SUNDAY, October 4, 2026

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/). Find "Live" on the "More" dropdown menu 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! This morning we are grateful for Dr. David Westfall who will bring us the Word, and we will encounter Christ as we gather at the Lord's Table. Here is a link to a mobile-friendly worship guide.

Sunday Evening Gathering
All are welcome to join us in watching a past Dordt chapel service this Sunday, **October 4,** at 6:00 PM. We will meet downstairs in the old fellowship hall.

WE Service
All are invited to stay after our morning service on Sunday, **October 11** for a meal in the fellowship hall and an intergenerational, informal time of learning and worship around the tables. Our theme for this service will be Hebrews 11: The Family of Faith. The meal will be prepared by the Food Committee, so there is no need to bring anything, but please sign up if you plan to attend so we know how much food to prepare! Sign up online or in the Welcome Area. Hope to see you there!

October 18 Sunday Evening Gathering
On Sunday, **October 18** at 6:00 PM, we will gather for worship at the Crown Pointe Community Room. We plan to worship with our Covenant members there and other guests from independent and assisted living, singing and praying together in a place that is accessible to those friends of ours, and in this way, blessing one another. Watch for more information!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Schedule
There are no church education classes today, **October 4** because of Heartland break or on **October 11** because of the WE service. Classes will resume on Sunday, **October 18**.

Missions & Outreach
The Missions and Outreach Team will be meeting at church in the fellowship hall at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, **October 6**. Anyone college age and up who is interested in missions work, both local and afar, is welcome to come and join us as we begin planning for the coming year.

Updating the Church Directory
It's time to update the church directory again! Please check the printout on the welcome table and make any corrections or additions, or mark it as "okay" if all is correct. If you are not currently in the directory but would like to be listed, leave your name and email on the back page or email the church office and we'll add you!



Pastoral Group Dinners
We're taking a few weeks off from Pastoral Group Dinners because of Heartland break and the WE Service. The next Pastoral Group Dinner will be on **October 18**, with the **Hickey/Horstman** pastoral group meeting for food and fellowship.

Christmas Cantata Singing Opportunity
All singers are invited to be part of a Siouxland Christmas Choir Cantata Service on Sunday **December 13**, featuring a 40-minute choral cantata, "Journey of Promises" by Joseph Martin, accompanied by a full orchestra with arrangements of familiar Christmas carols and newly composed songs. Rehearsals will be at Covenant on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 PM, beginning on **October 28**. You can find more information about the rehearsal schedule in the September Courier. Interested singers can sign up to participate using this Google form link by **October 14**.

Upcoming NAMI Events
- The NAMI Support Group will meet on Tuesday, **October 6** at the Sioux Center Public Library. An educational program from 7 to 7:45 PM is open to all. Howard Schaap, Dordt English Professor, and author of *Brooding Upon the Waters: A Memoir of Farming, Fishing and Failure in America's Lost Landscape*, will share his family experience with mental illness. Individuals affected by mental health conditions and their family/friends will meet from 7:45-8:45 for a time of mutual support. For information, contact Shirley (712-574-6758) or Nate (402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com).

- NAMIWalks, a mental health awareness walk and resource fair will be held at Children's Park in Sioux Center on Saturday, **October 10**. Local social service agency representatives will present information and there will be balloons and facepainting for kids! At 11:15 we will walk from the park to the Dordt Prairie to raise awareness for mental health.

Justice For All Annual Meeting & Live Auction
You are invited to the upcoming JFA Annual Meeting & Live Auction on Thursday, **October 8** at Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley. The meeting is at 5:00 PM, a free meal will be served at 5:30, and the live auction will begin at 6:45. Join us as we gather to share about the work of JFA, enjoy a meal together, and raise support through our live auction.

Praying for Our Local Congregations
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Hope Lutheran congregation and the ministry of Pastor Rosalyn DeKoster.

Last week's offering General Fund: $6,690.00 Christian Education Fund: $650.00 Building Fund: $625.00

Giving at Covenant
There are a variety of ways to give at Covenant! To give online, use the QR code or go to https://secure.myvanco.com/YPKM/home. 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. All cash/checks will be used as needed unless designated. Contact your deacon with 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 11
Greeters	**AM:** Pat C, Trena VW, John Z	
Ushers	**AM:** Duane B, Rebecca DS, Matt J	
Coffee	Sally J, Merrill MC, Stan VB, Sharon V, Jason W	
Subs	Jenni B, Marcy H, Gidge M, Les S, Adi VP, Lois VZ	
Valet	Pam A	
Sound/Projection	Doug DB ✦ Ryan Z	Will B ✦ Tom C
Nursery **Oct. Monitor:** Rose P	**AM:** Jake & Trena VW, Michael & Adi VP	**AM:** Jeff & Sara P, Luke & Sarah H

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

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday this Week
Ed Brummel, Elijah Schreurs, Kara Maletoungou, Samuel Maletoungou

Happy Anniversary this Week
Ed & Natalie Brummel

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 4th	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Sunday Evening Gathering
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Missions & Outreach Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Youth Group Cadets & GEMS (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 11th	10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Morning Worship Lunch & WE Service