

SUNDAY, October 15, 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 15**, Pastor Joel will preach 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



Pastoral Group Dinners

This Sunday, **October 15**, the **Van Wyk/Van Tol** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **October 22**, the **Christians/Van Schouwen** pastoral group will gather for fellowship and a meal.

Baby Shower!

Today we have the opportunity to celebrate the birth of Clara Ho! After the service today, Jason, Sara, and Clara will greet the church family at the back of the sanctuary. The Hos will bring the gifts home to open as a family. Thank you for welcoming this new baby to our Covenant family!

Informational Meeting

Planning for the renovation work is continuing to move along as we get closer to the anticipated construction start date. Here is a short synopsis of the work that has currently been done:

- Currently the sound and AV system design has been completed, approved by council, and equipment is being ordered. The sound and AV systems are within the budget window approved at the congregational meeting with the costs currently at approximately \$82,000.
- The lighting renovation design is being priced by electricians, with the bids on the proposed system due by late October.
- Work is being done with the General Contractor and Architect to address some of the material selections and finishes for the renovation.

We are planning a short meeting after the morning worship service on **October 22** to provide more detailed updates on some of the work listed above and to answer questions about the refresh project. We hope that you will take a few minutes and join us.

Pastoral Group Dinner Schedule

Here is the schedule for Pastoral Group Dinners this fall:

October 8: Goedhart/Hummel

October 22: Christians/Van Schouwen

November 5: DeWit/DeJong

October 15: Van Wyk/Van Tol

October 29: Stiemsma/Clark

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. Thank you to those who have provided information already. Please check the list below, and if you have contact information for any of those listed, send it 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, 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.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Peace Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bill Loeffke.

Last week's offering General Fund \$4,841.00 Christian Education Fund \$900.00

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: 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 22
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	Doug DB ↔ Terry F	Andy L ↔ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Marty & Kris VP, Ron & Carol O	AM: Ryan & Val Z, James & Courtney R

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

Mark Horstman, Pam DeJong, Cora Donahue, Pat Crull, Laura Janssen, Tammy Lief, Esther Eppinga

Happy Anniversary this Week

Dan & Sandi Altena

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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
Monday	7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
Sunday, 22nd	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:30 AM	Sanctuary Refresh Informational Meeting
	12:00 PM	Christians/Van Schouwen Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)