

SUNDAY, January 19, 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. On this second Sunday after the Epiphany, Pastor Joel will focus on the Isaiah lectionary passage.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Our Formation Sunday Evening gathering this week will be an informal, intergenerational service that will conclude with a shared meal. We hope you will consider coming to learn about and try out a different way of praying: Praying in Color (check out www.prayingincolor.com for more information). People of all ages and artistic abilities are encouraged to come! You are welcome to take your own markers, pens or colored pencils. The food committee is providing the meal.

Faith Formation Next Week

Next Sunday, we will celebrate Cadet Sunday with a joint worship service at 5:00 PM with Bridge of Hope and Faith CRC.

Offerings for January

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

Last week's offering Christian Education Fund \$4,323.55

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Jenni Breems, Tricia Kok, Dave Kramer, Stetsen Fedders, Jasper Fedders

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Bridge of Hope congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel DeBoer.

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. For more information about the speakers, topics, remote sites, and listening options, visit www.calvin.edu/january.

Chili & Cinnamon Roll Cook-Off

It's that time of year again! Join us for the Covenant Chili & Cinnamon Roll Cook-off on Friday, **January 31** at 6:00 PM. Bring a pot of chili or pan of cinnamon rolls to share and enter. (Covenant will provide the chili toppings.) We will eat potluck style and then vote secretly for our favorites. Winners will receive a commemorative award.

Chocolate Fundraiser

The Christian Education Committee is selling chocolates again this year just in time for Valentine's Day! Look for an order form in your church mailbox and we encourage you to sell a few boxes to people outside of Covenant (and maybe buy a box or two for yourself as well!). Orders and payment will be due back by **February 5**. Return orders to Jenni Mellema or Megan Haan or place in their mailboxes. You can also help with the fundraiser by making candy. Contact Megan Haan if you are willing to help or would like more information.

Scam Notice

Recently a few members from Bethel CRC received texts from an unknown number claiming to be from Pastor John Lee requesting they buy him gift cards for him to give to others. This is a common scam where people claiming to be a target's boss/pastor ask for gift cards (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2019/07/worshippers-targeted-gift-card-scam>). Please be aware of this scam and feel free to check with the office or Pastor Joel if you receive any suspicious requests.

Dordt Faculty Recital

The Dordt University Music Department will present a Faculty Recital on Friday, **January 24**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature music by or in the style of Beethoven in honor of his 250th birthday. Performances will include compositions for marimba, flute, piano, and more. The recital is free and open to the public.

Journey Course

Sign up for the Journey Course, a 5-week missions class on Wednesday evenings **March 18-April 15** at New Life Reformed Church. Prepare to have your eyes opened by God's life changing Word as you discover what His will is for His people, both locally and to the ends of the earth. Join fellow believers from all across Siouland as we listen to 5 different speakers coming from all over the US to share their passion for extending God's glory. This class is for someone who hopes to be a missionary, wants to support a missionary, loves to pray for the harvest, wants to actively engage with their own community, or simply enjoys hearing what God is doing around the world. Childcare and snacks will be provided! For more information or to register, visit sioulandjourneycourse.com.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, January 26
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	Jeff P ♦ Mark H	Dennis DJ ♦ Marty VP
Nursery Jan. POM: Mellemas	AM: Dave & Luanne G, John & Linda V PM: (no nursery)	AM: Ryan & Val Z, Emily S, Jo F PM: Mark & Cheri H, Ethan & Donna B

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 2:22-47)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Praying in Color
	6:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Monday	11:30 AM	January Series (Alice Marie Johnson)
	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Tuesday	11:30 AM	January Series (Mitch Albom)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	11:30 AM	January Series (Ann Compton)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	11:30 AM	January Series (Jeremy Everett)
Friday	11:30 AM	January Series (Johan Norberg)
Sunday, 26th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Acts 3)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Cadet Sunday Worship Service
	7:30 PM	ETM (at First CRC)