

SUNDAY, November 5, 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, **November 5**, Pastor Joel will be preaching from the [lectionary](#) using the New Testament passage as we learn together about God's vision for his church. 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

Vander Plaats Baby Shower

Today we have the opportunity to celebrate the birth of Beckett Louise! After the service today, Jacob, Emily, and Beckett will greet the church family at the back of the sanctuary. The Vander Plaats family will bring the gifts home to open as a family. Thank you for welcoming this new baby to our Covenant family!



Pastoral Group Dinners

This Sunday, **November 5**, the **DeWit/DeJong** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **November 12**, the **Stiemsma/Clark** pastoral group will gather for fellowship and a meal.

World Hunger Sunday

We hope you filled your Peter Fish with offerings for World Renew! Around the world, human conflict and extreme weather are pushing more and more families into a food crisis. There is an urgency to answer God's call to feed the hungry, now more than ever. Today, World Hunger Sunday, through our gifts, we can walk alongside World Renew to equip communities with the training and tools they need to achieve food security. To learn more, go to www.worldrenew.net/worldhunger.

Mid-Sioux Reverse Offering

After the services today and next week, the Mission and Outreach Committee will be handing out reverse offering slips with suggested nonperishable food items and hygiene products for Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. The food pantry at Mid-Sioux is a necessary resource for many struggling households in our community and it needs a good restocking as we approach the holiday season. Please consider grabbing a few or a handful of slips from the baskets located near the offering boxes in the rear of the sanctuary. If you don't get an opportunity to grab a slip you can still contribute non-perishable food items like canned vegetables or fruit, boxed dinners, pasta and pasta sauce, dried beans, rice, pancake, waffle, or cake mixes, ketchup, mustard, pickles or other condiments, cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, etc. Please bring your food items to the boxes in the back of the West Lobby by the bulletin boards.

Old Covenant Photos Wanted

We would like to put together a photo display of photos from Covenant's past. If you have any photos that you would be willing to share, please put your name on the back, along with any information about the photo. Who is in the photo? What was the occasion? Date? Etc. We plan to display them on the moveable bulletin boards, so you can either put them up yourself or drop them off at the church office. We're looking forward to seeing what you can dig up!

ASJ Update

On **November 6**, you're invited to a very special get-together with two of the three central figures in The Association for a More Just Society (ASJ), an organization that has been doing remarkable development work in Honduras. Both Jo Ann Van Engen and Kurt Van Beek, co-founders, will be here (Jo Ann has relatives in the region) and will be at the Sioux Center Library on Monday, **November 6**, at 7:00 PM to talk about ASJ – past, present, and future. If you would like more information, go to their website: <http://www.asj-us.org/>
-The DeWits, the Jongsmas, and the Schaaps

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **November 7**. Speaker: Wade Koenen "My Journey with Schizophrenia." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

Ryan Smit Lecture Recital

Ryan Smit and the Dordt Concert Choir will be presenting a lecture recital at 7:30 PM on Saturday, **November 11** in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This event will feature a 30-minute lecture on the topic "Twentieth Century Dutch Composers: An Analysis of Selected Psalm Settings" followed by a 30-minute concert featuring choral performances of several Psalm settings. This recital is in partial fulfillment of the requirements for Smit's Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting from North Dakota State University. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Amistad Cristiana congregation and the ministry of Pastor Eddy Olguin.

Last week's offering General Fund \$12,293.00 Christian Education Fund \$509.25

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, November 12
Greeters	AM: Carol O, Les S, Linda V	
Ushers	AM: Rachel L, Beth VB, Laurey Z	
Coffee	Ed B, Alejandro C, Bob DS, Tricia K, Jason W	
Subs	Jan B, Lisa C, Steve C, Jason H, Marcy H, Jake VW	
Sound/Projection	Nick B + Jason W	Jeff P + Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Tom & Ruth C, Chris & Rin G	AM: Jeff & Sara P, Lee & Jenni M

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

Vaughn Donahue, Rue Mellema, Ben Van Schouwen, Rebecca DeSmith, Kristi Hummel, Stephen Schreurs, Anna Westfall, Verlyn DeWit

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 5th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	11:15 AM	Vander Plaats Baby Shower
	12:00 PM	DeWit/DeJong Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
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
Saturday	10:30 AM	Steve Holtrop Memorial Service
Sunday, 12th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Stiemsma/Clark Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)