

## SUNDAY, April 29, 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 Dr. Justin Bailey for preaching for us this morning.

### GEMS Sunday

GEMS Sunday has been rescheduled for **tonight** at 6:00 PM at Faith CRC. There will be no service here at Covenant.

### Offerings for May

	AM	PM
6	General/Building Fund	World Renew
13	Christian Education Fund, Compassion Fund	Bethany Christian Counseling
20	Missions Fund	Sioux City Gospel Mission
27	Tuition Assistance Fund	(worship at First CRC)

<b>Last week's offering</b>	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$646.00
	Resonate Global Mission	\$310.00

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Jacob Van Tol, Luanne Goslinga, Ale Castelan*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Middleburg Free Grace Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mark Schwarz.

### From the Council

After the morning service **today**, the congregation will vote for new office bearers. Members will be asked to approve any or all of the nominees for elder, and any or all of the nominees for deacon. The names of all nominees receiving approval of 2/3 of those voting will be eligible to be drawn next Sunday, **May 6**. On that Sunday, we will draw the names of three elders and two deacons who will serve on Council. Thanks to everyone willing to let their name stand for nomination. The nominations for elder are Rebecca De Smith, Sally Jongsma, Jeff Ploegstra, Len Rhoda, Trena Van Wyk, and Kurt Vos. The nominees for deacon are Jenni Breems, Joe Eggebeen, Mark Horstman, and Marv Wielard.



### Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the **Holtrop/Oostra** pastoral group will meet at 12:00 PM for fellowship and a meal. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

### Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday Evening Bible Study group will meet **tonight** at 5:00 PM with a light meal and DVD to follow.

### GEMS Announcements

- GEMS girls, please wear your green theme shirts that we made at our kickoff **tonight**. 8th graders, please be at Faith CRC ready to practice at 5:00 PM; 4th graders, please be at Faith at 5:30 ready to greet; 5th, 6th, and 7th graders, please be in the church basement by 5:40. 3rd grade girls are welcomed to a special children's message!
- We are looking for GEMS camp counselors to help at our annual GEMS Camp at Camp Foster, **May 31-June 2**. You must be a high school graduate or older and no GEMS counselor experience is needed. Contact Valerie (northstar\_gems@hotmail.com or 712-449-8150) if you are interested or would like more details.

## FOSSIL Gathering

The FOSSIL (60+) group will meet in Covenant's Fellowship Hall on Monday, **April 30** at 5:30 PM. If you would be willing to make a salad to share, please contact Pat Crull (722-1041 or sprull@mtcnet.net). Wil and Jo will share a little more about "Sharing Your Story." If you have a story to share, please take it along! RSVP to either Chris Goedhart or Pat Crull.

## Church Clean-Up Day

Join us for a church clean-up day on Saturday, **May 5**, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. This is a day of work, fun, eating, drinking and church family time. Your deacons will be contacting you to let you know what area of the church your group needs work on. Children as well as adults are welcome to help... because it's your church and you love it to be clean and neat. Thanks for the help in advance! If you can't make it on May 5, please bring a snack to church to help in that way.

## Intergenerational Orchestra

Covenant string players, mark your calendars! We are putting together an intergenerational orchestra to lead the worship service on Pentecost Sunday, **May 20**. Rehearsals will be during the 9:00 hour on Sunday, **May 13** and Sunday, **May 20**. All string players 4th grade-adult are invited to participate. Please let Rebecca De Vries know if you plan to participate. Contact Jill Friend if you have any questions (722-0824 or jfriend@siouxcenterchristian.com).

## 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, **May 1**. A video about psychosis will be shown. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

## Dordt Music Events

- The Dordt College Concert Band will present a Pre-European Tour Concert at 7:30 PM on Friday, **May 4**, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. This concert kicks off a European tour with performances in Germany, Austria, and Hungary. The Concert Band will perform selections by Berlioz, Grainger, Gould, Hanson, Hidas, Hindemith, Knox, Strauss, Sullivan, and Clarke's *Carnival of Venice* featuring junior Karissa Van Surksun on trumpet.
- The Dordt College Choral Ensembles spring concert on Saturday, **May 5**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium will feature the Concert Choir, Chorale, Kantorei, and Bella Voce. A variety of choral music will be performed, including classical choral works, spirituals, vocal jazz standards, hymn arrangements, gospel songs, and more.

## Bible League International Spring Salad Luncheon

The Bible League International Spring Salad Luncheon will be held on Monday, **May 7**, at 11:30 AM at First CRC in Orange City, (408 Arizona Ave SW). Come learn about the work of Bible League in Latin America and enjoy the music of the Siouxland Women's Chorus. Please bring a salad for every two people to share; drinks are provided.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, May 6
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>AM:</b> Rob H, Jeff T, Marcia W <b>PM:</b> Pam DJ, Kathy DW, Len R	<b>AM:</b> Donna B, Les S, Rog VH <b>PM:</b> George F, Ron O, Lee R
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>AM:</b> Dave G, Rock MC, Sherri TN ♦ <b>PM:</b> Daryl H, Kris VP	<b>AM:</b> Duane B, Beth VB, Trena VW ♦ <b>PM:</b> Jo A, John Z
<b>Coffee</b>	Ana F, Sarah H, Mark Ho, Rachel L, Linda VH, Sharon V	Ruth Clo, Jill F, Luanne G, Luke H, Andy L, Dennis VP
<b>Subs</b>	Sharon D, Sally J, Don TN, Kara T, Stan VB, Del VZ	Bob DS, Dave G, Barb H, Mark H, Joan MC, Linda V
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Kayt F ♦ John K	Jeff P ♦ Goslingas
<b>Nursery</b> <b>April POM:</b> Hulsteins <b>May POM:</b> Janssens	<b>AM INF:</b> Isabel C, Lee M <b>TODDLER:</b> Alejandro C, Jenni M	<b>AM INF:</b> Rebecca DS, Chris G <b>TODDLER:</b> Bob DS, Rin G, Laura J <b>PM:</b> Jake & Trena VW, Tom & Ruth C

### GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today</b>	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
	5:00 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
	6:00 PM	GEMS Sunday (at Faith CRC)
<b>Monday</b>	5:30 PM	FOSSIL Gathering
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 AM	Church Clean-Up Day
<b>Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship