season.
2. For the fellowship and good times had at the Christmas dinner this past week.

### Prayers of Petition

1. Pray for our members who are traveling for Florida for the winter.
2. Pray for Diane Sessions' sister Bobbi who was admitted to the hospital this week with serious health issues.

### Contact Numbers

For information about Pioneer's programs and how to volunteer :

**Robin Van Wyk** 616.432.9807

To have an announcement placed in the bulletin:  
**Kerri Neymeiyer** 231.250.4261

### 800 Club Fundraiser

Squares Taken: 150, Squares Available: 650

**Total Raised: \$31,526**

### Overall Financial Picture

Building Fund Balance: **\$279,479.32**

Estimated Building Costs: **\$542,000**

Funds Needed to Build: **\$262,520.68**

## What's Going On At Pioneer

### Servants for December 18, 2016

**Greeters:**

**Nursery: (AM)**

**Refreshments:** Gayle F

**Prayer Servant:** Doug V

**Sunday School:** Program

**Saturday Setup:** Smelik Family

### Servants for December 25, 2016

**Greeters:**

**Nursery: (AM)**

**Refreshments:** None

**Prayer Servant:**

**Sunday School:** None

**Saturday Setup:**

### Offering, December 11, 2016

**General Fund:** \$1135.00

**Special:** (World Renew) \$93.17

**FCF:** \$20

### Upcoming Events at Pioneer

**December 23,** Women's Bible Study,  
10 AM

### This Week's Birthdays/Anniversaries

None

## Pioneer Christian Reformed Church December 18, 2016

Welcome Friends! Come join us to  
love and learn about The Lord.



*"While they were there, the time came  
for the baby to be born..."*  
Luke 2:6

**Sunday Worship Services: 10:00 AM  
6:00 PM**

Interim Pastor Jerry Blom 406.600.9129

Elders Art Bliss 616.696.1443

Doug Van Wyk 616.862.4398

Darryl Norquist 616.887.0664

Deacons Bob Deurloo 231.250.2267

Anne Howell 616.636.5616

*We celebrate The Lord's Supper on the  
third Sunday of February, April, June,  
August, October and December.  
Nursery is available downstairs for  
children ages 0-4.*

**Visit us online: [www.pioneercrc.org](http://www.pioneercrc.org)**

## ***Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00AM***

*Pastor Jerry Blom, Leading*

### ***We Gather For Worship***

**\* Call to Worship**

**\*Songs of Praise:**

*We Three Kings* 288: 1,2,5

**\* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other**

**Children's Program**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* 250: 1-2

*Away in a Manger* 262: 1-2

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing* 277: 1,3

*Joy to the World* 270: 1-2

### ***We Celebrate the Advent Season***

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Song of Response:**

*O Holy Night!* 285: 1,3

### ***We offer our Prayers and Gifts***

**Prayer**

**Offering: 1:** General Fund **2:** Benevolence

**Next Week:** Future Church

*Children are now dismissed for Sunday School*

### ***We Hear from God's Word***

**Text:** Luke 2: 1-7

**Title:** All I Want for Christmas is Love

**\*Song of Response:**

*What Child is This?* 281: 1,3

### ***We Celebrate Communion***

**\*Song of Response:**

*Silent Night! Holy Night!* 253: 1,4

### ***God Sends Us Out to Love and Serve***

**\*Benediction:**

**\*Doxology:**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* 271: 1-2

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle:**

**Speaker 1:** Once God's plan was a mystery, hidden from our sight. Now God has disclosed what was kept secret for so very long; He has brought it out into the light. In the brighter light on this fourth Sunday in advent, may we see more clearly the glory of God in Christ and sing of the steadfast love of the Lord forever.

Speaker 2: "With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever. Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens." Psalm 89: 1b-2

Speaker 3:

Light four candles, see them glow,  
Brightly, so that all may know  
How four candles show the way  
Making our darkness bright as God's day.

Speaker 4: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever. Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

**All: Dear God, your faithfulness has been great, leading us to this day of anticipation and celebration. May the glorious light of your steadfast love shine brightly in us and through us, that all may give you praise and glory. In the Savior's name we pray, amen.**

## ***Announcements***

1. Pastor Blom has prepared daily advent devotions. The week 4 booklets are available on the back table. Each family is invited to take one and read along through the week.
2. There will be no evening services for the duration of the winter. We will resume 6 PM services in April.
3. As announced during last week's service, this year we are handing out Gift Cards along with a small Christmas card from the church to people throughout the community. There are still a small number of cards available to hand out, so if you'd like to take part please see Bob Deurloo. This is an awesome way of being a blessing to the people of Cedar Springs.
4. Please pray for Beverly Emmorey who was admitted to the hospital Friday night and then again yesterday, following complications with her diabetes.