

## SUNDAY, March 31, 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 fourth 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 Dave Versluis will talk about art and faith.

Next Sunday, **April 7**, Mark Stephenson, director of CRC Disability Concerns, will be joining us for our 5:00 PM gathering. Mark will be sharing a "dialogue message" and will specifically focus on ministry to people with mental illness. We encourage everyone to join us, especially ministry leaders, Sunday school teachers, youth group leaders, worship planners, and small group leaders. Mark will be here for the Disability Connection Event being held here at Covenant on Saturday, **April 6**. You can find more information about that event in the announcements below.

### Offerings for March

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

### Offerings for April

|    |               |    |                          |
|----|---------------|----|--------------------------|
| 7  | General Fund  | 14 | Christian Education Fund |
| 21 | Missions Fund | 28 | World Renew              |

### Last week's offering

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Compassion Fund | \$882.37 |
| GEMS            | \$520.30 |

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Auden Mellema, Marty Vander Plaats, Becky Drissell, Rebecca DeVries, John Visser*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Brian & Barb Mellema*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddy Olguin.



### Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the **Kok/Christians** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **April 7**, the **Jongsma/Mellema** pastoral group will meet.

## Profession of Faith Classes

Beginning **today**, Pastor Joel will offer a few profession of faith classes from 3:30-4:30 PM. The gatherings are for members in High School or Middle School. No one will be required to profess faith afterward; it's a way for us to explore our faith.

## 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! We will rehearse on Monday, **April 1, 8, & 15**, from 7:30-8:45 PM as well as Sunday **April 14 & 21** at 9:00 AM. We hope you will join us!

## 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.

## 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).

## 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, April 7  |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Greeters                         | AM: Mark MC, John V, Jason W                                     | AM: Joan MC, Merrill MC, Jake VW  |
| Ushers                           | AM: Jo A, Rockne MC, John Z                                      | AM: Paul C, Sherri TN, Beth VB  |
| Coffee                           | Wil A, Mark C, Marilyn M, Shirley T, Marty VP, Kurt V            | Isabel C, Rob H, Barb H, Dave G, Rachel L, Marcia W                     |
| Subs                             | Marge DB, George F, Rin G, Mark H, Sharon V, Eldon W             | Ruth Clo, Bob DS, Chris G, Cheri H, Dave S, Linda V                     |
| Sound/Projection                 | Doug DB ♦ Marty VP   | Andy L ♦ Mark H   |
| Nursery<br>March POM: Themistols | AM: Kurt & Sharon V, Ryan & Angela H<br>PM: Adam & Robin F, Jo F | AM: Ron & Carol O, Jason & Dani W<br>PM: Mark & Lisa C, Doug & Marge DB |

### GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

|                               |          |  |
|-------------------------------|----------|--|
| <b>Today</b>                  | 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                               |
|                               | 3:30 PM  | Profession of Faith Class  |
|                               | 5:00 PM  | Formation Sunday Evening: Art & Faith with Dave Versluis           |
| <b>Monday</b>                 | 7:30 PM  | Choir Rehearsal  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>              | 9:30 AM  | Coffee Break Spring Social   |
|                               | 7:00 PM  | Youth Group  |
| <b>Saturday</b>               | 9:00 AM  | Disability Connection Event  |
| <b>Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup></b> | 9:00 AM  | Covenant Sunday Morning (The CRC and Ecumenism)                    |
|                               | 9:00 AM  | Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-10)                            |
|                               | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship  |
|                               | 12:00 PM | Jongsma/Mellema Pastoral Group Dinner                              |
|                               | 3:30 PM  | Profession of Faith Class  |
|                               | 5:00 PM  | Formation Sunday Evening: Mark Stephenson, CRC Disability Concerns |
|                               | 7:30 PM  | ETM (at First CRC)   |