

## SUNDAY, March 15, 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 third 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, 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.

### GEMS Sunday

You're invited to Faith CRC next Sunday, **March 22** at 6:00 PM for a joint GEMS Sunday worship service.

### 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

Christian Education Fund \$3,810.50

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Sean Hannigan, Benjamin Groenewold, Cheri Horstman, Carol Apol, Mark Tazelaar*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Wil & Jo Alberda*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the First CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

### COVID-19 Reminders

In light of the current global pandemic, we want to continue to look for ways to love our neighbors here in church and beyond. A few reminders: please stay home if you feel ill, the offering will be received as we leave the sanctuary, and we won't be shaking hands to greet each other. And don't forget to keep washing your hands!



### Pastoral Group Dinners

Next Sunday, **March 22**, the **Ploegstra/Haan** pastoral group will gather to enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

### 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.

## 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 [sccssoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com](mailto:sccssoffice@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.

## Sioux Center Arts Event

Doolin': Irish Music is live in concert on **March 23**, 7 PM, at Terrace View Event Center. Formed in Toulouse France in 2005, Doolin' is made up of six accomplished and eclectic musicians. This sextet (guitar, bodhrán, violin, tin whistle, accordion/vocals, bass) brings a fresh and exciting approach to Irish music. Tickets are \$10/adults and \$5/students and children, and are available at the door or online at [siouxcenterarts.ticketleap.com/doolin](http://siouxcenterarts.ticketleap.com/doolin).

## Church Between Borders

"Church Between Borders" is an event encouraging a fresh way to talk about immigration. It will be on Saturday, **March 28**, at 9:30-11:30 AM, at First Reformed Church in Sioux Falls (4800 S. Tomar Rd.). It is co-hosted by New Roots Ministry and Dr. Jason Lief, professor at Northwestern College & representative of the Office of Social Justice of the CRC. Be inspired by personal stories, hear lively but non-political discussion, and grow in Biblical insight, all while enjoying ethnic treats.

## 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](mailto:sanneke.c.kok@gmail.com)) if you want to know more.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, March 15
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	Dennis DJ ♦ John K	Doug DB ♦ Dave G
Nursery	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Tricia K PM: (no nursery)	AM: Eldon & Marcia W, Ryan & Angela H PM: Duane & Jan B, 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 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

**Monday** 7:00 PM Full Council Meeting

**Wednesday**  
 6:30 AM Men's Bakery Bible Study (at Casey's Bakery)  
 9:30 AM Coffee Break  
 7:00 PM Youth Group  
 7:00 PM GEMS  
 7:15 PM Cadets (at Faith CRC)

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 9:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)  
 9:00 AM Covenant Sunday Morning (Acts 10)  
 10:00 AM Morning Worship  
 5:00 PM Formation Sunday Evening: TBD  
 6:00 PM GEMS Sunday Worship Service (at Faith CRC)