

## SUNDAY, October 6, 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 begins a series on the book of Romans. In the series, we will explore both the vertical and horizontal dimensions of grace. Regarding the vertical, we will stand in the tradition of Augustine, Luther, Calvin, and others who have rejoiced to experience a saving welcome from God in Christ. Regarding the horizontal, we will seek to share the grace we have received by welcoming others as Christ welcomed us – to the glory of God. (See Romans 15:7) We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning and on November 3, World Communion Sunday.

### Bulletin Cover Art

Thanks to Sophia Marcus for the bulletin art for our Romans series. Sophia is a freshman at Dordt from Edina, Minnesota who has been worshipping with us this year. We're grateful for her eagerness to collaborate with us for the cover.

### Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This evening at 5:00 PM, Pastor Joel will again focus on teachings regarding the Lord's Prayer, focusing on the phrase "deliver us from the evil one..." with time for questions and discussion.

### Offerings for October

6	General/Building Fund	13	Christian Education Fund
20	Missions Fund	27	World Renew: Disaster Response Services

**Last week's offering**                      Building Fund    \$1,767.55

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Eric Rowe, Dan Kuiper, Emma Henreckson, Steve Holtrop, Kara Maletoungou*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Ed & Natalie Brummel*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Church of Christ congregation and the ministry of Pastor Dustin Bolks.

### Covenant Sunday Morning Plans

Join Covenant Sunday Morning as we begin a new series on the Tech-Wise Family by Andy Crouch. The series begins on **October 13** and runs through November 24. The goal of the book and our study is to encourage us to keep technology in its proper place in our everyday lives. Parents or grandparents, single or married, all are invited to discuss this topic with us. For **October 13**, you are encouraged to read the Foreword (written by the author's 16-year-old daughter), the Preface, and the Introduction.



### Pastoral Group Dinners

Next Sunday, **October 13**, the **Hibma/Eggebeen** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

### 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!

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" is happening on Friday, **November 1** at 5:45 PM. Please sign up at the back table. If you haven't participated before, we have dinners in groups of around 8. You can sign up to be a guest or a host. You will be assigned a dish to bring ahead of time. However, we won't tell you whose house you are going to until that night when you drive through Covenant's overhang and are given the address of your host! (Of course, we will let hosts know that they are hosting ahead of time.) We want all adults to feel welcome to participate - couples, singles, college students - everyone! If you would like a ride or have a couple you would be more comfortable attending with, please let Laura Janssen know. Because of the logistics of the evening, we ask that children do not participate. However, let Laura know if you would like help finding childcare or if the cost of childcare would be prohibitive.

## Don't Forget...

We've got a Christian Education Fund Auction coming up on Friday, **November 15!** Start dreaming about what you might be able to offer up for bidding!

## 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.

## Updating the Church Directory (with Photos!)

It's time to make sure the church directory is up-to-date! Please check your listing on the welcome table, make any additions/corrections, or mark "ok" if all is correct. If you're not currently in the directory but plan to attend regularly, we'd love to include you! Add your name and email address to the end of the printout on the table, and I'll contact you for more information. If you haven't had your picture taken yet, email a family picture to the church office soon for the photo directory.

## 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 our 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, October 13
Greeters	AM: Pam DJ, Tim K, Len R	
Ushers	AM: Ruth Clo, Sharon D, Mark H	
Coffee	Ana F, Terry F, Rin G, Linda VH, Sharon V, Eldon W	
Subs	Doug DB, Zoe H, Ron O, Lee R, Les S, Beth VB	
Sound/Projection	Andy L + Michael VP	Eric R + Marty VP
Nursery Oct. POM: Mellemas	AM: Dennis & Pam DJ, Andy & Rachel L PM: John & Linda V, Tricia K	AM: Doug & Marge DB, Alejandro & Isabel C PM: Mark & Lisa C, Barb T

## GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

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## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Today</b>	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship Formation Sunday Evening: Pastoral Teaching on "Deliver us from the evil one"
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Coffee Break GEMS Youth Group Cadets (at Faith CRC)
<b>Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12) Covenant Sunday Morning (adults) Morning Worship Pastoral Group Dinner: Hibma/Eggebeen Formation Sunday Evening: Black Sunday Sunday Evening Bible Study