

SUNDAY, August 25, 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 continues his series on the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 & 3, focusing on the letter to the church in Smyrna. “Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

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 this evening at 5:00 PM, we will offer some thoughts about immigration and intercultural relations in NW Iowa. Please considering joining in the dialogue.

Offerings for August

25 World Renew

Offerings for September

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| 1 | General/Building Fund | 8 | Christian Education Fund | 15 | Missions Fund |
| 22 | Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund | 29 | Building Fund | | |

Last week's offering

Missions Fund

\$855.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Faith Bierma, Matt Drissell, Shonna Plasier, Dave Schelhaas, Melissa Bailey

Happy Anniversary this Week

Len & Lee Rhoda

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

Get Your Picture Taken!

Anyone, young or old, who would still like their picture taken with the wings that were created at the WE service last week is invited to head to the back of the fellowship hall after the morning service. Terry Friend will be available to take pictures.

Want to Help Build a Garage?

We plan to start construction on Chris Goedhart's garage Friday **August 30** at 4:00 PM. We plan to work through the Labor Day weekend. Talk to Adam Fedders if you are able to help (call/text 712-441-2073). This is a fundraiser for our Christian Education Fund.

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).

The Sunday School Year Starts Soon!

Sunday School and Catechism will begin on Sunday, **September 8** at 9:00 AM! We look forward to another year of learning together.

All Church Picnic

We will kick off the Sunday School year with an all church picnic at Children's Park on **September 8** after our morning service. Serving will begin around 12:30 PM. The council will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Members of the congregation whose last name begins with A-K are asked to bring a large salad and those beginning with L-Z are asked to bring a large dessert. Chips and drink will be provided. Dorcht students are encouraged to join us! Please bring your own table service – some will be available for students.

Save the Date!

After taking a hiatus for a few years, the Covenant Swap Meet is coming back this year! Join us on Saturday, **September 14** from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the church parking lot! Bring any good re-usables and/or take away what you can use – no money exchanged. Start cleaning house!

Christian Education Fund Update

Thank you for your continued support and faithful giving to the Christian Education Fund. We want to celebrate being able to pay off all of our 2018-2019 obligations! As we start the new school year, we want to give thanks for God's faithfulness to our local Christian schools. Please continue to prayerfully consider how you can support our obligations for the 2019-2020 school year.

Looking for GEMS Counselors

We are still looking for a few women – young or seasoned, crafty or not – to help mentor and make an impact on the next generation of girls from our community. Is God calling you to help with GEMS this year? If so, contact Valerie Van Beek (northstar_gems@hotmail.com).

Community Prayer Meeting

You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus on Wednesday, **September 4**, from 7:30-8:30 PM at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City (201 St. Paul Ave SE). The global focus is yet to be determined. The local focus will be 'Whispers of Love, Hope, and Joy', a new ministry for marginalized women. Future gatherings will be on the 1st Wednesday of the month with a different global and local focus at each meeting.

Bible League Conference

Key Note Speaker Kendra Broekhuis, worship leader Lora Rankin, and ministry leader Nervana from Egypt join Bible League Volunteers in providing you a special conference on Tuesday **September 10**. Also, we hope you join friends and Bible League International representatives for dinner on Monday evening, **September 9**. Both events will be at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Tickets are available online at bibleleague.org/tickets through **September 3**. More details are available at bibleleague.org/retreat19. Questions? Talk to Sherri Ten Napel!

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

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| Greeters | AM: Tom C, Tricia K, Mark T | AM: Rob H, Trena VW, Marcia W |
| Ushers | AM: Dennis DJ, Kathy DW, Lee M | AM: Cal J, Andy L, Jeff T |
| Coffee | Lisa C, Steve C, Rebecca DV, Rog VH, Shirley M, Merrill MC | Jo A, Duane B, Ruth Cla, Mary D, Mark MC, John Z |
| Subs | Jan B, Paul C, Jo F, Daryl H, Shawna VN, Dani W | Jenni B, Mark C, Sherri TN, Jake VW, John V, Kurt V |
| Sound/Projection | Doug DB ♦ Dane H | Marv W ♦ Mark H |
| Nursery Aug. POM: McCarthys | AM: Rob & Megan H, Jeff & Sara P PM: Adam & Robin F, Ron & Carol O | AM: Laura L, Kurt & Sharon V PM: Paul & Ruth C, Jo F |

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| Today | 10:00 AM 5:00 PM | Morning Worship Formation Sunday Evening: Jason Lief: Discussion on Immigration |
| Monday | 7:00 PM | Elders Meeting |
| Friday | 4:00 PM | Goedhart Garage Project |
| Saturday | 1:45 PM | Cadet Kick-Off (meet at Faith CRC) |
| Sunday, 1st | 10:00 AM 5:00 PM | Morning Worship with Communion Formation Sunday Evening: Pastoral Teaching: "Lead us not into temptation..." |