

SUNDAY, October 2, 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. In these coming weeks, 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](#).

WE Service

Today after our morning worship service we will gather for lunch and a WE service. We hope you will stay for food, fellowship, worship, and learning together as we together explore the Faith Practice of Listening.

Sunday Evening Prayer Gathering

Because of our WE service, we will not have a Vespers Service. However, Pastor Joel invites you to participate in a prayer meeting at 6:00 PM. We will do some reading from Scriptures, engage in some reflection, and pray 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.

Directory Updates

Please take a minute **today** 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!

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.

Church Education Schedule

Just a reminder that there is no Sunday School, Catechism, or Covenant Sunday Morning classes next Sunday, **October 9**, because of Heartland Break.

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.

Western Christian FFA Mum Sale

The Western Christian FFA Chapter is selling Mums again this year! Mums come in single and double cells with colors of yellow, white, red, and pink. Orders can be placed [here](#) or by email to ffa@westernchristianhs.com. Orders can also be delivered to respective surrounding towns. Orders are due **October 3**. Thank you for your support!

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.

Luke Society Open House

The Luke Society invites you to an open house from 3:30-6:30 PM on Tuesday, **October 11**, at our central office (3409 S. Gateway Blvd.) in Sioux Falls. We will be joined in fellowship by longtime Luke Society ministry director and Africa regional coordinator Dr. John Oduro-Boateng of Ghana. Light refreshments will be served. Come and go as you please.

Justice For All Annual Meeting & Auction

Justice For All invites you to join us at the combined Annual Meeting/Fall Auction on Thursday, **October 27** at the Parkview Events Center of Rock Valley. A meal will be served from 5:00-6:30PM (freewill offering). At 6:15 there will be a business meeting which will include celebrating JFA ministry from the past year and looking at opportunities ahead, as well as presenting a new budget and new board members. Then at 6:30 PM our Fall Auction will begin. There will also be auction items online from **October 13-31** that you can bid on at zomerbid.com. Join us for this important fundraiser for JFA!

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Church of Christ congregation and the ministry of Pastor Dustin Bolks.

Last week's offering General Fund \$3,830.00 Christian Education Fund \$1,344.71

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](#).

Sunday Servant Scheduling:

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

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| Greeters | | AM: Faby A, Paul C, Jeremy H |
| Ushers | | AM: Mark C, Pat C, Chris G |
| Coffee | | Jenni B, Cal J, Merrill MC, Ron O |
| Subs | | Jan B, Megan H, Rachel L, Rockne MC, Don TN, Stan VB |
| Sound/Projection | Jeff P ♦ Jason W | Doug DB ♦ Marty/Terry |
| Nursery | AM: Joe & Erin E, Dennis & Pam DJ | AM: Lee & Jenni M, Jason & Dani W |

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
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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

Ethan Brue, Ava Landman, Alleke Crull, Ed Brummel, Anna Mooers, Eric Rowe

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 2nd 9:00 AM Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education)
 10:00 AM Morning Worship
 11:30 AM WE Service
 6:00 PM Prayer Gathering
 7:15 PM Sunday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday 6:30 AM Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
 10:00 AM Prayer Group
 7:00 PM Youth Group

Thursday 7:30 PM Colossian Forum

Sunday, 9th 10:00 AM Morning Worship
 6:00 PM Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)