

SUNDAY, March 18, 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

Thank you to Dr. Justin Bailey for preaching this morning and Dr. Davey Henreckson for preaching this evening! The music in this evening's service will all be sung a cappella so bring your singing voices!

Note about the Bulletin Cover

The bulletin covers during the season of Lent are linoleum block prints by Elizabeth Steele Halstead. This is what the artist said about the print *Crown of Thorns*, which will be on the cover through this season: "To the Lenten cross of wood the symbol of thorns and thistles is added. In sharp contrast to a splendid, kingly crown, Jesus Christ bore a crown of thorns. As a reminder of the toil mentioned in the Genesis account of the fall, thorns represent the complete suffering, pain, and lowliness Jesus submitted to in placing our sins and God's judgement on himself."

Maundy Thursday Worship

We will gather for a Maundy Thursday worship service with a celebration of communion during Holy Week on Thursday, **March 29**, at 7:00 PM. Nursery will be provided.

Offerings for March

	AM	PM
25	Tuition Assistance Fund	Back to God Ministries International

Last week's offering

Christian Education Fund	\$6,515.17
Compassion Fund	\$929.00
Promise Community Health Center	\$280.00

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Cheri Horstman, Carol Apol, Mark Tazelaar, Richard Eggebeen, Victoria Eggebeen, Mike Janssen, Beth Vanden Berg

Happy Anniversary this Week

Wil & Jo Alberda

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Christ the King Catholic congregation and the ministry of Father Douglas Klein.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday Evening Bible Study will be starting a new series by Bill Hybels, "The Power of a Whisper – Hearing God". There are four DVD sessions meeting on **March 18, April 8 & 22, and May 6**. The schedule is shifted to the second and fourth Sundays in April because of Easter. All are welcome to join! Feel free to bring a snack to share.

Covenant Choir Rehearsal Schedule

All interested singers high school age and up are invited to sing in the choir for Maundy Thursday (**March 29**) and Easter morning (**April 1**). We plan to have a brief music read-through after church this morning if you are able to join us – grab a cup of coffee and come back in the sanctuary to sing! If you can't stay after church this morning, feel free to pop in the sanctuary and grab some music before you leave. We will also rehearse on Wednesday, **March 21 & 28** at 7:30 PM. Questions? Contact Rebecca DeVries (worship@covenantcrc.net).

Christian Education Fund Auction Update

Please plan to attend our bi-annual Covenant Christian Education Auction coming on Saturday, **March 24** at 6:30 PM! A sampling of items to bid on: Dave Kramer's smoked pork shoulder, a juggling show/lessons, Scrabble/Sequence & Sweets with Rin Goedhart, cookies or bars each month for a year, and so much more! Add your donations to the online google doc (you should have received a link by email) or on the sign-up sheet on the welcome table. Join us for a night of fellowship and fun and feel free to bring a snack to share!



Pastoral Group Dinners

Next Sunday, **March 25**, the **Mellema/Haan** pastoral group will meet at 12:00 PM for fellowship and a meal. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

F.O.S.S.I.L Gathering

The F.O.S.S.I.L. (60+) group will meet on Monday, **March 26** at 5:30 PM in the church Fellowship Hall. If you would be willing to share a pot of soup, please contact Pat Crull (722-1041 or sprull@mtcnet.net). Please let either Pat or Chris Goedhart (722-4394 or chris.goedhart@dordt.edu) know if you will be joining us. Wil Alberda will share more about "Telling Your Story." If you have a story to share, please take it along!

Name Tag Production in Process!

The Sunday School kids will be decorating name tags for new members of the congregation in the next few weeks. If you've lost your name tag or need a new one for any reason, let us know. We will be happy to get you one! Contact Dani Wyenberg (danielle.wyenberg@gmail.com).

Sioux Center Christian Salt Sale Is On!

The students from SCCS will be selling water softener salt to family and friends and also at supporting area churches. The salt comes in 40lb bags of crystals and will be delivered to your door and placed wherever you would like to store it on **April 28**. There is more information available on the order form that was placed in your mailbox (SCCS families, your students should have brought home an order form from school). If you did not find a form in your box and would like to order salt bags, please contact an SCCS student or Emily Kramer. Payment is due at the time you place your order. Orders placed in Emily Kramer's mailbox are due **March 21**.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, March 25
Greeters	AM: Adam F, Tim K, Lila S ♦ PM: Cal J, Barb T, John V	
Ushers	AM: Paul C, Joan MC, Jake VW ♦ PM: Rebecca DS, Laurey Z	
Coffee	Alejandro C, Mark C, Jo F, Barb H, Kurt V, Dani W	
Subs	Duane B, Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Beth VB, Dennis VP, Eldon W	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Micah G	Kayt F ♦ Dane H
Nursery	AM INF: Mark MC, Donna B	AM INF: Dave K, Dani W
March POM: Wyenbergs	TODDLER: Merrill MC, Ethan B PM: Steve & Pat C, Dave & Jan V	TODDLER: Emily K, Jason W PM: Doug & Marge DB, Jo F

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today
 9:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
 10:00 AM Morning Worship
 11:20 AM Covenant Choir Music Read-Through
 6:00 PM Evening Worship
 7:30 PM Sunday Evening Bible Study Group

Monday 7:00 PM Full Council Meeting

Wednesday
 9:30 AM Coffee Break
 7:00 PM Youth Group
 7:15 PM Cadets (at Faith CRC)
 7:30 PM Covenant Choir Practice

Saturday 6:30 PM Christian Education Auction

Sunday, 25th
 9:00 AM Covenant Sunday Morning
 9:00 AM Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
 10:00 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Mellema/Haan Pastoral Group Dinner
 6:00 PM Evening Worship