

SUNDAY, October 10, 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 10**, we continue a 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.

Upcoming Sunday Evening Plans

On **October 24** at 6:00 PM, Pastor Joel will lead an exploration of congregational healing, based on James 5 and other biblical passages. This will be a way for us to follow up from our September 26 session regarding abuse awareness, and it will point ahead to our **December 17** Blue Christmas gathering. On **October 31**, we will participate in a combined CRC service at Dordt. Rev. Zach King from Resonate Global Mission will preach.

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!



Pastoral Group Dinners

We start our fall season of pastoral group dinners next Sunday, **October 17**, beginning with the **Friend/Hibma** pastoral group gathering for fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

Friendship Bible Volunteer Request

The Friendship Bible group would like to welcome a new member with a hearing impairment. This young man can sign, and ideally, his new mentor would also be able to communicate in basic ASL. He does respond well to pointing and also reads lips fairly well. We're praying that someone in the community, with or without the ability to sign, will step forward to make Bible study accessible to him. Contact Marian Smit (712-441-9243) with questions.

Dordt Defender Days

Dordt University hosts its Defender Days celebration with a wide range of events, including the 4th Avenue Jazz Concert at 3:00 PM on Friday, **October 15**, the Fall Music Festival featuring Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Bella Voce, Canons of Dordt, Chorale, and Concert Choir at 7:00 PM on Friday, **October 15**, and a hymn festival titled "In Christ Alone: Hymn-Based Organ Music by Larry Visser" on Saturday, **October 16**, at 10:30 AM presented by organist, choral conductor, and composer Larry Visser as part of the Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series. Go to www.dordt.edu for more Defender Days weekend highlights.

JFA Annual Meeting and Fall Auction

Justice for All is having their Annual Meeting and Fall Auction on Thursday, **October 28** at 5:30 PM in the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley, IA. There will be an update about the ministry, a short business meeting, and a live auction with Mark Zomer and Doug Kooima. Enjoy a meal and fellowship while supporting the Justice for All ministry.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

Practice of Gratitude: Read Luke 17:11-19 and ponder or discuss the following questions. How have you experienced healing in your life, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual? How did you, or how might you, express your gratitude to God? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the First CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

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	\$7,441.50	Missions Fund	\$450.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$3,417.50	Building Fund	\$225.00
	World Renew	\$200.00	Compassion Fund	\$150.00

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 is [here](#), and a newsletter from the Maletoungous is [here](#). You can read the latest newsletter from Cornerstone Prison Church [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 17
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	Andy L ♦ Rebecca DeVries	Nick B ♦ Jason W
Nursery Oct. POM: Janssens	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Tricia K	AM: Bob & Rebecca DS, Andy & Rachel L

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Samuel Westfall, David Westfall, Mark Horstman

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dan & Sandi Altena

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 10th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Prayer Group Youth Group Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
Sunday, 17th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Pastoral Group Dinner (Friend/Hibma) Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) Sunday Evening Bible Study