

Worship Gathering: December 15, 2019 9:00am

We are pleased to be joined today by the members of "29:11 Music Ministry"



The musical director of 29:11 is Brendon Adams, who formerly served as Director of the Luther College Gospel Choir. Brendon & his wife Gaylene are co-founders of New Hope International Exchange (NHIE) whose mission is to offer opportunities to individuals and groups to put hope in action by serving and supporting communities in need in Cape Town, South Africa through volunteer missions and foreign exchange.

By exchanging talent, cultural values, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, young adults from South Africa have the opportunity to travel to the USA to share their musical talents while musicians and vocalists in the USA are given the opportunity to join with them.

Their music ministry is funded by donations from supporters like you. In addition, the funds from concerts or leading worship help to support programs such as the New Hope Jeremiah Project. Go to their website <http://nhieexchange.org/music-ministry/> for more information.

Their **latest recording, 29:11 – The Jeremiah Project** is now available. Enjoy traditional South African tunes mixed with original pieces by New Hope International Exchange co-founder Brendon Adams and friends. Their CDs **will be available after worship**.

We are very thankful that they were able to be with us today.

Children ages 3 yrs. old - K will be dismissed for Children's Worship at about 9:20 am.

Julie Chamberlain will be available to pray after the service.

Greeters: Sören Steding & Deanne Holmertz
Ushers: Chad Bird & Jim Sewick

Children's Bulletin - There are Children's Bulletins, pages to color, pencils & crayons available on the table by the rear doors of the Sanctuary or ask an usher. A limited number of "quiet bags" are also available.

GET CONNECTED!...Finding community & using your gifts...

Decorah Covenant Church

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Sunday Times

9:00-10:15 am Worship Service
10:30 Sunday school for all ages

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📅 this week:

📅 Sunday (12/15) 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 am - **Worship Service**

Musical Group 29:11 from South Africa

- will lead with Music & Testimonies

10:30 am - **Sunday School for All Ages**

4:00 pm - **Body-Building event - Caroling followed by a soup supper**

6 pm - **7-12 Grades Youth will meet**
@ the Warehouse

📅 Tuesday (12/17)

11:00 am - **Prayer Meeting** @ DCC Library

📅 Thursday (12/19)

6:30 am - **Firepit Men's Study Group**
@ Java John's

📅 Sunday (12/22) 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 am - **Worship Service**

Message: **"An Historic Meeting"**

Luke 1:39-45 ~ Don Holmertz

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Body-Building Event: Caroling/Soup Supper

12/15 Please plan to join us **Today at 4pm at DCC**. We'll meet in the sanctuary to get organized, head out to several different locations to carol at 4pm, and re-group back at church for soup and bread at 5pm. Whether or not you attend a Tribe, you are an essential part of our Body & we hope you will join us as we strengthen our Body through fun, fellowship, food and a little Christmas cheer. **Please bring a big pot of soup and/or some bread to share.**



Notes to David Krieg Thank you to everyone who took a card to send to David Krieg. If you would like to send him an additional note of encouragement, here is the address: David Krieg - Wabasha County Criminal Justice Center - 848 17th St East, Suite #2 - Wabash, MN 55981.

📅 upcoming events

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 6:00 pm

Dec. 29 - Paul Pickar will preach.

No Sunday School Classes

Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Event for Youth Ministries (see details below)

January - No Sunday School Classes

Jan. 12 & 26 - Tribes will meet on these Sundays following worship

Warehouse Student Ministry

7th -12th graders - Join us this Sunday at 6:00 pm (following Body-Building Event) in the Warehouse for time in God's word, worship, and discussion.

New Year's Eve Afternoon at Winneshiek Wellness Studio - On **December 31 from 4-6 pm** Warehouse Student Ministry students **grades 7-12 & any college students and former Warehouse students** that are in town are invited to an afternoon at Winneshiek Wellness Studio (516 Montgomery St). Enjoy the pool, the gym, board games, and food & drinks. Bring a friend! Contact Steve Krieg skriegtr98@gmail.com with questions.

January Tribe Gatherings - will be held on Sunday mornings Jan. 12 and 26 during the CE hour after worship. January is a GREAT time to join a Tribe if you haven't, or to give Tribes a try for the month without having to make a commitment. Julie Chamberlain at julie.chamberlain4@gmail.com if you'd like more information or would like to get connected.

Greet someone new at church today!

December Food Pantry - Thank you so much to those who have donated to our local food pantry! The December Food Pantry items of the month are **Quart sized cooking oil, potatoes, toothbrushes & toothpaste.**

Bring your donation items and leave them in the shopping cart in the fellowship area. Thank you for your donations! **Together let's make it a habit to fill the cart each month!**

Prayer Information, Treasurers' Report & more are on the back of bulletin.

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WELCOME,
29:11 MUSIC MINISTRY FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Treasurers' November Report

November's income was \$26,014.84 with expenses of \$33,432.93 resulting in a net difference of -\$7,418.09. Year-to-date net difference is -\$3,331.87.

Treasurers' Message - Please submit any outstanding 2019 committee bills and requests for reimbursement using a yellow payment request form and the attached invoice/receipt to the DCC treasurers **no later than Monday, December 16**, to assure payment before the year ends. You can leave the requests in the treasurer's box in the DCC office. If you have any questions, please contact Mona or Cy Nelson, dcctreasurer@gmail.com.

Racial Righteousness Book Group On Sun., Nov. 24, Stephanie Garcia-Prats invited the whole congregation to read Jemar Tisby's **The Color of Compromise**. Prior participants of the RR Book discussion offered their books back for others to read, but as of this week, every copy has been taken! **If you are still looking for a copy of the book, contact Pastor Julie at julie.chamberlain4@gmail.com** We are considering several options for discussing the book with those that are reading it now; **If you are currently reading, please contact Pastor Julie & let her know how you'd prefer to discuss it.** Our next two books will be **Just Mercy** by Bryan Stevenson and **I'm Still Here** by Austin Channing Brown. We'll plan to discuss **Just Mercy** in February.

Do you have a prayer need today?

Here are several ways we can join together in prayer:

- 1) **Come to the front** of the sanctuary immediately after the service and someone will be available to pray with you.
- 2) Choose a ribbon and tie it on our **prayer wall** as you bring your request to God in prayer. Come back and tie another ribbon of a different color over it when your prayer has been answered.
- 3) Write your request on the **white Connection Card** and place it in the offering plate. Please indicate if you'd like the request shared on our email prayer list, with the Tuesday Prayer Group or shared only with the pastor.
- 4) **Email** [<dccprayer@googlegroups.com>](mailto:dccprayer@googlegroups.com) to be shared on the email prayer list.
- 5) **Join the email prayer list** by sending your email address to [<dccprayer@googlegroups.com>](mailto:dccprayer@googlegroups.com)
- 6) **Join the prayer team** on Tuesday mornings at 11 in the church library.

"They all joined together constantly in prayer..." Acts 1:14

Past Sermon Recordings are available - go to <http://feeds.decorahcovenant.org//DCCPodcasts>

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Decorah Covenant Church

Christ - Community - Compassion

what we're about

Motivated by the love of God, the mission of Decorah Covenant Church is to share the gospel through a dynamic and flourishing **community** of faith that is **Christ-centered** and biblically based in meaningful worship, encourages authentic discipleship, and is empowered by the Spirit for ministries of **compassion**, mercy, and justice.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

Joy

