

SUNDAY, March 11, 2018

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

Thank you to Rev. Jerry Buwalda for preaching for us today! We will celebrate communion this morning.

Projection

Thank you so much for your patience as we worship without projection. The worship committee, deacons, and some others will be meeting to discuss what our next step is. In the meantime, make sure you have access to a hymnal and a bulletin and enjoy the juggle!

Note about the Bulletin Cover

The bulletin covers during the season of Lent are linoleum block prints by Elizabeth Steele Halstead. This is what the artist said about the print *Crown of Thorns*, which will be on the cover through this season: "To the Lenten cross of wood the symbol of thorns and thistles is added. In sharp contrast to a splendid, kingly crown, Jesus Christ bore a crown of thorns. As a reminder of the toil mentioned in the Genesis account of the fall, thorns represent the complete suffering, pain, and lowliness Jesus submitted to in placing our sins and God's judgement on himself."

Offerings for March

	AM	PM
18	Missions Fund	Resonate Global Mission
25	Tuition Assistance Fund	Back to God Ministries International

Last week's offering

General/Building Fund	\$7358.40
World Renew: General Fund	\$257.10

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Benjamin Ploegstra, Del Vander Zee, Sean Hannigan

Happy Anniversary this Week

Mike & Laura Janssen, Roger & Linda Vanden Hoek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Christ Community congregation and the ministry of Pastor Randy Widbin.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday Evening Bible Study will be starting a new series by Bill Hybels, "The Power of a Whisper – Hearing God". There are four DVD sessions meeting on **March 18, April 8 & 22, and May 6**. The schedule is shifted to the second and fourth Sundays in April because of Easter. All are welcome to join! Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Christian Education Fund Auction

Get ready for the Covenant Christian Education Auction coming on Saturday, **March 24!** This is a wonderful night of fellowship and fun. Add your donations to the online google doc (you should have received a link by email) or on the sign-up sheet on the welcome table. More details to come.

Covenant Choir

All interested singers high school age and up are invited to sing in the choir for Maundy Thursday (**March 29**) and Easter (**April 1**). Rehearsals are a bit up in the air yet, but please contact Rebecca DeVries (worship@covenantcrc.net) if you are interested in singing and she will make sure you are on the email list!



Pastoral Group Dinners

Pastoral Group Dinners will take a break until Sunday, **March 25**, when the **Mellema/Haan** pastoral group will meet.

Name Tag Production in Process!

The Sunday School kids will be decorating name tags for new members of the congregation in the next few weeks. If you've lost your name tag or need a new one for any reason, let us know. We will be happy to get you one! Contact Dani Wyenberg (danielle.wyenberg@gmail.com).

Sioux Center Christian Salt Sale Is On!

The students from SCCS will be selling water softener salt to family and friends and also at supporting area churches. The salt comes in 40lb bags of crystals and will be delivered to your door and placed wherever you would like to store it on **April 28**. There is more information available on the order form placed in your mailbox today (SCCS families, your students will be bringing home an order form from school this week so you will not have one in your mailbox). If you did not find a form in your box and would like to order salt bags, please contact an SCCS student or Emily Kramer. Payment is due at the time you place your order. Orders placed in Emily Kramer's mailbox are due **March 21**.

Dordt Announcements

- All are invited to a spaghetti dinner at the First CRC in Sioux Center on Wednesday, **March 21** from 5-7 PM. Hosted by the Dordt College Concert Band, freewill donations will be accepted to support the band's upcoming tour to Europe in May.
- The Dordt College Concert Choir will present its tour homecoming concert on Friday, **March 23**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

Loving Our Neighbor: A Christian Approach to DACA

Come for food and conversation at First CRC in Sioux Center on Wednesday, **March 28**. The purpose of this event is to help Christians in Sioux Center become informed on the issue of DACA and immigration reform. Our focus is to get beyond the politics of the issue—it's not a liberal or conservative thing—so we can develop a Christian approach to helping our neighbors. The meal begins at 5:00 PM (BBQ Pulled Pork is on the menu) and conversation begins at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Please RSVP (jsonlief@gmail.com) to let us know how many plan to attend (so we have enough food!). This event is sponsored by the CRC Office of Social Justice and SALUD of Storm Lake.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, March 18
Greeters	AM: Adam F, Tim K, Lila S ♦ PM: Cal J, Barb T, John V	
Ushers	AM: Paul C, Joan MC, Jake VW ♦ PM: Rebecca DS, Laurey Z	
Coffee	Alejandro C, Mark C, Jo F, Barb H, Kurt V, Dani W	
Subs	Duane B, Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Beth VB, Dennis VP, Eldon W	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Marty VP	Nick B ♦ Micah G
Nursery	AM INF: Ana F, Kurt V	AM INF: Mark MC, Donna B
March POM: Wyenbergs	TODDLER: Josue F, Sharon V PM: Marty & Kris VP, Kathy DW	TODDLER: Merrill MC, Ethan B PM: Steve & Pat C, Dave & Jan V

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

Troy & Faith Bierna Kelly & April Crull Dan & Jeananne Kuiper Sos & Kara Maletoungou Mike & Megan Ribbens
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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Classis lakota Meeting (at Inspiration Hills)
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Sunday, 18th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study Group