

SUNDAY, January 12, 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 Epiphany of our Lord is celebrated on January 6, but is extended into a season that includes the weeks preceding Lent. *The Worship Sourcebook* states that "The word 'epiphany' comes from a Greek word meaning 'manifestation or appearance.' In the context of liturgical history, this word has become closely associated with the revelation of Christ in connection with the visit of the Magi." The adoration of the Magi is a sign that the light of Christ has come for the whole world, even Gentiles from the farthest reaches of the known world. This first Sunday after Epiphany we also celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. In these coming weeks, Pastor Joel will focus on the Isaiah lectionary passages and this morning we will together celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Tonight at 5:00 PM, we will hear from three law enforcement officers, Sherriff Dan Altena, Deputy Waylon Pollema, and Jail Commander Davis DeJong. They will share what it's like for them to do their jobs, and they will receive questions and have a dialogue with us. It promises to be a fascinating evening, and we hope you will participate.

Offerings for January

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

Last week's offering General Fund \$6,646.02

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Terry Friend, Pastor Joel Kok, Michael Vander Plaats, Peregrine Groenewold, Rog Vanden Hoek, Jaren Brue

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

January Series

Join us this week for 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

Start experimenting with recipes! The Covenant Chili Cook-off is coming up on Friday, **January 31!**

The Dakota Wind Quintet

The Dakota Wind Quintet will perform a recital at Dordt at 7:30 PM on Friday, **January 17**, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Founded in 1982, the Dakota Wind Quintet travels throughout the Midwest, giving concerts and lecture demonstrations. The group features principal players of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra. The recital is free and open to the public.

Safe Church Training

It's not too late! Join us Saturday morning, **January 18**, at Dordt University. Opening plenary begins at 8:30 AM, followed by a light breakfast and workshops ending by noon – and it's only \$5. Come join Safe Church Coordinator Tara DeBoer and director Bonnie Nicholas, as well as pastors and ministry leaders from the region. Register on Eventbrite (eventbrite.com/e/iakota-and-heartland-safe-church-training-tickets-84836808177), or at the door.

Love INC Love & Learn Classes

Love INC Love & Learn winter class session will begin on Tuesday, **January 21!** We will be offering four classes to the Sioux County community at large: Parenting, Grief Share, Faith & Finances (practical money management skills with optional mentorship), and Affirming Potential (personal evaluation of physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual areas of life). A fifth class, Redemptive Compassion, will be specifically offered to church members, leaders and anyone interested in exploring how we can offer help that ultimately brings freedom rather than enables people to remain in a constant state of need. We'll explore together what it means to offer charity compassion hand in hand with developmental compassion. Register by **January 14** by calling the Love INC office (712-476.5990) .We are also looking for volunteers for our classes. If you have a heart for helping others, we have many opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents. Some of the opportunities to serve include child care, small group discussion leaders, financial mentors, prayer partners, kitchen hospitality, and more! Please call Love INC (476.5990) to find out more about ways to serve in our community!

Flu Season

Influenza activity is increasing in Sioux County! Community Health Partners of Sioux County encourages us to do all we can to prevent the spread of illness in our churches and our community. Please consider these simple things you can do to protect infants, the elderly, and the immune-compromised from serious complications that can follow viral illnesses:

- Stay home when you are sick
- Do not bring sick children to the nursery
- Wash your hands frequently
- Get a flu shot (it's not too late!)

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, January 19
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	Eric R ♦ Dane H	Jeff P ♦ Mark H
Nursery Jan. POM: Mellemas	AM: Ross & Lisa F, Laura J PM: Daryl & Deb H, Steve & Pat C	AM: Dave & Luanne G, John & Linda V PM: (no nursery)

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 2:1-21)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (with Communion)
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Sherriff Dan Altena
Monday	11:30 AM	January Series (Jonathan Haidt)
	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 AM	January Series (Cathy O'Neil)
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	11:30 AM	January Series (Deborah & James Fallows)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	11:30 AM	January Series (The 5 Browns in Concert)
Friday	11:30 AM	January Series (Bob Fu)
Sunday, 19th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Acts 2:22-47)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Praying in Color
	6:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study