

SUNDAY, November 12, 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 12**, 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.

Sunday Evening Next Week

Let's Gather Together for a hymn sing! On **November 19**, in place of our Vespers service at 6 PM, we will have a good old-fashioned hymn sing. We'll sing some Covenant classics from over the years, and you'll have the opportunity to call out a song request of your own as well. One Generation should Call to the Next, so bring your children too. There are so many reasons (10,000?) to give thanks and praise to God. So Come, All You People!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

This Sunday, **November 12**, the **Stiemsma/Clark** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM to finish this season of dinners. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

Mid-Sioux Reverse Offering

There are still reverse food offering slips for Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. available on the table in the back of the sanctuary if you have not picked any up yet. Your offering items may be dropped off in the church fellowship hall or in the North (office) entrance during the week. Please bring all donations in on or before Sunday, **November 19** so they can be delivered to the Mid-Sioux food pantry before the holidays.

Covenant Thanksgiving Dinner Food Sign-Up

If you signed up to attend the Covenant Thanksgiving Dinner on **November 19**, please watch for an email with the options for what you can sign up to bring. The options are a vegetable, potatoes, a salad, or dessert/pie.

Thanksgiving Invitation

Pastor Joel and Tricia Kok will be home here in Sioux Center on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, **November 23**), and we plan to hold an open house Thanksgiving meal. If you would like to join us, please let Pastor Joel know by either calling (712-441-9993) or sending an email (joelekok@gmail.com)

Anniversary Booklet Submissions

Have you turned in your story/reflection for Covenant's 50th Anniversary Book? We'd like these sent in by **November 27**. You can find the details in the [November Courier](#) or in an email sent through your Pastoral Group Google Group.

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!

Note from Cornerstone Prison Church

A reminder that the donations for the Christmas Sacks for the inmates in the prison system are due on Wednesday, **November 15**. Thank you for your support of this ministry inside the walls of the SDSP.

A December to Remember

Whispers of Love, Hope & Joy Inc. presents, 'A December to Remember', featuring award-winning artist, Nicole C. Mullen. The concert is at 7 PM Saturday, **December 2**, and will be held at Dordt's BJ Haan Auditorium. Doors open at 6 PM. General admission tickets are \$50. VIP tickets are \$125 and include a meet and greet with Nicole. Tickets can be purchased online at www.whispersoflhj.com. Funds raised from this event will be used to support Talitha Koum, the healing campus for WLHJ.

Sing the Mozart Requiem in 2024

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will kick off its 2024 season in January, and you are invited to sing with us! This season, we will be returning to perennial favorite, Mozart's Requiem, performing with orchestra and professional soloists on Saturday, **April 27**, at Northwestern College's Christ Chapel. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 in DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus, beginning **January 9**. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome! Please contact Mike Ochsner (mkchsnr@gmail.com) with questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

Last week's offering General Fund \$5,325.00 Christian Education Fund \$2,545.00

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' 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, November 19
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	Jeff P ♦ Marty VP	Doug DB ♦ Terry F
Nursery	AM: Jeff & Sara P, Lee & Jenni M	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Bob & Rebecca DS

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
smaletoungou@acsi.org

Mike & Megan Ribbens
mribbens@gmail.com

Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Sophie Visscher, Sharon Bouma, Mark Christians, Nancy Vanden Bosch, Mia Mercado Castelan, Lauren Vander Plaats, Joni Visscher, James Rylaarsdam

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders/Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Youth Group
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	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Thanksgiving Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study