

SUNDAY, August 18, 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

This Sunday, Pastor Joel begins a new series on the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 & 3. "Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

For this evening's formation gathering, 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). The event is for everyone, but we extend a special invitation to families with school-aged children. Please feel free to come, even if you didn't RSVP!

Offerings for August

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

Last week's offering

Christian Education Fund

\$3,254.50

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Steve Crull, Barb Mellema, Derek Friend, Chris Goedhart, John Zwart

Happy Anniversary this Week

Del & Lois Vander Zee, John & Linda Visser

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 Eddie Olguin.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening Next Week

Jason Lief has recently begun a part-time position (in addition to his teaching) at the Office for Social Justice in the CRC. Along with others in that ministry, he recently spent some time at the U.S.-Mexican border. At our formation gathering next Sunday, **August 25**, at 5:00 PM we will offer some thoughts about immigration and intercultural relations in NW Iowa. Please considering joining in the dialogue.

Cadet Kick-Off

The Cadets will have a kick-off party at Air Madness on Saturday, **August 31**, followed by pizza afterwards. We will meet at Faith CRC at 1:45 PM, drive to Harrisburg to bounce for an hour or so, then head to the Pizza Ranch in Tea for supper. All incoming 5th grade boys who plan to attend Cadets are invited to join us, and all of last year's 8th grade Cadets are also encouraged to come along for one last time. If you met your fundraising goal last fall or are a new 5th grader, your cost is \$5. If not, the cost is \$15. Questions can be sent to Joe Eggebeen (joebeen@gmail.com or 712-578-8630).

Christian Education Fund Update

Thank you for your continued support of Christian Education. As we begin a new school year, we are trying to start off on a positive note. We currently need around \$6,000 to finish off the 2018-2019 school year. If you have not given to this fund lately, please consider what you can give to help meet the 2018-2019 goal.

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 one teacher and a co-teacher! 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!

CFE Needs Your Vote

Out of 2,000 applications, the Center for Financial Education was selected as one of 200 finalists for a national competition for the State Farm Neighborhood Assist grant. From the top 200 finalists, 40 will receive a grant of \$25,000 from the State Farm Neighborhood Assist program. On **August 14-23**, US residents 18 years old or older, who have a valid email address, can cast 10 votes per day for the Center for Financial Education. The top 40 vote-getters will each receive a \$25,000 grant. Go to <https://www.neighborhoodassist.com/entry/2023608> to vote and use all your email addresses (10 votes for each email address each day).

Community-Wide Praise & Worship

You're invited to a community-wide Praise & Worship night hosted by Dordt University during the Week of Welcome. On Thursday, **August 29** at 7:00 PM, Dordt's Football team will host Keiser University at Open Space Stadium. Worship will begin immediately following the game around 10:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

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).

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, August 25
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	Doug DB ♦ John K	Doug DB ♦ Dane H
Nursery Aug. POM: McCarthys	AM: Kris & Marty VP, Josue & Ana F PM: Ryan & Val Z, Joe & Erin E	AM: Rob & Megan H, Jeff & Sara P PM: Adam & Robin F, Ron & Carol O

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

Kelly & April Crull Ariel & Carlye Gomes Dan & Jeananne Kuiper Sos & Kara Maletoungou Mike & Megan Ribbens Ben & Tricia Groenewold
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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: Back to School WE Service and Meal
Monday	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting
Sunday, 25th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Jason Lief: Discussion on Immigration