

SUNDAY, December 1, 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

We begin the season of Advent today, a season of waiting and hoping for the coming Emmanuel. Joel will be using the Isaiah lectionary passages throughout this season and we will gather at the Lord's Table each Sunday.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This evening at 5:00 PM we'll gather with Pastor Joel for an interactive teaching time.

Faith Formation Next Week

On Sunday, **December 8**, we will share some of our Christmas memories and practices. Spontaneous contributions are always welcome. But if you would like to prepare a few insights, thoughts, or recollections, let John Kok (john.kok@dordt.edu) know so that he can add you to the list of those we can plan on. You are especially encouraged to contribute to this Faith Formation gathering Christian practices that you have learned (about) from others – also from Christians outside North America.

Offerings for December

1	General Fund	15	General Fund	25	World Renew
8	Christian Education Fund	22	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund	29	Building Fund

Last week's offering

World Renew: World Hunger Campaign \$1,429.24

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Bernie De Wit, Canaan Hawley, Nico Ribbens, Elia Eppinga

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Cory Van Sloten.

Covenant Choir

The Covenant Choir will be singing on **December 8 & 15** under the direction of Ryan Smit. All singers high school and up are invited to join us! We will rehearse on **December 3** from 7:30-8:45 PM, after the congregational meeting on **December 9**, and at 9:00 AM on **December 8 & 15**. We hope you'll join us!

Congregational Meeting and Lasagna Dinner

Join us for our annual congregational meeting on Monday, **December 9** at 7:00 PM. We'll hear some updates from the council as well as voting on our church's annual budget. We encourage you to come early to support the Youth Group's SERVE trip this coming summer. They will serve lasagna beginning at 6:00 PM (free will donation).

It's Egg Roll Time!

You may have noticed egg roll order forms in your church mailbox last week. Siouxland Unity CRC in Sioux City is taking orders for their homemade egg rolls. Order by Wednesday, **December 11** for pick-up in the Covenant kitchen at 10:00 AM on Saturday, **December 21**: \$15 for 1 dozen; \$12.50 a dozen for 2 or more; \$4 for a bottle of sweet chili sauce. Please use the order form in your mailbox and place it in the box in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Carol Oostra with questions (722-4277). You can learn more about this fundraiser in both the November and December Couriers.

1st Grade through 8th Grade Musicians:

If you take private music lessons and have been working on a Christmas song with your teacher, we would love for you to play for us during the Sunday School Christmas program. Please contact Rebecca De Vries.

Sunday School Christmas Program: The Symbols of Christmas

Rehearsals for the Sunday School Christmas Program will take place on Sundays, **December 8 & 15** at 9:00 AM and **December 15** at 3:30 PM. Take note and tell all grandparents that the program will be at 5:00 PM on **December 15**. Contact Deb Hibma if you have any questions.

Swimming and Pizza Party

Head over to the All Seasons Center on Saturday, **December 14** for an all church swimming and pizza party from 4:00-6:00 PM. The swimming pool will be ours to enjoy from 4:00-5:00 and we'll gather for pizza from 5:00-6:00.

World Renew World Hunger Campaign

Thank you to everyone who brought in a Peter Fish or made a donation to the World Hunger Campaign offerings in November. Our church raised \$1971.63, and \$292.49 of that was coins! Those Peter Fish were FULL! Moses and Loyce and all the other families walking with World Renew say thank you for being part of World Renew's sustainable approach to tackling the problem of world hunger.

Weather Announcements

During severe winter weather, we will decide whether to cancel (or possibly delay) our service after an early morning assessment of roads and upcoming conditions. On such occasions, watch for an email that will be sent either through the Google groups/pastoral group lists or from the church office. During the church education season, we will make this decision by 7:30 AM; at other times as early as possible. We will also announce via KSOU, KDCR, Facebook. On some of these occasions, Covenant may hold a "barebones" service unless the Sioux County Sheriff advises no travel. Pastor Joel is happy to lead a sermon-based service to the small handful of people who live close enough and may wish to walk to church. In such cases, there will be no Sunday school and no participation by a worship team or musicians so that people will not feel compelled to drive despite the weather. We encourage all to use wisdom and discretion about whether to attend such services. We will cancel services whenever there is a tornado warning for the area.

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, **December 3**. Individuals and family members living with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, December 8
Greeters	AM: George F, Cal J, Jeff T	
Ushers	AM: Wil A, Mark C, Kurt V	
Coffee	Alejandro C, Chris G, Sarah H, Joan MC, Dennis VP, John V	
Subs	Jo A, Rob H, Andy L, Rockne MC, Marcia W, John Z	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ John K	Doug DB ♦ Marty VP
Nursery Dec. POM: Wyenbergs	AM: Kurt & Sharon V, Laura J PM: Eldon & Marcia W, Dave & Jeri S	AM: Erik & Barb H, Dave & Emily K PM: Tom & Ruth C, Dennis & Pam DJ

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

Kelly & April Crull crulls@caimail.net	Ariel & Carlye Gomes carlyerenee@gmail.com	Dan & Jeananne Kuiper djkuip@aol.com	Sos & Kara Maletougou smaletougou@crcna.org	Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com	Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk tvandyk@crnpartners.org
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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship Formation Sunday Evening: Pastoral Teaching
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	9:30 AM 7:00 PM	Coffee Break Christmas Social GEMS
Sunday, 8th	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Choir Practice Sunday School Christmas Program Practice (grades 1-8) Catechism (grades 9-12) Covenant Sunday Morning (adults) Morning Worship Formation Sunday Evening: Our Christmas Memories and Practices Sunday Evening Bible Study ETM Christmas Party (at First CRC)