

SUNDAY, October 20, 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 we will join together 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant Custodian Transitions

Today we have the opportunity to thank Dale and June Brands for their 27 years of service as Covenant's custodians. It is likely that no one in our congregation has 'gone to church' more frequently than they have during that period! As part of that thanks, we will present them with a quilt signed by Covenant members and a gift certificate. Stay after the service today to enjoy a cupcake and express your thanks as well. Covenant's Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Olga Riazantseva will serve as Covenant's new custodian. She is already training with the Brands and looks forward to serving the congregation. When you see her, please thank her for taking on this important role! Her contact information is in our church directory.



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the **Hickey/Haan** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! Next Sunday, **October 27**, the **Christians/Van Schouwen** pastoral group will gather. (Please note - this is a change from the original schedule!)

November Courier

Do you have something you'd like to include in the November Courier? Send it to the church office (covenant@mtcnet.net) by Monday, **October 21**!

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!

Reformation Day Service

A combined Reformation Day Service hosted by Faith CRC and Lebanon CRC will be held at Faith CRC on Sunday, **November 3** at 5:00 PM. Members of both host churches will participate, and the message will be delivered by Pastor Cal Hoogendoorn, from Sioux Falls.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday evening Bible study will begin on Sunday, **November 17** following the Vespers service. We will be viewing the DVD by Ray Vander Laan, "Cultures in Conflict". We plan to meet the first and third Sunday each month for 5 sessions. Everyone is welcome to join us in the sanctuary on the large screen with subtitles. Hopefully this is better for viewing and hearing. If you join us, please bring a snack to share.

Come Sing on Tuesdays!

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is kicking off a new season next month, and all are welcome to sing. This season features a special guest conductor and a first for the chorus as we present Brahms' Requiem. Due to a conflict with NISO, our first rehearsal will begin Wednesday, **November 6** at 7:30 PM at DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus with normal Tuesday rehearsals resuming the following weeks. Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions.

Dordt Music Events

All events will take place at the BJ Haan Auditorium and will livestreamed at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>. Parking is limited due to construction; make plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center.

- **4th Avenue Jazz Concert:** Join the Dordt University Music Department for an unforgettable afternoon of jazz as Dordt's 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band take the stage on Friday, **October 25** at 3:10 PM.

- **Fall Music Festival: Instrumental & Choral Ensembles:** The Dordt Wind Symphony, Chamber Orchestra, and Campus-Community Band perform on Friday, **October 25** at 7:00 PM. The second half of the Fall Music Festival at 8:30 PM will feature four of the Dordt Choral Ensembles: Bella Voce, Canons of Dordt, Chorale, and Concert Choir.
- **Hymn Festival: Praise God in His Sanctuary:** Please join us for “Praise God in His Sanctuary: A Festival of Psalms and Hymns” on Saturday, **October 26**, at 10:30 AM. A prelude offered by Dordt organ students will begin at 10:00 AM. The Hymn Festival will feature Bella Voce, brass, organ, and poetry composed by Kendra Thompson.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God’s blessing on the Centerpoint congregation and the ministry of Pastors Chris Godfredsen & Jamie Dykstra.

Last week’s offering General Fund: \$3,716.00 Christian Education Fund: \$615.00

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 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 27
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	Nick B ♦ James R	Andy L ♦ Terry F
Nursery	AM: Marty & Kris VP, Marcy H	AM: Laremy & Rebecca DV, Jeff & Sara P

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

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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

Esther Eppinga, Nola Jewett, Sophia Bailey, Lydia Clark, Marv Wielard, Layne Vos

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 20th	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults) (<i>The Ballot and the Bible</i> – chapter 4)
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Hickey/Haan Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Prayer Group
	6:50 PM	Cadets (at Faith CRC)
	7:00 PM	GEMS
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women’s Book Study
Sunday, 27th	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults) (<i>The Ballot and the Bible</i> – chapter 5)
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Christians/Van Schouwen Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers