

SUNDAY, October 3, 2021

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, **October 3**, we begin a new series based on the lectionary readings from the book of Job. Through the book of Job, our Lord can widen our wisdom and deepen our discipleship. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

We will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. These services use prayers and litanies from *The Book of Common Prayer* and give us space and time for thanksgiving and praise, silence, and meditation on scripture. Services last between 45 minutes and an hour and will include a brief meditation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Picture Directory

Thanks to so many of you who got your family picture taken these last weeks 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 yet, catch Sara Ploegstra 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!

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 this Sunday evening, **October 3**. Please bring a snack to share.

Church Education Schedule

There will be no Sunday School, Catechism, or Covenant Sunday Morning next Sunday, **October 10**.

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.

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **October 5**. Speaker Wade Koenen will present "At My Wit's End: My Experience with Schizophrenia." Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For more information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Dordt Community Gospel Choir

Join the Dordt Community Gospel Choir (DCGC) for a "Night of Gospel Music" on Tuesday, **October 5** at 8 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The choir features over seventy singers, including Dordt students, faculty, staff, and members of the Sioux Center community. The choir is led by Geraldine Latty, a worship artist in residence. Latty's husband, Carey Luce serves as musical director and pianist for the choir.

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 or contact Rev. John Vermeer (jvermeer61@hotmail.com).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Faith CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bob Pollema and Cliff Hoekstra.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

Practice of Gratitude: Read Psalm 100 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Did anything make you want to "shout for joy" this week? What was it, and how did you express gratitude to God? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Offerings for October

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

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| Last week's offering | General Fund | \$1,340.00 | Missions Fund | \$265.00 |
| | Christian Education Fund | \$1,792.72 | World Renew | \$610.00 |

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](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: A newsletter from the Groenewold-Van Dyks is [here](#), a newsletter from the Crulls in Spain is [here](#), and you can read the latest newsletter from Tesoros de Dios [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

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| Greeters | AM: Bernie DW, Rockne MC, Betty VP | |
| Ushers | AM: Dan A, Marcia W, Linda V | |
| Coffee | Alejandro C, Dave S, Sharon V, Jason W | |
| Subs | Pam DJ, Bob DS, Megan H, Andy L, Gidge M, Beth VB | |
| Sound/Projection | Doug DB ↔ Jake M | Andy L ↔ Rebecca DeVries |
| Nursery Oct. POM: Janssens | AM: Dave & Emily K, Chris & Rin G | AM: Ryan & Angela H, Tricia K |

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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Sos & Kara Maletoungou
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Alleke Crull, Ed Brummel, Eric Rowe, Steve Holthrop, Kara Maletoungou, Samuel Maletoungou

Happy Anniversary this Week

Ed & Natalie Brummel

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| Sunday, 3rd | 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 |
| Wednesday | 10:00 AM | Prayer Group |
| | 7:00 PM | GEMS |
| Thursday | 7:30 PM | Colossian Forum |
| Sunday, 10th | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship |
| | 6:00 PM | Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) |