

SUNDAY, November 26, 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 26**, we welcome Rylan Brue back to Covenant and to the pulpit. Rylan is currently a student at Calvin Theological Seminary. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening

We won't hold our Vespers service this Sunday evening, but invite you to come to church at 6:00 PM for a prayer gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Courier

The December Courier is in your mailbox and can be found on our [website](#).

Church Education Schedule

There are no church education classes for kids or adults this Sunday because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes will resume on **December 3!**

Mid-Sioux Christmas Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving Tree is set up in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a tag and return the wrapped gift with the tag taped to the outside of the package to church by **December 8**. Thank you for your willingness to bless those in our community this season.

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!

Small Ensembles Recital

The Dordt University Music Department will present a Small Ensembles Recital at 7:30 PM on Friday, **December 1**, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature Dordt University's Saxophone Ensemble and Clarinet Choir. The Saxophone Ensemble will perform Senbonzakura, a fast, syncopated song depicting the Japanese Meiji revolution; an arrangement of "Merry-Go-Round of Life" from the film Howl's Moving Castle; an arrangement of Vivaldi's "Winter" from Four Seasons featuring a soprano saxophone soloist; and an arrangement of Nearer My God to Thee. The Dordt Clarinet Choir will perform tangos from Warsaw, Poland; a Peruvian waltz; a Habanera composed in the style of Ravel; and arrangements of Dvorak's American String Quartet and Mendelssohn's Songs without Words.

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!

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.whispersofhj.com. Funds raised from this event will be used to support Talitha Koum, the healing campus for WLHJ.

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 svvinc@mtcnet.net).

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Carmel Reformed congregation.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$7,057.50

Christian Education Fund: \$2,617.50

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, December 3
Greeters	AM: Carol O, Les S, Linda V	AM: Rebecca DS, Rin G, Kurt V
Ushers	AM: Rachel L, Beth VB, Laurey Z	AM: Pat C, Tim K, Lee R
Coffee	Ed B, Alejandro C, Bob DS, Tricia K, Jason W	Paul C, Mary D, Jill F, Courtney R, Marv W
Subs	Jan B, Lisa C, Steve C, Jason H, Marcy H, Jake VW	Donna B, Sarah H, Joan MC, Ron O, Stan VB, Joni V
Sound/Projection	Andy L ♦ James R	Nick B ♦ Jason W
Nursery	AM: Marcy H, David & Emily K	AM: Bob & Rebecca DS, Lee 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

Georgina Gracia, David Taylor, Tim Kamp, Ryan Zonnefeld, Neil Collins McCarthy, Laremy DeVries, Claire Hummel, Hannah Landman, Esteban Gracia, Jocelyn Zonnefeld, Hugo Postma

Happy Birthday this Week

Doug & Marge DeBoer, Channon & Joni Visscher, Ed & Mary Dengler

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 26th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Prayer Gathering
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 AM 10:00 AM 6:50 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery) Prayer Group Cadets (at Faith CRC) GEMS Youth Group
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 3rd	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM	Sunday School Program Practice, Catechism, Covenant Sunday Morning Morning Worship Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer) Sunday Evening Bible Study