

SUNDAY, September 22, 2019

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 Sunday, Pastor Joel continues his series on the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 & 3, focusing on the letter to the church in Philadelphia. “Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This evening at 5:00 PM, join us for poetry and sharing with Dave Schelhaas and Rachel Hibma.

Offerings for September

1	General/Building Fund	8	Christian Education Fund	15	Missions Fund
22	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund	29	Building Fund		

Last week's offering Missions Fund \$1,001.25

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Matthew Lesage, Rockne McCarthy, John Stevenson, Rachel Hibma, Becky Stevenson, Michael Ribbens, Paul Clousing, Aidan Vos

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.

Updating the Church Directory (with Photos!)

It's time to make sure the church directory is up-to-date! Would you check your listing on the welcome table, make any additions/corrections, or mark “ok” if it's all correct? If you're not currently in the directory, but plan to attend regularly, we'd love to include you as well. Add your name and email address to the end of the printout on the table, and I'll contact you for more information. We also plan to include a photo directory this year. If you haven't had your picture taken yet, find Sherri Ten Napel after church this morning for a quick photo or email a family picture to the church office soon.

Coffee Break Bible Study

Coffee Break begins their study of the book of Acts on Wednesday, **September 25** at 9:30 AM. Coffee and goodies are always available, as well as Story Hour for children ages 2-5. Come out and learn about our amazing God with ladies of all ages and backgrounds. Questions? Call Rin Goedhart (722-4394).

Black Sunday: Dust Bowl Sonnets

On Sunday, **October 13**, during the 5:00 PM Faith Formation gathering time, some Covenant members will be presenting a dramatization of *Black Sunday: Dust Bowl Sonnets* by Benjamin Myers. Through the imagined voices of people who lived in the iconic scenes of those hard times, we will witness their lives and hopes, their struggles with the land and with God. Invite your friends!

Interested in Small Groups?

Have you heard someone talking about Small Groups? Small Groups at Covenant are a way for families, couples, and singles to grow together in faith and fellowship. Groups meet once or twice a month for Bible study, fellowship, prayer, and other activities. If you are interested in becoming part of a small group, or if you would just like to know more about small groups, contact Bob or Rebecca De Smith or sign up on the table in the fellowship hall.

Welcome College Students!

We believe that college is an important time to celebrate your God-given gifts and to experience the larger body of Christ. We are so glad you are here! We celebrate your involvement in worship leadership at Covenant and are blessed by your service in our ministries. We hope you will consider being involved. Check the welcome table for more information!

Adopt a family/Adopt a Student

College students: if you are interested in connecting to a Covenant family, we'd love to help you adopt one! Please sign up at the welcome table. Covenant families – if you are interested in adopting a student, please sign up as well! Talk to Rebecca DeVries, Robin Fedders, or Dane Hibma if you have questions.

sounding light

On Saturday, **September 28**, the guest choir *sounding light*, conducted by Tom Trenney, will perform at Dordt University at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Hirono Borter (violin) and Philip Borter (cello) of Duo-B will be featured in the performance as well as Dordt University's Concert Choir, conducted by Ryan Smit. They present a concert titled "*Only Light... Only Love*" featuring music that strives to keep the light and love of Martin Luther King's message alive. The concert is free and open to the public.

Community Prayer Meeting

You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus on Wednesday, **October 2**, from 7:30-8:30 PM at Common Place Church in Rock Valley (1129 Main St.). The global focus will be on three countries in SE Asia. The local focus will be Habitat for Humanity. Future gatherings will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month and will be hosted and led by members of various local churches with a different global and local focus at each meeting. Come and check it out!

Winter Gear Drive

Please join Bridge of Hope's Outreach Team along with Sewing by Sara 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. (Please wash before donating and check pockets!) This year they are also collecting new or gently used and clean blankets, tennis shoes (all sizes), monetary donations or gift cards to Walmart for the Outreach Team to purchase needed items. All items collected will be distributed through local agencies and/or through a designated distribution site, depending on the amount of donated items. Items can be dropped off in the box by the church office between now and Sunday, **October 13**. 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 29
Greeters	AM: Rob H, Trena VW, Marcia W	
Ushers	AM: Cal J, Andy L, Jeff T	
Coffee	Jo A, Duane B, Ruth Cla, Mary D, Mark MC, John Z	
Subs	Jenni B, Mark C, Sherri TN, Jake VW, John V, Kurt V	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ♦ Dane H	Marv W ♦ Mark H
Nursery	AM: Dave & Emily K, Jake & Trena VW	AM: Nick & Jenni B, Lee R
Sept. POM: Hawleys	PM: Tom & Ruth C, Kathy DW	PM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Chris & Rin G

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Poetry by Rachel Hibma and Dave Schelhaas
	6:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
	7:30 PM	ETM (at First CRC)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Coffee Break Registration
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Sunday, 29th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	5:00 PM	Formation Sunday Evening: Alex Vasquez (Young Life)