

SUNDAY, May 14, 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

In this morning's service, we continue our series on discipleship and evangelism by looking together at Matthew's description of Jesus' ministry. There we see that Jesus brings hope, healing, and restoration to the crowds, wherever he goes, then commissions his disciples to do the same. In the evening service, we continue our series on Balaam by looking together at the famous story of Balaam's talking donkey. Together we will consider the stunning reversals in the story and how they point us to the broad story of God's covenant faithfulness.

Offerings for May

	AM	PM
21	Missions Fund	Friendship Bible Program
28	Tuition Assistance Fund	Crossroads Prison Ministries

Last week's offering	Compassion Fund	\$657.25
	World Renew: World Hunger	\$401.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Carol Oostra, Daniel Tazelaar, Tom Tazelaar, Will Breems, Meghan Vos, Yazzie Bierma, John-Patrick McCarthy, Elliot Postma, Zoey Eggebeen

Happy Anniversary this Week

Ethan & Donna Brue, Mark & Barb Tazelaar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Bridge of Hope congregation and their current pastoral search.

Mid-Sioux Reverse Offering Today

Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. is a not-for-profit Community Action Agency established in 1965 to fight poverty at a local level by assisting low-income families in Northwest Iowa to become self-sufficient. Mid-Sioux receives some state and federal funds but the majority of their services are provided by donations. Covenant has the opportunity to help by providing grocery items to help fill their Food Pantry. This morning we will be taking a reverse offering. Please take a slip of paper or two and purchase the item on the paper. Donations should be brought back to church by Wednesday, **May 24**. Items especially needed right now are Spaghetti O's, pasta, mashed potato mixes, canned fruit, and toiletries. They have plenty of peanut butter and tuna.

Lost and Found

It would be great to get the Lost and Found table cleared off soon. Take a minute to check if anything there is yours, and feel free to take things home if you can use them. There are also a few coats hanging on the coat rack by the office. Do they belong to you?

Christian Education Fund/Legacy Plan Update

We are grateful for the generous giving in April. Offerings totaled \$13,944, leaving us with a shortfall of \$9,300. As we move into the last three months of the year, we ask that every member prayerfully consider an extra gift you can make to help us meet our commitment for the Christian education of our Covenant children. The Christian Education committee is also looking for innovative income-earning activities to close this gap. If you have an idea, please contact one of the committee members or the church office.

Sound-Board Operator Needed

Covenant would like to add a new person to our crew of sound-board operators. An interest in music and/or technology is helpful, but willingness is the main qualification needed. Ages from high-school upward are welcome. Training will be supplied as needed. Each sound operator is scheduled to run sound for about one Sunday each month and two or three other events each year as needed (weddings, funerals, Warm Winter Wednesdays, etc.). If you are interested, please contact Doug DeBoer (Douglas.DeBoer@dordt.edu).

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School: Maker Fun Factory will make its way to Bethel CRC **July 24-27!** Registration begins Monday, **May 15.** Kids who are five by **July 24** through those who have completed 4th grade are invited to register! The link can be found on Bethel's website (www.bethelsc.org). There are also a variety of factory jobs to sign up for! The factory volunteer sign up link is also found on the church website. Thank-you in advance for answering our Maker's call to be a volunteer in His Factory!

Cary Christian Center Fish Fry

The Cary Christian Center is coming to town! They will be hosting a fish fry at Justice For All on Thursday, **May 18** from 5-7 PM. Come say hello to the staff from Cary and enjoy some delicious catfish, hushpuppies, spaghetti, coleslaw, sweet tea, pecan pie, and more! Please RSVP to Lauren (712-476-2804 or laurenk@jfa-nwiowa.org) by **May 16.**

RISE Ministries Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

Tulip Festival is coming soon and so is the RISE Ministries Fly-In Pancake Breakfast! On Saturday, **May 20**, stop by the Orange City Airport from 7:00-11:00 AM for a good hearty breakfast of pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, milk, and coffee! Don't forget to check out the planes coming and going while you're there. Freewill donations will be accepted to help fund RiseFest on **June 16 & 17** in Sheldon.

Wellness on Wheels Bicycle Ride

Promise Community Health Center will hold its seventh annual Wellness on Wheels Bicycle Ride (WOW7) on Saturday, **June 3.** Four routes will be offered: 6, 30, and 60-mile paved rides and a 30-mile gravel ride. Register by **May 22** for a discount. Register online (wow7.eventbrite.com) or pick up a registration form from Promise (338 1st Ave. NW, Sioux Center). For more information, visit www.promisechc.org or contact Derrick Vander Waal (722-1700 or derrick@promisechc.org). Proceeds from the event will support Promise's mission of reaching out to underserved people in the area with medical, dental, vision/eye, and behavioral health care.

Living Your Faith

Do you know of a high school student who would get excited about growing in their faith and understanding? Encourage them to look into the Living Your Faith summer institute set for **June 25-30**, on the Northwestern College campus. Visit the LYF website (lyf.nwciowa.edu) for more information and to register. Please don't wait too long to check it out. The final date to register is **May 31.**

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, May 21
Greeters	AM: Erin E, Shirley T, Ryan Z ♦ PM: Jenni B, Rin G, Marv W	
Ushers	AM: Cal J, Stan VB, Kris VP ♦ PM: Len R, John V	
Coffee	Ed B, Mark C, Howie H, Sarah H, Andy L, Trena VW	
Subs	Jo A, Ruth Clo, Pam DJ, George F, Rob H, John Z	
Sound/Projection	Marv W ♦ John K	Andy L ♦ Dane H
Nursery	AM INF: Jo F, Donna B	AM INF: Mark & Merrill MC, Rin G
May POM: Wyenbergs	TODDLER: Davey & Kate H, Ethan B PM: Lee & Jenni M, Mark & Lisa C	TODDLER: Mark & Sara H, Chris G PM: Kurt & Sharon V, Nick & Jenni B

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Evening Worship
Sunday, 21st	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Evening Worship with Communion