

SUNDAY, October 8, 2023

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, **October 8**, Pastor Joel will be preaching from the [lectionary](#), and will return to the Old Testament passage as we enter again into the story of God's covenant faithfulness to his people. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

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 also take time to share our Joys and Concerns and offer those to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Education Schedule

Just a reminder that church education classes for Sunday School, Catechism, and Covenant Sunday Morning, will take a break this Sunday, **October 8**, for Heartland Break. Classes will resume on **October 15**.



Pastoral Group Dinners

This Sunday, **October 8**, we will begin the fall season of Pastoral Group Dinners! The **Goedhart/Hummel** pastoral group start things off and enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **October 15**, the **Van Wyk/Van Tol** pastoral group will gather for fellowship and a meal.

Cadet Reminder

Cadets - just a reminder that all fundraiser sales are due this week Wednesday, **October 11**. Please bring your pellet sales, leftover Culver's coupons, and money in an envelope with your name on it. If you have any questions, contact Jeff De Boer (712-441-6249 or fbcadets@gmail.com).

Women's Book Study

The women's book study of Max Lucado's *Unshakable Hope* will be meeting **October 12 & 26** in the council room at 9:00 AM. Get a book online and join us! Questions? Call Rin (712-422-0404).

The Church Retreat is Coming!

The Covenant Retreat will be held on Friday, **October 13** from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Sandy Hollow Clubhouse. We'll be playing 70's trivia, sharing stories and jokes, and maybe even doing a few dances. If the weather cooperates, we'll end the night with a bonfire. We are looking forward to your presence for a fun night of fellowship. Please bring a snack to share, a lawn chair, and roasting sticks for the bonfire. And if you haven't already, 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 – and please don't wait till the last minute! Contact Len and Lee Rhoda (722-1854) or John and Linda Visser (712-441-1608) with your offerings.

Baby Shower!

Let's celebrate the birth of Clara Ho and welcome her to the Covenant family! We invite you to bring gifts to the basket in the fellowship hall and, after the service on **October 15**, Jason, Sara, and Clara will greet the church family at the back of the sanctuary. The Hos will bring the gifts home to open them as a family. You are welcome to bring gift cards or money to the church office as well.

Pastoral Group Dinner Schedule

Here is the schedule for Pastoral Group Dinners this fall:

October 8: Goedhart/Hummel

October 15: Van Wyk/Van Tol

October 22: Christians/Van Schouwen

October 29: Stiemsma/Clark

November 5: DeWit/DeJong

November 12: Schelhaas/Mellema

If you need a reminder of which group you're in, you can find the Pastoral Group lists on our [website](#).

Smile & Say Cheese!

The 50th Anniversary Committee is working on a 50th Anniversary book that will hopefully include photos of our current church members. So there will be photographers in the fellowship hall for the next weeks ready to take your family's photo! (And bonus – we will use these for the church directory as well!) So find a photographer and smile!

Church Directory

Can you take a minute to check out your directory listing on the table in the fellowship hall to see if it looks correct? And parents – please add any cell phone numbers or email addresses you'd like included for your kids too! Thanks!

Contact Information Needed

The 50th Anniversary Planning Team would like to send an invitation to all former charter members. Please check the list below, and if you have contact information for any of the people listed, pass it along to Steve and Pat Crull by email (spcrull@mtcnet.net) or leave it in their church mailbox. Charter Members' Info needed: Stanthon Altena, Hugh (Judy) Cook, Ron Koedam, Lee Luhrs, Larry (Judy) Reynolds, Pete (Marie) Steggerda, John Struik, Syne Sybesma

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.

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).

Siouxland Unity CRC Fundraiser Meal

Siouxland Unity CRC in Sioux City will be serving a Southeast Asian meal as a fundraiser for their Lao church at First CRC in Sioux Center on Wednesday, **October 11**, from 5-6:30 PM, with free will donations for Siouxland Unity CRC.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the New Life Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

Last week's offering General Fund \$9,359.46 Christian Education Fund \$2,278.40

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: The Groenewold-Van Dyks' September newsletter is [here](#). The Maletoungous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's October 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, October 15
Greeters	AM: Laremy DV, Cheri H, Val Z	
Ushers	AM: Wil A, Ruth Clo, Marge DB	
Coffee	Pat C, Terry F, Megan H, Merrill MC, John Z	
Subs	Jo A, Jenni B, Sharon D, Luke H, Andy L, Dani W	
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Marty VP	Doug DB ♦ Terry F
Nursery	AM: Mark & Cheri H, Luke & Sarah H	AM: Marty & Kris VP, Ron & Carol O

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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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Steve Holtrup, Kara Maletoungou, Samuel Maletoungou, Samuel Westfall, David Westfall

Happy Anniversary this Week

Ed & Natalie Brummel

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 8th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Goedhart/Hummel Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	GEMS
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Friday	7:00 PM	Church Retreat (at the Sandy Hollow Clubhouse)
Sunday, 15th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:15 AM	Clara Ho Baby Shower
	12:00 PM	Van Wyk/Van Tol Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study