

## SUNDAY, February 11, 2018

**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

This morning we welcome Rev. Carl Bruxvoort to the pulpit for the morning service and Rev. Joel DeBoer will bring us the Word this evening. We will also celebrate communion during our morning service.

### Ash Wednesday

We will gather to mark the beginning of the season of Lent on Wednesday, **February 14** with an Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:30 PM. Nursery will not be provided, but we encourage children to participate in the service. The service will be brief so you can attend other church night activities that evening as well. We hope you will join us in worship.

### A note about Lent:

In the early church, Easter, Lent, and baptism were all connected. Lent was considered, and created to be, a time of personal examination and learning for adult converts culminating in an Easter morning baptismal celebration. Though traditions have changed, the connection between Christ's death and resurrection and our own baptisms remains a vital component to our faith. During our lenten observance this year, we invite you to consider baptism, putting to death the old self, rising anew with Christ, and living our identity in Jesus. Baptismal fonts will be placed near the entrances of the sanctuary. As you enter the sanctuary each week, we invite you to dip your hands in the water, remember, and believe. "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:3-4)

### Offerings for February

	AM	PM
18	Missions Fund	Cornerstone Prison Church
25	Tuition Assistance Fund	Siouxland Habitat for Humanity

### Last week's offering

General/Building Fund	\$10,304.75
World Renew: Free a Family	\$389.75

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Robbin Eppinga, Les Sybesma, Dale Brands, Mimi Kamp, Ana Feliciano, Marilyn Mouw, Dalton Hulstein, Sanneke Kok, JimSchaap*

### Membership Transfers

Ryan, Amie, Caleb, and Emilyn Smit have transferred their membership to Covenant from Third CRC in Lynden, WA. Welcome to the Covenant family!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

### ETM

ETM (Early Teen Ministry) will meet on **February 11** (instead of February 25) at 7:30 PM. They will meet at Roos' house (481 13th Ave NE) to decorate cookies that night for Valentines.

### A Reminder for Cadets:

The Snow Derby that was cancelled in December is rescheduled for Saturday, **February 17**. Those Cadets interested should contact Joe Eggebeen (joebeen@gmail.com) for more information.

## Church Education Schedule

Because of the long Presidents' Day break for the schools next weekend, Sunday School and Catechism will not meet on Sunday, **February 18**. Covenant Sunday Morning (adult Sunday School) will still meet next Sunday.

## WWW@Cov

Warm Winter Wednesdays (www@Cov) takes a break this week (but we encourage you to come instead for our Ash Wednesday worship service). We will meet again on **February 21** at 5:15 PM. That evening we'll be gathering for pizza and our own Covenant Pinewood Derby. Dust off your old cars or make a new one and come ready to race it! You're welcome to stay for the Cadet Pinewood Derby following our activities that evening. A donation box will be available to help cover the costs of dinner.

## Thousand Man Stand

Join men of all ages from Sioux Center on **February 13** at 7:00 PM to gather in worship and prayer over our community. We'll meet at the HOME Building parking lot at 7:00 and then walk across Sioux Center, praying over our homes, schools, churches, and community. We'll meet back up at the BJ Haan Auditorium where there will be refreshments and a worship service. Aaron Baart, Billy Sanderson, and Joel Penner will speak. Jon De Groot (and band) will lead worship. Shuttles back to the HOME Building will also be provided.

## CFE Annual Meeting

Please plan to join us for the Center for Financial Education's (CFE) Annual Meeting on Tuesday, **February 20**, at 7:00 AM in the CFE office (313 N. Main Ave.). Anyone involved with CFE – clients, financial partners, volunteers, prayer warriors, board members, staff, community members – are invited to hear information on our progress, review the new budget, elect officers, and be introduced to staff and new executive director. Light refreshments will be served.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, February 18
Greeters	AM: Andy L, Dave V, Jason W ♦ PM: Jo A, Jill F, Trena VW	
Ushers	AM: Wil A, Luanne G, Marty VP ♦ PM: Ron O, Lee R	
Coffee	Ruth Cla, Cheri H, Rin G, Mark MC, Jeri S, John Z	
Subs	Donna B, George F, Zoe H, Les S, Fednel T, Jan V	
Sound/Projection	Kayt F ♦ Micah G	Doug DB ♦ Dave/Austen G
Nursery	AM INF: Andy L, Val Z	AM INF: Trena VW, Erik H
Feb. POM: Hannigans	TODDLER: Rachel L, Ryan Z PM: Lee & Jenni M, Chris & Rin G	TODDLER: Jake VW, Barb H PM: John & Linda V, Tom & Ruth C

### GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Community Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	9:30 AM	Coffee Break
	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
	7:15 PM	Cadets
<b>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study Group