

## SUNDAY, July 16, 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 the morning service, we continue our series on the early chapters of Genesis. Together we will consider the story of Cain and Abel and look together at what this story reveals about the character of God. In the evening service, our brothers and sisters from First CRC will join us as we continue our series on the book of Numbers, considering today the second census and God's faithfulness to the covenantal promises.

### July Evening Worship with First CRC

As is our tradition, we will join with First CRC for evening worship in the month of July. We will gather for worship at First CRC on **July 2 & 9**, and First CRC will join us here at Covenant on **July 16 & 23**.

### Offerings for July

	AM	PM
23	Tuition Assistance Fund	New Life Treatment Center
30	Christian Education Fund	

<b>Last week's offering</b>	Christian Education Fund	\$6498.46
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Ashlyn Postma, Dwight Van Tol, Kris Vander Plaats*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Pete & Betty Vander Plaats, Scott & Margaret Vande Kraats*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the First Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Travis Else and Jamie Dykstra.

### Early Bulletin Deadline This Week

Sara will be out of the office this week enjoying some vacation time with her family. Donna Brue will be checking in at the office and taking care of bulletins this week. Please have all bulletin announcements in by Wednesday (instead of Thursday), **July 19**, at 12:00 PM.

### Church Campout and Campfire

In the July Courier, you were invited to a laid-back church campout on **July 29-30** at Sandy Hollow. If you are still interested in reserving a campsite (\$48 for a special reservation which actually gets you three nights), please contact Nick Breems by Tuesday, **July 18** (nick.breems@dordt.edu). You are welcome to get a spot on your own as well. They are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Everyone is invited to join those camping for a campfire and sing-along on Saturday night, **July 29** from 7:00-10:00 PM, come and go as you like. Bring your own chairs and a snack to share if you wish. S'mores will be provided. Consider carpooling as a \$5 entrance fee is required per vehicle.

### Outdoor Worship Service on July 30

We will also worship at Sandy Hollow on Sunday, **July 30** at 10:00 AM. The Sioux County Conservation Board has waved the vehicle day pass fee for individual vehicles coming for the morning service and lunch, so just follow the signs for "Covenant" and come and worship. We hope you'll plan to stay after the service for a bring-your-own-picnic lunch and time of fellowship as well. Please bring your own chairs.

### Christian Education/Fair Share Update

We are grateful for the generous gifts received so far in July. We still need \$8,750 to meet our pledged Legacy gift to SCCS. You can help by participating in the Elderberry picking project coming up soon – most likely the last week of July. Stay tuned for specific details coming your way via Covenant Google groups in the next week or so. Thank you!

### Young Children and Worship

Do you enjoy working with young children? If so, please consider becoming a part of the Young Children and Worship program. We are looking for leaders and helpers (6th grade and older) to assist with our worship times for 3-year-olds through Kindergartners. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Rebecca De Smith (722-1278 or bdesmith@mtcnet.net) by **August 6**. Thank you!

### Vacation Bible School

Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School is full! We need more crew leaders! Crew Leaders lead a group of 6-8 kids from station to station throughout the night and two are assigned to each group, so we need lots of them! Nursery is provided. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way! The volunteer sign up link is on Bethel's website ([www.bethelsc.org](http://www.bethelsc.org)).

### Christmas in July

The Bible League "Christmas in July" will be held on Monday, **July 24**, at 1:30 PM at Hospers CRC. You are asked to bring an item such as baked goods, crafts, plants, etc., to place on the silent auction tables. You will be given time to view the items and place your bids. Our guest speaker will be Loren Veldhuizen who will share his experiences in Africa with a powerpoint presentation.

### GEMS Girls Club Leadership Conference

The GEMS Conference is just around the corner! We have been planning and preparing to welcome close to 500 ladies from across the United States and Canada on **July 26-30**. We would love to show them our hospitality, but we still have a few needs: Volunteers are still needed; you do not need to be a GEMS counselor to volunteer. Visit [goo.gl/6GjWcJ](http://goo.gl/6GjWcJ) to sign up. Lawn Chairs are also needed. The Women's Night of Worship on **July 27** is open to all women! Pre-registration is required and can be done online ([gemsgc.org/conference/](http://gemsgc.org/conference/)). The cost is \$15.

### Handbell Choir

Tokyo's Glee Handbell Choir returns to Orange City on **July 27**. A free concert will be shared at Northwestern College's Christ Chapel at 7:00 PM.

### Justice For All Foundation Event

Justice for All will be hosting our first Foundation Event on **August 18** at Calico Skies Winery. The doors will open at 5:30 PM with a catered meal starting at 6:00 PM. Entertainment will be provided by Nick Engbers. This event is for those who are a part of our Foundation or would like to become a part of it. If you're interested in learning more about this evening, feel free to contact Joel DeWit (712-476-2804 or [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org)). We look forward to seeing you there!

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, July 23
Greeters	AM: Natalie B, Bob DS, Linda V ♦ PM: Wil A, Mary D, Jo F	
Ushers	AM: Dave G, Tim K, Kurt V ♦ PM: Duane B, Daryl H	
Coffee	Isabel C, Paul C, Ana F, Lydia M, Linda VH, Dennis VP	
Subs	Sally J, Rachel L, Fednel T, Marty VP, Lois VZ, Jan V	
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Dane H	Marv W ♦ John K
Nursery	AM INF: Don & Sherri Ten Napel, Andy L	AM INF: Luke & Sarah H, Kris VP
July POM: Mellemas	TODDLER: Joe & Erin E, Rachel L	TODDLER: Mark & Lisa C, Marty VP
	PM: John & Linda V, Nick & Jenni B	PM: Tom & Ruth C, Lee & Jenni M

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	4:15 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship (First CRC joins us at Covenant)
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
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