

SUNDAY, November 14, 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 14**, Pastor Joel will be preaching in the lectionary, focusing this week on Hannah's song. We also have the privilege of celebrating the professions of faith of Jonathan and William Breems, sons of Nick and Jenni Breems. 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 **Schaap/Rowe** 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 21**, the **Rhoda/Sybesma** pastoral group will gather to close out the season.

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!

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 **today** from 4:00-5:30 PM at church. And please save Saturday, **December 4**, 3-5 PM for a rehearsal for all the Sunday school kids in grades 1-8. Contact Jeri Schelhaas with any questions!

From the Deacons:

Two reminders:

- Thanksgiving envelopes are in your church mailboxes and there are extras on the table in the fellowship hall. Any loose offerings on Thanksgiving Day will be assigned to the General Fund.
- There is still time to turn in your Peter Fish or any offerings for World Hunger! Peter Fish can be put in the basket in the back of church and checks can be deposited in the offering box. Be sure to designate it for World Hunger.

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!

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.

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.

Dordt Concert Choir to Sing "Carol-o-grams"

The Dordt University Concert Choir will be delivering the true message of Christmas with their voices this December by travelling around Sioux County and singing 4-5 classic Christmas carols for the person, family, business, or Christmas party of your choosing! A donation for each "carol-o-gram" is appreciated, and proceeds will support the choir's May 2022 international tour to Austria and the Czech Republic. To place your order please visit www.dordt.edu/carol-o-gram, pick up a form at the Info Desk of the Dordt Campus Center, or contact Ryan Smit directly at ryan.smit@dordt.edu.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Generosity: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Think back over the past year. Where have you "sown sparingly"? Where have you "sown generously"? How do you "decide in your heart" what and when to give? How intentional are those decisions? How might you find more joy in giving generously? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit cena.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Netherlands Reformed congregation.

Offerings for November

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

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$6,894.25	World Renew	\$800.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$2,860.00		

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 from the Crulls [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 21
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	Andy L ↔ Rebecca DV	Doug DB ↔ Jason W
Nursery Nov. POM: Janssens	AM: Daryl & Deb H, Mark & Lisa C	AM: Dave & Jeri S, Barb T

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

Sharon Bouma, Mark Christians, Nancy Vanden Bosch, Teo Crull, Mia Mercado Castelan, Lauren Vander Plaats, Joni Visscher, James Rylaarsdam, Verne Meyer, Courtney Rylaarsdam

Happy Anniversary this Week

Duane & Jan Bajema, Paul & Ruth Clousing

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 14th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Pastoral Group Dinner (Schaap/Rowe)
	4:00 PM	Christmas Program Rehearsal (6 th -8 th grades)
	6:00 PM	Vespers
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders 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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