

SUNDAY, November 17, 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

Welcome to worship this Sunday! Pastor Joel will be preaching from Psalm 16, the lectionary psalm for today, and we will gather at the Lord's table together. 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.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

We plan to gather for a service of thanksgiving on Thursday, **November 28** at 10:00 AM. We hope you can join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners

Today the **Breems/Kramer** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM to close out our fall pastoral group dinners. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them!

December Courier

I'll be working on the December Courier this week, so if you have something to include, send it to the office by Monday, **November 18!** (covenant@mtcnet.net)

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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

It is time again to show our thankfulness for God's goodness to us by blessing others and sharing from our abundance. For the next two weeks we will be collecting food for Mid Sioux Opportunity's Thanksgiving food pantry. Instead of handing out slips or assigning items by alphabet, we are asking every family to contribute canned or shelf stable food items that could be served at a holiday meal (boxed stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes and green beans, apple sauce, corn muffin mix, fruit cocktail, maybe even Spam). All donations should be brought to church by Sunday, **November 24** so they can be distributed before the holidays.

Cadet Counselors Needed

The Cadets are looking for 1-2 more counselors to help through the rest of the year. If you would like volunteer or have questions, please contact Jeff De Boer (fbcadets@gmail.com or 712.441.6249).

Pizza Ranch Community Tip Night

PLIA is hosting a Pizza Ranch Tip Night on Thursday, **November 21** from 5 to 8 PM at the Pizza Ranch in Sioux Center. PLIA is a student-run club that partners with organizations nationwide to provide a short-term service trip opportunity on spring break where students can use their God-given gifts to serve alongside others and learn what it means to live out their faith. We would love your support!

Worship Night at Faith CRC

Mark your calendars for a casual night of contemporary worship and scripture reflection on Sunday, **November 24** at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary at Faith CRC. All community members are invited to join. The theme of the night will be Unite As One, and there will be snacks and a time of fellowship afterwards.

Diaper Drive

Maria Magdalena Reformed Church is hosting a diaper drive from **November 5-30**. Drop off diapers (especially sizes 4-7) and/or baby wipes in the Lief's garage (152 1st Ave. SE – look for the signs and enter the side door of the garage and leave them on the table). Contact Jason Lief (jason.lief@mariamagdalenarca.org) with questions!

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Church of Christ congregation and the ministry of Pastor Dustin Bolks.

Last week's offering

General Fund: \$4,631.83

Christian Education Fund: \$640.00

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 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, November 24
Greeters	AM: Lee R, Jeff T, Ryan Z	
Ushers	AM: Lisa C, Rin G, Jason VB	
Coffee	Ruth Clo, Steve C, Terry F, Carol O, Erika VS	
Subs	Duane B, Rachel L, Gidge M, Ron O, Dave S, Laurey Z	
Valet Parking	Pam A	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ♦ John S	Dennis DJ ♦ Tom C
Nursery	AM: Jeremy & Kristi H, Duane & Jan B	AM: Jake & Trena VW, Ryan & Angela 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
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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

James Rylaarsdam, Bob Bielema, Courtney Rylaarsdam, Cambri Zonnefeld, Bob DeSmith, Sadie Landman

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Duane & Jan Bajema, Paul & Ruth Clousing, Alejandro & Isabel Castelan

New Address

George Faber moved into Crown Pointe this week. His new address is Crown Pointe Estates, 1400 7th Ave SE, #1208, Sioux Center, IA 51250 and his phone is (712) 722-2832. Pray for both George and Jo as they adjust to this transition.

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 17th	9:00 AM	Covenant Sunday Morning (adults) (<i>The Ballot and the Bible</i> – chapter 8)
	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Breems/Kramer Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 PM	Vespers
	7:15 PM	Sunday Evening Bible Study
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, 24th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Vespers