

## SUNDAY, April 2, 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 Psalm 130. Pat Eggebeen will be preaching this morning while Pastor Kory enjoys some vacation time. In the evening service, we will be hosting GEMS Sunday with the Bridge of Hope and Faith CRC congregations. Pastor Bob Pollema will be preaching and the GEMS girls will be participating in the service.

### Offerings for April

	AM	PM
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

Tuition Assistance Fund	\$615.75
Cornerstone Prison Church	\$216.25

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Becky Drissell, Rebecca DeVries, John Visser, Megan Haan, Sam Eppinga*

### Happy Birthday this Week

*Brian & Barb Mellema*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Netherlands Reformed congregation.



### Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the **Friend/Bajema** 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 9**, the **Lappenga/Christians** pastoral group will gather.

### GEMS Sunday Information

GEMS Girls, please meet in your singing room at Covenant **tonight** by 5:40 PM and wear your red theme shirt.

### Covenant Sunday Morning

Have you ever given much thought 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. This morning we read through the book and shared 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.

### Christian Educations/Legacy Update

Weekly offerings for March totaled \$9,784. The recent dinner and talent night brought in \$5,630. Thank you for your faithful giving! As we move forward we have a shortfall of \$8,635.

## Welcoming Others to Covenant

Do you like connecting with new people? We are looking to have someone staff the Information Table in the Fellowship Hall each week before and after church and are looking for volunteers who are willing to serve in this capacity. The commitment is for 10 minutes before and after church 3-4 times/year. This is a great opportunity to help new folks know about events coming up at Covenant. If you are interested, please email Pastor Kory (pastor@covenantcrc.net)

## Dordt College Announcements

- 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." In the evening, Wiens will share "Thoughts on Faith and Science." This presentation will cover some of the details about his journey that took him from rural Minnesota to exploring Mars, as well as segue into a discussion of the interaction of faith and scientific discovery. A Q&A time will follow the evening presentation, held in the Science and Technology Center classroom SB 1606 at 7:30 PM.
- Dordt College Theatre Arts presents an original musical written by senior Kyle Fosse. Casually deep and playfully serious summarize the feel of this satirical musical. This lighthearted piece explores ideas relevant to the local community and American culture. Performances are **April 6, 7, & 8** at 7:00 PM and **April 8** at 2:00 PM, in the New World Theatre at Dordt College. Purchase tickets at the door or at [www.dordttickets.com](http://www.dordttickets.com).
- Dordt College senior Ashley Verhoef of Sanborn, Iowa, will perform a vocal recital on Friday, **April 7**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The community is invited to attend and join the reception following the performance.

## 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).

## Hope Haven Benefit Auction

Hope Haven, Inc. will host an Annual Benefit Auction on Friday, **April 7** at Te Slaa Trucking (corner of Hwys 75 & 18). Help support the local and global ministries of Hope Haven through this evening of fun and fellowship. The doors open at 4:30 PM, the food booth and buy-it-now table opens at 5:00 PM, and the live auction begins at 5:30 PM. Visit our website for a list of items that will be auctioned off ([www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org)). The whole family is invited to this community event!

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, April 9
Greeters	AM: Duane B, Linda VH, Marty VP ♦ PM: Deb H, Sally J, Dennis VP	
Ushers	AM: Adam F, Mark H, Rachel L ♦ PM: Wil A, Jo F	
Coffee	Alejandro C, Sanneke K, Rock MC, Gidge M, Jeri S, Kurt V	
Subs	Doug DB, Vicki H, Carol O, Don TN, Beth VB, Dani W	
Sound/Projection	Kayt F ♦ Micah G	Marv W ♦ Marty VP
Nursery	AM INF: Robin F, Lydia M	AM INF: Jason & Dani W, Ryan Z
April POM: Hulsteins	TODDLER: Jordan & Aleisa D, Adam F PM: Bob & Rebecca DS, Barb T	TODDLER: Alejandro & Isabel C, Val Z PM: Jake & Trena VW, Lee R

### 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
	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)
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Community Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:00 PM	GEMS
<b>Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship with Communion
	12:00 PM	Lappenga/Christians Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship