SUNDAY, October 18, 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. Brad Hickey 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
This 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.

Joint Reformation Day Service
Next Sunday, **October 25**, at 6:00 PM we will gather for a joint Reformation Day service at Bethel CRC. Rev. Sam Ashmore will preach and an offering will be received for Thrive Ministries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastoral Group Dinners
Today, **October 18**, the **Hickey/Horstman** pastoral group will enjoy fellowship and a meal together at 12:00 PM. Visitors and college students are welcome to join them! We'll take next Sunday, **October 25** off and the **Breems/Bajema** pastoral group will meet on Sunday, **November 1**.

Courier Reminder
If you have something to include in the November Courier, send it to the church office by Monday, **October 19**!

F.O.S.S.I.L.
If you are 60+ years of age, you are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall for food and fellowship at 5:30 PM on Monday, **October 26**. Please either sign up on the welcome table or email Pat (spcrull@mtcnet.net) if you plan to come. Because of the holidays, F.O.S.S.I.L. will not be meeting in November and December.

Updating the Church Directory
It's time to update the church directory again! Please check the printout on the welcome table today 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!

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.

Ringerwole Organ Recital Series
Dr. Michael Bauer and Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer will present an organ recital on Friday, **October 23** at 7 PM in the BJ Haan Auditorium, featuring works by Sweeklinck, Böhm, Buxtehude, and Bach. Other events include a presentation on Wednesday, **October 21** at 4:30 PM by Dr. Michael Bauer on his forthcoming book on practicing, and an organ masterclass jointly led by the Bauers on Friday, **October 23** at 3:20 PM. All events are free and open to the public. The Bauers' performance is part of the Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, now in its fourteenth year, which aims to promote the organ and its repertoire for the education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing celebrated artists to Dordt University.

MIK+ Post High Young Adults:
All Young Adults (18-30) that are post-high school and not married are invited to join this regional group for Bible study, community service, game nights, meals, and fun nights away. Check us out on the Minnikota Youth (MIK+) Facebook page. We will be starting this school year's Bible study on Saturday **October 24** at 6 PM in the Inwood CRC. We will begin our night with a meal followed by the study of James using the books *Listening for God Through James* and *James: the*

Relationship Between Faith and Works. We will end our night together with some social time/games. Please, RSVP to Pastor Doug & Lee (712 470 4244) by **October 21** so we know how much roast/chicken and potatoes/gravy to make.

Safari Adventure
Join Bible League International on Saturday, **October 31**, from 9:00-10:00 AM for a tour of the Green Oaks Museum & Educational Center, located 3 miles south of Fairview, SD (29043 486th Avenue). See 150+ taxidermized animals in natural habitats from the Anden Van Beek family's global hunting trips. Refreshments and a Q&A will follow, with an opportunity to learn more about Bible League. Free admission, and freewill donations will benefit Bible League and the Mongolian orphanage supported by the Van Beek family. Children are welcome!

Praying for Our Local Congregations
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Lebanon CRC congregation and the ministry of Pastor Bob Drenten.

Last week's offering General Fund: $12,117.00 Christian Education Fund: $475.00

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 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 25
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	Andy L ✦ Jason W	Dennis DJ ✦ Marty VP
Nursery **Oct. Monitor:** Rose P	**AM:** Bob & Rebecca DS, Tom & Ruth C	**AM:** Dave & Emily K, Laura J

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
Pam DeJong, Cora Donahue, Pat Crull, Laura Janssen, Tammy Lief, Esther Eppinga, Nola Jewett, Sophia Bailey, Lydia Clark

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 18th	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12), Covenant Sunday Morning (adults)
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship
	12:00 PM	Hickey/Horstman Pastoral Group Dinner
	6:00 AM	Evening Worship Gathering at Crown Pointe
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Youth Group
	7:00 PM	Cadets & GEMS (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
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	6:00 AM	Joint Reformation Day Service (at Bethel CRC)