

SUNDAY, November 19, 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

This morning we welcome Shirley Folkerts to the pulpit in the morning service and Gale Tien this evening. Next Sunday, November 26, Pastor Rick Van Ravenswaay from Cornerstone Prison Church will bring the word to us in our morning worship service. Because of the holiday weekend, we will not have an evening service next week.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Just a reminder that Covenant will be joining with First CRC for a Thanksgiving Worship Service this year. Here's the invitation: "On behalf of the elders at First CRC of Sioux Center, we cordially invite your congregation to join us on Wednesday, **November 22**, at 7:00 PM for our Thanksgiving worship service, led by Dr. Jason Lief. An offering will be taken for various causes designated by our members."

Offerings for November

	AM	PM
26	Thanksgiving Offering	Tuition Assistance Fund

Last week's offering	Christian Education Fund	\$3,327.55
	The Bridge	\$204.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Verne Meyer, Kellan Themistol, Cambri Zonnefeld, Bob DeSmith, Sadie Landman, Louisa DeVries, Cara Horstman

Happy Anniversary this Week

Duane & Jan Bajema, Paul & Ruth Clousing, Alejandro & Isabel Castelan, Ryan & Tiffany Postma

Membership transfer

Carlye Tazelaar has transferred her membership to First CRC in Sioux Falls, SD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Faith CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bob Pollema and Chad Van Ginkel.



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the **Holtrop/Oostra** pastoral group will gather to enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM to close out the fall season of dinners. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

Thanksgiving Offering

Because we'll be worshipping with First CRC on Wednesday, **November 22**, and won't have a service here at Covenant, the deacons invite you to bring your Thanksgiving offerings on Sunday, **November 26**. Envelopes for the Thanksgiving offering were in your box recently and extras can be found on the Welcome Table. (If you will be out of town that Sunday, feel free to put your envelope in the offering plate today or return it to any of the deacons.)

Fellowship Opportunity

If you are 60+ years old, plan to come for a time of fellowship on Monday, **November 27** in the church fellowship hall. We will have a meal together beginning at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP to Chris Goedhart or Pat Crull if you plan to attend. Don't forget to either send your idea(s) for a name for our group to Pat or take them along that evening. We plan to take a vote that evening, so put on those creative thinking caps!

Cadet Boundary Waters Trip

On Wednesday, **November 29**, there will be a meeting during cadets for all 8th grade cadets and their dads who are interested in learning about the annual Boundary Waters trip. The meeting will be held in the basement of Faith CRC from 7:30-8:30 PM. The tentative date for the trip is **June 25-29**. If any boys are interested in going, but are unable to be at the meeting, please contact Bryan Kooi (712-395-2375).

Save the Date!

We will gather for our annual Congregational Meeting on Monday, **December 11**, at 7:00 PM. Put the date on your calendars and plan to eat dinner here before the meeting, served by the Youth Group.

All Is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914

Celebrate the power of Christian charity to bridge divides with *All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914* on **November 24** at 7:30 PM. Relive an astounding moment in history when Allied and German soldiers laid down their arms to celebrate Christmas together, sharing food and drink, playing soccer, singing carols, and burying each other's dead. This dramatic re-telling weaves together firsthand accounts by thirty World War I soldiers and music including patriotic tunes, trench songs, and Christmas carols. Orange City Arts presents this tremendous celebration of the peace of Christmas, and makes it a night to honor those who have sacrificed to bring that peace home to us by offering half price tickets to veterans and their spouses. More information can be found at orangecityarts.net.

From World Renew

Double your donation to help a family in need! Between now and Giving Tuesday (**November 28**), you can double your gift to help a family caught in the crossfire of conflict in Syria through World Renew's matching grant from One Day's Wages (ODW). Give a \$30 gift and see it doubled to \$60, enough to feed a family of six for a month. Go to www.onedayswages.org/worldrenew to learn more, donate, or start a fundraising campaign.

Save the Date

Day of Encouragement will be Saturday, **February 3, 2018** on the campus of Dordt College. This year's keynote speaker is Rev. Reggie Smith who will share his story of guiding change in transitional urban communities. Details will become available in November with registration opening **December 1**. The Day of Encouragement, sponsored by Dordt College, is a day to inspire, encourage and equip God's people for ministry. Everyone is welcome to participate.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, November 26
Greeters	AM: Ed B, Dave H, Zoe H ♦ PM: Luanne G, Sherri TN, John Z	
Ushers	AM: Erik H, Shirley T, Dave V ♦ PM: Bernie DW, Marv W	
Coffee	Wil A, Tina D, Sharon D, George F, John K, Merrill MC	
Subs	Mark C, Rin G, Cheri H, Andy L, Verne M, Lee R	
Sound/Projection	Marv W ♦ Mark H	Doug DB ♦ Marty VP
Nursery Nov. POM: Clarks	AM INF: Alejandro & Isabel C, Megan H TODDLER: Ron & Carol O, Rob H PM: Ryan & Val Z, Bob & Rebecca DS	AM INF: Nick B, Rachel L TODDLER: Jenni B, Andy L PM: no PM Service

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Holtrop/Oostra Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study Group
Monday	9:00 AM	Women's Community Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Worship Service (at First CRC)
Sunday, 26th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship