

SUNDAY, November 1, 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, **November 1**, 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 if possible! Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#). This Sunday, we get back into the Lectionary and celebrate All Saints Day. We also recognize that it's World Hunger Sunday and look forward to returning our Peter Fish. And finally, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday. If you're here, communion elements will be provided (or you may take your own), and if you're at home, make sure you have them ready to participate! And last, but not least, don't forget to **"fall back"** on Sunday morning and change your clocks for that extra hour of sleep!

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Join us on Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our evening formation gathering! Covid-19 has altered our lives. Very traditional and dear moments like weddings and funerals are often 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. This Sunday evening, 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. We hope you'll join us!

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 Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

World Hunger Sunday

This Sunday we have the opportunity to support the work of World Renew and help put food on tables around the world. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. We are excited to join this program as a faithful response to the God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Thank you for giving as you are able to help solve World Hunger. Bring your Peter Fish on Sunday if you're worshipping in the building (or bring it back at your earliest convenience).

Note from the Council:

During our worship on **November 1**, we will choose a new deacon. A current council member has requested to be relieved of office, so the new deacon will fulfill that term. Of the four candidates from whom we will choose, all were approved for nomination during our most recent process of choosing new Council members. The four names are: Dane Hibma, Mark Horstman, John Visser, and Kurt Vos. We thank all four for their willingness to serve; we trust the Holy Spirit as we choose one name for the office.

Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes

In your church mailboxes this Sunday, you will find Thanksgiving offering envelopes! Ross Feikema wrote about this in the November Courier, so feel free to read more about it [here](#) (on page 3). We hope you will use these envelopes to choose a few causes to support generously this Thanksgiving season. The next time you're in church, make sure you check your mailbox and we invite you to bring your Thanksgiving offering back on Thanksgiving Day (or any Sunday before that), or feel free to drop off/mail it to church anytime.

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 **November**, we are encouraging Covenant's members to donate peanut butter and jam/jelly. 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 compassion to others!

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!

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).

Awareness Book Club

The Awareness Book Club will meet again in January, and we will discuss *Jesus and John Wayne*, by Kristin Kobes Du Mez. The dialogue is open to all members and your friends. We had a good discussion of *Unsettling Truths* by Mark Charles at our last session, and we expect another good dialogue in January. Even when we disagree with the author or one another, we learn from each other. The tentative date for the next session is Tuesday, **January 19**. If you have any questions, please get in touch with either Pastor Joel or Eric Rowe.

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church from 7-9 PM on **November 3**. A video, "Schizophrenia and the Family," will be shown. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

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).

Dordt Music Events:

Masks are required for all recital 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. Both events are held in the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

- In celebration of the 250th anniversary of the year of the birth of Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770), Dordt University will present a Beethoven Piano Recital at 7:30 PM on Friday, **October 30**. Students of MaryLou Wielenga will perform piano works of Beethoven including the well-known Fur Elise, the first movement of the Moonlight Sonata, and the Pathetique Sonata in its entirety. The recital will also include two Marches for 4-hands, and the fun Rondo a Capriccio (Rage over a Lost Penney), performed by 5 students in a "piano relay" on 2 pianos.
- This year marks the 8th year of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series at Dordt University. The Fall 2020 recital will be presented by internationally-acclaimed organist Isabelle Demers at 7:30 PM on Saturday, **November 7**. A native of Québec and a graduate of the Juilliard School, Dr. Demers is Head of the Organ Program at Baylor University in Texas. Her program includes works by Bruhns, Bach, and Mendelssohn; selections from Alkan's Etudes for the Feet, two works by living composers, Rachel Laurin and Jason Roberts, and her own transcription of Beethoven's Symphony no. 5. The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital series seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing nationally-acclaimed organists to Dordt.

Offerings for November

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	\$1,205.00	Building Fund	\$100.00
	Missions Fund	\$142.80	Christian Education Fund	\$800.00

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](#) and a newsletter from the Groenewold-Van Dyks 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@crncpartners.org
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Jan Bajema, Clark Stiemsma, Natalie Brummel, Mary Ploegstra, Austen Goslinga, Rue Mellema

Membership Transfers

Kyle Roelofs has transferred his membership to First Reformed Church in Hull.

Kyle Vander Plaats has transferred his membership to Faith Reformed Church in Lynden, WA.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 1st	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,3,5 present (and via Facebook Live) Memorial Reflections
Wednesday	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	GEMS Liturgy Committee Meeting
Sunday, 8th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 2,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live) Dwight & Kathleen Van Tol