



From the Together, Inc. website – ([togetheromaha.org](http://togetheromaha.org))

In the past 12 months, we provided a total of 35,046 services to local people and families in need through our free food pantry, Together Store, and financial assistance programs.

- Our community needs your support more than ever. Families all over metro Omaha are experiencing the anxiety and heartache of a financial crisis. The sudden loss of one income, high unexpected medical bills – these things can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time.



### Prayer & Praise

† Healing for **Marla**, who has a hairline fracture in her arm.

† Prayers for Jeanette's grandson, **Seth**, who is recovering from heart surgery that closed a hole in his heart last Thursday in Kansas City.

† **Bobby** as he is on his west coast Mannheim Steamroller tour. Pray for his success as well as success and travel mercies for the entire Mannheim tour.

† Marla's brother, **Kenny** (Dave's dad), who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He will be starting chemotherapy this week.

† **Those who are looking for work.**

† The Lee & Dolores ask for prayers for their grandson, **Jacob**, serving in the army in Afghanistan. Also please pray for all our service men and women serving all over the world for us.

December 20, 2009  
—Fourth Sunday of Advent—

### **Prelude Song**

"Friend of God"

### **Welcome**

"The First Noel"

"Let Your Light Shine Out" (Kid's Choir)

### **Greeting**

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

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

"Love Has Come"

### **Children's Message**

(Children in Worship Dismissal)

### **Message**

Series: *Jesus is the Light of the World*

"**Eternal Light**"

*Revelations 21:1-5, 21:22, 22:6 (page 1139)*

Response—*Special Music*

### **Offerings**

*Ministries of Prairie Lane Church*

*PLC Building Expansion Fund*

Song: "Christmas Offering"

### **Closing Song**

"Joy to the World"

**Prairie Lane Church**

*Together in Christ's Presence*

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**W**elcome to **Prairie Lane Church!** As we gather to worship during Advent, we meditate about the coming of Christ. We welcome the living Christ into our midst today. And we also warmly welcome all who have come to join in the celebration of the coming of the One who brought light and life to earth. We invite everyone to linger for fellowship after the service. Joy to the world!

- You are invited to stay after worship so that we may meet you. Give us a chance to greet you personally, in his name during the coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.
- All our guests are welcome to participate in any of the educational opportunities offered this morning. For Sunday school classes, any of our members will be happy to help direct you to the correct class..

**Nursery** is available upstairs, you may ask the usher for directions.

**Communication Cards:** We'd love it if everyone filled out the basic information on the front side.

- If you are a regular attendee, just your name is enough. If you are a guest, please fill out the card so that we can get to know you better, and place it in the offering bag.
- If you have a prayer request or praise, please fill out the back of the card. Pastor Dan and the elders consider it a privilege to lift you up in prayer—if the prayer is of a sensitive nature, it will not be shared beyond Pastor Dan and the elders. Let us know if it is okay to share with the congregation by checking “*please share with the PLC family*”.

**Our first offering** today is for **Prairie Lane Church**. Bringing a gift to God is a regular part of our worship. If you are a guest today, don't feel you have to contribute—the only gift we'd like from you is your Communication Card. Consider this service our gift to you!

**Our second offering today** is for **The PLC Building Expansion Fund**. Our plan is to end our 3-year building pledge drive on schedule on April 25, 2010. As of right now, we owe \$90,000 on our short- term loan, but we see this as an achievable goal for our church. This number means we only have about 15% of our pledge remaining—and we have collected **\$488,000 toward our pledge!**

**Larger print** Bibles are available in the back of the worship center.

**If you have a special concern on your heart**, the prayer room is open after the service. One of our elders will be happy to meet with you there.

**About the Christian Reformed Church (CRC):** Prairie Lane Church is part of a Christian denomination which consists of about 1,000 churches across the US and Canada. Our roots can be traced back to the Protestant Reformation, and our doctrinal outlook is "Calvinist". So, we believe in God's sovereignty, in the authority of the Bible and in the transforming work of Jesus; in our worship we emphasize congregational singing and Biblical sermons. You may visit our website [omahacrc.org](http://omahacrc.org) to learn more.

**Special Advent Series** — *Jesus is the Light of the World*—from November 29-December 24. We have several special things planned, and this will be a great time to invite a friend to Prairie Lane.

**Special Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7PM** — We hope you can come to this meaningful service of carols & readings. If you have any bells at home, please bring to the service. Be sure to invite a friend!

**Next Sunday is the last Sunday of 2009** — We will celebrate communion and Patrick Durkee will preach.

**The Outreach Team** will have its next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7PM in the Upper Room. Anyone who would like to have input regarding the 2010 VBS program is welcome to attend. Please talk to Mark A. if you have any questions.

**Service Schedule** You should have received a copy of the PLC Service Volunteer schedule in your church mailboxes last week. Reminder—you may also find the schedule on our website ([omahacrc.org](http://omahacrc.org)) by clicking on the “Greet/Ush/Nurs/Coffee Sched” link on the Upcoming Events calendar on the homepage.

**Summer Mission Program** - Go for a summer...be changed forever! Visit [www.crw.org/smp](http://www.crw.org/smp) for information about Christian Reformed World Missions' Summer Mission Program 2010. Young adults can learn about cross-cultural ministry with CRWM missionaries and their national ministry partners in Eastern Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Applications are due Feb. 12. Don't miss this great opportunity!

**Merry Christmas from CRWRC** - Thanks for continuing to bless the poor through CRWRC in the year past—and especially for your recent gift of \$287. We praise God for your loving hearts.

*We want to say thank you for all the demonstrations of Christian love, prayers, encouragement and support shown in so many ways to our family these past couple months. Words can't even begin to express how much this has all meant to us. God has truly blessed us with our Prairie Lane church family!*

— *The Brummel family*