

SUNDAY, September 15, 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 Sardis. “Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” We are also delighted to have the Dordt University Concert Choir with us this morning. They enjoyed a retreat in our building yesterday and we are so thankful for their contribution to today’s worship service. The flowers in church this morning were from the Bible League conference this past week.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This evening at 5:00 PM we are going to take our Faith Formation Sunday Evening gathering outside! We plan to meet at the Dordt prairie for a prairie walk and a time to appreciate together God’s beautiful creation together. We’ll gather at the northeast corner of the prairie by the sign. Need a ride or want to carpool? Meet at church at 4:50!

Offerings for September

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

Last week’s offering

Christian Education Fund

\$3,557.33

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Adam Kramer, Kelly Crull, Charlie Wyenberg, Pam Adams, Erik Hoekstra

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God’s blessing on the Central Reformed congregation.

Updating the Church Directory (with Photos!)

It’s time to make sure the church directory is up-to-date! Would 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 also plan to include a photo directory this year. If you didn’t have your picture taken at the picnic last week, find Sherri Ten Napel after church this morning for a quick photo or email a family picture to the church office soon.

Men’s Bakery Study Group

The Men’s Bakery Study Group will be meeting on Wednesday, **September 18**, at 6:30 AM at Casey’s Bakery. All men are welcome to join! Contact Ron Oostra with any questions.

Coffee Break Registration

Coffee Break starts up again this year with registration at our church on Wednesday, **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).

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars – the Christian Education Fund auction is set for Friday, **November 15**. Watch for more information as the date gets closer, but start brainstorming what you could offer up for bid at the auction. Or do you have something you would be willing pay big bucks for? Encourage someone to put it up for auction! This is a great chance to raise some funds to put towards our Legacy Plan contribution.

Interested in Small Groups?

Have you heard someone talking about Small Groups? Small Groups at Covenant are a way for families, couples, and singles to grow together in faith and fellowship. Groups meet once or twice a month for Bible study, fellowship, prayer, and other activities. If you are interested in becoming part of a small group, or if you would just like to know more about small groups, contact Bob or Rebecca De Smith or sign up on the table in the fellowship hall.

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.

Winter Gear Drive

Please join Bridge of Hope's Outreach Team along with Sewing by Sara gather cold weather outer wear for their Winter Gear Drive. This would include gently used or new winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, gloves, and scarves of all sizes. (Please wash before donating and check pockets!) This year they are also collecting new or gently used and clean blankets, tennis shoes (all sizes), monetary donations or gift cards to Walmart for the Outreach Team to purchase needed items. All items collected will be distributed through local agencies and/or through a designated distribution site, depending on the amount of donated items. Items can be dropped off in the box by the church office between now and Sunday, **October 13**. Questions? Contact Lisa (lidoelman@live.com) or the Bridge of Hope office (office@bridgecrc.org).

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, September 22
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	Eric R + John K	Doug DB + Dane H
Nursery Sept. POM: Hawleys	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Dave & Jeri S PM: (no nursery)	AM: Dave & Emily K, Jake & Trena VW PM: Tom & Ruth C, Kathy DW

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	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
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break Registration
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:30 PM	Worship Committee Meeting
Sunday, 22nd	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening
	6:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study: Poetry by Rachel Hibma and Dave Schelhaas
	7:30 PM	ETM (at First CRC)