

SUNDAY, September 29, 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. This morning, we also have the privilege of witnessing the profession of faith of Emily Eppinga, daughter of Robbin and Sara Eppinga, during our morning service. Here is a link to a [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 celebrate communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Directory Updates

Please check your directory listing on the printout at the table in the fellowship hall and make any needed changes/additions. If your kids have a phone number or an email to add, feel free to write those in. And if you're not currently in 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!

October Courier

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

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!

Bored on Wednesdays?

We invite you to enjoy fellowship with a small group of Covenanters and our God. It's a time to step back from the busyness of life and take time to pray about our church family's joys and concerns. (Yes, your family gets prayed over!) We gather on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM in the fellowship hall, usually for about 20 minutes. All are welcome – just show up!

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).

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.

God & Country Documentary

"God & Country," a 2024 American documentary film that examines the impact of Christian nationalism, will be shown at the Holland Plaza Cinemas in Orange City on Monday **September 30**, starting at 5:30 PM. The screening is free and open to the public. Concessions will be available, including a special deal of a small popcorn and pop for \$2 each. Following the 90-minute movie, attendees are invited to gather at the Kweken Co. coffeehouse in Orange City, where they can order beverages and discuss the film.

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday, **October 1**. Depression: Help and Hope (A psychologist who lost his daughter to suicide has become a voice of support for others). For information, call Shirley Matheis (722-4462).

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 and a freewill offering will be taken for BLI. All are 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 Bethel CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor John Lee.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$3,575.00

Christian Education Fund: \$1,045.00

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](#). 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, October 6
Greeters	AM: Marcy H, Mark MC, Sherri TN	AM: Natalie B, Tricia K, John Z
Ushers	AM: Paul C, Sharon D, Trena VW	AM: Marge DB, Dennis DJ, Daryl H
Coffee	Wil A, Joan MC, Stan VB, Marty VP, Dani W	Luke H, Kristi H, Jeri S, Linda V, Kurt V
Subs	Sarah H, Jeremy H, Sally J, Dennis VP, Kris VP, Jake VW	Jo A, Jan B, Verlyn DW, Andy L, Del VZ, Joni V
Valet Parking	Tricia K	Dennis VP
Sound/Projection	Nick B ♦ Ryan Z/James R	Jeff P ♦ Marty VP
Nursery	AM: Alejandro & Isabel C, Barb T	AM: Mark & Cheri H, Luke & Sarah H

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@crnapartners.org

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Levi Landman, Judah Hawley, Ethan Brue, Ava Landman, Ed Brummel

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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	Communion Vespers
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)
	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
Sunday, 6th	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