

**SUNDAY, October 18, 2020**

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

### **Worship Services Online**

Click [here](#) to find the livestream for our worship services on Facebook (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Then click on the "Videos" section on the left hand side. It will say "live" next to it when we are live. Remember, the video will not show up until a few minutes before 10:00 AM. You can also choose to watch a recorded version of the service after it is over (please note that there may be some dead space at the beginning of the video before worship begins).

### **Worship on Sunday Morning**

This Sunday, **October 18**, we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 1 (Friend/Eggebeen), 3 (DeSmith/Feikema), and 5 (Schaap/Rowe) welcome in the sanctuary and the rest worshipping online via Facebook Live. For those worshipping in the building, we **highly encourage you to wear a mask, especially if you plan to sing**. We acknowledge that it's not always comfortable and things are not as they should be. We also encourage you to move outdoors to socialize after the service! Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#). This Sunday, Pastor Joel will be focusing on the next petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one," as we look at the ways this prayer leads us into discipleship.

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

Join us on Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our evening formation gathering! This Sunday evening, Fred Wilgenburg will be sharing with us about his work with New Roots Ministry in Sioux Falls.

### **Mixing Things Up**

We have been meeting with Pastoral Groups 1-3 and 4-6 together for a while now, and thought it might be nice to mix up the groups a bit. Today we begin rotating Pastoral Groups 1, 3, & 5 and Pastoral Groups 2, 4, & 6 and we'll continue this way for the next month. As was mentioned in the October Courier, in addition to the three groups each week, the elders have amended the practice to invite members or families to attend each week when they feel that best suits their spiritual health. We are confident that there will be enough room to distance if families are interested in attending church on their "off" Sunday; however, to be sure and if possible, you can email Melissa Bailey to let her know you plan to attend.

### **Welcoming Guests to Covenant**

While we are limiting in-building worship to three pastoral groups at this time, we wanted to remind you that you are still welcome to invite guests and those looking for a church home to visit Covenant on any Sunday.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Praying for Our Local Congregations**

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the United Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Jon Bushnell.

### **Confirming Your Directory Listing**

It's time to get a new church directory out again! You should have all gotten an email to confirm your listing. If you have not yet responded, can you take care of that this week? If you didn't get an email, please send me a message and let me know! ([covenant@mtcnet.net](mailto:covenant@mtcnet.net)) Thanks for your help!

### **World Hunger Sunday**

Nearly 1 billion people around the world are hungry. In two weeks, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. God gives us food for the body and food for the spirit. He has a place for all of us at His table. Pick up your World Hunger Campaign devotionals and a Peter Fish and spend some thinking about why and how we welcome others to God's table. If you have children in your household, make sure to get both the adult and children's versions.

### **A Giving Opportunity:**

In response to our community's need, we are collecting items for Mid-Sioux and the Hope Food Pantry. During the month of **October**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, diapers, tissues, etc.). You can bring them to church anytime during the month. Please place the items in the basket in the NE entry or in one of the baskets in church. Thank you for your kindness!

### **Looking for Volunteers**

We are looking for a few more volunteers to run the live-stream and projection on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Marty Vander Plaats ([Martyvp69@gmail.com](mailto:Martyvp69@gmail.com)) or Rebecca De Vries ([rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com)).

### **Weekly Family Devotions on the Lord's Prayer**

During September and October, Pastor Joel will be preaching on the Lord's Prayer and what this prayer can teach us about discipleship, especially during our current trying time. Our Faith Formation Committee is putting together simple family devotions that relate to each of the petitions. We hope you will find them relevant and engaging, no matter your age! You can find them at the links below or feel free to stop by and pick up a copy in the NE entry at church!

- Week 1 (September 1-5): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 2 (September 7-12): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 3 (September 14-19): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 4 (September 21-26): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 5 (September 28-October 3): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 6 (October 4-10): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 7 (October 11-17): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)
- Week 8 (October 18-24): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)

### **Covenant Shares Table**

If you have extra garden produce to share, please bring it along to church with you! During the week, drop off or pick up produce on the table in the NE entrance.

### SCCS Mission: Defeat the Debt!

Join Sioux Center Christian School's Mission to Defeat the Debt with a Drive-Thru Supper on Saturday, **October 24** from 5-7 PM! Enjoy a delicious take-home meal of grilled boneless Iowa pork chop, cheesy potatoes, and choice of cheesecake or gourmet cupcake. A delivery option is available for those who are unable to drive. The meal is a freewill donation with an opportunity to unlock \$20,000 in matching funds! Reserve your meals by noon on Monday, **October 19** at [www.siouxcenterchristian.com](http://www.siouxcenterchristian.com) or call Amy Vander Berg (712-441-4530) or the school office (722-0777).

### Hope Haven Annual Society Meeting

Hope Haven's 56th Annual Society Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 27**, at 5:00 PM. This year's meeting will be held virtually. To attend, please visit this link: [hopehaven.org/society-meeting](http://hopehaven.org/society-meeting) to sign up to receive a link to the meeting. Society members will have the opportunity to elect board members, review recent audit and budgets, and receive the annual report on the ministry of Hope Haven. Hope Haven is a society owned agency; therefore, you are encouraged to exercise your membership and become involved in the business of Hope Haven.

### Dordt Music Events

- Dordt University will present a Hymn Festival at 10:30 AM on Saturday, **October 17**, in the B. J. Haan auditorium. An extended prelude by Dordt University organ students will begin at 10:00 AM. The Hymn Festival will feature Bella Voce, brass, percussion, flute, and cello, and will include beloved hymns of our faith.
- Dordt University student Clairra De Jong will present a senior piano recital at 7:30 PM on Saturday, **October 24**, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Highlights of the recital include Debussy's sweeping Reflets dans l'eau (Reflections in the Water), the technically-challenging and emotionally engaging Scherzo in B-flat Minor by Chopin, and a collaboration with cellist Jaren Brue, De Jong's fiancée. All are welcome to a reception following the recital.

Masks are required for all attendees and seating will be socially distanced. Dordt University continues to monitor how COVID-19 affects our campus and community. Please visit [dordt.edu/updates](http://dordt.edu/updates) on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions on in-person attendance or cancellations.

### Offerings for October

4	General/Building Fund	18	Missions Fund
11	Christian Education Fund	25	World Renew

<b>Last week's offering</b>	General Fund	\$2,180.00	Building Fund	\$85.00
	Missions Fund	\$290.00	Christian Education Fund	\$3,540.00

### Online Giving

To give online, click [here](#) to access the online giving page. You can also continue to give by mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. All checks will be used as needed unless designated. Contact your deacon with any questions.

### Helpful Links:

- The Bulletin Announcements and a link to Sunday's bulletin and liturgy are posted [here](#).
- The Community Activities (Blue) Sheet is posted [here](#).
- Sermon recordings are posted [here](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: A recent newsletter from Kelly and April Crull is [here](#) and Love INC's newsletter is [here](#).

### Encouraging our Missionaries

Got a minute? Send one of our missionaries a note of encouragement by email!

Kelly & April Crull crulls@caimail.net	Gianni & Georgina Gracia giannigracia@yahoo.com	Sos & Kara Maletoungou smaletoungou@crcna.org	Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com	Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk tvandyk@crnapartners.org
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Pam De Jong, Pat Crull, Laura Janssen, Esther Eppinga, Erin Eggebeen, Sophia Bailey, Lydia Clark, Marv Wielard*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,3,5 present (and via Facebook Live) Fred Wilgenburg (New Roots Ministry)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Executive Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	GEMS Youth Group Cadets (at Faith CRC)
<b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:30 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 2,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live) Jeff Taylor and our Political Climate ETM Scavenger Hunt (Dordt Campus Center)