## SUNDAY, November 23, 2025

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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**
Welcome to worship this Sunday! Today is the last Sunday of the church year and on this day we celebrate Christ the King Sunday – a day to remember that the baby whose arrival we anticipate is also our sovereign King. Pastor Joel is gone this Sunday and Dr. Kyle Dieleman will preach in his absence, 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.

**Thanksgiving Worship**
We will gather on Thanksgiving morning, **November 27**, at 10:00 AM for a service of thanksgiving and praise! We hope you join us as we sing and pray and thank God together through our worship. Kids (and adults!), don't forget to bring back your Peter Fish – we plan on a noisy offering as we collect all that change!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Schedule**
Pastor Joel will be away from the pulpit on **November 23 & 30**. Tricia and I left for Grand Rapids on Thursday, **November 20** and will return **December 1**. We will do some preparation for our move in March and will celebrate Thanksgiving with Tricia's mother. I will also do preparatory work for Advent and Christmas, and I welcome any communications you find fitting.

**December Courier**
The December Courier is in your mailbox and on our website.

**Peter Fish**
Are your Peter Fish starting to get full yet? The money you put in will go to World Renew as they help equip families with the resources they need to increase income and improve food security. And your generosity reflects God's love and abundance! Bring your Peter Fish back on Thanksgiving morning for a noisy offering!

**Church Education Schedule**
There will be no church education classes on Sunday, **November 30**. Classes will resume on **December 7**!

**Sunday Evening Bible Study**
The Sunday Evening Bible Study will be finishing up their current Bible study on Sunday, **November 30**. Since we do not have Vespers that evening, we will gather to share soup and bread at 5:30 PM and conclude our study. All are welcome!

**FOSSIL Schedule**
F.O.S.S.I.L. will not meet in November and December. We will plan to meet again on **January 26, 2026**.

**Search Committee Update**
The Pastoral Search would love your help as they continue in the pastoral search process. In your mailboxes, you'll find a sheet to return your suggestion(s) for a prospective pastor (more copies can be found on the table). Please take a moment to reflect on who you know that we might consider, jot down the contact information, and put it in Sally Jongsma's mailbox!

**Sioux Center Christian School Trustee Nominations 2025**
The board is seeking to fill two open Trustee positions for the 26-27 school year. Any member of the SCCS Society can submit nominations. You are encouraged to submit nominations by **November 28**. To submit nominations and learn more about the requirements and qualifications, go to https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/currentfamilies/sccsnews.cfm.

**Interested in Foster Care?**
If you have ever considered fostering or want to learn more, please join Lutheran Services in Iowa/Four Oaks on **December 6**. There will be a come and go discussion from 9 AM-12 PM in the back room of Kweken Co. in Orange City. Come ask questions and see if getting licensed to foster is right for you.

**Praying for Our Local Congregations**
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Good Shepherd congregation and the ministry of Pastor Travis Else.

**Last week's offering** General Fund: $14,595.00 Christian Education Fund: $5,201.02

**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.*

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| **Greeters** | **AM:** Jo A, Andy L, Linda V | | |
| **Ushers** | **AM:** Dennis DJ, Rin G, Rock MC | | |
| **Coffee** | Lee R, Kris VP, Erika VS, Kurt V, Jason W | | |
| **Subs** | Doug DB, Luke H, Carol O, Don TN, Lois VZ, Channon V | | |
| **Valet Parking** | Pam Adams | | |
| **Sound/Projection** | Will B ✦ John S | Dennis DJ ✦ Marty VP | Nick B ✦ John S |
| **Nursery** | **AM:** Rob & Megan H, Nick & Jenni B | **AM:** Steve & Pat C, Luke & Sarah H | **AM:** Jason & Sara H, Laura J |

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

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| Gianni & Georgina Gracia<br>giannigracia@yahoo.com | Sos & Kara Maletoungou<br>smaletoungou@acsi.org | Mike & Megan Ribbens<br>mribbens@gmail.com | Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk<br>tvandyk@crcnapartners.org |

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



**Happy Birthday this Week**
*Bob DeSmith, Sadie Landman, Louisa DeVries, Georgina Gracia, David Taylor, Tim Kamp, Ryan Zonnefeld, Neil Collins McCarthy, Laremy DeVries, Claire Hummel*

**Happy Anniversary this Week**
*Doug & Marge DeBoer, Channon & Joni Visscher, Nick & Cambri Pomrenke*

**Thank You!**
Thank you, Covenant family, for your generous care during the adoption process of Randall and Betty. Thank you for all the prayers, meals, donations, and words of encouragement. We are very grateful!

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

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| **Sunday, 23rd** | 9:00 AM<br>10:00 AM<br>6:00 PM | Sunday School, Catechism (grades 1-10), Covenant Sunday Morning<br>Morning Worship, Dr. Kyle Dieleman preaching<br>Vespers |
| **Monday** | 7:00 PM | Full Council Meeting |
| **Wednesday** | 6:30 AM<br>9:00 AM | Men's Bakery Study Group (at Casey's Bakery)<br>Prayer Group |
| **Thursday** | 10:00 AM | Thanksgiving Day Worship |
| **Sunday, 30th** | 10:00 AM<br>5:30 PM | Morning Worship, Dr. Gayle Doornbos preaching<br>Sunday Evening Bible Study – Soup and Study |