

SUNDAY, March 10, 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

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Pastor Joel will be following the lectionary during this season and we will celebrate communion each week as we seek to follow the Emmaus Way in worship.

Children's Bulletins

Kids: you'll notice there are some different children's bulletins available. The Bible passages included in these bulletins will often be included in our worship services in the call to worship, the time of confession, or the sermon, so listen for Pastor Joel and others to read them as well!

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

At **5:00 PM tonight** we will gather in the sanctuary for our Faith Formation Sunday Evening. Tonight we continue a series on storytelling – considering how story puts us on the path of understanding ourselves and others in our faith communities. This evening members of the F.O.S.S.I.L group will share their stories.

WE Service Next Week!

We look forward to gathering next Sunday, **March 17** for an intergenerational WE (Worship Experience) service focusing on the Lord's Supper. **Please note the time:** instead of meeting for the WE service at 5:00 PM as our Formation Sunday Evening time, we will have lunch together after the morning service, followed immediately by the WE service. If your last name begins with A through K, please bring one dozen sandwiches. If your last name begins with L through Z, please bring a large salad. Chips, drink, and dessert will be provided. Things to look forward to: being together, hearing the TK-1st graders sing, a readers' theater, a hands-on activity, singing around the communion table and more. If you have questions, please contact Rebecca De Vries.

Offerings for March

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| 3 | General Fund | 10 | Christian Education Fund | 17 | Missions Fund |
| 24 | Compassion Fund | 31 | Building Fund | | |

Last week's offering General Fund \$11,667.05

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Jeff Ploegstra, Lila Sybesma, Benjamin Ploegstra, Del Vander Zee, Kaase Van Niejenhuis

Happy Anniversary this Week

Mike & Laura Janssen, Roger & Linda Vanden Hoek

Thank You!

We would like to thank the Covenant congregation for their thoughts, cards, visits, and prayers during this time of uncertainty for us. It is great to be a citizen of a community of faith!
-Dennis & Donna Walstra

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bobby Van Otterloo.

Dreaming About a Mission Trip?

Although Covenant members are involved in many and varied service and volunteer activities, it's been a few years since we've done a mission trip. The SAM committee is wondering if there is interest in pursuing such a project. Anyone wanting to explore possibilities with us are invited to meet briefly after the morning service today, **March 10** in the choir loft.

Washing Communion Cups

As we celebrate communion each week during the season of Lent, we could use a little extra help washing communion cups. Each pastoral group will be assigned a Sunday. Watch for a message from your pastoral group elder with a request to help for a Sunday.

Let's Go Bowling!

On Saturday, **March 16** we have the Dordt Game Room in the lower level of the Campus Center reserved from 1:00-5:00 PM. Come to bowl, play foosball, pool, ping pong, or air hockey, or bring your favorite board/card game to play! Plan to join us for all or part of that afternoon! The fellowship committee will be selling drinks to cover the cost of the rental. Feel free to bring a snack to share.



Pastoral Group Dinners

We'll take a few weeks off from pastoral group dinners for spring break. On Sunday, **March 24**, we will resume and the **DeSmith/Wielard** pastoral group will meet.

F.O.S.S.I.L. Gathering

Attention! The F.O.S.S.I.L. group is being revived! If you are 60+, please plan to join us at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, **March 25**. If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Marv Wielard, (wielard@dordt.edu or 712-441-7353). If you would be willing to bring a pot of soup, please contact Marv. Hope to see you there!

Swing Dance Class

Swing Dance is part of the Sioux Center Arts community classes this spring! The class covers beginner level steps and moves. It's simple to learn, but not easy. Times will be 7-8:30 PM for 6 consecutive Fridays starting **March 15**. Cost is \$45 or \$35 each if you sign up as a couple. Ask Eric Rowe any questions (ericroweis@gmail.com).

The Prodigal Love of God

On **April 4-6**, Dordt College and the Andreas Center will host a conference titled "The Prodigal Love of God: Reencountering Dort at 400 and Beyond." We would love to offer a discounted group rate of only \$30 per attendee for churches who will be bringing 8 or more people. Planning to register? Contact the church office! (covenant@mtcnet.net) We have a few who would love to register together, but need more people to get the discount.

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

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| Greeters | AM: Mark MC, John V, Jason W | |
| Ushers | AM: Jo A, Rockne MC, John Z | |
| Coffee | Wil A, Mark C, Marilyn M, Shirley T, Marty VP, Kurt V | |
| Subs | Marge DB, George F, Rin G, Mark H, Sharon V, Eldon W | |
| Sound/Projection | Nick B ♦ Goslingas | Kayt F ♦ Mark H |
| Nursery | AM: Ryan & Val Z, Rob & Megan H | AM: Joe & Erin E, Josue & Ana F |
| March POM: Themistols | PM: Daryl & Deb H, Barb T | WE: Marty & Kris VP, Steve & Pat C |

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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| Troy & Faith Bierma tbierma@gmail.com | Kelly & April Crull crulls@caimail.net | Dan & Jeananne Kuiper djkuijp@aol.com | Sos & Kara Maletoungou smaletoungou@crcna.org | Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com |
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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| Today | 9:00 AM | Covenant Sunday Morning (The CRC and Race Relations) |
| | 9:00 AM | Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-10) |
| | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 11:15 AM | Mission Trip Meeting (choir loft) |
| | 5:00 PM | Formation Sunday Evening: Stories with the F.O.S.S.I.L group and others |
| Monday | 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 | Youth Group |
| | 7:15 PM | Cadets (at Faith CRC) |
| Saturday | 1:00 PM | Dordt Game Room |
| Sunday, 17th | 9:00 AM | Covenant Sunday Morning (The CRC and Worldly Amusements) |
| | 9:00 AM | Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-10) |
| | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 11:30 AM | Lunch and WE Service on the Lord's Supper |
| | 6:30 PM | Sunday Evening Bible Study |