

SUNDAY, October 31, 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 31**, Pastor Joel is filling a classical appointment at New Holland CRC, so Dr. David Westfall will be preaching here at Covenant. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This evening at 6:00 PM, 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



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today we continue our fall season of pastoral group dinners with the **Schelhaas/Feikema** pastoral group gathering for fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **November 7**, the **Bajema/Clark** 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 today, **October 31** at First CRC (note the location change!). Ryan Smit of Dordt University will direct. We will rehearse Sunday afternoon at 4:45 PM at First CRC.

World Hunger Sunday 2021

It's not too late to pick up a World Hunger Campaign devotional (in your mailbox or on the table) and a Peter Fish! We invite you to bring them back next Sunday, **November 7**, as we remember those around the world who are hungry and think about ways we can be part of the solution.

November Courier

The November Courier (our monthly newsletter) is in your mailbox and can be found [here](#).

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!

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever...

...is coming to Covenant! We look forward to the Sunday School kids helping us celebrating Christ's birth through their Christmas program on **December 12**. But now the work of rehearsing begins! The 6th-8th graders will begin practice on Sunday, **November 7**, from 4:00-5:30 PM at church. Contact Jeri Schelhaas with any questions!

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).

Christmas Cookies

The New Life Church Legacy Team is selling frozen cookie dough that is cut out in Christmas shapes (snowmen, stars, trees) as a fund raiser for their Sioux Center Christian support. They are sold for \$6/dozen and will need to get picked up on **November 16** from 3-6 PM at SCCS. Place orders [here](#) or email kreditfamily@outlook.com.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

Practice of Gratitude: Today is "Reformation Sunday." Read ["Ten Ways My Reformed Identity Shapes My Life"](#) and ponder or discuss the following questions. If you identify with the Reformed tradition, what difference does holding this worldview make in your daily life? What parts of the Reformed worldview especially spark gratitude in you? How might you more fully experience God's abundant grace so that you can live out of gratitude? (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 Hope Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Interim Pastor Jay Denne.

Offerings for October

31 General Fund

Offerings for November

7 General Fund 14 Christian Education Fund
 21 Missions Fund 28 World Renew

Last week’s offering General Fund \$760.00 Missions Fund \$375.11
 Christian Education Fund \$1,010.00 Compassion/TA Fund \$120.00

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 newsletter from the Van Dyk-Groenewolds [here](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, November 7
Greeters	AM: Bernie DW, Rockne MC, Betty VP	AM: Deb H, Carol O, Sarah S
Ushers	AM: Dan A, Marcia W, Linda V	AM: Paul C, Barb H, Sherri TN
Coffee	Alejandro C, Dave S, Sharon V, Jason W	Rebecca DS, Lee R, Courtney R, Marv W
Subs	Pam DJ, Bob DS, Megan H, Andy L, Gidge M, Beth VB	Jenni B, Daryl H, Jason H, Joan MC, Marty VP, Jake VW
Sound/Projection	Eric R ♦ Marty VP	Dennis VP ♦ Dane H
Nursery Oct. POM: Janssens	AM: Eldon & Marcia W, Bob & Rebecca DS	AM: Alejandro & Isabel C, John & Linda V

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull Gianni & Georgina Gracia Sos & Kara Maletoungou Mike & Megan Ribbens Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Jan Bajema, Clark Stiemsma, Natalie Brummel, Mary Ploegstra, Rue Mellema

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 31st	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner (Schelhaas/Feikema)
	4:45 PM	Joint Choir Rehearsal (at First CRC)
	6:00 PM	Joint Reformation Day Service (at First CRC)
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
Sunday, 7th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner (Bajema/Clark)
	4:00 PM	Christmas Program Rehearsal (6 th -8 th grades)
	6:00 PM	Vespers