

SUNDAY, January 6, 2019

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

Epiphany begins today as we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the Christ child and continues till the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. From now until Lent, worshipers grow in an awareness of the significance of the entire life of Jesus and prepare for the call to discipleship that will happen in Lent. Pastor Joel will use the gospel reading from the lectionary today and other lectionary readings are used throughout the service. Although we will not meet for worship this evening, the council encourages people to gather for small groups, Bible study, family time, or other forms of rest and renewal.

Offerings for January

	AM	PM
6	General/Building Fund, World Renew: General Fund	
13	Christian Education Fund, Justice For All	
20	Missions Fund, Cadets	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
27	Tuition Assistance Fund, Bethany Christian Services	

Last week's offering General Fund \$8,161.35

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Lois Vander Zee, Bryanna Castelan, Terry Friend

Happy Anniversary this Week

Mark & Sara Hulstein

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday Evening Bible Study will meet at church **tonight** at 6:00 PM (note the time!). They will be continuing with an RC Sproul DVD study. Bring a snack to share if you're able. All are welcome to come!

The January Series

The January Series continues this week at Covenant! We invite you to church from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM each weekday from **January 3-23** to watch the January Series lectures livestreamed here at church. It is free and open to the public. Stop by ready to listen and learn! Visit <https://calvin.edu/january-series/speakers/> for more information.

Covenant Sunday Morning

Covenant Sunday Morning began this morning with an introduction to "What the CRC Believes Concerning Creation and Science." Next Sunday, three members of Covenant, Robbin Eppinga, Davey Henreckson, and Pastor Joel will answer any questions we have about the issue, probing more deeply into key questions such as these: Can we learn truths from the Natural World that we cannot learn from Scripture? May we consider the possibility that there were evolutionary forbears of the human race? Why do scientists, both Christian and secular, tend to think that the earth is old and that life evolves? How should we read scriptural accounts of creation? We had some wonderful discussions last fall on Yancey's Soul Survivor. Join us in the next months as we continue to explore some important issues for us as citizens in and of the kingdom of God.

The Emmaus Way

The three-week series on the Emmaus Way, led by Pastor Joel, will begin on Sunday, **January 13** at 6:00 PM. Nursery will be provided.

Chili and Cinnamon Roll Cook-Off

Plan to bring the family for dinner at Covenant on Friday, **January 25** at 5:30 PM. Sign up at the back table to bring a pot of chili or pan of cinnamon rolls to share and enter. (Covenant will provide the chili toppings.) We will eat potluck style and then vote on our favorites. The winners will receive a really commemorative prize. If you want to participate like a pro, bring a muffin tin so you can try multiple chilis at once!

NAMI Announcements

- 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, **January 8**. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).
- The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with mental illness will be offered at Central Reformed Church from 7:00-9:30 PM on Thursday evenings for 11 weeks beginning **January 10, 2019**. The course is FREE and will be taught by trained family member volunteer leaders, Barb Addink (712-567-4727), Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or nsmath@mtcnet.net), and Lynn Wielenga (722-1828). Please register today.

Community Unity Meal

Everyone is invited to a free "Community Unity" meal in Sioux Center on Thursday, **January 10**, from 6:00-7:00 PM at New Life Reformed Church. The meal host of the month is United Reformed Church.

Love & Learn Classes

Love INC is continuing to develop its Love & Learn classes which will be starting again on **January 22!** We will be offering four classes: Parenting (a faith based curriculum that centers on healthy parenting skills), Grief Share (help and encouragement after the death of a loved one), Faith & Finances (practical budgeting and money management with optional mentorship) and Affirming Potential (personal evaluation of physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual areas of life while setting goals to live out God-given potential). If you or someone you know could benefit from these classes please call the Love INC office (712-476.5990) for more information or to register.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, January 13
Greeters	AM: Dave G, Rachel L, Sherri TN	
Ushers	AM: Jan B, Barb H, Marcia W	
Coffee	Alejandro C, Bob DS, Sarah H, Cheri H, Jeri S, Linda V	
Subs	Steve C, Zoe H, Len R, Don TN, Kara T, Beth VB	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ♦ Goslingas	Andy L ♦ Mark H
Nursery Jan. POM: Clarks	AM INF: Josue F, Cheri H TODDLER: Ana F, Mark H	AM INF: Erik H, Sharon V TODDLER: Barb H, Kurt V PM: Rob & Megan H, Steve & Pat C

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 1-10)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Monday	11:30 AM	The January Series (Jimmy Lin)
Tuesday	11:30 AM	The January Series (Kara Powell)
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	11:30 AM	The January Series (Mariela Shaker)
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	11:30 AM	The January Series (Barbara Pierce Bush)
	7:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting
Friday	11:30 AM	The January Series (Craig Detweiler)
Sunday, 13th	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-10)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship with Communion
	6:00 PM	The Emmaus Way