

SUNDAY, September 25, 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

Jesus both welcomes us as we are and transforms us into people who reflect the glory of God. Beginning **September 25** and continuing through October, Pastor Joel will offer messages from Romans 14 through 15 in order to seek such light from Christ in our journey together as a congregation. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Vespers

On this, the last Sunday of the month, we will celebrate Lord's Supper together during the evening service. We strive to make this Prayer, Word, and Table experience unique from the morning; we will welcome the Light of Christ as daylight fades, we will arrange the chairs in a slightly more intimate arrangement, and two families have been asked to pass the elements to the congregation as we stay seated. We invite you to gather again at 6:00 PM. "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right for us to give thanks and praise."

WE Service Next Sunday

We will gather for lunch and a WE service next Sunday, **October 2**, following our morning worship service. Check your [October Courier](#) for more details, and we hope you will stay for food, fellowship, worship, and learning together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant Sunday Morning

This fall, Covenant Sunday Morning (our adult education program) will focus on Covenant's upcoming 50th Anniversary in 2023. In order to both remember and honor our past, and also look ahead to the future, we have an opportunity to hear from members of Covenant who have been here since Covenant's doors first opened in 1973. You will have any opportunity to hear their responses to questions like: 1) What was Covenant like at the beginning? 2) What were the foundational underpinnings of Covenant? 3) What has Covenant meant to you over the years? 4) How do you view Covenant now? and 5) What hopes do you have for Covenant in the future. We invite you to join these speakers to engage in a valuable conversation about their experiences at Covenant, but also to have time for dialogue with your questions/comments/other reflections. Join us for this 5-week session in the Youth Room in the basement at 9 AM each Sunday morning.

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).

Can You Help?

The Saturday Work Day at the parsonage is rescheduled for Saturday, **October 1**, beginning at 9 AM. We are working on the landscaping and could use some help to finish up the project!

Men's Bible Study

All men of Covenant are invited to join the Casey's Bakery Men's Study. This group has been meeting early every other Wednesday morning for many years. This year the book of Luke will be discussed. Contact Ron Oostra (712-441-7747) for more information. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday **October 5** at 6:30 AM.

Directory Updates

Please take a minute to check your directory listing on the table in the fellowship hall, make any changes/additions, or mark it "ok" if all is correct! Thanks!

October Courier

The October Courier is in your mailbox and can be read on our [website](#).

Friendship Class Mentors Needed

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a mentor for a special needs friend of the Friendship Bible Class at First CRC in Sioux Center at 7 PM on Thursday nights? This program is in immediate need of mentors for a woman and three men. Your call (722-0717) or email (office@firstcrc.com) to First CRC to help mentor would be greatly appreciated.

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 <http://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 Music Events:

- The annual Dordt University Honors Recital will take place on Friday, **September 30**, at 3:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. All are welcome to a reception in the lobby of the auditorium following the recital.
- Dordt University student Emma DeVries will present a senior voice recital at 7:30 PM on Saturday, **October 1**, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Highlights of the recital include sacred pieces by Michael Head such as "Make a Joyful Noise

Unto the Lord” and opera selections “Mon cœur s’ouvre à ta voix” from *Samson et Delila* by Saint-Saëns and the vocal trio “Soave sia il vento” from *Così fan tutte* by Mozart. All are welcome to a reception following the recital.

Northwestern College Hymn Sing

You are invited to join organist MaryLou Wielenga and worship leader Corky Koerselman for a time of worship Saturday morning, **October 1**, from 10:45 to 11:30 AM. The hymn sing will take place in Christ Chapel and will feature the college’s 45-stop, 56-rank tracker action pipe organ, constructed by world-renowned organ builder Jan van Daalen. Hymns will include “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,” “Holy, Holy, Holy” and “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” among others.

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 the King Catholic congregation and the ministry of Father Douglas Klein.

Last week’s offering General Fund \$4,320.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,568.00

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, October 2
Greeters	AM: Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Eldon W	AM: Faby A, Paul C, Jeremy H
Ushers	AM: Wil A, Lisa C, Mark H	AM: Mark C, Pat C, Chris G
Coffee	Ed B, Rin G, Andy L, Sarah S	Jenni B, Cal J, Merrill MC, Ron O
Subs	George F, Sherri TN, Del VZ, Linda V, Marcia W, John Z	Jan B, Megan H, Rachel L, Rockne MC, Don TN, Stan VB
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Tom C	Jeff P ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Ryan & Val Z, Kathy DW	AM: Joe & Erin E, Dennis & Pam DJ

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

Rachel Hibma, Becky Stevenson, Morgan Hummel, Michael Ribbens, Paul Clousing, Aidan Vos, Levi Landman, Judah Hawley

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 25th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education) Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	6:45 PM 7:30 PM	Deacons Meeting Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	Prayer Group GEMS Kick-Off Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	7:30 PM	Colossian Forum
Saturday	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Women’s Gathering Parsonage Landscaping Work Day
Sunday, 2nd	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM 7:15 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education) Morning Worship WE Service Sunday Evening Bible Study