

SUNDAY, November 7, 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, **November 7**, Pastor Joel will be preaching in the lectionary again, focusing this Sunday on the story of Naomi and Ruth. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper together. 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



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today we continue our fall season of pastoral group dinners with the **Bajema/Clark** 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 14**, the **Schaap/Rowe** pastoral group will gather.

Today is World Hunger Sunday!

Today we invite you to bring your Peter Fish back with your offerings to support World Renew and to help put food on tables around the world. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. We are excited to join this program as a faithful response to the God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Thank you for giving as you are able to help solve World Hunger.

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 **today** from 4:00-5:30 PM at church. Contact Jeri Schelhaas with any questions!

Fruited Plain BOGO Cards are Back!

The Fruited Plain is once again partnering with us to raise money for our Christian Education Fund by selling FP pizza BOGO cards for \$25 each, a portion of which goes towards the Christian Education Fund. Fruited Plain BOGO cards are now available at the Fruited Plain and at the SCCS office! Beginning **November 7**, we will also have BOGO cards available after church through the month of November. So start asking your friends and family if they need Fruited Plain BOGO cards! Or plan to give BOGO cards as gifts 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 collect orders from friends and family and get them from either church, the Fruited Plain, or the SCCS office. Thank you so much for your continued support!

GEMS Schedule Change

Don't forget that GEMS will meet this Wednesday, **November 10**. (This is a change from the original schedule.)

Thanksgiving Photos

Many of you, we know, have posted beautiful photos of creation on Facebook or Instagram – photos from vacation, from walks in the prairie, of your animal friends, of your garden delights. Can we borrow them? We are looking to put together a slideshow for our Thanksgiving Day service. If you have photos you are willing to share, email them to rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com or share them with her via Google Photos or Facebook Messenger.

Sanctuary Seating

We have been blessed with a fairly full sanctuary this fall and want to make sure that there is enough room for all to find a seat on Sunday mornings. If you are able, please try to fill in the main sanctuary first so there is room for latecomers in the back rows. Thank you!

Liturgy Committee

Covenant has a long and beautiful tradition of having lay people plan our Sunday worship services. In songs chosen, prayers written, dramatized scripture imagined, the Holy Spirit has worked through these dedicated liturgists to shape the worship life and identity of Covenant. We are currently looking for a couple more planners to join the Liturgy Committee. If you are interested in hearing more about what this involves, please talk to Rebecca De Vries.

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.

Small Ensembles Recital

The Dordt University Music Department will present a Small Ensembles Recital on Friday, **November 12**, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature a saxophone ensemble, a cello ensemble, a jazz combo, and a vocal sextet accompanied by violin and piano.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Generosity: Read Acts 4:32-35 and ponder or discuss the following questions. The early church was characterized by a spirit of generosity. How does today's church (or your own congregation) measure up? Do today's Christians have a reputation for generosity? In what ways is that true or untrue? (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 Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Drenton.

Offerings for November

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

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$6,080.00	Building Fund	\$200.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$3,080.00		

Online Giving

To give online, click [here](#). You can also 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 Maletoungous [here](#) and November prayer requests from ReFrame Ministries are [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 14
Greeters	AM: Deb H, Carol O, Sarah S	
Ushers	AM: Paul C, Barb H, Sherri TN	
Coffee	Rebecca DS, Lee R, Courtney R, Marv W	
Subs	Jenni B, Daryl H, Jason H, Joan MC, Marty VP, Jake VW	
Sound/Projection	Dennis DJ + Dane H	Doug DB + Rebecca DV
Nursery Nov. POM: Janssens	AM: Alejandro & Isabel C, John & Linda V	AM: Daryl & Deb H, Mark & Lisa C

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull crulls@caimail.net	Gianni & Georgina Gracia giannigracia@yahoo.com	Sos & Kara Maletoungou smaletoungou@crcna.org	Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com	Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk tvandyk@crcnapartners.org
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Rebecca DeSmith, Anna Westfall, Sophie Visscher

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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
	7:30 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	GEMS
	7:15 PM	Cadets
Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
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