

**SUNDAY, September 26, 2021**

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## **WORSHIP NOTES**

### **Worship Services Online**

Click [here](#) to go to Covenant's Facebook page (or copy this link and paste it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/>). Then click on the "Videos" section and watch for the live video to show shortly before 10:00 AM. You can also watch a recorded version of the service after it is over.

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

This Sunday, **September 26**, we continue the series we were working through earlier this summer on the Ten Commandments, or as our young ones know them – the Ten Best Ways to Live. We look this week at the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment. This week we also have the joy of witnessing the profession of faith of Daniel Tazelaar, son of Mark and Barb. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Faith Formation Sunday Evening**

Our denomination recognizes this Sunday as CRC Abuse Awareness Sunday, and in light of that Tara Boer (Classis Lakota's Safe Church Coordinator) will present on abuse and healing during our 6:00 PM gathering. The gathering will include time for questions, answers, and dialogue.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Church Picture Directory**

Thanks to so many of you who got your family picture taken this past Sunday at the picnic for our church photo directory! We would love to catch more of you this Sunday after our morning worship service. If you haven't had your picture taken, can you catch Sara Ploegstra by the main NW door and she will direct you to the photographers!

### **Updating your Contact Information**

Can you take a few minutes to check over your directory contact information on the printout found on the table in the fellowship hall? Make any additions/corrections or mark it "ok" if everything is correct. Thank you!

### **Church Retreat**

Don't forget to sign up for the church retreat which is taking place at Oak Grove on **October 1&2!** There are sign up sheets for camping, meals, and bringing snacks on the table in the fellowship hall. Contact Laura Janssen with any questions.

### **Sunday Evening Bible Study**

The Sunday Evening Bible study will be meeting again every 1st and 3rd Sunday evening after the Vespers service in the fellowship hall. We will be viewing a DVD with Max Lucado entitled "Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World." Everyone is invited to join. We will begin on **October 3**. Please bring a snack to share.

### **October Courier**

The October Courier is in your mailbox and can be found [here](#).

### **Pork 'N Bands Fundraiser Recap**

The Christian Education Committee is so happy to announce that at the night of the Pork 'N Bands event we raised \$2250. We have so many people to thank for making this event such a success: thank you to those who donated food/items, those who worked the event, and those who attended the event and gave generously. We are thankful to The Fruited Plain Café and Laremy and Rebecca De Vries for once again partnering with us. And thank you to Dave Kramer for the delicious smoked pork!

### **Interested in a Small Group?**

The Small Group Ministry at Covenant seeks to enfold members—families, couples, and singles—into groups that meet regularly (usually twice a month) for fellowship, study, worship, prayer, and outreach. Mostly, they aim to build community at Covenant. Groups are inter-generational and are definitely family friendly. We hope to incorporate new folks into groups in September. Sound interesting? Ready to join? Or need more information? Sign up in the back of church or contact Bob & Rebecca De Smith at [bdesmith@mtcnet.net](mailto:bdesmith@mtcnet.net).

### **First Mondays Speaker Series**

Dordt University's Mondays Speaker Series presents Rev. Dr. Jennifer Powell McNutt, the Franklin S. Dyrness Associate Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies at Wheaton College. Dr. McNutt's research specializes in the history of the church and Christian Theology from the Reformation through the Enlightenment with particular expertise in John Calvin and his clerical legacy, the Reformed tradition, the relationship between Christianity and science, and the history of the Bible and its interpretation. Please join us at 11 AM, Monday, **September 27** in the BJ Haan Auditorium for her presentation, "Making Space for the Dead in Conversations of Faith and Science." This event is free and open to the public. Find more info at [www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series](http://www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series). Additionally, we invite you to join us at Dordt, BJ Haan Auditorium, for a Live Concert on Monday, **November 1** at 7 PM, featuring Andrew Peterson, singer, songwriter, and author from Nashville, TN. Get tickets [here](#) or on his website: [www.andrew-peterson.com](http://www.andrew-peterson.com). Contact Ruth Clark ([Ruth.Clark@dordt.edu](mailto:Ruth.Clark@dordt.edu) or 722-6507) with any questions.

### **Art in the Prairie**

Experience Art in the Prairie on Saturday, **October 2**, from 3-4 PM at the Dordt University Prairie. Arts in the Prairie is an interactive event where Dordt departments such as the Environmental Studies department, the Art department, the Theatre department, the English department, and various musicians all come together to set up booths and/or activities in Dordt's prairie for community members and Dordt students alike.

### **sounding light Concert**

On Saturday, **October 2**, *sounding light*, a professional choir from the Omaha area conducted by Tom Trenney, will perform at Dordt University at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Also featured will be a performance by Dordt University's Concert Choir, conducted by Ryan Smit. They will together present a concert titled "...and so we go on..." with music to help us make sense of the uncertainty around us while also looking forward with hope.

### Christians Get Depressed Too

The Tri-State Bible Conference welcomes Dr. David Murray to the BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt University on **October 7 & 8** at 7:00 PM to speak from God's word on the topic of Depression: The Hidden Affliction. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and encourage the people of God; we consider this to be a highly relevant topic for our times. There is no charge although there will be a free will offering to defray the cost of the event. For more information go to [www.tristatebibleconference.com](http://www.tristatebibleconference.com) or contact Rev. John Vermeer ([jvermeer61@hotmail.com](mailto:jvermeer61@hotmail.com)).

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Covenant CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Joel Kok.

### At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Sabbath: Read Psalm 23 and ponder or discuss the following questions: Reflect on the words "I shall not want" (or, as The Message puts it, "I don't need a thing." How often do those words describe you? How have you experienced God's "goodness and mercy"? How might you be an agent of goodness and mercy to your neighbor or to your "enemies"? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](http://crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices).)

### Offerings for September

26 World Renew

### Offerings for October

3 General/Building Fund                      10 Christian Education Fund                      17 Missions Fund  
24 Tuition Assistance/Compassion Fund                      31 To be determined

### Last week's offering

General Fund	\$2,005.00	Building Fund	\$40.00
Christian Education Fund	\$4,798.39	Missions Fund	\$198.31

### 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](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: A newsletter from Mission India is [here](#).

### Sunday Servant Scheduling:

*If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.*

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, October 3
Greeters	AM: Mary D, Jo F, Shaun S	AM: Bernie DW, Rockne MC, Betty VP
Ushers	AM: Pat C, Shirley T, Eldon W	AM: Dan A, Marcia W, Linda V
Coffee	Terry F, Mark H, Merrill MC, Jo A	Marge DB, Dave S, Sharon V, Jason W
Subs	Jan B, Paul C, Lee R, Sherri TN, John V, Dani W	Jan B, Paul C, Lee R, Sherri TN, John V, Dani W
Sound/Projection	Dennis DJ ♦ Dane H	Doug DB ♦ Jake M
Nursery Sept. POM: Janssens	AM: Nick & Jenni B, Lee R	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Chris & Rin G

### Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

*Michael Ribbens, Paul Clousing, Aidan Vos, Levi Landman, Judah Hawley, Ethan Brue, Ava Landman*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Tara Boer (Classis Lakota's Safe Church Coordinator)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 PM	Christian Education Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM	Covenant Church Retreat (at Oak Grove)
<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 AM	Covenant Church Retreat (at Oak Grove)
<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:00 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study