# SUNDAY, September 29, 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!



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 final letter to the church in Laodicea. "Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

This evening at 5:00 PM, Alex Vasquez will share with us about his work with Young Life.

**Offerings for September** 

29 Building Fund

### **Offerings for October**

6	General/Building Fund	13	Christian Education Fu	
20	Missions Fund	27	World Renew: Disaster	
Last week's offering		Compassion/Tuition As	sistance Fund	\$805.25

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY



## Happy Birthday this Week

Levi Landman, Dave Goslinga, Judah Hawley, Ethan Brue, Ava Landman, Alleke Crull, Ed Brummel, Anna Christians

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Christ the King Catholic congregation and the ministry of Father Douglas Klein.

### **English Department Reading**

The English Department at Dordt University invites you to its annual reading, which will take place in SB1606 at 7:30 PM this evening, **September 29**. Refreshments will be served, but they will pale next to the delights of poetry, fiction, and memoir read by past and present English faculty. Please join us!

### **Covenant Sunday Morning Plans**

From **October 13** to **November 24**, Covenant Sunday Morning will be working through *The Tech-Wise Family* by Andy Crouch. The goal of the book, and our study, is to encourage us to keep technology in its proper place in our everyday lives. Parents or grandparents, single or married, all are invited to discuss this topic with us. The short, accessible chapters include positive suggestions and research about the role of technology in family life. Let Sara Ploegstra know by Wednesday, **October 2**, at 9:00 AM if you'd like her to order a copy of the book for you.

### **Black Sunday: Dust Bowl Sonnets**

On Sunday, **October 13**, during the 5:00 PM Faith Formation gathering time, some Covenant members will be presenting a dramatization of *Black Sunday: Dust Bowl Sonnets* by Benjamin Myers. Through the imagined voices of people who lived in the iconic scenes of those hard times, we will witness their lives and hopes, their struggles with the land and with God. Invite your friends!

### 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.



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

It's time to make sure the church directory is up-to-date! Please check your listing on the welcome table, make any additions/corrections, or mark "ok" if all is correct? If you're not currently in the directory but plan to attend regularly, we'd love to include you! 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 haven't had your picture taken yet, email a family picture to the church office soon.

#### **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.

### **NAMI Support Group**

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, October 1. Individuals and family members living with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

#### **Siouxland Unity CRC Fundraiser**

On Wednesday evening, October 2, you are invited to a southeast Asian meal at First CRC in Sioux Center. This meal will be provided by Siouxland Unity CRC, a Laos community located in Sioux City, as a fundraiser to help support the financial needs of the community. Suggested donation is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. Food will be served from 5:00-6:30 PM, or until the food runs out! See you there!

### **Community Prayer Meeting**

You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus on Wednesday, October 2, from 7:30-8:30 PM at Common Place Church in Rock Valley (1129 Main St.). The global focus will be on three countries in SE Asia. The local focus will be Habitat for Humanity.

#### 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 (Idoelman@live.com) or the Bridge of Hope office (office@bridgecrc.org).

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, October 6
Greeters	AM: Rob H, Trena VW, Marcia W	AM: Pam DJ, Tim K, Len R
Ushers	AM: Cal J, Andy L, Jeff T	AM: Ruth Clo, Sharon D, Mark H
Coffee	Jo A, Duane B, Ruth Cla, Mary D, Mark MC, John Z	Ana F, Terry F, Rin G, Linda VH, Sharon V, Eldon W
Subs	Jenni B, Mark C, Sherri TN, Jake VW, John V, Kurt V	Doug DB, Zoe H, Ron O, Lee R, Les S, Beth VB
Sound/Projection	Marv W 🔶 Mark H	Andy L 🔶 Michael VP
Nursery Sept. POM: Hawleys Oct. POM: Mellemas	<b>AM:</b> Nick & Jenni B, Lee R <b>PM:</b> Laremy & Rebecca DV, Chris & Rin G	<b>AM:</b> Dennis & Pam DJ, Andy & Rachel L <b>PM:</b> Laremy & Rebecca DV, Chris & Rin G

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

#### **GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:**

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# THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12) Covenant Sunday Morning (adults) Morning Worship Formation Sunday Evening: Alex Vasquez (Young Life)
Wednesday	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Coffee Break Registration Youth Group
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12) Covenant Sunday Morning (adults) Morning Worship Formation Sunday Evening: Pastoral Teaching on "Deliver us from the evil one"