

## SUNDAY, February 5, 2017

**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 we have the joy of celebrating Communion together in the morning service. We will also continue our series on our future hope by considering Jesus' words in Matthew 24 concerning signs of the end. This evening we continue our series on the book of Numbers by considering a crisis of priestly leadership.

### Offerings for February

| AM                          | PM                               |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 12 Christian Education Fund | Christian Reformed Home Missions |
| 19 Missions Fund            | Calvin Seminary                  |
| 26 Tuition Assistance Fund  | ATLAS                            |

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| <b>Last week's offering</b> | Tuition Assistance Fund    | \$594.50 |
|                             | Bethany Christian Services | \$212.00 |

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Wil Alberda, Scott Vande Kraats, Jane Taylor, Kinza Brue*

## 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 Kory Plockmeyer.

### Council Nominations

The council is in the process of seeking nominations for the office of elder and deacon. We welcome nominations from the congregation. Please consider nominating members who you feel have gifts that would enable them to serve our congregation well as a deacon or an elder. Nominations can be communicated to Bob DeSmith (Council President), Dennis DeJong (Council Clerk), or your pastoral group elder. Please have them in by Sunday, **February 12**.

### WWW@Cov

Our second Warm Winter Wednesday event will take place on Wednesday, **February 15!** We will gather for a meal (hotdogs/coneys for a freewill donation) together at 5:15 PM and invite you to stay for our very own Covenant Pinewood Derby! Do you have an old Pinewood Derby car collecting dust somewhere? Take it along to race! All are welcome to participate! The Cadet Pinewood Derby Night will follow at 7:15 and you're welcome to stay to watch that as well.

### Save the Date!

You're invited to join us for an evening of food and entertainment hosted by the Christian Education committee on Friday, **March 3**. Our evening will start with a delicious prime rib meal prepared by Lorraine Nieuwsma. You will also have the opportunity to bid on baked goods, etc. at a silent auction. The highlight of the evening will be a talent show featuring members of our congregation. Take a few minutes to consider a talent you/others would be willing to share. Tickets for the evening will be \$50 per plate. Mark this date on your calendars and note that child care will be provided. More details to follow.

### Christian Educations/Legacy Update

We give thanks for generous giving in December and January. Total receipts for the January were \$12,445. We now have a shortage of \$7,000 as we move into the second half of our school year. Please prayerfully consider how you can help in making up this shortfall in the months ahead. Thank you!

## Our Journey 2020 Survey

Our denomination would like our help! They conduct a survey of churches each year as a way to listen well and our church has been chosen to respond this year. The survey seeks to measure progress towards the five "desired futures" of our shared plan as a community. To learn more about Our Journey 2020, including stories of how God is already at work through the CRC, visit [crcna.org/OurJourney](http://crcna.org/OurJourney), and to fill out the survey, visit [crcna.org/survey](http://crcna.org/survey) and select our church.

## First Mondays Speaker

The community is invited to hear Dordt College First Mondays speaker Jemar Tisby on **February 6**. Tisby will give a lecture, "Red and Blue, Black and White: Untangling Race, Politics, and Religion in America," at 11:00 AM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. You can learn more about Tisby online at [www.dordt.edu](http://www.dordt.edu).

## Jewish Scholar at Dordt

Jewish scholar Jared Goldfarb will present two public lectures on **February 6 & 7**. On Monday, **February 6**, Goldfarb will speak on "The Disappearing Dead Sea: Politics, Theology, and the Environment" in the Science and Technology Center classroom SB 1606 at 3:00 PM. An evening lecture, "Considering Israel/Palestine: The Bible, Geopolitics, Narratives, and More," will be given on Tuesday, **February 7**, at 8:00 PM. in classroom SB 1606.

## NAMI

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7:00-9:00 PM. on Tuesday, **February 7**. Video: *Living with Mental Illness*, featuring Patrick Kennedy and Dr. Elyn Saks. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are invited to join us. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

## Community Unity Meal

Everyone is invited to a free "Community Unity" meal in Sioux Center on Thursday, **February 9**, from 6:00-7:30 PM at New Life Reformed Church. The meal host of the month is Sioux Center Christian School.

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

|                            | TODAY   | NEXT SUNDAY, February 12                |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Greeters</b>            | <b>AM:</b> Rob H, Tiffany P, Les S <b>♦</b> <b>PM:</b> Donna B, Mark C, Len R |   |
| <b>Ushers</b>              | <b>AM:</b> Andy L, Sherri TN, Trena VW <b>♦</b> <b>PM:</b> Sharon D, David V  |   |
| <b>Coffee</b>              | Ruth Cla, Ruth Clo, Max H, Cal J, Kris VP, John Z                             |   |
| <b>Subs</b>                | Luke H, Gidge M, Phil M, Stan VB, John V, Sharon V                            |   |
| <b>Sound/Projection</b>    | Eric R <b>♦</b> Marty VP  | Jeff P <b>♦</b> Dane H                  |
| <b>Nursery</b>             | <b>AM INF:</b> Paul & Ruth C, Barb H  | <b>AM INF:</b> Brenda F, Rachel L       |
| <b>Jan. POM:</b> Haans     | <b>TODDLER:</b> Jason & Dani W, Erik H  | <b>TODDLER:</b> Ryan & Angela H, Andy L |
| <b>Feb. POM:</b> Lappengas | <b>PM:</b> Doug & Marge DB, Duane & Jan B                                     | <b>PM:</b> Mark & Cheri H, Dennis DJ    |

### GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| <b>Today</b>                   | 9:00 AM  | Sunday School (grades 1-12)    |
|                                | 9:00 AM  | Covenant Sunday Morning        |
|                                | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship with Communion |
|                                | 6:00 PM  | Evening Worship                |
|                                | 7:30 PM  | Sunday Evening Bible Study     |
| <b>Monday</b>                  | 9:00 AM  | Women's Community Bible Study  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>               | 9:30 AM  | Coffee Break                   |
|                                | 7:00 PM  | Youth Group                    |
|                                | 7:00 PM  | GEMS                           |
|                                | 7:15 PM  | Cadets (at Faith CRC)          |
| <b>Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup></b> | 9:00 AM  | Sunday School (grades 1-12)    |
|                                | 9:00 AM  | Covenant Sunday Morning        |
|                                | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship                |
|                                | 6:00 PM  | Evening Worship                |