

SUNDAY, November 20, 2022

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

It is Christ the King Sunday – the last day of the church year, and as we look ahead to beginning the season of Advent next Sunday, we remember that this baby in a manger who we are anxious to greet once again is also the sovereign Christ who came to be our Prince of Peace. Pastor Joel will again preach from the lectionary passages. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Vespers

This Sunday, **November 20**, 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. There will be no evening service next Sunday, **November 27**.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

We plan to gather on Thanksgiving Day, **November 24**, at 10:00 AM for a service of worship. We hope you will join us in this time of bringing our praise and thanksgiving to a God who provides so abundantly.



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the Rhoda/Sybesma pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Courier

Do you have something to include in the December Courier? Send it to the office by Monday, **November 21** at 9 AM.

Church Staff Holiday Week Schedules

Pastor Joel will be gone **November 22-28**. If you have pastoral concerns during that time, please contact your pastoral group elder or deacon. Sara will be out of the office **November 24-25**. Please have all bulletin announcements sent to the office by Wednesday, **November 23** at 9:00 AM.

Thanksgiving Offering

Thanksgiving offering envelopes along with a list of causes are in your mailboxes! We invite you to look at the list and consider joyfully giving to some of these organizations as a way to offer your sacrifice of praise to God this Thanksgiving Day. Write in the causes you'd like to support and the amount you'd like to give and bring your envelopes back on Thanksgiving Day to drop in the boxes. Not going to be here on Thanksgiving Day? Feel free to pop it in the offering boxes today or next Sunday, mail it to church, or drop it off at the church office.

Photos for Advent

Almost all of us have access to a good camera in our phones these days. Well, the Advent worship planners invite you to participate in a photo project for the four Sundays of Advent. Each Sunday has a different theme – Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. We want to know what those words look like to you. What does Hope look like? How about Love? Can you capture Joy in a photo? Or maybe Peace? We want you to go about your days looking for Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. The pictures can be of anything; we hope you'll get creative! The plan is to project the images during our worship services. All you have to do is snap some pictures and text or email them to Rebecca De Vries (712-578-9475 / rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com). You can send them as soon as you take them, but here are the deadlines:

- Hope: **November 25**
- Love: **December 1**
- Joy: **December 8**
- Peace: **December 15**

Would you rather show us with words what hope, love, joy, and peace look like to you? Tell us in one sentence and we'll share that too. Thanks for helping!

Church Education Schedule

There will be no Sunday School, Catechism, or Covenant Sunday Morning next Sunday, **November 27**. Classes will resume on **December 4**.

Mid-Sioux Holiday Gift Program

Covenant will be participating in the Mid-Sioux Holiday Gift Program. There are tags on the Christmas tree in the fellowship hall and each tag specifies gift suggestions made by a Mid-Sioux client who is identified by a letter and number on the tag. Feel free to take multiple tags or share a tag with a few families. Please attach the tag to the wrapped gift and place it under the Christmas tree by **December 8!**

Fruited Plain Pizza BOGO Cards

Have you bought your Fruited Plain BOGO cards yet? Don't miss this great opportunity to help raise funds for our Christian Education Fund and get a great deal on a pizza night or a gift for someone on your Christmas list! Each card costs \$30 and gets you 5 punches to buy one pizza and get one free – and the best part is that \$10 comes back to support our kids. Cards can be purchased at The Fruited Plain, the SCCS main office, and at church after our morning services during the month of November.

Sioux Center Christian School Trustee Nominees

We are thankful for the leadership and oversight that the SCCS board of trustees provides. They are a hardworking and dedicated group of school supporters! At the end of this school year, Dennis Vander Plaats and Michael De Boer will be completing their service on the board and we thank them for their commitment! This means that the board is seeking to find

2 nominees to replace Dennis and Michael. All members of the SCCS Society are invited to submit names for potential nominees for the board. If you meet all requirements listed for Society membership (included in link below), you are encouraged to submit trustee nominations using the form linked below. The deadline is Wednesday, **November 30**. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt0GN2uSOGluBZ_IR92q41sWWkNyY_MwqggnMB5sNijVLumg/viewform

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Good Shepherd congregation and the ministry of Pastor Travis Else.

Last week’s offering General Fund \$2,572.78.00 Christian Education Fund \$1,483.00

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](#). 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	THANKSGIVING, November 24	NEXT SUNDAY, November 27
Greeters		AM: Sharon D, Marcy H, Jake VW	
Ushers		AM: Daryl H, Sally J, Carol O	
Coffee		Jo A, Bob DS, Kristi H, Beth VB	
Subs		Donna B, Pam DJ, Sarah Hawley, Tricia K, Dave S, Sharon V	
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Marty VP	Dennis DJ ♦ ?	Nick B ♦ Terry F
Nursery	AM: Nick & Jenni B, Steve & Pat C	AM: Dave & Emily K, Doug & Marge DB	AM: Jeremy & Kristi H, Duane & Jan B

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
 crulls@caimail.net giannigracia@yahoo.com smaletoungou@crcna.org mribbens@gmail.com tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Verne Meyer, Courtney Rylaarsdam, Cambri Zonnefeld, Bob DeSmith, Sadie Landman, Lousia DeVries, Titus Westfall, Georgina Gracia, David Taylor

Happy Anniversary this Week

Duane & Jan Bajema, Paul & Ruth Clousing, Alejandro & Isabel Castelan

Membership transfers

We are so thankful for the new members that God has brought to Covenant! We welcome them and are glad to officially welcome them as part of the church family.

- Josie DeJong has transferred her membership from Calvary CRC in Orange City.
- Paul & Avonda Fessler have transferred their membership from First CRC in Sioux Center.
- Matt, Juliet, Nola, Sage, Isla, and Quinn Jewett have transferred their membership to Covenant from Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Fairmont, MN.
- Jason, Tammy, Naomi, Christian, and Savannah Lief have transferred their membership from First CRC in Sioux Center.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 20th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Rhoda/Sybesma Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Worship
Sunday, 27th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship