

SUNDAY, March 24, 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. This 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 Missions Fund \$1087.97

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week
Emma Haan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the United Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jon Bushnell.

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

Today the **DeSmith/Wielard** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **March 31**, the **Kok/Christians** pastoral group will meet.

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!

Calling All Singers:

The "Covenant Occasional Choir" will be singing on Palm Sunday and Easter this year and we invite all singers high school and older to join! Thank you to Ryan Smit who has agreed to direct again! Our first rehearsal will be this Monday evening, **March 25**, from 7:30-8:45 PM. (Please come in quietly this week as the F.O.S.S.I.L. group will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall that evening and may not be quite finished.) We will also rehearse on Monday, **April 1, 8, & 15**, as well as Sunday **April 14 & 21** at 9:00 AM. We hope you will join us!

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 7:00-9:00 PM on Tuesday, **April 2**. Video: "I'm Not Sick, I Don't Need Help." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Hope Haven Annual Benefit Auction

Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, **April 5** at Te Slaa Trucking (corner of Hwys 75 & 18). Help support the local and global ministries of Hope Haven through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. The doors will open at 4:30 PM; the food booth and buy-it-now table open at 5:00 PM; the live auction begins at 5:30 PM. Visit our website for a list of items that will be auctioned off (www.hopehaven.org). The whole family is invited to this event!

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.

Cornerstone Prison Church Annual Benefit Banquet

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to the 13th Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, **April 8** at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley at 6:30 PM. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Save your spot by Sunday, **March 31** by calling Trinity CRC (712-476-5292) or go to our website (www.cornerstonepcsd.org). Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary! A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to Cornerstone Prison Church (c/o Dave Vande Kamp, PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109) or donate online (www.cornerstonepcsd.org).

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, March 31
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	Jeff P + Goslingas	Doug DB + Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Erik & Barb H, Dave & Jan V	AM: Kurt & Sharon V, Ryan & Angela H
March POM: Themistols	PM: Mark & Cheri H, Ethan & Donna B	PM: Adam & Robin F, Jo F

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

Troy & Faith Bierma Kelly & April Crull Dan & Jeananne Kuiper Sos & Kara Maletoungou Mike & Megan Ribbens
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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	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)
Monday	5:30 PM	F.O.S.S.I.L Gathering
	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
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)
Sunday, 31st	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (The CRC and Climate Change)
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-10)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Kok/Christians Pastoral Group Dinner
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Art & Faith with Dave Versluis