

## SUNDAY, March 26, 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

In this morning's service, we continue our series on the Psalms of Lent by considering the familiar words of Psalm 23. We will celebrate together the providence of God and the ways in which Psalm 23 finds its ultimate fulfillment in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will also celebrate the profession of faith of Alexa Castelan and the baptism of her daughter, Bryanna Isabel Castelan. In the evening service, we take a break from our series on Numbers to reflect together on the story of Jesus healing a blind beggar in John 9. Through scripture, silence, sermon, and song we will consider this story and the way in which it testifies to who Jesus is.

### Offerings for April

AM	PM
2 General/Building Fund	GEMS
9 Christian Education Fund, Compassion Fund	World Renew: General Fund
16 Missions Fund	Bible League
23 Tuition Assistance Fund	Christian Schools International
30 Amistad Cristiana	

### Last week's offering

Missions Fund	\$1196.75
Promise Community Health Center	\$165.00

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Auden Mellema, Marty Vander Plaats*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Cory Van Sloten.



### Pastoral Group Dinners

**Today** the **Mellema/Vande Kraats** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **April 2**, the **Friend/Bajema** pastoral group will gather.

### Covenant Sunday Morning

Have you ever given much thought to "the song of Solomon"? to the Old Testament book, the Song of Songs? Why is this book, filled with erotic talk, in the Bible? What is its message? for us today? In April (except for Easter Sunday), John Kok will be leading a reading and discussion of The Greatest Song. On **April 2** we will read through its eight chapters in a readers-theatre format, and share our first impressions. On **April 9, 23, & 30**, we will consider the historical background of this book and the nature of wisdom literature; the contrasting tenor of opposing voices found in The Greatest Song; and its wisdom regarding "good sexual love," "spoiled love," and friendship – all the while leaning on a new (very readable) commentary on the Song of Songs by Calvin Seerveld.

### Inspire 2017 – Early Registration Ends Soon

**April 1** is the deadline for early bird registration rates for this summer's Inspire 2017 event. Join Ann Voskamp, Richard Mouw, and people of all ages from CRC congregations for an unforgettable three days in Detroit, MI from **August 3-5**. You will be fed through great worship, challenged by keynote speakers, equipped through workshops, and connected to others who are inspired to serve God in their local church. Register at [crcna.org/Inspire2017](http://crcna.org/Inspire2017).

## Dordt College Announcements

- Dordt College invites the public to a Duo-Piano Concert featuring guest performers Michael and Kyung Kim. The free concert will be held in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on Friday, **March 31**, at 7:30 PM. The two will perform works by Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, and more.
- Registration opens **April 1** for Dordt Discovery Days! DDD is Dordt College's five-day camp from **June 19-23**, for students who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. This camp offers more than 30 classes in the arts, sciences, and recreation. Residential, commuter, and day camp options are available. Go to [www.dordt.edu/events/ddd](http://www.dordt.edu/events/ddd) to register. Contact Allison Kraayenbrink (Allison.Kraayenbrink@dordt.edu) with questions.
- The community is invited to hear Dordt College's First Monday Speaker Series presenter Roger Wiens on Monday, **April 3**, at 11:00 AM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Wiens leads the laser instrument team on the one-ton Curiosity rover that has been exploring Mars for the last four years. Wiens will present "Exploring Mars with Curiosity."

## Cornerstone Prison Church Benefit Banquet

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board, and congregation would like to invite you to the Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, **April 10**. Please join us at Trinity CRC (Rock Valley) at 6:30 PM. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Save your spot by **April 2** by calling Trinity CRC (712-476-5292) or go to our website ([www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org)). Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary and enjoy Southern Gospel music by Gale Van Engen, Arlan Boon & Heather Blom. A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry.

## 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 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **April 4**. Carolyn Salberg, the supervisor of Hope Haven Peer Support Services will be the speaker. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are invited to join us. 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, April 2
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>AM:</b> Lee R, Jeff T, Rog VH <b>PM:</b> Pam DJ, Kathy DW, George F	<b>AM:</b> Duane B, Linda VH, Marty VP <b>PM:</b> Deb H, Sally J, Dennis VP
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>AM:</b> Rebecca DS, Barb H, Jake VW <b>PM:</b> Joan MC, Laurey Z	<b>AM:</b> Adam F, Mark H, Rachel L <b>PM:</b> Wil A, Jo F
<b>Coffee</b>	Jo A, Jill F, Luanne G, Daryl H, Cheri H, Ron O	Alejandro C, Sanneke K, Rock MC, Gidge M, Jeri S, Kurt V
<b>Subs</b>	Ethan B, Marge DB, Robin F, Megan H, Sarah H, Eldon W	Doug DB, Vicki H, Carol O, Don TN, Beth VB, Dani W
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Jeff P ♦ Mark H	Kayt F ♦ Micah G
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>AM INF:</b> Mike & Laura J, Kathy DW <b>TODDLER:</b> Jeff & Sara P, Laura L <b>PM:</b> Dave & Luanne G, Dave & Jeri S	<b>AM INF:</b> Robin F, Lydia M <b>TODDLER:</b> Jordan & Aleisa D, Adam F <b>PM:</b> Bob & Rebecca DS, Barb T

### GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	9:00 AM	Choir Practice
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Mellema/Vande Kraats Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Community Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
<b>Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship (Pat Eggebeen preaching)
	12:00 PM	Friend/Bajema Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship – GEMS Service (Pastor Bob Pollema preaching)