

## SUNDAY, March 8, 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 second 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!) Thanks also 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, 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!

### 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

General Fund

\$9,773.25

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Amaliah Feliciano, Sara Ploegstra, Jeff Ploegstra, Lila Sybesma, Benjamin Ploegstra, Del Vander Zee, Kaase van Niejenhuis*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Mike & Laura Janssen, Rog & Linda Vanden Hoek*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Faith CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Pollema.

### Faith Formation Gathering Next Week

Next Sunday, **March 15** at 5:00 PM, you are invited to an intergenerational WE service. We will spend time together thinking about how God kept his promises to his people in pretty incredible ways and how he still keeps his promises to us today. The gathering will begin with a shared meal provided by church and will include an activity similar to a Seder ceremony that Jewish people still do today to remember how God kept his promises to them when they were slaves in Egypt. Please RSVP on the welcome table if you plan to attend.

### Serving our Sunday School Students

Do you have a heart for children and their faith development? If so, please consider becoming Covenant's Sunday School Superintendent beginning in May. Your duties would include working with the Education Committee to find teachers, order materials, and organize other details related to our 1st-8th grade Sunday School program. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca De Smith.

### 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.

## Church Security

For our safety and protection, Covenant has begun locking some of our doors. 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.

## 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.

## Love INC Annual Meeting

Love INC, Sioux County will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, **March 16**, at 6:30 PM at First Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Come to hear about how the Lord has used the church to bless the people of Sioux County in 2019.

## SCCS Society Meeting

The annual meeting of the Sioux Center Christian School Society will be held Tuesday, **March 17** at 7:30 PM in the orchestra room at school. Historically the meeting has been held in June, but the board of trustees has moved the meeting to March with the intention of encouraging increased attendance. Agenda items include an update from the board, the affirmation of trustee nominees, alternate revenue updates, Legacy Plan updates, a financial report, approval of the 20-21 budget, and a foundation report. Copies of the information packet can be requested by emailing [sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com](mailto:sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com). Parents, grandparents, church members, and school supporters, we encourage you to attend and thank you for your support of SCCS! More information about society membership eligibility is included in the information packet.

## Save the Date!

Rocky Railway VBS Is coming to Bethel CRC **July 20-23!** Mark your calendars and join us as we learn about Jesus' power in our lives! Opportunities to sign up to volunteer and attend will be coming out later.

*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	Doug DB + Dane H	Dennis DJ + John K
Nursery	AM: Dave & Emily K, Laura L PM: Chris & Rin G, Bob & Rebecca DS	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Tricia K PM: (no nursery)

### GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today</b>	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)
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
<b>Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (Acts 9)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Passover WE Service with a meal
	6:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study