

SUNDAY, January 8, 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

Last Sunday we celebrated Epiphany and the good news that the birth of Jesus is light for the whole world. The Sunday after Epiphany continues that same theme by celebrating the baptism of Jesus, marking the beginning of Jesus' active ministry. This morning we will consider the account of Jesus' baptism from the Gospel of Matthew. In the evening service, we will return to our series on the book of Numbers, considering together the events following the report of the spies.

Offerings for January

AM	PM
15 Christian Education Fund	Justice For All
22 Mission Fund	Cadet Sunday at Faith CRC
29 Tuition Assistance Fund	Bethany Christian Services

Last week's offering	General/Building Fund	\$9622.75
	Compassion Fund	\$704.40

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Lois Vander Zee, Bryanna Castelan, Terry Friend, Michael Vander Plaats, Willem Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Central Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Van Rathbun.

The January Series

The January Series is in full swing! 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!

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 or sign up online using the link sent by email. 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.



Baby Shower

On Monday, **January 16**, at 7:00 PM, we will gather to celebrate a new baby born into our church family. Join us in welcoming Riley Irene Inlow as we bless her and her family with a baby shower! Mark this date on your calendar!

Sioux County Oratorio Chorus

Sioux County Oratorio Chorus rehearsals begin Tuesday, **January 10**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on Dordt's campus in Sioux Center. This year, we will be singing Haydn's "Little Organ Mass" and a recent composition by Shawn Kirchner called "Songs of Ascent." Come see what we're all about and have fun making music with us! Email any questions to Mike Ochsner (mkchsnr@gmail.com).

Dordt College Concert Choir

The Dordt College Concert Choir invites you to a concert at 7:30 PM on Friday, **January 13**, at B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt College. This free concert is part of a winter tour with performances scheduled in Minnesota, North Dakota, Manitoba, Ontario, South Dakota, and Iowa. Directed by Dr. Benjamin Kornelis, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, ranging from music of the Renaissance and Baroque to recently composed works, as well as folk songs and hymn arrangements, with a special focus on Minnesota composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

CFE Celebration Dinner

Please join the Center for Financial Education as we celebrate 17 years of God's faithfulness to our ministry. Our celebration dinner is planned for Thursday, **January 19** at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Punch will be served beginning at 6:00 PM and dinner at 6:30. Come to hear stories of those whose lives we've impacted, and plan to bid on various centerpieces donated by area businesses and individuals in a silent auction. Please RSVP with number attending to cfeoffice1@gmail.com or by calling 722-3527 by **January 12**. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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 15
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	Kayt F ✦ Marty VP	Doug DB ✦ Dane H
Nursery Jan. POM: Haans	AM INF: Steve & Pat C, Lisa C TODDLER: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Mark C PM: Jeff & Sara P, Eldon & Marcia W	AM INF: Mike & Laura J, Luanne G TODDLER: Laura L, Dave G PM: Adam & Robin F, Kathy DW

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

Troy & Faith Bierma tbierma@gmail.com	Kelly & April Crull crulls@caimail.net	Dan & Jeananne Kuiper djkuiip@aol.com	Sos & Kara Maletoungou smaletoungou@crca.org	Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com
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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School (grades 1-12) Morning Worship Evening Worship
Monday	11:30 AM 7:00 PM	January Series: Reshma Saujani Deacons Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 AM 7:00 PM	January Series: Abraham Nussbaum Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Coffee Break January Series: Gary Haugen GEMS Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	11:30 AM	January Series: Justin Skeesuck & Patrick Gray
Friday	11:30 AM	January Series: Todd Huizenga
Sunday, 15th	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Sunday School (grades 1-12) Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Evening Worship Sunday Evening Bible Study