

## SUNDAY, March 17, 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 second 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.

### WE Service Today

Following the morning service, we will gather for lunch and an intergenerational WE (Worship Experience) service focusing on the Lord's Supper. 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. We hope you'll stay! Nursery will be provided.

### Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday we have even more activities than usual. Therefore, our evening gathering at 5:00 PM will be a bit more low key. We will simply gather around some tables in the fellowship hall and have a discussion of a Bible passage. Pastor Joel will facilitate the discussion. Because we are already asking members to provide sound and other support for the WE service, we will not ask sound or nursery or other helpers to come at 5:00 PM. People are welcome, but not obligated to attend the 5:00 PM Bible discussion.

### Worship Next Week

Next week Sunday morning, **March 24**, we have the privilege of participating in both of the sacraments as we witness the baptism of Thea Wyenberg and then meet again at the Table for the Lord's Supper. In the evening we welcome to our 5:00 PM gathering members of Faith CRC and Bridge of Hope for GEMS Sunday.

### 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!

### Offerings for March

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

### Last week's offering

Christian Education Fund	\$3,429.01
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Sean Hannigan, Benjamin Groenewold, Cheri Horstman, Carol Apol, Mark Tazelaar, Richard Eggebeen, Victoria Eggebeen, Mike Janssen, Tricia Van Dyk, Beth Vanden Berg*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Wil & Jo Alberda*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loeffke.

### 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.



### Pastoral Group Dinners

We are taking a few weeks off from pastoral group dinners for spring break. Next Sunday, **March 24**, we will resume and the **DeSmith/Wielard** pastoral group will meet at 12:00 PM for lunch and fellowship.

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

Attention! The F.O.S.S.I.L. group (60+) will be meeting at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall on Monday, **March 25**. We will share a soup supper, and Dr. John Visser will speak to us about common financial mistakes made at retirement. 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!

### The Prodigal Love of God Group Rate

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 have enough Covenant folk going to get a discounted group rate of only \$30 per attendee. If you'd like to register at this rate, please contact the church office by tomorrow, **March 18** at 9:00 AM (covenant@mtcnet.net).

### Dordt Instrumental Concert

The Dordt College Concert Band and Chamber Orchestra invite you to a concert at 7:30 PM on Friday, **March 22**, at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Directed by Dr. Daniel Baldwin and Mrs. Susan De Jong, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of instrumental selections. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

### Love INC's Annual Meeting

Love INC's Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, **March 18** at 7:00 PM at Pioneer United Methodist Church in Rock Valley. Please join us as we meet to discuss how the Lord has used the church to bless the people of Sioux County in 2018. Refreshments will be served. For questions, call 712-476-5990.

### Disability Connection Event

You are invited to a disability connection event to be held here at Covenant on Saturday, **April 6** from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event includes a free lunch with requested RSVP to Dan De Vries (ddevries@hopehaven.org). This event is hosted by Hope Haven with keynote speaker, Rev. Mark Stephenson from the CRC Disability Concerns. Explore ways your church might welcome, advocate for, and reach out to people with disabilities in your church and neighborhood.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, March 24
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	Eric R ♦ Dane H	Jeff P ♦ Goslingas
Nursery	AM: Rob & Megan H Josue & Ana F	AM: Erik & Barb H, Dave & Jan V
March POM: Themistols	WE: Marty & Kris VP, Steve & Pat C	PM: Mark & Cheri H, Ethan & Donna B

### GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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

<b>Today</b>	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
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (The CRC and War)
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-10)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	DeSmith/Wielard Pastoral Group Dinner
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening – GEMS Sunday Worship
	7:30 PM	ETM (at First CRC)