

## SUNDAY, January 1, 2017

**WELCOME** to all who have joined us for worship today!

Please join us for coffee/tea/juice in the fellowship hall after the service – we would like to get to know you!

### Hearing assistance



A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Worship Today

We welcome Michael Ribbens to the pulpit today while Pastor Kory is gone. Mike and Megan serve with CRWM in Johannesburg, South Africa and Covenant is privileged to partner with them by supporting their ministry through financial gifts and prayers. In light of the holiday, there will be no evening worship tonight.

### Offerings for January

AM		PM	
8	General/Building Fund		World Renew: General Fund
15	Christian Education Fund		Justice For All
22	Mission Fund		Cadet Sunday at Faith CRC
29	Tuition Assistance Fund		Bethany Christian Services

<b>Last week's offering</b>	World Renew: Haiti Response	\$1037.00
	Missions Fund	\$900.36

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Jenni Mellema, Dallas Apol, Jo Alberda, Paola Gracia, Kaden Fritsch*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Josue & Ana Feliciano, Andy & Rachel Landman, Mark & Sara Hulstein*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mike Pitsenberger.

### The January Series

The January Series is coming to Covenant this week! We will once again be a remote site for Calvin College's annual lecture series. Enjoy access to a wide variety of lectures free of charge each weekday at 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM from **January 4-24**. Check out the weekly calendar for this week's speakers and the January Courier for the full schedule!

### Sunday School and Covenant Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, **January 8** at 9:00 AM, but there will not be a Covenant Sunday morning class next week.

### Hosting the Community Unity Meal

Help us make the January Community Unity Meal a success! We need several volunteers to help with the meal on Thursday, **January 12**. The sign-up sheet is in the back of church. All ages are encouraged to help. If you are not able to volunteer that day but would like to contribute, we will accept monetary donations to cover the cost of food. Make checks payable to Covenant CRC with SAM committee in the memo line. Donations can be brought to the church office or to Kris Vander Plaats' mailbox.

## Justice For All Serve Trip Opportunities

If you're interested in a JFA serve trip or would like to meet others who are going on the various trips, join us on Tuesday **January 10** at 6:00 PM for pizza, an informational meeting, and a time to get to know each other. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by **January 6** to Lauren (712-476-2804 or laurenk@jfa-nwiowa.org).

Serve trip opportunities:

- Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX: January 27-February 3
- Spencer Perkins Center, Jackson, MS: February 18-24
- Voice of Calvary, Jackson, MS: February 25-March 3
- Grace Reigns, Colorado City, AZ: March 19-25

## Business Leader Breakfast

Join other area business leaders and Patrick Lai for a breakfast on Tuesday, **January 10**. Lai believes Christian business people and entrepreneurs have unanticipated opportunities to build kingdom-strategic business ventures. He provides conceptual foundations for understanding our unique place in global mission and prerequisites for engaging in it. He offers practical resources including strategic planning and step-by-step operational implementation regarding issues as management, sustainability and accountability. Breakfast begins at 6:45 AM in West Commons at Dordt College. The cost is \$8. To register go to <https://patricklai.eventbrite.com>.

## Sioux County Oratorio Chorus

You are invited to come see what's new for the 2017 season of the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **January 10**, when rehearsals will begin in B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt. Dr. Benjamin Kornelis will be leading us this year, and our program will feature Haydn's Missa Brevis 'Sancti Joannis De Deo', also known as the "Little Organ Mass" and an exciting, recent composition of the Psalms of Ascent by Shawn Kirchner called "Songs of Ascent." Rehearsals are Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:15 PM with the performance scheduled for late April. If you have any questions, contact Mike Ochsner (mkchsner@gmail.com). We look forward to making music with you!

## Day of Encouragement

A day to inspire, encourage, and equip God's people for ministry, Day of Encouragement will take place on Saturday, **February 4, 2017**, at Dordt College. This year's keynote speaker is Ed Stetzer, a prolific author and well-known conference and seminar leader. Day of Encouragement also offers a variety of breakout sessions throughout the day focusing on family, worship, youth, tech media, preaching, and shepherding. Early bird registration is available until **January 24** for individuals and groups of 10 or more. Late registration will be available through February 4. Contact the church office if you're interested in registering together for the group rate!

*If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.*

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, January 8
Greeters	AM: Aleisa D-S, Lila S, Kurt V ✦ PM: Adam F, Barb T, Marcia W	
Ushers	AM: Shirley T, Dennis VP, Marty VP ✦ PM: Rockne MC, Marv W	
Coffee	Duane B, Megan H, Robin I, Sally J, Beth VB, Dani W	
Subs	Jenni B, Paul C, Zoe H, Mark H, Jeri S, Kara T	
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ✦ Kyle VP	Kayt F. ✦ Marty VP
Nursery Jan. POM: Haans	AM INF: Chris & Rin G, Sharon V TODDLER: Daryl & Deb H, Kurt V	AM INF: Steve & Pat C, Lisa C TODDLER: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Mark C PM: Jeff & Sara P, Eldon & Marcia W

### GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today</b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship with Communion – Michael Ribbens preaching
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 11:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) January Series: Karin Maag
<b>Thursday</b>	11:30 AM	January Series: Mathew Desmond
<b>Friday</b>	11:30 AM	January Series: Mark Charles
<b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School (grades 1-12) Morning Worship Evening Worship