

## SUNDAY, November 6, 2022

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### WORSHIP NOTES

#### Worship Services Online

Click [here](https://www.facebook.com/Covenant-CRC-520064914738965/) 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

For the next few weeks as we end this church year and prepare to begin the next with the season of Advent, Pastor Joel will return to preaching from the lectionary passages. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

#### Sunday Evening Vespers

This Sunday, **November 6**, 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.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### World Hunger Sunday

Today is World Hunger Sunday and we are collecting our Peter Fish to support the work of World Renew and help put food on tables around the world. World Renew has the plans, the systems, the partners, and the people to come alongside communities experiencing hunger. We are excited to join this program as a faithful response to the God who can accomplish abundantly more than all we ask or imagine. Thank you for giving as you are able to help solve World Hunger.



#### Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the **Stiemsma/Clark** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **November 13**, the **DeWit/DeJong** pastoral group will meet.

#### Fruited Plain Pizza BOGO Cards

Fruited Plain BOGO are now on sale! The Covenant Christian Education Committee is partnering with The Fruited Plain to offer this amazing deal! Each pizza card costs \$30 and is good for 5 punches to buy one pizza and get one free. 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 SCCS main office and 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.

#### Ladies Book Study

On Thursday, **November 10** the Ladies Book Study will meet at church at 9:00 AM. Come prepared to discuss chapter one of *In the Grip of Grace* by Max Lucado. Bring your own drink. If you would like to join us but don't have a book, contact Marcia Westra or come and we will see that you get a book.

#### Covenant Ladies:

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.

#### Covenant Sunday Morning

On Sunday, **November 13**, we will have our final 'looking back and looking forward' session with Val Zonnefeld and Lisa Christians sharing their experiences of growing up in Covenant as a young child and now being an adult member at Covenant.

#### Volunteer Opportunities

- We could still use another person (preferably a female) to join Andy Landman, Nick Breems and our Youth Intern, Lucas Stiemsma to serve the youth of the church. Please contact Len Rhoda or Ross Feikema if you are interested.
- 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](mailto:ross.feikema@gmail.com)).

## First Monday Speaker Series

The Andreas Center at Dordt University is pleased to announce 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 Rev. Dr. Esau McCaulley, an associate professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, on **November 7**, with his lecture titled: "Is Social Location a Friend or Foe to Biblical Interpretation? The Black Church as a case study". The community is welcome to attend this free event at 11 AM in the BJ Haan Auditorium.

## Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Jesus Cristo el Buen Pastor congregation and the ministry of Pastor Rodrigo Gonzalez.

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| <b>Last week's offering</b> | General Fund | \$2,510.00 | Christian Education Fund | \$1,461.85 |
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## 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](#). ReFrame Ministry's November 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, November 13     |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>         | AM: Sharon D, Marcy H, Jake VW                            |                              |
| <b>Ushers</b>           | AM: Daryl H, Sally J, Carol O                             |                              |
| <b>Coffee</b>           | Jo A, Bob DS, Kristi H, Beth VB                           |                              |
| <b>Subs</b>             | Donna B, Pam DJ, Sarah Hawley, Tricia K, Dave S, Sharon V |                              |
| <b>Sound/Projection</b> | Dennis DJ + Jason W                                       | Jeff P + Rebecca DV          |
| <b>Nursery</b>          | AM: Kurt & Sharon V, Lee R                                | AM: Ryan & Angela H, Marcy H |

## Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

Rebecca DS, Kristi Hummel, Anna Westfall, Verlyn DeWit

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| <b>Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | 9:00 AM  | Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education) |
|                                | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship   |
|                                | 12:00 PM | Stiemsma/Clark Pastoral Group Dinner                                |
|                                | 6:00 PM  | Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)                                 |
| <b>Wednesday</b>               | 10:00 AM | Prayer Group  |
|                                | 6:50 PM  | Cadets (at Faith CRC)   |
|                                | 7:00 PM  | GEMS  |
| <b>Thursday</b>                | 9:00 AM  | Ladies Book Study   |
|                                | 6:00 PM  | Covenant Women's Salad Supper                                       |
|                                | 7:30 PM  | Colossian Forum   |
| <b>Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup></b> | 9:00 AM  | Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning (adult education) |
|                                | 10:00 AM | Morning Worship   |
|                                | 12:00 PM | DeWit/DeJong Pastoral Group Dinner                                  |
|                                | 6:00 PM  | Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)                                 |