

SUNDAY, October 25, 2020

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 25**, we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 2 (Ploegstra/Janssen), 4 (Brue/Goslinga), and 6 (Rhoda/Sybesma) 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 if possible! 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, "For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen" 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 Jeff Taylor will lead some discussion on our current political climate.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddie Olguin.

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) Thanks for your help!

November Courier

We hope you'll take a few minutes to read the November Courier [here](#) or grab a copy in the NE entrance of church!

World Hunger Sunday

Did anybody eat foo-foo for dinner this week? Not sure what that is? It's not too late to pick up a World Hunger Sunday devotional and find out. If you're looking for a way to engage hunger with your family, we also have children's devotionals and Peter Fish for kids. We hope you'll take your Peter Fish back next week, **November 1**, filled with money that will go directly to World Renew's work with families like the ones you've met during your devotion time.

Remembering Together

Covid-19 has altered our lives. Very traditional and dear moments like weddings and funerals are no longer public events. Covenant Church has lost five men during the pandemic, three members and two former members of long, long standing, charter members. On Sunday evening, **November 1**, we would like to take some time to create something of a community eulogy for Howard Hall, John Kok, Mike Vanden Bosch, Pete Vander Plaats, and John Vander Stelt. If you have any wonderful stories about any of them, please let Jim Schaap know (jschaap@dordt.edu).

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!

Weekly Family Devotions on the Lord's Prayer

We've been so blessed with the Lord's Prayer devotionals, put together by Pat Crull, Rebecca DeVries, and Jeri Schelhaas, as well as many other contributors from our congregation. Thanks to all of you for helping lead us to pray and to think about the ways this prayer forms us. We'll include the link to the last devotional one more time, just in case you're still catching up on them (links to each of the other weeks are included in the document). There are still paper copies available as well. And if you're interested in reading through the parables written by congregation members, they can be found [here](#).

- Week 8 (October 18-24): [printer-friendly option](#) and [mobile-friendly option](#)

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) or Rebecca De Vries (rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com).

Food Box Giveaway & Volunteers Needed

We have been given an amazing opportunity for a food distribution in our community. It is part of a 3 phase USDA basic operating agreement that expires **October 31**. You can find out more information about the program [here](#). We are planning to distribute food boxes (approximately 500 in Hawarden and 500 in Sioux Center) that contain produce, precooked meat, cheeses and milk (approx. 21 pounds each) this Sunday, **October 25**. The truck will be in Hawarden from 10:30 AM–12:30 PM at the Community Center and will be at Kinsey Elementary School in Sioux Center from 2:00–4:00 PM. Please pass this information along to your congregation. To make this happen we are in need of volunteers; please email, call, or text Stephanie Van Ruler (Email: mailto:svanruler@promisechc.org Cell: 712-463-2281, Office: 722-1700 Ext. 210) if you are available to help. Thank you!

Hope Haven Annual Society Meeting

Hope Haven's 56th Annual Society Meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, **October 27**, at 5:00 PM. To attend, please visit 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.

Claira De Jong's Piano Recital

Dordt University student Claira 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 on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions on in-person attendance or cancellations.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

The New Life Church Legacy Team is selling frozen cookie dough cutout in Christmas shapes (bell, stars, trees) as a fundraiser. They are sold by the dozen and are \$5/dozen. Orders are due by **November 5** and the cookies will be ready for pickup and delivery on **November 19** at New Life Church from 3-6 PM. Orders can be placed many different ways: online [order form](#), email (kreditfamily@outlook.com), or text message (Roger @ 712-441-1669 or Niki @ 712-441-2746).

Offerings for October

25 World Renew

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1	General/Building Fund	15	Missions Fund	26	Thanksgiving Offering
8	Christian Education Fund	22	Compassion/Tuition Assistance	29	World Renew: World Hunger

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$4,408.00	Building Fund	\$60.00
	Missions Fund	\$120.00	Christian Education Fund	\$7,032.00

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 Sos & Kara Maletoungou 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
gjannigracia@yahoo.com

Sos & Kara Maletoungou
smaletoungou@crcna.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Layne Vos, Julia Kramer, Linda Vanden Hoek, Nick Breems, Tina Dekker, Jonathan Van Tol, Emilyn Smit

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dave & Emily Kramer

Card Shower

Tina turns 90! On **October 29**, Tina Dekker, the oldest member of our congregation, will have her 90th birthday. Would you be so kind as to send her a card? Her address is 542 2nd Ave. N.E. Many thanks for making the lady's day.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 25th	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 (First CRC)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 7:15 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Sunday, 1st	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,3,5 present (and via Facebook Live) Memorial Reflections
