

SUNDAY, October 24, 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 24**, we finish 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](#). We also have an opportunity to hear from Chaplain Paul Birnbaum and his work in Rapid City.

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This evening 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 5** Blue Christmas gathering.

Joint Reformation Day Service

On **October 31**, we will participate in a combined CRC service at First CRC (note the location change!). Rev. Zach King from Resonate Global Mission will preach and an offering will be received for Resonate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Picture Directory

I would love to finish up the church directory soon, so if you haven't yet had your picture taken or sent one to the church office, please either take a picture this morning after church (look for Jo Alberda by the front door!) or send a picture to the church office by Monday, **October 25** (covenant@mtcnet.net). Thanks for your help in this!

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

Today we continue our fall season of pastoral group dinners beginning with the **Van Wyk/Janssen** pastoral group who will gather for fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **October 31**, the **Schelhaas/Feikema** pastoral group will gather.

Joint Reformation Day Choir

All singers high school and up are invited to sing in the choir for the joint Reformation Day service to be held at 6:00 PM on **October 31** First CRC (note the location change!). Ryan Smit of Dordt University will direct. If you are interested, please plan to attend rehearsals on **October 24** at 4:15 PM at Covenant CRC and **October 31** at 4:45 PM at First CRC.

World Hunger Sunday 2021

Over 1 billion people around the world are hungry. In two weeks, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. God promises in Scripture to fill the hungry with good things and invites us to join in that holy work. Pick up your World Hunger Campaign devotionals today (they're in your mailbox and extras are on the table) and spend some thinking about what it means to hunger for good in our lives, our communities, and around the world. If you have children in your household, make sure to go online and download some special activities just for them at worldrenew.net/WorldHungerChurches.

November Courier

I'll be working on the November Courier (our monthly newsletter) this week, so if you have something you want to include, send it to the office by Monday, **October 25** (covenant@mtcnet.net).

Fall Clean-up Day

Fall Cleanup Day has been set for Saturday, **October 30** at 9:00 AM. (The rain date will be November 6.) There are many projects to be done such as rebuilding the parsonage front porch, removing bushes, trimming trees, raking leaves, painting, and more. Many hands are needed to get these projects finished before winter. Coffee and treats will be served!

Joint Service Refreshments

Refreshments will be served after the joint CRC service on **October 31** and Covenant is responsible for bringing 12 dozen bars (pre-cut) or cookies to First CRC kitchen before the service begins. Are you able to help? If so, email the church office or sign up at the table in the fellowship hall!

Fruited Plain BOGO Cards are Back!

Beginning **November 1**, Fruited Plain BOGO cards will be available for sale at the Fruited Plain! Once again, the Fruited Plain is partnering with the Christian Education Fund to raise money for our Christian Education commitments by selling FP pizza BOGO cards for \$25 each, a portion of which goes towards the Christian Education Fund. In addition, we will have BOGO cards available after church through the month of November, beginning **November 7**. So start asking your friends and family if they need Fruited Plain BOGO cards! Or think about who you could gift with a BOGO card this holiday season? This time around we are asking that any cards you sell be paid for at the time you pick them up, so use the next two weeks to collect orders from friends and family and then you can get what you need from either church or the Fruited Plain. Thank you so much for your continued support!

Panel Discussion

First CRC (Sioux Center) invites members of your congregation to join them in their sanctuary on Wednesday, **October 27** at 7:30 PM for a panel discussion with local pastors/denominational leaders from the CRC and RCA (Evan Vermeer, Dale Zevenbergen, and pastors John Lee, Todd Zuidema, and Kurt Monroe). The panel will discuss some of the history of the current divisions in each denomination, the current situation and challenges each denomination faces, information about the newly formed Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC), as well as possibilities and obstacles for cooperation between RCA, CRC, and ARC churches. The panel will leave time for questions and answers at the end.

First Mondays Speaker Series

First Mondays Speaker Series at Dordt welcomes Andrew Peterson at 11 AM, Monday, **November 1** in the BJ Haan Auditorium for his presentation about making art in a time of exile. He is the author of the *The Wingfeather Saga* fantasy adventure series for young people, and more recently of *Adorning the Dark: Thoughts on Community, Calling, and the Mystery of Making*. He lives in Nashville with his wife and about 80,000 honeybees. This event is free and open to the public. Find more info at www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series.

Andrew Peterson Concert

Andrew Peterson, singer-songwriter, author, and the founder of the Rabbit Room, a ministry dedicated to fostering spiritual formation and Christ-centered community through story, art, and music, will perform a Live Concert on Monday, **November 1** at 7 PM at Dordt's BJ Haan Auditorium. Tickets are available [here](#) or on his website: www.andrew-peterson.com.

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, **November 2**. Video: Anxiety. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Jesu Cristo el Buen Pastor congregation and the ministry of Pastors Rodrigo and Karina Gonzalez.

Offerings for October

24 Tuition Assistance/Compassion Fund 31 General Fund

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$6,595.00	Missions Fund	\$995.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$2,636.30	Building Fund	\$140.00

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: Read the latest info from Cornerstone Prison Church about their Christmas Sacks [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 31
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	Jeff P ♦ Tom C	Eric R ♦ Marty VP
Nursery Oct. POM: Janssens	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Duane & Jan B	AM: Eldon & Marcia W, Bob & Rebecca DS

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Sophia Bailey, Lydia Clark, Marv Wielard, Layne Vos, Julia Kramer, Linda Vanden Hoek, Nick Breems, Jonathan Van Tol, Emilyn Smit

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dave & Emily Kramer

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 24th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner (Van Wyk/Janssen)
	4:15 PM	Joint Choir Rehearsal (at Covenant)
	6:00 PM	Healing Service
	7:30 PM	ETM Scavenger Hunt (at Dordt Campus Center)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:15 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
Saturday	9:00 AM	Church Clean Up Day
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