

SUNDAY, March 1, 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

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. As Pastor Joel preaches through the gospel lectionary readings, we will experience life-changing encounters with the living Christ, both through the Word and through the weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper. You can find more information about celebrating the Lord's Supper during Lent in the book mark found in your worship folder. (If you're able, please return it to the bulletin table so we can reuse it!)

Bulletin Cover Art

Thanks to Sophia Marcus, a Dordt student who attends Covenant, for creating bulletin covers during the season of Lent.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Today at 5:00 PM, we welcome Ron Vos to our gathering. His presentation will include reflections regarding World Renew and also the global callings of agriculture and stewardship.

Offerings for March

1	General Fund	15	Missions Fund	29	Building Fund
8	Christian Education Fund	22	World Renew: US Disaster Response		

Last week's offering

Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund \$1,020.50

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Caleb Smit, Jerry Plasier, Brian Mellema, Lee Rhoda, Ben Bailey, Annika Goslinga, Mark McCarthy, Emma Mercado Castelan, Thijs van Niejenhuis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

Church Security

For our safety and protection, Covenant will begin locking some of our doors on Sunday, **March 1**. Before 9:30 AM, only the main entrance doors will be open. The NE and SW doors will then be opened to welcome worshipers. During our morning worship service and our evening Faith Formation gatherings, only the main doors will remain open with a Safe Church volunteer monitoring the doors. If you come later to our services, please enter through the main doors under the canopy. We can exit through any of our doors whenever needed. In addition, all church doors will be locked on Sunday afternoons. If you have any questions, please talk to your elder.

Pastoral Group Dinners



Today we will begin our spring season of pastoral group dinners. We begin with the **Hibma/Eggebeen** pastoral group enjoying fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! We'll take a break the next two Sundays, and on **March 22**, the **Ploegstra/Haan** pastoral group will meet.

Faith Formation Gathering Next Week

Next Sunday, **March 5** at 5:00 PM, Jim Schaap will be interviewing Siouxland Unity Lao Pastor, Keo Phommarath. A Buddhist monk at the age of eight, Keo was one of thousands to make a dramatic escape to the U.S. Jim has chronicled many Laotians whose journey paralleled Keo's, and like Keo, found freedom in Jesus Christ. You are invited to a fascinating evening of story, worship, and perhaps a bit of Lao music!

Fun in the Dordt Game Room

We have the Dordt game room (lower level of the Campus Center) reserved for Friday evening, **March 6** from 6:30-10:00 PM! We invite all – young and old - to come out for a game of air hockey, bowling, pool, or bring a board game to play if you'd like! Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

Looking for Readers

During Lent, we will have a group of readers read the sermon text each week in readers-theater style. If you would like to participate, please contact Rebecca De Vries. We are looking for readers high school age and up.

Sioux Center Christian Salt Sale Is On!

The students from SCCS will be selling water softener salt to family and friends and also at supporting area churches. The salt comes in 40lb bags of crystals and will be delivered to your door and placed wherever you would like it on **April 4**. If you did not find a form in your mailbox and would like to order salt bags, please contact an SCCS student or Emily Kramer. Payment is due at the time you place your order. Orders placed in Emily Kramer's mailbox are due **March 6**. Thanks for your continued support of Sioux Center Christian School!

Opportunity for Mutual Learning

How would you like to spend an hour a week working with a Spanish-speaking newcomer in our community, teaching conversational English and learning from someone who has had a different life experience than your own? CASA (Center for Assistance, Service, and Advocacy) of Sioux County is looking for persons who are willing to connect with a native Spanish speaker in town. Both men and women are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. English-language learning books and training are provided. Application forms for this program, PIECE (Partners in Education, Community Outreach, & Embracing Diversity) are available at the Sioux Center Public Library and on the welcome/information table at Covenant CRC. Please contact Sanneke Kok (sanneke.c.kok@gmail.com) if you want to know more.

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church from 7 to 9 PM on **March 3**. Individuals and family members affected by 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, March 8
Greeters	AM: Jenni B, Robin F, Kurt V	
Ushers	AM: Chris G, Joan MC, Shaun S	
Coffee	Mark C, Cal J, Tricia K, Andy L, Shirley M, Beth VB	
Subs	Wil A, Duane B, Pam DJ, George F, Dennis VP, Del VZ	
Sound/Projection	Eric R ♦ Mark H	Doug DB ♦ Dane H
Nursery	AM: Erik & Barb H, Ryan & Angela H PM: Nick & Jenni B, Lee R	AM: Dave & Emily K, Laura L PM: Chris & Rin G, Bob & Rebecca DS

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 7)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Hibma/Eggebeen Pastoral Group Dinner
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Ron Vos and World Renew
	6:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Classis Iakota Meeting (at First CRC, Sioux Center)
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:00 PM	GEMS
Friday	6:30 PM	Dordt Game Room
Sunday, 8th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Acts 8)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Pastor Keo and Siouxland Unity CRC
	7:30 PM	ETM (at First CRC)