

SUNDAY, November 8, 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. 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 8**, we gather in our building for worship with Pastoral Groups 2 (Ploegstra/Janssen), 4 (Brue/Vos), 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 focus on the Old Testament Lectionary reading for this Sunday – Joshua 24.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

Join us on Sunday evening at 5:00 PM for our evening formation gathering! Dwight and Kathleen Van Tol will talk about their experiences and calling with respect to education, Latin America, and inter-cultural relationships.

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 Bridge of Hope congregation.

World Hunger Sunday

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the World Hunger Sunday collection already. Together we helped support World Renew's sustainable approach to tackling the problem of world hunger, coming alongside families so they can put food on their tables. You play such a vital role in that story, and we are grateful! If you still have a Peter Fish at home, make sure to bring it back to church as soon as you're able.

Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes

In your church mailboxes, 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.

Christmas Program Survey

Parents of children preschool-8th grade, you should have received a survey in your email about your children participating in a Christmas program this year. Please respond to the survey by Thursday, **November 12**. You can find it [here](#).

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!

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.

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).

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	\$4,737.00	Building Fund	\$85.00
	Missions Fund	\$380.00	Christian Education Fund	\$3,100.00
	Compassion Fund	\$125.00	World Renew	\$310.00

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: You can read Cornerstone Prison Church's latest newsletter [here](#).

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
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Gianni & Georgina Gracia
giannigracia@yahoo.com

Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Rebecca DeSmith, Anna Westfall, Sharon Bouma, Mark Christians, Nancy Vanden Bosch

Thank You!

Tina Dekker would like to thank those of you who remembered her 90th birthday. She got a nice collection of cards and is feeling well loved by her church family. Thanks for your love!

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday 8th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 2,4,6 present (and via Facebook Live) Dwight & Kathleen Van Tol
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 PM	COVID Taskforce Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Youth Group Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Sunday, 15th	10:00 AM 5:00 PM 7:30 PM	Morning Worship: Pastoral Groups 1,3,5 present (and via Facebook Live) John Visser ETM (at First CRC)
