

SUNDAY, September 18, 2022

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, **September 18**, Pastor Joel continues a series on what it means to be "God's New People," in our time of uncertainty, polarization, and searching. He will preach from scripture passages that flow into "Our World Belongs to God," the Contemporary Testimony of the CRC, focusing on the section entitled "God's New People." Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

This Sunday, **September 18**, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday Evening Bible Study will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings following our Vespers service. Our first meeting will be this Sunday, **September 18**. We will start the year by watching Ray Vander Laan's 5-session series, "A Clash of Kingdoms". Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us. If you come, please bring a snack to share. We meet until approximately 8:15.

October Courier

If you would like something to be included in our monthly newsletter, *The Courier*, send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **September 19!**

GEMS Kick-Off

Northstar GEMS (girls in grades 4th-8th) will have their kick-off on Wednesday, **September 28**, at Covenant CRC, 7:00-8:30 PM. We'll be tie-dying our theme shirts, so please wear clothes that could get dirty! If your daughter has not registered already, please email northstar_gems@hotmail.com.

Calling All Ladies!

Come for an informal gathering of fellowship, muffins, coffee, juice on Saturday, **October 1** at 9 AM. We'd love to talk about what you'd like to do as a group of fun, friendly, females of Covenant. Outings? Bible Study? Dinners? Movies? Afterwards, you may join us at Heritage Village to see the quilt show on display. Questions? Call Rin (722-4394) or Deb (722-3121).

For Your Baking Needs...

Our Ukrainian friend, Olga Riazantseva is a fabulous baker and would appreciate opportunities for providing cakes and pastries for any celebrations you may be planning. She uses fresh and natural ingredients only. You can contact the Riazantsevs at Illia's email: ryazanceviilya@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunity

We're looking for someone to join Andy Landman and Nick Breems (and, hopefully, an intern from Dordt) on a leadership team to serve the youth of Covenant. Women are especially encouraged to consider being a part of our young peoples' program since our leadership is all male so far. Please contact Len Rhoda or Ross Feikema if you are interested.

Vocal Recital

The Dordt University Music Department presents guest artist Barrett Radziun in a vocal recital on Friday, **September 23** at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Tenor Barrett Radziun has performed widely throughout the United States, meriting critical acclaim for his performances in opera, oratorio, art song, and early music. Radziun teaches voice and diction at Texas A&M University (Commerce). The recital will include songs and arias by Britten, Faure, Schubert, Bolcom, Ives, Dring, and Poulenc.

Seeing Christ in the Old Testament

The Tri-State Bible Conference welcomes Dr. Michael Barrett to Dordt University on **September 26 & 27** at 7:00 PM to speak from God's word on the topic of Seeing Christ in the Old Testament. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and encourage the people of God. There is no charge although there will be a freewill offering to defray the cost of the event.

For more information go to www.tristatebibleconference.com. There will also be an office bearer luncheon with Dr. Barret (for pastors, elders, and deacons) at the Pizza Ranch in Sioux Center at noon on **September 27**. We will hear more about how we can reveal Christ's work to our people.

Dordt First Mondays Speaker Series

The Andreas Center at Dordt University announces the following speaker for our 2022-2023 First Monday Speaker Series. One of the themes we hope to explore this year is how we might, following the words of Wendell Berry, "practice virtue with skill". We look forward to welcoming Stephanie Summers, CEO of The Center for Public Justice, on **October 3** and hearing her lecture titled: "Loving Your Neighbor Through Politics". The community is welcome to attend this free event at 11 AM in the BJ Haan Auditorium on Dordt's campus.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Christ Community congregation and the ministry of Pastors Mark Johnson, Brandon Thiel, and Carlos Perez.

Last week's offering General Fund \$4,254.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,116.00

Giving at Covenant

There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, click [here](#). You can also give by leaving your offering in the boxes located at the entrances, mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. Just a reminder, all cash/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 Crulls is [here](#) and the Groenewold-Van Dyks' latest newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous latest newsletter is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's September prayer requests 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, September 25
Greeters		AM: Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Eldon W
Ushers		AM: Wil A, Lisa C, Mark H
Coffee		Ed B, Rin G, Andy L, Sarah S
Subs	George F, Sherri TN, Del VZ, Linda V, Marcia W, John Z	
Sound/Projection	Andy L + Dane H	Nick B + Tom C
Nursery	AM: Luke & Sarah H, Jo F	AM: Ryan & Val Z, Kathy DW

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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



Happy Birthday this Week

Charlie Wyenberg, Pam Adams, Oliver Moss, Rockne McCarthy, Rose Rylaarsdam, John Stevenson, Viola Stiemsma

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 18th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
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Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
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Sunday, 25th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)