

**SUNDAY, October 6, 2024**

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## **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 celebrate World Communion Sunday and we remember that our church family here at Covenant is also part of the family of God, with brothers and sisters all around the world, and we come together as one family at the table of the Lord. 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 share our joys and concerns.

### **Sunday Evening Next Week**

We invite you to participate in an Edifying Engagement, on Sunday, **October 13** at 6:00 PM. Pastor Joel will share a bit from his "Gather" experience in Boston, and he will encourage us to think together as fellow disciples about how we can follow our Lord not only personally but also congregationally and denominationally.

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## **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!

### **Pastor Schedule**

Pastor Joel Kok will be traveling to and from Boston from **October 7-9**. He will participate in a Christian Reformed Church gathering called "Gather." About 75 CRC members from various places in North America will reflect on what it means to serve our Lord together in the CRC. Pastor Joel welcomes your prayers and invites you to an "Evening Edifying Engagement" on **October 13** when he will share more about this experience.

### **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!

### **Save the Date!**

Join us for an outdoor clean-up day on Saturday, **November 2** at 9:00 AM! Calling all hands with rakes, brooms, pickup trucks and other stuff for cleaning up around the church and the parsonage. Coffee and goodies will be provided for helpers!

### **Praying 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](mailto:bob.desmith@dordt.edu) or 712-441-7433).

### **Who Is My Neighbor?**

Dordt University invites you to "Who Is My Neighbor?" on Wednesday, **October 9** from 7:15-8:30 PM in Dordt's Science Building, Room 1606. Matthew Soerens, VP of Advocacy and Policy for World Relief, will be sharing more about understanding dynamics at the US-Mexico border.

## 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 and Gail Ashmore.

## Last week's offering

General Fund: \$3,147.75

Christian Education Fund: \$754.90

## 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 October 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 13
Greeters		AM: Natalie B, Tricia K, John Z
Ushers		AM: Marge DB, Dennis DJ, Daryl H
Coffee		Luke H, Kristi H, Jeri S, Linda V, Kurt V
Subs		Jo A, Jan B, Verlyn DW, Andy L, Del VZ, Joni V
Valet Parking		Dennis VP
Sound/Projection	Jeff P ♦ Marty VP	Doug DB ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Mark & Cheri H, Luke & Sarah H	AM: Ryan & Val Z, Ron & Carol O

## 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

*Elijah Schreurs, Kara Maletoungou, Samuel Maletoungou*

### Happy Anniversary this Week

*Ed & Natalie Brummel*

## Celebrating with the Brummels

On October 5, Ed celebrated his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. On October 9, we will celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. All birthdays and anniversaries are precious, but 84 and 65, well those numbers just feel remarkable. God has blessed us abundantly and helped us navigate through the difficult times. We have the love and support of our family, all who live in Sioux Center, Orange City, or Alton. They are our greatest joy and we are looking forward to the arrival of our first great, great-grandchild in the spring. For 50 of our 65 years of marriage, Covenant has been our church family. We cherish your love and friendship, have felt your countless prayers, and appreciated your help in so many ways.

In Christian love, Ed & Natalie Brummel

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Vespers
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM 6:50 PM 7:00 PM	Prayer Group Cadets (at Faith CRC) GEMS
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
<b>Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults) ( <i>The Ballot and the Bible</i> – chapter 3) Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12) Morning Worship Edifying Engagement