

SUNDAY, August 27, 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 the morning service, we begin a new series on our life together as a church, following the lectionary's Epistle readings. Today we will consider the ways in which we belong to each other and how this spurs us to action. In the evening, we continue our series on the book of Numbers by considering Numbers 32 and the ways in which the Reubenites and the Gadites put at risk the promise of the covenant to inherit the Promised Land. Together we will consider the contours of the Promised Land in our own journeys of faith.

Professions of Faith

This morning we have the privilege of witnessing the profession of faith of Joey Horstman, son of Mark and Cheri, and Jocelyn Zonnefeld, daughter of Ryan and Val. May God bless both of them as they continue in their walk of faith!

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

Today Pastor Kory will begin a year of preaching from the Reformed Common Lectionary. His first series is entitled "The Beloved Community" and follows the New Testament readings. We encourage you to take time during your week to read all of the chosen lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Readings for **September 3:**

- ✦ Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3:1-15
- ✦ Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
- ✦ New Testament Reading: Romans 13:8-14
- ✦ Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

Offerings for September

	AM	PM
3	General/Building Fund, Compassion Fund	World Renew: General Fund
10	Christian Education Fund	GEMS
17	Missions Fund	The Luke Society
24	Tuition Assistance Fund	Farmer to Farmer

Last week's offering

Missions Fund	\$1155.75
Back to God Ministries International	\$232.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Faith Bierma, Matt Drissell, Shonna Plasier, Dave Schelhaas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

Cadet Kickoff at Sky Zone

The Cadets will kick off the season at Sky Zone in Sioux Falls on Saturday, **September 9**. We will leave Faith CRC by 2:00 PM and plan to be back around 8-8:30 PM. All incoming 5th grade boys who plan to attend Cadets are welcomed to join us, and 8th grade Cadets of last year are also encouraged to attend for one last time. If you met your fundraising goal last fall, or are a new 5th grader, your cost will be \$5. If you did not meet your goal, the cost is \$15. Please reply to fcbcadets@gmail.com by Friday, **September 1**, so we can plan our transportation and paperwork. If you have questions about meeting your fundraising goal, contact Joe Eggebeen (joebeen@gmail.com). All Cadets need a waiver form for Sky Zone; if you have been there before, it's still on file. New ones can be found and submitted on their website.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

Please reserve Saturday, **September 9** for an evening of good food and fellowship! All adults – singles and couples – are heartily invited to participate. It will be a great opportunity to dine with some of your fellow Covenant members. You can sign up at the welcome table after church or online via Covenant's Facebook page.

Pork & Bands Fundraising Opportunity

Pork & Bands is coming to the Fruited Plain Parking lot on **September 16!** Covenant will be serving a meal to support the Christian Education Fund. We are looking for volunteers to serve and also to bring items. There is a signup sheet on the welcome table if you would like to help with an evening of fun for a good cause.

Song of a Scientist

Several Covenant scientists get giddy when they talk about the total eclipse. They are filled with wonder, and if you listen to them, you realize that their wonder is a form of praise to their Creator God and that their scientific knowledge enhances their ability to praise. The more they know and see, the more they have with which to praise God. Cal De Wit's book, *Song of a Scientist: The Harmony of a God-Soaked Creation*, is a book that oozes with this same kind of wonder as he examines from a scientific perspective some of the systems and creatures of our Father's world. If you would like to have more knowledge with which to praise God, pick up the book at the office and join Jeff Ploegstra as he leads a 5 week discussion of it in Covenant Sunday Morning (adult Sunday School) beginning on **September 17**.

Welcome Back, Dordt Students!

Welcome to all new and returning Dordt students! We are so glad you have joined us! We hope you find a church home here in Sioux Center. If Covenant is your place of worship, we'd love to get to know you better and help you find ways to get involved and share your gifts with us. Contact the church office to be added to our email list or for more information (covenant@mtcnet.net).

Legacy/Fair Share July/August Update

We give thanks for your faithful giving of time and money over the summer weeks! Our Fair Share and Legacy gifts to the schools were paid in full with over \$1500 to begin the new school year. Praise God! Many thanks to the 35+ volunteers who spent time in the aronia and elderberry fields. Your efforts brought in \$870 and about \$545, respectively.

Volunteers Needed!

- We still need a Sunday School teacher for five second-graders. Please consider taking on this role in the lives of our Covenant kids. Interested? Contact Dani Wyenberg (605-953-9003 or danielle.wyenberg@gmail.com).
- The Covenant/Faith/Bridge of Hope GEMS group is still looking for a 4th grade teacher and helpers for any grades. Currently we don't have any helping hands from Covenant and would really like to involve your church! Contact Valerie Van Beek if you are interested in helping (712-449-8150, northstar_gems@hotmail.com).
- Nursery attendants are needed for Coffee Break Bible Study on Wednesday mornings from 9:20-11:00 AM starting **September 20**. This can be a paid position. Please call Rin if you're interested (722-4394).

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, September 3
Greeters	AM: John K, Betty VP, Val Z PM: Bernie DW, Sharon D, Jeri S	AM: Alejandro C, Barb H, Cheri H PM: Ruth Clo, Laremy DV, Marilyn M
Ushers	AM: Jo A, Mark C, Beth VB ♦ PM: George F, John Z	AM: Kathy DW, Rin G, Eldon W ♦ PM: Marge DB, Andy L
Coffee	Steve C, Rob H, Len R, Shirley T, Marv W, Jason W	Jenni B, Vicki H, Shirley M, Lee R, Stan VB, Jan V
Subs	Howie H, Cal J, Ron O, Sherri TN, Kris VP, Trena VW	Wil A, Duane B, Luanne G, Daryl H, Jake VW, Kurt V
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Dane H	Marv W ♦ John K
Nursery	AM INF: Dave & Jan V, Emily K	AM INF: Jake & Trena VW, Laura J
Aug. POM: Henrecksons	TODDLER: Jason & Dani W, Dave K	TODDLER: Ryan & Angela H, Lee R
Sept. POM: Hannigans	PM: Steve & Pat C, Barb T	PM: Paul & Ruth C, Doug & Marge DB

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Evening Worship
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Sunday, 3rd	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship with Communion Evening Worship