

SUNDAY, November 26, 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 Pastor Rick Van Ravenswaay from Cornerstone Prison Church in Sioux Falls to the pulpit. Because of the holiday weekend, we will not have an evening service today.

Offerings for December

	AM	PM
3	General/Building Fund	Cadets
10	Christian Education Fund, Compassion Fund	Justice For All
17	Missions Fund	Dordt College
24	Tuition Assistance Fund	
25	General Fund: Outreach Commitments	
31	General Fund: Ministry Shares	Tuition Assistance Fund

Last week's offering	Missions Fund	\$803.35
	Calvin Seminary	\$144.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Georgina Gracia, Kate Henreckson, David Taylor, Bella Drissell, Tim Kamp, Ryan Zonnefeld, Neil Collins McCarthy, Laremy DeVries, Hannah Landman, Esteban Gracia, Jocelyn Zonnefeld, Logan Hulstein

Happy Anniversary this Week

Phil & Marilyn Mouw, Jerry & Shonna Plasier, Doug & Marge DeBoer, Jasper & Phyllis Lesage, Ed & Mary Dengler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

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

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 (chris.goedhart@dordt.edu, 722-4394) or Pat Crull (spcrull@mtcnet.net, 722-1041). 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).

Search Process for Our Next Pastor

Council has been working on a Church Profile as an initial step in our Search Process. Next Sunday morning, **December 3**, we ask all professing members of Covenant to stay for a few moments after the service and complete a short survey. This will take 5–10 minutes, and be very helpful as we complete our Church Profile. Also, some members will have the opportunity to volunteer to complete a more detailed survey; this will require a longer time commitment, but will also be very helpful. If you are not in church on December 3, contact Dennis De Jong (Dennis.DeJong.45@gmail.com) for copies of the survey.

Service of Lessons and Carols

We look forward to a service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday evening, **December 17**, at 6:00. We hope you will plan to come for this service of candle lighting, scripture, and song. The choir will be rehearsing a few pieces for the service starting the week of **December 3**. Wait for details in the bulletin and an email! We welcome all interested singers 7th grade and up to join.

Save the Date!

We will gather for our annual Congregational Meeting on Monday, **December 11**, at 7:00 PM. Plan to eat dinner here before the meeting! The Youth Group will be serving lasagna at 6:00 PM to raise money for their summer service trip.

Twenty Somethings Night Out

On Thursday, **November 30**, all twenty-somethings, married or single, are invited to join us for a night out. We'll meet at Faith CRC's parking lot at 5:00 PM then proceed to Outback and Famous Dave's in Sioux City for appetizers and a meal followed by ice cream at Blue Bunny on the way home. Contact Chad Van Ginkel (712-441-5272) with questions.

Early Teen Ministry (ETM)

Join us on Saturday, **December 2** for our Christmas Party at First CRC Church from 5:00-7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. We will have pizza and pop and play some games. We also ask that you bring a \$5.00 white elephant gift for our gift exchange (something from your home valued at that amount or something you bought for that amount). Contact Lisa Dykstra for more information (lisa_dykstra@yahoo.com).

Abuse Education

Does the subject of abuse make you feel uncomfortable? Do you find yourself avoiding conversations about it? If this is true, think about how it must feel to be a child who knows firsthand what uncomfortable means. Locked in a realm of secrecy, a child who has been abused not only feels uncomfortable, but also violated, exploited, betrayed, and used. When children are victimized to meet adult needs, their lives are changed forever. For the sake of our kids, come and learn about abuse, grooming, predators, and pedophiles. This training is for parents, teachers, church leaders, ministry staff, pastors, college students, Safe Church committees, medical staff, and for anyone who wants to learn more about protecting kids. Join us on Friday, **December 8** at 1:00 PM or 6:30 PM, at the Lighthouse of Bethel CRC. Cost is \$20. These are repeat sessions. Request a brochure from Judy De Wit (educator.84@hotmail.com) to learn more and RSVP by Wednesday, **December 6**.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, December 3
Greeters	AM: Ed B, Dave H, Zoe H PM: Luanne G, Sherri TN, John Z	AM: Mimi K, Joan MC, Dani W PM: Rebecca DS, Jake VW, Laurey Z
Ushers	AM: Erik H, Shirley T, Dave V ♦ PM: Bernie DW, Marv W	AM: Ruth Clo, Barb H, Dennis VP ♦ PM: Jo F, Adam F
Coffee	Wil A, Tina D, Sharon D, George F, John K, Merrill MC	Duane B, Marge DB, Cal J, Beth VB, Rog VH, Eldon W
Subs	Mark C, Rin G, Cheri H, Andy L, Verne M, Lee R	Jenni B, Luke H, Gidge M, Len R, John V, Sharon V
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ♦ Marty VP	Jeff P ♦ Micah G
Nursery Nov. POM: Clarks Dec. POM: McCarthys	AM INF: Nick B, Rachel L TODDLER: Jenni B, Andy L PM: no PM Service	AM INF: Erik H, Lisa C TODDLER: Barb H, Mark C PM: Don & Sherri TN, Lee & Jenni M

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
Monday	9:00 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Women's Community Bible Study Over 60's Group Dinner Elders Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Coffee Break Youth Group Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Sunday, 3rd	8:45 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Sunday School Christmas Program Practice (grades 1-8) Catechism (grades 9-12) Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Evening Worship Sunday Evening Bible Study Group