

SUNDAY, September 17, 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 love in the church by considering together how we navigate our differences. What principles should guide us as we are bound together in dynamic unity with each other? In the evening service, we conclude our series on the book of Numbers! Together we will see Israel receiving the fulfillment of God's promise to bring them to the Promised Land. We will celebrate together God's faithfulness as we have wandered together through this book of the Bible.

Next Sunday's Lectionary Readings

Pastor Kory is currently preaching from the Revised Common Lectionary. We encourage you to take time during your week to read all of the lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Readings for **September 24:**

- ✦ Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-15
- ✦ New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:21-30
- ✦ Psalm 105:1-6, 19-23
- ✦ Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Offerings for September

AM	PM
24 Tuition Assistance Fund	Farmer to Farmer

Last week's offering	Christian Education Fund	\$4,305.75
	GEMS	\$389.50

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Charlie Wyenberg, Pam Adams, Erik Hoekstra, Matthew Lesage, Rockne McCarthy, John Stevenson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Amistad Cristiana congregation and Pastor Eddie Olguin.

Sunday Evening Bible Study Group

The Sunday Evening Bible study group will begin meeting **tonight** after the evening worship service. We will view a DVD by Tim Keller entitled "The Prodigal God." Everyone is invited to join the group. Please bring a snack to share if you are able. The group will meet the first and third Sunday of each month.

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye

We are hoping to have the choir sing during the morning service on **October 1** as part of Pastor Kory's farewell service. We hope to practice on Wednesday, **September 20** and Wednesday, **September 27** at 7:30 PM. Please call (712-578-9475) or email (worship@covenantcrc.net.) Rebecca De Vries if you are interested in singing!

The Biermas

Interested in hearing more about our missionaries, Troy and Faith Bierma? Troy will be joining us here at Covenant next Sunday evening, **September 24**, and will share a bit more about their work in Nepal and their plans for the future.

Questionnaire

If you are 60+ years old, please complete the short questionnaire (found either in your box or on the back table) and place it in the red box on the welcome table. Thanks! We value your input! Questions? Talk to Chris Goedhart or Pat Crull.

Updating the Church Directory

Can you take a few minutes to check if your directory listing is up to date at the welcome table? We'd love to make sure our information is as current as possible. If you are not currently in the directory but plan to make Covenant your church home and would like to be added, please sign up at the welcome table as well!

NAMI

It's not too late to join! The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with serious mental illness is being offered at Central Reformed Church from 7:00-9:30 PM on Thursday evenings until November 16. The course is free and is 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). Call immediately to register.

Dordt College English Faculty Reading

Members of the Covenant congregation are invited to the Dordt College English Faculty Reading (fiction, non-fiction, poetry) in the Ribbens Complex (Classroom Bldg), room 1144, on Sunday, **September 24**, at 8:00-9:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Dordt College Events

- The Dordt College Music Department's Honor Recital will be held Friday, **September 22**, at 3:00 PM. The event features freshmen and upperclassmen recipients of named scholarships. Recital is free and open to the public.
- Dordt's annual Instrumental Pops Concert showcasing the Chamber Orchestra and Combined Band will perform To Infinity and Beyond on Friday, **September 22**, at 7:00 PM. The ensembles will dress in costume, and the event will be co-hosted by students Ben Kuiper and Josh Bootsma. The concert is free and open to the public.
- The Dordt College music faculty will present a free Faculty Recital on Saturday, **September 23**, at 7:30 PM. Recital is free and open to the public.

Winter Gear Drive

Please join Bridge of Hope's Outreach Team gather cold weather outer wear for their "Winter Gear Drive." This would include gently used or new winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, gloves, and scarves of all sizes. These items will be distributed through local agencies and/or through a designated distribution site in town, depending on the amount of donated items. Items can be dropped off at the church office between now and Sunday, **October 15**. Let's join together to ensure that all people within our community are ready for Iowa's winter weather. Questions? Contact Lisa (lidoelman@live.com) or the Bridge of Hope office (office@bridgecrc.org).

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, September 24
Greeters	AM: Alejandro C, Barb H, Cheri H ♦ PM: Ruth Clo, Laremy DV, Marilyn M	
Ushers	AM: Kathy DW, Rin G, Eldon W ♦ PM: Marge DB, Andy L	
Coffee	Jenni B, Vicki H, Shirley M, Lee R, Stan VB, Jan V	
Subs	Wil A, Duane B, Luanne G, Daryl H, Jake VW, Kurt V	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ♦ Austen/Dave G	Doug DB ♦ Micah Goslinga
Nursery Sept. POM: Hannigans	AM INF: Don & Sherri TN, Val Z TODDLER: Erik & Barb H, Ryan Z PM: Rob & Megan H, Nick & Jenni B	AM INF: John & Linda V, Luanne G TODDLER: Andy & Rachel L, Dave G PM: Mark & Lisa C, Lee & Jenni M

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

Troy & Faith Bierma Kelly & April Crull Dan & Jeananne Kuiper Sos & Kara Maletoungou Mike & Megan Ribbens
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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study Group
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, 24th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
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	6:00 PM	Evening Worship