

SUNDAY, December 16, 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

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, a season of waiting and preparation for the birth of Christ. During this season, Pastor Joel will be preaching on the Gospel readings from the lectionary, which are from the book of Luke this year. This evening we invite you back to church at 6:00 PM for a Candlelight Service reflecting on Luke 2, with the choir participating throughout the service.

Offerings for December

	AM	PM
16	Missions Fund	Bible League International
23	Tuition Assistance Fund, Hope Food Pantry	
25	World Renew: Food Resource Bank	
30	General Fund	

Last week's offering	Christian Education Fund	\$4,660.50
	Bethesda Christian Counseling	\$185.45

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Kathy DeWit, Nico DeVries, Lily Wyenberg, John Kok, Ruth Clark, Amelia Lappenga, Shirley Matheis

Happy Anniversary this Week

Matt & Becky Drissell, Kelly & April Crull, Gianni & Georgina Gracia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Christ Community congregation and the ministry of Pastor Randy Widbin.

Christmas with the Ribbens

You are invited to a night of Christmas carol singing, fellowship, and conversation with Mike Ribbens on Sunday, **December 23** at 6:00 PM. Mike and Megan Ribbens are missionaries in South Africa with Resonate Global Mission, and Mike, Amira, and Nico are home for the holidays. If you are able, please bring some Christmas goodies to share!

Children and the Lord's Supper

Pastor Joel plans to hold some teaching and dialogue sessions regarding children at the Lord's Supper. We will design these gatherings primarily for the parents of younger children, though everyone is invited. We will begin early in 2019, meeting probably sometime on Sundays. If you would like to participate, please let Pastor Joel know (Joelekok@gmail.com or 441-9993).

Church Education Schedule

Sunday School, Catechism, and Covenant Sunday Morning are not scheduled to meet on **December 23 & 30**. Classes will resume for all on **January 6** at 9:00 AM.

Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend

Join us for the Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend on Friday, **January 25** (6:00-8:00 PM) and **January 26 & 27** (7:15 AM to 4:00 PM). The theme for the weekend is "Year of Reconciliation" based on 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Join us for worship, large group talks, and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Monday, **January 7**. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us (office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670). Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

NAMI

The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with mental illness will be offered at Central Reformed Church from 7:00-9:30 PM on Thursday evenings for 11 weeks beginning **January 10, 2019**. 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.

Sioux County Oratorio Chorus

Bring a friend! All are invited to sing with the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus as we return to perennial favorite, Handel's Messiah, for our upcoming season! Weekly rehearsals begin Tuesday, **January 15**, 7:30-9:30 PM in Dordt College's choral rehearsal room, and the performance with orchestra, Dordt and NWC choirs, and professional soloists will be in BJ Haan Auditorium on Saturday, **April 27**. For more information, find us on Facebook or email Mike Ochsner (mkchsner@gmail.com).

JFA Service and Learning Opportunities

Justice For All is planning the 2019 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – **January 18-26** (must have passport); JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – **February 9-16**; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - **February 17-23**; Grace Reigns, Colorado City UT – **March 16-23**. For more information please contact Luke Grooters at JFA (712-476-2804 or lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org). You can also check out the JFA website (www.jfa-nwiowa.org).

The Prodigal Love of God

Join us **April 4-6, 2019**, at Dordt College for The Prodigal Love of God Conference: Reencountering Dordt at 400 and Beyond. Through invited plenaries and panel discussions, this conference will feature conversations about the historical legacy and the future of Protestantism as well as the opportunities facing the global church in the decades ahead. Confirmed speakers include Marilynne Robinson, Richard Mouw, James K.A. Smith, Timothy George, Paul Lim, Suzanne McDonald, Jemar Tisby, and Tish Harrison Warren. More information can be found at www.dordt.edu/plg and register at prodigalloveofgodregistration.eventbrite.com/

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, December 23
Greeters	AM: Isabel C, Paul C, Dave V ♦ PM: Wil A, Mark H, John K	
Ushers	AM: George F, Shirley T, Eldon W ♦ PM: Joan MC, Jake VW	
Coffee	Marge DB, Ana F, Rin G, Cal J, Linda VH, Sharon V	
Subs	Jenni B, Mark C, Rock MC, Les S, John V, Kurt V	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Mark H	Kayt F ♦ Dane H
Nursery	AM INF: Rebecca DS, Luke H	AM INF: Eldon W, Jan V
Dec. POM: Merrill MC	TODDLER: Bob DS, Sarah H	TODDLER: Marcia W, Dave V
	PM: Dave & Luanne G, Laura J	

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (chapter 13)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	4:45 PM	Choir Practice
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship: Candlelight Service

Tuesday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
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Wednesday	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
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Sunday, 23rd	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Christmas with the Ribbens