SUNDAY, August 4, 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!



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 Pastor Joel continues a four part series on Colossians, following the lectionary readings. This morning we also come together at the table to celebrate the Lord's Supper. We will not share our joys and concerns this morning, but will have time to share them in our evening gathering.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This evening at 5:00 PM, Pastor Joel will again focus on teachings regarding the Lord's Prayer, focusing on the phrase "Forgive us our debts..." with time for questions, and discussion, and sharing our joys and concerns.

Offerings for August

4 11	General/Building Fund Christian Education Fur	nd	18 25	Missions Fund World Renew	
Last w	eek's offering	Compassion/Tu	uition As	sistance Fund	\$797.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Max Hoekstra, Dave Versluis, Caden Zonnefeld, Ezra Landman, Lee Mellema, George Faber, Rin Goedhart, Ron Oostra

Happy Anniversary this Week

Ryan & Angela Hannigan, Jeff & Sara Ploegstra Ron & Carol Oostra

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 Loefke.

Teachings Regarding Communion

At 9:00 AM on two Sundays, **August 11 & 18**, Pastor Joel will lead Bible studies regarding the Lord's Supper. The Bible passages we will explore include Luke 24, I Corinthians 11, John 6, and passages from the book of Acts. The goal here is to approach weekly communion with the noble attitude of the Bereans, who received new teachings with enthusiasm "and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true." (Acts 16:11)

Some Ways to Use Your Gifts at Covenant:

- We are in need of two new members to join the Service And Missions (SAM) committee. If you would be interested in helping organize service projects at Covenant and taking care of our missionaries, please talk to Carol Oostra. Thank you for considering this way to serve.
- The Sunday School year is coming up and we are in need of several teachers! If you are interested in serving Covenant's kids in this way, please talk to Dani Wyenberg (danielle.wyenberg@gmail.com or 605-953-9003).
- Children and Young People Grades 4-12: Would you like to sing or play an instrument in church this summer? Please talk to or email Rebecca De Vries and let her know which Sunday you are available.

Tuition Assistance

The new school year is fast approaching and with that comes tuition payments. If you find you need a little help to make a payment throughout the year please contact Kris Vander Plaats (krisvp69@gmail.com) or your pastoral deacon. We also encourage all families who qualify to apply for NICSTO funds. NICSTO is disbursed according to need and the schools are often looking for more applicants. Take a look at the income requirements – they are very generous!

From the Building Committee and the Deacons

To keep everyone informed about our church upkeep, we want to let you know about what's been going on.

- The windows have been scraped, caulked, and painted. A few needed some wood replaced.
- The roof has been inspected inside and outside with the help of a drone. Problem areas are being identified.
- The air conditioner in the parsonage had to be replaced.
- The wind storm took out a large limb of the maple tree near the main door. Thankfully it fell in the parking lot. This is an old tree and may need to be cut down in the near future.
- The fence behind the parsonage is being repaired.

There are other matters around the property that need attention. Anyone can help – contact a building committee member (Dave Kramer, Ron Oostra, Rin Goedhart, Marcia Westra, and Joe Eggebeen). We will have an offering specifically for the building fund again on **September 29**. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Thank you.

Open House for Adrianna Oudman Herrera

Adrianna (Oudman) & Raúl Herrera are in the States for a home service visit to reconnect with people and churches this summer. They are having an open house at The Fruited Plain on Monday, **August 5** from 6-9 PM. They will give a presentation about what is going on in Nicaragua from 7:00-7:30. Join them as they share what has been going on in Nicaragua and in their ministry, as well as having some one-on-one time with people.

Sioux Center National Night Out

Bring your family to Sioux Center's first "National Night Out" event on Sunday, **August 4** at 6:30-8:00 PM in Central Park. This community-building event happens every year across the nation and provides a great opportunity to build relationships between neighbors and local law enforcement under positive circumstances. Enjoy free ice cream, sit in a Sioux Center police car, firetruck, and ambulance and play in the bouncy castle! This event is co-hosted by the Sioux Center Police Department, CASA of Sioux County, and PIECE.

Sioux Center MOPS

Are you an expectant mother or the mother of a child/children up to 5 year old? Come join the Sioux Center MOPS (Mother Of PreSchoolers) group where you'll find spiritual encouragement, friendship, brunch, and lots of coffee as well as childcare. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 9-11 AM in September-May. Registration is **August 6** from 4-7 PM at Central Park in Sioux Center. There will be a bounce house, bubble activities, and a bake sale. If you can't make it to the event you can sign up online. For details find us on Facebook: @SiouxCenterMOPS

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 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **August 6**. Speaker: Mavis Anema, Sioux Rivers Mental Health and Disabilities Services Coordinator. Individuals and family members living with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Community Prayer Meeting

You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus on Wednesday, **August 7**, from 7:30-8:30 PM in the Faith CRC youth room (lower level). The global focus will be Southeast Asia and Buddhism. Future gatherings will be on the first Wednesday of each month and will be hosted and led by members of various local churches.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, August 11		
Greeters	AM: Tom C, Tricia K, Mark T			
Ushers	AM: Dennis DJ, Kathy DW, Lee M			
Coffee	Lisa C, Steve C, Rebecca DV, Rog VH, Shirley M, Merrill MC			
Subs	Jan B, Paul C, Jo F, Daryl H, Shawna VN, Dani W			
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ✦ Mark H	Nick B 🔶 Marty G		
Nursery Aug. POM: McCarthys	AM: Sara P, Laura J PM: Daryl & Deb H, Steve & Pat C	AM: Ross & Lisa F, Luke & Sarah H PM: Mark & Cheri H, Ethan & Donna B		

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

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL: pril Crull Ariel & Carlve Gomes Dan & Jeananne Kuiper

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching by Pastor Joel
Sunday, 11 th 9:00 AM		Lord's Supper Bible Study
10:00 AM		Morning Worship
5:00 PM		Formation Sunday Evening: Teaching by Pastor Joel