

SUNDAY, September 24, 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 ways in which we love one another as a church. Together we will consider what it means to live a life that points others towards the Gospel. In the evening service, we will gather for a time of small group prayer. We will also hear an update from Troy Bierma, one of the missionaries Covenant supports, and have an opportunity to pray for Troy, his family, and their ministry.

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 **October 1**:

- ✦ Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7
- ✦ New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:1-13
- ✦ Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
- ✦ Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

Offerings for October

AM

- 1 General/Building Fund
- 8 Christian Education Fund
- 15 Missions Fund
- 22 Tuition Assistance Fund
- 29 General Fund: Ministry Shares

PM

- Compassion Fund
- New Roots Ministry
- World Renew: Hurricane Harvey and Irma relief
- Faith Formation Ministries
- Resonate Global Mission (at joint Reformation Day Service)

Last week's offering

Missions Fund	\$772.25
The Luke Society	\$197.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Rachel Hibma, Becky Stevenson, Robin Inlow, Michael Ribbens, Paul Clousing, Aidan Vos, Levi Landman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on Bethel CRC and Pastors John Lee and Duane Tinklenberg.

So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Goodbye

- Pastor Kory's farewell service will take place next Sunday, **October 1**. We are planning a seamless service for the day: we will gather for worship at 10:00 AM, move into the fellowship hall for lunch following morning worship, and then return to the sanctuary for a sending service and celebration of the Lord's Supper together. Lunch will be provided and nursery will be available for both services, though we encourage you to bring your children with you to the afternoon service to be part of our "family meal" as we share communion together.
- The choir also plans to sing during the morning service on **October 1** as part of Pastor Kory's farewell service. We plan to practice on Thursday, **September 28** at 7:30 PM. Please call (712-578-9475) or email (worship@covenantcrc.net.) Rebecca De Vries if you are interested in singing!

Sunday Evening Bible Study Group

The Sunday Evening Bible study group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays (October 8 and 22) instead of the 1st and 3rd Sundays for the month of October. They will be starting a six week session viewing a DVD by Tim Keller entitled "The Reason for God: Conversations on Faith and Life." Everyone is invited to join the group. Please bring a snack to share if you are able.

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!

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, tonight, **September 24**, at 8:00-9:30 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Dordt College Events

- Dordt College invites the community to attend the guest performance by the choral ensemble *sounding light* on **September 30**, at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium.
- Dordt College will hold the annual Arts in the Prairie event Saturday, **September 30**, from 3:00-4:30 PM, with a word of welcome in the outside patio area behind the Student Center Grille at 3:00 PM. Arts in the Prairie features student and community musicians performing throughout the Dordt Prairie, a display of prairie paintings, poetry reading, art created by children who attend the event, juggling, face painting by Dordt theatre students, and more.

Winter Gear Drive

Please join Bridge of Hope's Outreach Team gather cold weather outer wear for their "Winter Gear Drive." They're collecting gently used or new winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, gloves, and scarves of all sizes to be distributed through local agencies and/or a designated distribution site in town. 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, October 1
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 ♦ Micah Goslinga	Andy L/Jeff P ♦ John Kok
Nursery	AM INF: John & Linda V, Luanne G	AM INF: Luke & Sarah H, Mark H
Sept. POM: Hannigans	TODDLER: Andy & Rachel L, Dave G	TODDLER: Joe & Erin E, Sara H
Oct. POM: Felicianos	PM: Mark & Lisa C, Lee & Jenni M	PM: Marty & Kris VP, Chris & Rin G

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12) Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Evening Worship
Monday	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Women's Community Bible Study Elders Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Coffee Break Youth Group GEMS Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, 1st	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12) Covenant Sunday Morning Choir Practice Morning Worship Lunch and Afternoon Sending Service (with Communion)