

SUNDAY, September 2, 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

Today Dr. John Kok will be preaching during our morning service. Although we will not meet for worship this evening, several of the small groups are already scheduled to meet; additionally, the council encourages people to gather for Bible study, family time, enjoying nature, or other forms of rest and renewal.

September 16 Evening Worship Opportunity

Spend time in the Dorcht prairie, reading Psalms, meditating on God's work of creation. Watch for more details next week!

Offerings for September

	AM	PM
2	General/Building Fund, World Renew: General Fund	
9	Christian Education Fund	Family Crisis Center
16	Missions Fund, Safe Church Ministry	
23	Tuition Assistance Fund, Compassion Fund	Farmer to Farmer
30	General Fund: Ministry Shares	
Last week's offering	Tuition Assistance Fund	\$617.50
	New Life Treatment Center	\$145.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Rylan Brue, Angela Hannigan, Isaac Maletoungou, Val Zonnefeld, Marcia Westra, Vincent Schultz, Shirley Taylor

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 First CRC congregation and the ministry of Dr. Jason Lief.

Women's Bible Study

Any ladies who are interested in being part of an evening Bible study, please meet with Deb Hibma in the front of church after the morning service.

Church Education Year Beginning

Sunday School and Catechism for kids in grades 1-10 and Covenant Sunday Morning (Adult Sunday School) will begin classes at 9:00 AM on Sunday, **September 9**. Come ready to learn! If you want a copy of the book for the Covenant Sunday Morning study, "Soul Survivor" by Philip Yancey, some are available in the church office for \$6 (and more are on the way). We'll discuss chapter 1 on **September 9**.

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 9**. Serving will begin around 12:15 PM. The Council will be grilling hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs. Members of the congregation whose last name begins with A-K are asked to bring a large dessert and those beginning with L-Z are asked to bring a large salad. Chips and drink will be provided. Dorcht students are encouraged to join us! Please bring your own table service – some will be available for students.

GEMS Kickoff

The Northstar GEMS will have their kickoff for our year on Wednesday, **September 12**. Girls, grades 4th-8th are invited to Central Park at 6:00 PM. We'll play games, roast hot dogs, make our theme shirts, and finish the night with s'mores! Girls can be picked up at 8:00 PM. Registration and parents meeting is set for **September 26**. Questions? Contact Valerie Van Beek (712-449-8150).

Directory Updates

It's time to make sure the church directory is up to date again! Can you check your listing on the welcome table, update or add any information, or mark your listing with an "OK" if all the information is correct? Thanks for your help!

Opportunities to Serve at Covenant

- Are you interested in serving as a GEMS counselor or helper? We currently don't have any Covenant women helping with the GEMS program. If you're interested in playing a role in the lives of girls from Covenant, Bridge of Hope, and Faith CRC, contact Valerie Van Beek, the GEMS coordinator (northstar_gems@hotmail.com).
- GLUE stands for Giving, Loving, Understanding, Encouraging. The purpose of the GLUE team is to provide long-term support to individuals or families who have unique needs or gifts to provide an avenue for greater participation in the Covenant Church community. Sarah Hawley, our GLUE Coordinator, would love a few volunteers to help serve our Covenant family. Contact her if you're interested in helping (lukeandsarahhawley@gmail.com).
- The SAM (Service And Missions) Committee is looking for a few new members. Are you interested in being part of coordinating Covenant's mission efforts, both locally and globally? Contact Carol Oostra (cjoostra@mtcnet.net).

Covenant Small Groups

Are you interested in being part of Covenant's Small Group Ministry? Small Groups at Covenant seek to enfold families, singles, and couple in ways that let you get to know each other well and grow together. Groups meet in homes twice a month for fellowship, worship, prayer, nurture, and outreach. Schedules and activities aim to include people of all ages. In that way, they build deep community in our church. If you would like to join—or would like more information—contact Bob and Rebecca De Smith (bdesmith@mtcnet.net or 722-1278). You may also sign up on the sheet at the welcome table. We hope you will join the 30 families at Covenant who are part of a Small Group now.

Children at the Table

Any parents of young children interested in joining a three week Covenant Sunday Morning study called "A Place at the Table," contact Dave Schelhaas (722-3970). We will use CRC Faith Alive materials created by Thea Leunk. These materials answer questions/give reasons why our children should be encouraged to participate. All members are welcome to this study, but we especially encourage parents of young children.

NAMI Support Group

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 to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, **September 4**. Dr. Ralph Davis will present a video "Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, September 9
Greeters	AM: Shirley T, Betty VP, Eldon W ♦ PM: Marge DB, Bernie DW, Jo F	
Ushers	AM: Mark C, Erik H, Kurt V ♦ PM: Wil A, Rin G	
Coffee	Shirley T, Steve C, Rebecca DV, George F, John K, John V	
Subs	Paul C, Doug DB, Pam DJ, Cal J, Gidge M, Jake VW	
Sound/Projection	Eric R ♦ Goslingas	Andy L ♦ Dane H
Nursery Sept. POM: Hawleys	AM INF: Ross F, Sarah H TODDLER: Lisa F, Luke H, Laura J	AM INF: Eldon W, Val Z TODDLER: Marcia W, Ryan Z PM: Dave & Luanne G, Duane & Jan B

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
Sunday, 9th	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	9:00 AM	Sunday School (grades 1-10)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	All Church Picnic (at Children's Park)
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship