

## SUNDAY, August 20, 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 conclude our series on the early chapters of Genesis by looking together at the story of the Tower of Babel. Together we will see how it acts as a culmination of the first 11 chapters of Genesis, describing the universal condition of humanity and points us towards the unifying grace of Jesus poured out through the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. In the evening service we consider the rather troubling account of the conquest of the Midianites and Moses' anger at the tribes who wished to remain on the eastern banks of the Jordan River. Together we will see how the whole story of the book of Numbers helps us understand these events as a failure of God's people to trust in God's faithfulness.

### Professions of Faith

This morning we have the privilege of witnessing the profession of faith of Tom Tazelaar, son of Mark and Barb, and Jacob Vander Plaats, son of Marty and Kris. May God bless both of them as they continue in their walk of faith!

### Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

Pastor Kory will begin a year of preaching from the Reformed Common Lectionary next Sunday (you can read his article in the August edition of the Courier). His first series is entitled "The Beloved Community" and follows the New Testament readings. We encourage you to take time during your week to read all of the chosen lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday. They will be listed here each week. You can also find them at <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>.

Readings for **August 27**:

- Old Testament Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10
- Psalm 124
- New Testament Reading: Romans 12:1-8
- Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

### Offerings for August

	AM	PM
27	Tuition Assistance Fund	Safe Church Implementation at Covenant

### Offerings for September

	AM	PM
3	General/Building Fund, Compassion Fund	World Renew: General Fund
10	Christian Education Fund	GEMS
17	Missions Fund	The Luke Society
24	Tuition Assistance Fund	Farmer to Farmer

<b>Last week's offering</b>	Christian Education Fund	\$5416.25
	Siouxland Habitat for Humanity	\$183.00

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Barb Mellema, Derek Friend, Jordan Dornbierer, Chris Goedhart, John Zwart, Judah Plockmeyer*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*John & Linda Visser, Len & Lee Rhoda*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

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

### Sunday School Teacher Needed!

We are in need of a Sunday School teacher for five second-graders. Please consider taking on this role in the lives of the children of Covenant. If you are interested in learning more, talk to Dani Wyenberg (605-953-9003 or danielle.wyenberg@gmail.com).

### Multicultural Night

On Friday, **August 25**, All Nations City Church (a local ministry which organizes worships, picnics, and seminars to celebrate diversity and unity in Jesus), in partnership with LifeLight, is hosting a Multicultural Night at Sertoma Park's Shelter in Sioux Falls. Join us from 6:00-8:00 PM for multicultural music and a potluck supper of various ethnic foods. All are welcome!

### Friendship Bible Study

Friendship Bible Study, a group of Sioux Center area community believers, will begin its 2017-2018 season on **August 31**. The purpose of the Friendship program is to nurture the spiritual growth of people with intellectual disabilities in the context of personal and meaningful relationships. Current members range from teens to retirees. If you are interested in this program, either as a student or mentor, please contact either Dave or Marian Smit (722-1247) or Kathy Schreurs (712-324-2379) soon for details.

### NAMI

The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with serious mental illness will be offered at Central Reformed Church from 7:00 to 9:30 PM on Thursday evenings for 11 weeks beginning **September 7**. The course is FREE and will be taught by trained family member volunteer leaders, Barb Addink (712 567-4727), Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or nsmath@mtcnet.net), and Lynn Wielenga (722-1828). Please register today.

### Women's Bible League Retreat

The annual Women's Bible League Retreat will be held on Tuesday, **September 12** at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. There will be inspirational speakers during the day and the Valley Male Chorus will present an evening concert. The deadline for registration is **August 25**. There are extra brochures on the back table.

### Sioux Center MOPS

You're invited to Sioux Center Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS.) This is for mothers with children birth to age 5. All moms are welcome to join us! Meetings are held most 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, September-May, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Brunch and childcare are provided. Come fellowship with other moms as we grow in Christ together. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/siouxcentermops/> or search Facebook for "Sioux Center MOPS." Interested in volunteering by helping moms and children? MOPS also needs volunteers for childcare and we would love to have your help. E-mail Heather (heatherhoogendoorn@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving moms as part of this very important ministry.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, August 27
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>AM:</b> John K, Betty VP, Val Z ♦ <b>PM:</b> Bernie DW, Sharon D, Jeri S	
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>AM:</b> Jo A, Mark C, Beth VB ♦ <b>PM:</b> George F, John Z	
<b>Coffee</b>	Steve C, Rob H, Len R, Shirley T, Marv W, Jason W	
<b>Subs</b>	Howie H, Cal J, Ron O, Sherri TN, Kris VP, Trena VW	
<b>Sound/Projection</b>	Andy L ♦ Micah G	Jeff P ♦ Dane H
<b>Nursery</b> <b>Aug. POM:</b> Henrecksons	<b>AM INF:</b> Dave & Jeri S, Sara P <b>TODDLER:</b> Mark & Cheri H, Jeff P <b>PM:</b> Laremy & Rebecca DV, Kathy DW	<b>AM INF:</b> Dave & Jan V, Emily K <b>TODDLER:</b> Jason & Dani W, Dave K <b>PM:</b> Steve & Pat C, Barb T

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### THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today</b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Evening Worship with Communion
<b>Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Evening Worship