

SUNDAY, November 19, 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 19**, 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 Hymn Sing

Let's Gather Together for a hymn sing! This Sunday, **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!

Thanksgiving Day Worship

Join us for a Thanksgiving Day service of thanksgiving and praise on Thursday, **November 23**, at 10:00 AM. We will sing and pray and learn from Psalm 104 as we together express our praise to our good God.

Sunday Evening Next Week

We will not hold our usual Vespers service next Sunday, **November 26**, but we invite you to come to church at 6:00 PM that evening for a prayer gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-Sioux Reverse Offering

Don't forget to bring in your reverse offering items for Mid-Sioux today, **November 19**! Drop off the items in the church fellowship hall today so they can be delivered to the Mid-Sioux food pantry before the holidays.

Covenant Thanksgiving Dinner

If you signed up for the Covenant Thanksgiving Dinner **today**, have your food at church and be ready to eat by 12:15!

December Courier

The monthly newsletter will come out next Sunday, so if you have something to include, email it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **November 20**!

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)

Church Education Schedule

Next Sunday, **November 26**, there will be no church education classes for kids or adults because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will resume on **December 3**!

Anniversary Booklet Submissions

Have you procrastinated in submitting your story/reflection for Covenant's 50th Anniversary Book? Not quite sure what a submission could look like? Examples are pinned to the announcement board by the Northeast wall of the church fellowship space. In the coming weeks, many of you will gather with family and/or friends. It would be a great time to share what Covenant has meant to you and your family. This might prompt an idea of what you might share with others in our congregation! Details for submissions are in the [November Courier](#) and in an email sent previously through your Pastoral Group Google Group. Questions? Please contact your pastoral group elder.

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!

ETM Christmas Party

The Early Teen Ministry Christmas Party for 7th & 8th graders will be held on Saturday, **December 2**, from 6-9 PM at the All Seasons Center. Pizza will be served at 6 PM in the Senior Center with ice skating to follow from 7-9 PM. Please bring \$8.00 for skating and skates (or \$5.00 if you bring your own skates). There will be a prize for the ugliest Christmas sweater!

It's Egg Roll Time!

Siouxland Unity CRC in Sioux City is again taking orders for their homemade egg rolls. Order by Friday, **December 8** for pick-up in the Faith CRC kitchen at 10:00 AM on Saturday, **December 16**. Eggrolls are \$15/dozen; \$5 for a bottle of sweet chili sauce. Order by contacting Henry Kraayenbrink (712.540.8617 or svinc@mtcnet.net).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Bridge of Hope congregation and the ministry of Pastors Sam & Gail Ashmore.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$4,841.72

Christian Education Fund: \$535.00

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 26
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	Doug DB ♦ Terry F	Andy L ♦ James R
Nursery	AM: Ryan & Angela H, Bob & Rebecca DS	AM: Marcy H, David & Emily K

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Gianni & Georgina Gracia
giannigracia@yahoo.com

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

Verne Meyer, Courtney Rylaarsdam, Cambri Zonnefeld, Bob DeSmith, Sadie Landman, Louisa DeVries, Titus Westfall

Happy Birthday this Week

Duane & Jan Bajema, Paul & Ruth Clousing, Alejandro & Isabel Castelan

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 19th	9:00 AM	Sunday School, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Thanksgiving Dinner
	6:00 PM	Hymn Sing
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Thursday	10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day Worship Service
Sunday, 26th	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Prayer Gathering