

SUNDAY, January 5, 2020

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

The birth of Christ is not simply a one-day celebration in the life of the church! Today, we continue that celebration as we journey through the season of Christmas. Thank you to Dr. Justin Bailey for bringing the word to us today!

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

We will not gather this evening at 5:00 PM. Our formation gatherings will pick up again on **January 12**.

Offerings for January

5	General Fund	19	General Fund
12	Christian Education Fund	26	AM: World Renew, PM: Cadets (national)

Last week's offering

Building Fund	\$587.00
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Lois Vander Zee, Bryanna Castelan

Happy Anniversary this Week

Andy & Rachel Landman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddie Olguin.

Christian Education Fund Fundraiser

Steve Crull has organized an opportunity to raise funds for Christian Education by doing some sheet rocking and painting. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church. This work will happen during the week of **January 6** and potentially run into the week of **January 13**. Reach out to Steve if you are able to help at spcrull@mtcnet.net. Look for more announcements to come.

January Series

Coming this week, Calvin University presents the 2020 January Series – the award winning series of 15 weekly, lunchtime lectures. This year the series runs weekdays from **January 8-28**, and will be livestreamed here at Covenant from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Topics include poverty and hunger, immigration, mass incarceration, religious freedom, the ethics of big data and so much more, by top experts in their fields. We invite you to come and invite friends to these events! For more information about the speakers, topics, remote sites, and listening options, visit www.calvin.edu/january.

Chili Cook-Off

Save the date of Friday, January 31 for the annual Covenant Chili Cook-off.

Safe Church Volunteers

Please consider becoming a Safe Church volunteer during our Sunday morning worship services. Volunteers will be responsible for locking and unlocking doors, monitoring our main entrance, and welcoming latecomers to our worship service. Volunteers will be put on a rotating schedule and will be trained for their responsibilities. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Rebecca De Smith or your pastoral elder.

NAMI

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, **January 7**. Jeanne Kleinhesselink and Hannah Buteyn of Sioux Center Health will discuss EMDR and Medication Management. Individuals and family members living with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Valley Male Chorus

Men who love to sing and have a passion for the work of Hope Haven, please consider joining the Valley Male Chorus. Rehearsals will begin **January 5**, at 2:00 PM at the First CRC in Sioux Center. For more information, contact Ron Boote (712-441-5225 or rjboote@premieronline.net).

Community Prayer Meeting

You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus on Wednesday, **January 8**, from 7:30-8:30 PM at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley (2020 8th St SE). The global focus will be Central Asia. The local focus will be Love INC. Future gatherings will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month and will be hosted and led by members of various local churches. We now have a Facebook group for people to stay informed of prayer meeting locations. You can find it by searching "Sioux County community global prayer meetings." Join the group!

Dordt Orchestra Concert

The Dordt University Chamber Orchestra from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30 PM on Friday, **January 10**, at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This concert is part of a winter tour with performances scheduled in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Directed by Mrs. Susan De Jong, the Chamber Orchestra will perform a wide variety of repertoire from the Baroque era to the 21st century. Featuring four student soloists and guest directed by Dr. Onsbey Rose, program highlights include the music of J.S. Bach for flute and strings, several beloved hymn tunes, the sublime writing of Saint-Saëns for cello and harp, and the contemporary writing of James Stephenson that utilizes extended string techniques. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, January 12
Greeters	AM: Donna B, Ron O, Les S	
Ushers	AM: Dave G, Erik H, Rachel L	
Coffee	Isabel C, Jill F, Luke H, Barb H, Shirley T, Marty VP	
Subs	Ruth C, Mark H, Gidge M, Dave S, Sharon V, Eldon W	
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ Dave G	Eric R ♦ Dane H
Nursery Jan. POM: Mellemas	AM: Duane & Jan B, Barb T	AM: Ross & Lisa F, Laura J PM: Daryl & Deb H, Steve & Pat C

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 (Acts 1)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	11:30 AM	January Series (Amber Warners)
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	11:30 AM	January Series (Todd Charles Wood & Darrel R. Falk)
Friday	11:30 AM	January Series (Sandra Postel)
Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Acts 2:1-21)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (with Communion)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Sherriff Dan Altena