

SUNDAY, August 11, 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

Pastor Joel continues his series on Colossians this morning. We also have the privilege of witnessing the Profession of Faith of Zoey Eggebeen, daughter of Joe & Erin and sister to Deirdre, Richard, and Victoria.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

When we meet at 5:00 PM this evening, Pastor Joel will facilitate a dialogue regarding how God is leading us into an unknown future. We will seek to discern what we always do because we are God's people and also what new things we can do because our faithful God also does new things. And we will explore whether some ancient practices and open us to renewal. The dialogue will benefit from your presence, so please consider participating.

Offerings for August

4	General/Building Fund	18	Missions Fund
11	Christian Education Fund	25	World Renew

Last week's offering

General Fund	\$6,997.55
Building Fund	\$1,731.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Dani Wyenberg, Kathleen Van Tol, Deb Hibma

Happy Anniversary this Week

Robbin & Sara Eppinga, Benjamin Groenewold & Tricia Van Dyk, Ryan & Amie Smit, John & Laurey Zwart, Jake & Trena Van Wyk

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.

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)

Back to School WE Service

For our Sunday evening formation gathering on **August 18**, we will be hosting an intergenerational "back to school" WE service (Worship Event). Together – through reflection, conversation, song, scripture and art – we will look back at our summer experiences and look forward to the new school year, acknowledging that God is always with us. Our gathering begins at 5:00 PM and concludes with a meal (the meal will be provided with a freewill donation box to help cover the cost). Please let us know by Friday, **August 16** if you plan to attend by signing up on the table in the fellowship hall or online (the link was sent in your eCovenant email). The event is for everyone, but we extend a special invitation to families with school-aged children.

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 Oostr. 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!

New Life Treatment Center Concert

NLTC, along with KDWC 99.3 FM Radio, proudly present Jason Gray, Christian Singer, Songwriter & Recording Artist in concert on the evening of **August 17**, at The American Reformed Church, (304 N. Fairview Drive, Luverne, MN). Proceeds will benefit New Life Treatment Center, a Christian faith-based, non-profit residential treatment facility, providing hope for freedom from addiction for more than 40 years.

Love & Learn Classes

Love INC Love & Learn fall class session will begin on Tuesday, **September 3!** We will be offering four classes to the Sioux County community at large: Parenting, Grief Share, Faith & Finances (practical money management skills with optional mentorship) and Affirming Potential (personal evaluation of physical, emotional, relational and spiritual areas of life). A fifth class, Redemptive Compassion, will be specifically offered to church members, leaders and anyone interested in exploring how we can offer help that ultimately brings freedom rather than enables people to remain in a constant state of need. We'll explore together what it means to offer charity compassion hand in hand with developmental compassion. Register by **August 26**, by calling the Love INC office (712-476-5990).

Bible League International Conference

Have you purchased tickets for the "His Plan...Our Purpose" events? Enjoy this opportunity for Christian fellowship and spiritual renewal on **September 9 & 10** at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Tickets are available online at bibleleague.org/tickets through **September 3**. Get more details at bibleleague.org/retreat19 or talk to Sherri Ten Napel!

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, August 18
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	Nick B ♦ Marty VP	Doug DB ♦ John K
Nursery Aug. POM: McCarthys	AM: Ross & Lisa F, Luke & Sarah H PM: Mark & Cheri H, Ethan & Donna B	AM: Kris & Marty VP, Josue & Ana F PM: Ryan & Val Z, Joe & Erin E

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	9:00 AM	Lord's Supper Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Dialogue and Discussion led by Pastor Joel
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Sunday, 18th	9:00 AM	Lord's Supper Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Back to School WE Service