

## SUNDAY, September 8, 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 Thyatira. “Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” We will also commission and pray for our church education leaders.

#### Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This evening at 5:00 PM, Carlye & Ariel Gomes will share about their work in Senegal this past year.

#### Offerings for September

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

<b>Last week's offering</b>	General Fund	\$10,575.10
	Building Fund	\$1,324.00

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY



#### Happy Birthday this Week

*Shirley Taylor, Doug DeBoer, Micah Goslinga, Laura Lappenga*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mike Pitsenberger.

#### All Church Picnic

We will kick off the Sunday School year with an all church picnic at Children's Park **today** after our morning service. 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. Dordt students are encouraged to join us! Please bring your own table service – some will be available for students.

#### Updating the Church Directory (with Photos!)

It's time to make sure the church directory is up-to-date! Can you check your listing on the welcome table, make any additions/corrections, or mark “ok” if it's all correct? If you're not currently in the directory, but plan to attend regularly, we'd love to include you as well. Add your name and email address to the end of the printout on the table, and I'll contact you for more information. We plan to include a photo directory this year, so we will be taking pictures at the picnic **today**. Head over to the park after church, look for Terry Friend or Sherri Ten Napel, and get your picture taken before lunch is served! If you will not be able to attend the picnic, please email a family picture to the church office as soon as you're able.

#### Sunday Evening Bible Study

This Sunday, **September 8**, the Sunday Evening Bible Study begin again with a study called “Love to Pray” by Alvin VanderGriend, a 40 day devotional book for deepening your prayer life. The study will last 8 weeks and we'll watch a DVD for approximately 15 minutes, then have discussion afterwards. We will plan to meet after the 5:00 PM service for about 60–75 minutes. Please take a snack to share if you can and plan to join us. The first time we meet will be to hand out books to those who are interested. Everyone is welcome!

#### GEMS Kick Off

GEMS will kick off their season at Children's Park on Wednesday, **September 11** from 6:00-8:00 PM. All girls in grades 4-8 are welcome! Contact Valerie Van Beek with questions (northstar\_gems@hotmail.com).

#### Cadet Registration

Cadet registration will take place at 7:15 PM on Wednesday, **September 11**, at Faith CRC. All boys in 5th-8th grade are invited. We need one parent to accompany their son to fill out the forms with the counselors. The cost is \$35 for 6th-8th grade and \$45 for 5th graders. If you have any questions please email [fbcadets@gmail.com](mailto:fbcadets@gmail.com).

#### Covenant Swap Meet

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! Not sure how this works? Here's the scoop: bring any good, reusable items that you no longer want or need to church before 9:00 AM and take away what you can use – no money exchanged! Feel free to bring kitchen items, toys, sporting goods, furniture, books, art, small appliances, etc., but please don't bring clothes or junk. At 12:00 PM we'll pack up whatever is left to donate. Feel free to invite friends to this event as well. Start cleaning your house!

#### Pork'n'Bands III

Covenant is teaming up with The Fruited Plain Cafe to host Pork'n'Bands III on Saturday, **September 14**. It's a great night of food and local music. Music starts at 3:00 PM with Kramer's famous pork served from 5-8 PM. There will be a freewill donation for the food, which will benefit the Christian Education Fund. There is a sign-up sheet on the welcome table to bring food, plates, etc. Please deliver to the Fruited Plain by Saturday afternoon. Invite your friends to this great event!

### Prairie Walk

Next Sunday, **September 15**, we plan to take our Faith Formation Sunday Evening gathering outside (weather permitting). We plan to meet at the Dordt prairie at 5:00 PM for a prairie walk and a time to appreciate together God's beautiful creation. Watch for more details this week!

### Coffee Break Registration

Coffee Break starts up again this year with registration at our church on **September 18** at 9:30 AM. We will study the books of Acts and Exodus beginning on **September 25**. Coffee and goodies are always available as well as Story Hour for children ages 2-5. Come out and learn about our amazing God with ladies of all ages and backgrounds. Questions? Call Rin Goedhart (722-4394).

### Welcome College Students!

We believe that college is an important time to celebrate your God-given gifts and to experience the larger body of Christ. We are so glad you are here! We celebrate your involvement in worship leadership at Covenant and are blessed by your service in our ministries. We hope you will consider being involved. Check the welcome table for information on how to do so. And we hope you have a great year!

### Adopt a family/Adopt a Student

College students: if you are interested in connecting to a Covenant family, we'd love to help you adopt one! Please sign up at the welcome table. Covenant families – if you are interested in adopting a student, please sign up as well! Talk to Rebecca DeVries, Robin Fedders, or Dane Hibma if you have questions.

### Got Any Ideas?

The fellowship committee would appreciate any ideas and input from the congregation regarding social activities for this year. Please pass along your suggestions to Laura Janssen, Mark Horstman or Len Rhoda.

### Dordt Faculty Recital

Interested in hearing one of our own Covenant folk perform? Dordt University music faculty members Ryan Smit (tenor) and Pamela De Haan (pianist) will collaborate to present Franz Schubert's monumental song cycle *Die Schöne Müllerin* ("The Maid of the Mill"), one of the crowning achievements of a Romantic composer known for his mastery of the German art song or lieder. The work features 20 songs that together tell the story of a wandering journeyman who finds employ at a forest mill and falls in love with the miller's daughter. The recital is at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, and admission is free.

### World Renew Event

You are invited to a presentation by Jim Zylstra of World Renew Tanzania. Jim and Josephine have been working for World Renew in East Africa for many years and are ready to share updates with you and reflections on the work and way of life there. Two opportunities exist: Luverne CRC on **September 17** or Chandler CRC on **September 18**. Both events are at 7:00 PM. Please contact World Renew Board Member Rich VanderZiel with any questions (vzielrn@frontier.net).

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, September 15
Greeters	AM: Rob H, Trena VW, Marcia W	
Ushers	AM: Cal J, Andy L, Jeff T	
Coffee	Jo A, Duane B, Ruth Cla, Mary D, Mark MC, John Z	
Subs	Jenni B, Mark C, Sherri TN, Jake VW, John V, Kurt V	
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Marty VP	Eric R ♦ John K
Nursery Sept. POM: Hawleys	AM: Erik & Barb H, Jason & Dani W PM: Eldon & Marcia W, Lee & Jenni M	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Dave & Jeri S PM: (no nursery)

### GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	All Church Picnic (at Children's Park)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Carlye & Ariel Gomes share about their work abroad
	6:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 PM	GEMS Kick-Off (at Children's Park)
	7:00 PM	Cadets Registration (at Faith CRC)
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 AM	Covenant Swap Meet
<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (with Dordt Concert Choir)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Prairie Walk at the Dordt Prairie