

**SUNDAY, September 10, 2023**

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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**

This Sunday, **September 10**, Pastor Joel will be preaching from the [lectionary](#), using the New Testament passage as we learn together about God's vision for his church. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together as well. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

### **Joint CRC Sunday Evening Vespers**

Our Sunday evening gatherings at 6:00 PM typically follow the pattern of Vespers, or Evening Prayer, in which we spend time in prayer, praise, silence, and meditation, using prayers and litanies from the *Book of Common Prayer*. This evening we will host all the CRC churches for the last of our joint services for the summer. Pastor Kurt Monroe from First CRC will be preaching and an offering for World Renew will be collected.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Intergenerational Orchestra**

Covenant will host the last joint CRC evening worship service today, **September 10**. We plan to gather an intergenerational orchestra to help lead this service. All strings players from 6th grade-adult are invited to participate. A rehearsal will be at 4:30 PM on Sunday afternoon, **September 10**. Please email Rebecca De Vries ([rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com)) if you plan to participate. You can contact Jill Friend if you have any questions: [jfriend@siouxcenterchristian.com](mailto:jfriend@siouxcenterchristian.com).

### **Cadet Registration**

Cadet registration will take place at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, **September 13** at Faith CRC. All boys in 4th-8th grades are invited. We need one parent to accompany their son to fill out forms with the counselors. The cost is \$40 for returning cadets and \$55 for new cadets. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff De Boer (712-441-6249 or [fbcadets@gmail.com](mailto:fbcadets@gmail.com)).

### **Pork 'N Bands is back!**

Put Saturday, **September 16** on your calendar and bring the whole family to the Fruited Plain for a smoked pulled pork bun and live music! Food will be served from 5-7 PM and will be available in to-go boxes. The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring the meal and we need some help from the congregation! The sign-up sheets for serving and donating items are in the back of church or sign up online! Please bring donations to the church kitchen between Wednesday, **September 13**, and Friday, **September 15**, by 7 PM and cross your name off the list when you bring your supplies. Please refrigerate hot dogs and anything else that needs to be. Donations will be picked up from church on Saturday. The only exception is the cold water – please bring it directly to the Fruited Plain at 3 PM on Saturday, no earlier. Call Emily (712-441-7539) if you have any questions. Thank you for all you do to support our committee! Here is the link to the worker sign-up: [tinyurl.com/PorknBandsWorkers](http://tinyurl.com/PorknBandsWorkers) and the donation sign-up: [tinyurl.com/PorknBandsDonations](http://tinyurl.com/PorknBandsDonations).

### **Sunday Evening Bible Study**

The Sunday Evening Bible Study will start up again on Sunday, **September 17**, and will again be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evening of the month after the Vespers service. We will continue watching "The Chosen," season two. We plan to watch it on the screen in the sanctuary with subtitles so it is easier for all to see and hear. All are invited! Please bring a snack to share if you plan to come.

### **All-Church Picnic**

On Sunday, **September 24**, after the morning service, we will gather for our annual all-church picnic at Children's Park. We will again be sharing a potluck lunch, with each family bringing a hot and cold dish to share along with your own table service. The meal will begin about 12:30. Dordt students are encouraged to join us! Plates and silverware will be provided for Dordt students and guests and drinks will be provided for all.

### **Women's Book Study**

*Unshakable Hope* by Max Lucado is our next book study for the Women's group. Please consider joining us on Thursday, **September 28** at 9:00 AM in the Council Room. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. So order a book online – we'd love to have you join us. Call Rin with questions (722-4394)

### **Women's Breakfast**

Calling all females:(no age limit)! Join us for breakfast at church on Saturday, **September 30** at 8:00 AM. It's a chance to visit and get to know each other and enjoy a meal together. Please sign up [online](#) or on the back table.

### **Interested in a Small Group?**

The Small Group Ministry at Covenant seeks to enfold members—families, couples, singles, and students—into groups that meet regularly (once or twice a month) for fellowship, study, worship, prayer, and outreach. Mostly, they aim to build community at Covenant. Groups are inter-generational and are definitely family friendly. We hope to incorporate new folks into groups in the next month. Sound interesting? Ready to join? Or need more information? Sign up in the back of church or contact Bob & Rebecca De Smith at [bdesmith@mtcnet.net](mailto:bdesmith@mtcnet.net).

### **Pizza BOGO Cards on Sale!**

Fruited Plain BOGO cards are currently on sale! The Covenant Christian Education Committee is once again 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 and are handy to have on hand for a family pizza night. College kids – remind your parents you need pizza to study well! Pizza cards can be purchased at the Fruited Plain through the end of October. \$10 from every sale goes towards meeting our Christian Education Fund commitments.

### **Save the Date!**

Save the date, **October 13**, for the Covenant retreat where, in the tradition of retreats held over the past 50 years, we will concentrate on laughing together. Please start now to think about what makes you and your family laugh (e.g., fun

experience, skit, activity, game, story, or joke) and consider sharing it with the rest of us. Contact Len and Lee Rhoda (722-1854) or John and Linda Visser (712-441-1608) with your offerings.

### Looking for Tech Help!

We are looking for anyone high school aged and older who might be interested in serving our congregation in worship by running the projection and video for our services. We will train you! If you are interested, contact Rebecca DeVries ([rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.ann.devries@gmail.com)).

### Dordt Pops Concert

You are invited to join the Dordt University Music Department on Friday, **September 15** at 7:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium as we kick off the fall semester of concert offerings with the annual Instrumental Pops Concert. This year's concert will feature music from Broadway – you will hear works from famous Broadway shows such as *West Side Story*, *The Music Man*, *Les Miserables*, and more! The Dordt Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra will delight the ears! The concert will also be livestreamed at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

### Justice For All Service and Learning Trips

Justice For All is excited to announce dates for the 2024 Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. They are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects, but also to learn and experience a different culture than our own and see what God is doing through the ministry partners serving in these communities. The sites/dates are Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX (**January 20-26**); JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS (**February 3-9**); Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS (**February 10-16**); Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY (**March 2-8**); Grace Reigns, Hildale UT (**March 16-22**). Look for flyers with more information about each project or email [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org) for one. To sign up or if you want more information, please contact Nick LeLoux (712-476-2804, [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org).) Or join us on **October 23** for an information meeting at 6:30 PM (1335 Valley Drive, Rock Valley). Refreshments will be provided.

### 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                      \$8,204.20                      Christian Education Fund                      \$2,432.00

### 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' August newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's September 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, September 17
Greeters	AM: Donna B, Shirley M, Ron O	
Ushers	AM: Rockne MC, Sherri TN, Marcia W	
Coffee	Natalie B, Dennis DJ, Deb H, James R, Daniel VS	
Subs	Rob H, Mark H, Dave S, Dennis VP, Marty VP, Sharon V	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ♦ Terry F	
Nursery	AM: Daryl & Deb H, Jason & Sara H PM: Mark & Lisa C, Dennis & Pam DJ	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Laura J

### Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Gianni & Georgina Gracia  
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Sos & Kara Maletoungou  
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Mike & Megan Ribbens  
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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### Happy Birthday this Week

Laura DeKruyf, Adam Kramer, Kelly Crull

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	4:30 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Joint CRC Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Cadet Registration (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	Youth Group Bonfire (at the Landmans)
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 PM	Pork 'N Bands (at The Fruited Plain Cafe)
<b>Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study