

SUNDAY, September 3, 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 the church as a beloved community by considering how we are called to be living examples of love. Together we will see that the sense of belonging we considered last week spills over into a desire to love those outside of the church. In the evening, we continue our series on the book of Numbers by considering two summary chapters that detail the stages of Israel's journey and the borders of the Promised Land. We will find affirmation of God's faithfulness and surprising hints at the coming King Jesus.

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

Pastor Kory has begun a year of preaching from the Revised Common Lectionary. We encourage you to take time during your week to read all of the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Readings for **September 10:**

- ✦ Old Testament Reading: Exodus 12:1-14
- ✦ New Testament Reading: Romans 13:8-14
- ✦ Psalm 149
- ✦ Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Offerings for September

	AM	PM
10	Christian Education Fund	GEMS
17	Missions Fund	The Luke Society
24	Tuition Assistance Fund	Farmer to Farmer

Last week's offering	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$522.60
	Safe Church Implementation	\$231.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Rylan Brue, Angela Hannigan, Isaac Maletoungou, Val Zonnefeld, Marcia Westra, Riley Inlow, Vincent Schultz, Shirley Taylor, Doug DeBoer, Micah Goslinga

Happy Anniversary this Week

Tim & Mimi Kamp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loeffke.

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).

Updating the Church Directory

Can you take a few minutes to check if your directory listing is up to date at the welcome table? We'd love to make sure our information is as current as possible. If you are not currently in the directory but plan to make Covenant your church home and would like to be added, please sign up at the welcome table as well!

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 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 – **today** is the last day to sign up! Watch your email for food assignments and other instructions this week!

The Church Education Year Begins!

Sunday School and Catechism for kids in grades 1-12 begins next Sunday, **September 10**, at 9:00 AM! Covenant Sunday Morning (adult Sunday School) will begin the following week, **September 17**, with a 5 week session on Cal De Wit's book, *Song of a Scientist: The Harmony of a God-Soaked Creation*. If you picked up a book last week, please slip a check under the office door. If you still need a book, email Sara in the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) as soon as possible.

All Church Picnic

We will kick off the Sunday school year with an all church picnic at Children's Park after our morning service on Sunday, **September 10**. Serving will begin around 12:00 PM. The Council will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Members of the congregation whose name begins with A-J are asked to bring a large salad and those beginning with K-Z are asked to bring a large dessert. Chips and drink will be provided. Dordt students are encouraged to join us! Please bring your own table service – some will be available for students and guests.

Sanctuary Church Dialogue

Over the past several months, Covenant has been engaged in dialogue with the other churches in Sioux Center about how best to respond to the needs of immigrants within our community. At the invitation of CASA, we have been discussing the idea of sanctuary churches. Sanctuary Churches do not hide or harbor undocumented immigrants, but provide a place to stay while a legal means of remaining in the country is pursued. The elders would like to invite the church to a time of discussion and learning next Sunday, **September 10**, at 6:00 PM. We will hear a brief message about Numbers 35 to consider the call to care for the marginalized in our community and then look together at the discussion that has been happening among the churches. More detailed information is available in your church mailbox or on the welcome table.

GEMS Kickoff

GEMS will have their kick off for all girls in grades 4-8. Join us at Children's Park from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, **September 13**. Bring along your labeled roasting sticks for roasting hot dogs and s'mores. We will introduce this year's theme and make our theme t-shirts. Contact Valerie (northstar_gems@hotmail.com, 712-449-8150) with any questions.

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.

Volunteers Needed!

- 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).

Dordt College Announcements

- The First Mondays Speaker Series at Dordt College kicks off **September 4** with Paul C.H. Lim, an award-winning historian of Reformation and post-Reformation Europe. His latest book, *Mystery Unveiled: The Crisis of the Trinity in Early Modern England*, won the 2013 Roland H. Bainton Prize as the best book in history/theology by the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference. The community is invited to hear him give a presentation at 11:00 AM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. For more information, visit www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series.
- If you play a wind or percussion instrument and are interested in playing with a college level ensemble, consider joining the Dordt College Campus Community Band. The band rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM and performs in four concerts from October 13 through April 27. The first rehearsal is Thursday, **September 27** at 7:00 PM. Sign up by calling Band Conductor Dr. Bradley Miedema at (722-6204) by Friday, **September 15**.

Announcements from NAMI

- The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7:00-9:00 PM on Tuesday, **September 5**. Sioux County General Services Director Aaron Haverdink and a staff member from the Sheriff's department will discuss "The Stepping Up Initiative" – a jail diversion program for people with mental illness. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).
- The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with serious mental illness will be offered at Central Reformed Church from 7:00-9:30 PM on Thursday evenings for 11 weeks beginning **September 7**. The course is FREE and will be taught by trained family member volunteer leaders, Barb Addink (712-567-4727), Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or nsmath@mtcnet.net), and Lynn Wielenga (722-1828). Please register today.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, September 10
Greeters	AM: Alejandro C, Barb H, Cheri H ♦ PM: Ruth Clo, Laremy DV, Marilyn M	
Ushers	AM: Kathy DW, Rin G, Eldon W ♦ PM: Marge DB, Andy L	
Coffee	Jenni B, Vicki H, Shirley M, Lee R, Stan VB, Jan V	
Subs	Wil A, Duane B, Luanne G, Daryl H, Jake VW, Kurt V	
Sound/Projection	Marv W ♦ John K	Andy L ♦ Marty VP
Nursery Sept. POM: Hannigans	AM INF: Jake & Trena VW, Laura J TODDLER: Ryan & Angela H, Lee R PM: Paul & Ruth C, Doug & Marge DB	AM INF: Eldon & Marcia W, Rebecca DS TODDLER: Alejandro & Isabel C, Bob DS PM: Dennis & Pam DJ, Ron & Carol O

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship with Communion Evening Worship
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Saturday	2:00 PM 6:00 PM	Cadet Kick-Off (meet at Faith CRC) Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
Sunday, 10th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12) Morning Worship All Church Picnic (at Children's Park) Evening Worship