

SUNDAY, September 22, 2024

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

Pastor Joel is continuing to preach through the book of James, and today we will gather at the Table for communion. This morning, we also welcome the Dordt University Concert Choir. They held a retreat here on Saturday and will share their gifts of music during our morning service. Here is a link to a [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Sunday Evening Prairie Walk Worship

Can you remember all the way back to the WE service in May of 2022, when we spent time learning about the faith practice of *Wonder*? We will join together this evening, **September 22**, at 6:00 PM, to again practice wonder as we gather for worship out at the Dordt prairie. Plan to park in the theater arts building parking lot and meet at the northwest side.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directory Updates

It's that time of year again! Please check your directory listing on the printout at the table in the fellowship hall and make any changes/additions or mark that it's ok. If your kids have a phone number or an email to add, feel free to write those in. And if you're not currently on the directory but would like to be, add your name and email to the back page and I'll contact you for more information! Thank you!

GEMS Kick-Off

The GEMS kick-off is on Wednesday, **September 25!** Girls in grades 4-8 are welcome to meet at Covenant CRC from 7:00-8:30 PM. We will be painting our theme shirts, playing games, and handing out our fundraising packet.

Heart & Soles Winter Edition

Heart & Soles Winter Edition is a Gap Ministry focused on providing new snow boots and snow pants for kids in TK-5th grade in Sioux County, with a primary focus of supporting families who lost their winter apparel in the flood this summer. You can sign-up at the table in the fellowship hall to purchase a pair of snow boots – our church is collecting boys and girls boots in size youth 13. Please purchase a new pair of snow boots that match the description you sign-up for and bring them back to church by **October 13**. Thank you for supporting this Love INC ministry in your community!

Small Group Ministry

Would you like to be part of a small group at Covenant? While there are groups at Covenant you may enjoy participating in, the Small Group Ministry has the particular goal of meeting regularly (1-2 times a month) for fellowship, nurture, prayer, worship, and outreach. Groups are intergenerational, including families, couples, and singles. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Bob & Rebecca De Smith (bob.desmith@dordt.edu or 712-441-7433).

Job Opening

Dale and June Brands informed the Building Committee that they will be retiring from their position as Covenant's custodians in mid-October. We are seeking an individual or a family to take over this paid position which is typically 15-20 hours per week. We will consider a joint application between two families or an individual and a family. A written copy of the job description is available from Sara in the church office. For more details or to express interest, contact Chris Goedhart, (goedhartxian@gmail.com).

Justice & Mercy Committee

Are you interested in hearing more directly about what the Justice and Mercy Committee is doing? If so, please [sign up for our email list](#). This signup does not indicate any sort of commitment, but will be a more direct way that we can communicate opportunities for service in our community, share stories, and encourage engagement in local justice and mercy issues. Questions? Contact Dani Wyenberg.

Evening of Praise

Please mark your calendars for "An Evening of Praise" on Saturday, **October 5**. Bible League International (BLI) Ambassadors are sponsoring a music concert at the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University beginning at 7 PM. The groups Ensemble Royale and the Klaasens will be performing. A freewill offering will be taken for BLI. Please invite your friends and family to "An Evening of Praise." Everyone is welcome!

Winter Warm Up

Winter Warm Up is a group of local volunteers who collect new and gently used winter gear to give away to hundreds of individuals and families in need in our community. Our annual Distribution will be held on Saturday, **October 26** at Kinsey Elementary. Would you consider helping? Our greatest needs are boys and girls size 8-10 coats, toddler girls and boys coats, car seat covers, and waterproof gloves of all sizes. If you have items to donate, they can be dropped off or shipped to 906 4th Street NW, Sioux Center, IA 51250; cash or gift card donations are also appreciated as they help us purchase items immediately when there is a need. All donations go directly to providing winter gear. Thank you!

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: \$4,222.01

Christian Education Fund: \$940.00

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 Maletougous' latest newsletter is [here](#) and a newsletter from the Ribbens is [here](#). An update from Pastor Gianni Gracia in Miami is [here](#). ReFrame Ministry's September 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, September 29
Greeters	AM: Marcy H, Mark MC, Sherri TN	
Ushers	AM: Paul C, Sharon D, Trena VW	
Coffee	Wil A, Joan MC, Stan VB, Marty VP, Dani W	
Subs	Sarah H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Dennis VP, Kris VP, Jake VW	
Valet Parking	Tricia K	
Sound/Projection	Andy L + John S	Nick B + Ryan Z/James R
Nursery	AM: Channon & Joni V, Laura J	AM: Alejandro & Isabel C, Barb T

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 Maletougou
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Mike & Megan Ribbens
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Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk
tvandyk@crncpartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Rockne McCarthy, Rose Rylaarsdam, John Stevenson, Viola Stiemsma, Rachel Hibma, Becky Stevenson, Morgan Hummel, Michael Ribbens, Paul Clousing, Aidan Vos

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 22nd	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults)
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Prairie Walk & Worship (at Dordt Prairie)
Monday	7:00 PM	Full Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	GEMS Kick-Off
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 29th	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults)
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers