

**SUNDAY, November 27, 2022**

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## **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**

Today, **November 27**, is the first Sunday of Advent. The lighting of the Advent candles each week helps us see the growing expectation we have for the coming Christ, the light of the world. Today we light a candle in *hope* of the coming Savior. Pastor Joel is gone this Sunday and Rev. Phil Postma will be preaching. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Sunday Evening Vespers**

This Sunday, **November 27**, there will be no evening service.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Church Education Schedule**

There is no Sunday School, Catechism, or Covenant Sunday Morning today. Classes will resume on **December 4**. The kids will be working on Christmas program preparation on **December 4 & 11**.

### **December Courier**

The December Courier is in your church mailbox and can be found [here](#).

### **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](mailto: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!

### **Mid-Sioux Holiday Gift Program**

Covenant is participating in the Mid-Sioux Holiday Gift Program this year. 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 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 morning worship during November.

### **It's Egg Roll Time!**

Siouxland Unity CRC in Sioux City is again taking orders for their homemade egg rolls. Order by Friday, **December 9** for pick-up in the Faith CRC kitchen at 10:00 AM on Saturday, **December 17**. The egg rolls are \$15/dozen; \$5 for a bottle of sweet chili sauce. Order by contacting Henry Kraayenbrink (712.540.8617 or [svvinc@mtcnet.net](mailto:svvinc@mtcnet.net)).

### **Sioux Center Christian School Trustee Nominees**

We are thankful for the leadership and oversight that the SCCS board of trustees provides. At the end of this school year, Dennis Vander Plaats and Michael De Boer will be completing their service on the board and the board is seeking 2 nominees to replace them. 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\\_MwqqgnMB5sNijVLumg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt0GN2uSOGluBZ_IR92q41sWWkNyY_MwqqgnMB5sNijVLumg/viewform)

### Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip

During Advent, we light the candle of Hope. Through Jesus Christ, God provides us with hope for our daily living and hope for our future. How can you be a messenger of hope this week? Wonder and talk about that with someone this week.

### Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Drenten.

### 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, December 4
Greeters	AM: Sharon D, Marcy H, Jake VW	AM: Tom C, Rob H, Lila S
Ushers	AM: Daryl H, Sally J, Carol O	AM: Joan MC, Kris VP, Kurt V
Coffee	Jo A, Bob DS, Kristi H, Beth VB	Alejandro C, Terry F, Lee R, Jason W
Subs	Donna B, Pam DJ, Sarah Hawley, Tricia K, Dave S, Sharon V	Lisa C, Ruth Clo, Marge DB, Rin G, Mark H, Joni V
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Terry F	Andy L ♦ ?
Nursery	AM: Jeremy & Kristi H, Duane & Jan B	AM: James & Courtney R, Andy & Rachel L

### Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull  
crulls@caimail.net

Gianni & Georgina Gracia  
giannigracia@yahoo.com

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

*Tim Kamp, Ryan Zonnefeld, Neil Collins McCarthy, Laremy DeVries, Claire Hummel, Hannah Landman, Esteban Gracia, Jocelyn Zonnefeld*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Doug & Marge DeBoer, Channon & Joni Visscher, Ed & Mary Dengler*

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:45 PM 7:30 PM	Deacons Meeting Full Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 6:50 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group Prayer Group Cadets (at Faith CRC) GEMS
<b>Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Sunday School & Catechism Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) Sunday Evening Bible Study