

SUNDAY, October 23, 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 and 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](#).

Sunday Evening Vespers

This Sunday, **October 23**, 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.

Joint Reformation Day Service

Next Sunday, **October 30**, at 6:00 PM, we will gather with the other CRC churches in Sioux Center for a joint Reformation Day worship service. We are hosting the service and leading it with Amistad Cristiana. The service will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper and an offering for Resonate Global Mission will be received. Nursery will be provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the **Van Wyk/Van Tol** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **October 30**, the **Schelhaas/Feikema** pastoral group will meet.

Covenant Ladies:

- If you would like to be part of a Covenant Women's Bible Study, meet at The Fruited Plain on Thursday, **October 27** at 9:00 AM. Look for Rin and Deb!
- Reserve Thursday, **November 10**, 6:00 PM, for a Women's Salad Supper! Bring a salad to share, a winter scarf, and a cloth napkin. Sign up on the table in the fellowship hall if you plan to attend.

Fruited Plain Pizza BOGO Cards

Fruited Plain BOGO cards will be going on sale **November 1!** The Covenant Christian Education Committee is once again partnering with The Fruited Plain to offer this amazing deal! Each pizza card is good for 5 punches to buy one pizza and get one free and costs \$30. They make delightful gifts for anyone on your Christmas list or are convenient to have on hand for a family pizza night. Pizza cards can be purchased at The Fruited Plain or the Sioux Center Christian School main office beginning **November 1**. They will also be available after church during the month of November. A part of the proceeds from the sale goes towards meeting our Christian Education commitments.

Providing Rides to Church

We are looking for volunteers to provide rides for Lee Plasier to attend Covenant's morning services. Lee lives at Crown Pointe and is typically picked up by 9:40 AM on Sundays. We would like volunteers to sign up for one month at a time starting in November, but any commitment you can offer could be helpful. If something comes up on a Sunday in the month you are scheduled, you can switch with another volunteer. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Ross Feikema (ross.feikema@gmail.com).

World Hunger Sunday

Over 1.6 billion people around the world are hungry. In two weeks, we'll be observing World Hunger Sunday. God promises in Scripture to fill the hungry with good things and invites us to join in that holy work. Pick up your World Hunger Campaign devotionals (in your mailboxes with extras on the table) and Peter Fish today and spend some time thinking about what it means to hunger for good in our lives, our communities, and around the world. If you have children in your household, make sure to go online and download some special activities just for them at worldrenew.net/world-hunger-church-resources.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat is planning to build a home in Sioux Center in 2023. October is our application month for applying for a home. If you earn \$40,000-\$70,000 a year and live in inadequate housing presently, you are welcome to apply. Inadequate could mean inadequate living space, unaffordable rent, or many other things. There are more details in the last *Sioux Center News*, or you can contact Steve Crull (722-1041).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the First CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Kurt Monroe.

Last week's offering General Fund \$2,253.13 Christian Education Fund \$900.00

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](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). The latest October 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, October 30
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	Doug DB + Terry F/Rebecca DV	Andy L + Jason W
Nursery	AM: Tom & Ruth C, Eldon & Marcia W	AM: Jake & Trena VW, Rob & Megan H PM: Chris & Rin G, Bob & Rebecca DS

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Sophia Bailey, Lydia Clark, Marv Wielard, Layne Vos, Julia Kramer, Linda Vanden Hoek, Nick Breems, Jonathan Van Tol

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dave & Emily Kramer

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 23rd	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education) Morning Worship Van Wyk/Van Tol Pastoral Group Dinner Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
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Monday	6:45 PM 7:30 PM	Elders Meeting Full Council Meeting
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Wednesday	10:00 AM 6:50 PM 7:00 PM	Prayer Group Cadets (at Faith CRC) GEMS
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Thursday	9:00 AM 7:30 PM	Covenant Women's Bible Study (at The Fruited Plain) Colossian Forum
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