SUNDAY, November 29, 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! Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a season to anticipate the arrival of our coming King, Jesus Christ. This morning we are grateful for Dr. Jason Lief 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, **November 29** at 6:00 PM. We will meet downstairs in the old fellowship hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Fish & Offering Envelopes
If you forgot to bring your Peter Fish on Thanksgiving Day, please return it as soon as you're able! And we'd love to have your Thanksgiving offering envelopes returned by Sunday, **November 29**.

Church Education Schedule
Church education classes will not meet on Sunday, **November 29** because of the holiday weekend. Classes will resume Sunday, **December 6**.

Can you help?
Who wants to have some festive worship fun this Christmas? Rebecca De Vries is looking for volunteers of all ages to help put together a multigenerational drama in the dinner theater style on **December 20**. We need actors, servers, cooks, table scape designers, costume curators. Please talk to, text, or email Rebecca. All ages welcome. There will be an informative meeting Tuesday, **December 1** at 7 PM. (If you think this sounds too daunting, have no fear. We can all harness our inner Anne Maatman and pull this off with great rejoicing.)

Annual Congregational Meeting & Lasagna Dinner
The annual congregational meeting will be held on Monday, **December 7** at 7:00 PM. And come early for a lasagna dinner prepared by the youth group beginning at 6:00 PM!

Blessing Our College Students
We have been blessed to have so many college students attending Covenant this fall. We would like to encourage them as they finish up their fall semester. If you would like to participate in this opportunity, please find out more in the December Courier (p.4). We'll need your participation by **December 7** so they can be distributed to students on December 13.

Baby Shower
All ladies are invited to join us for a baby shower celebrating JoyLyn Garcia and baby Carina on Thursday, **December 10** at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Early gift drop offs may be left on the back table in the fellowship hall. Questions? Please call or text Adeline Vander Plaats at (402-305-8323).

Save the Date
The Sunday School kids will lead us in worship on Sunday morning, **December 13**. Watch for more information to come!

Angel Tree Giving Program
This Christmas we will be partnering with Promise Community Health by participating in their Angel Giving Tree program. If you would like to participate in helping a local family, please take a tag off the Christmas tree and purchase the item on the tag. Please return all gifts (preferably wrapped) to church by **December 15**. There is also a Venmo option to provide a donation if you prefer. Thank you for your generosity!

December Courier
The December Courier is in your mailbox and can be found on our website.

Christmas at Dordt: We Have Seen His Glory
Celebrate the glory and majesty of the birth of Christ with beautiful choral and orchestral music on Saturday, **December 5** at 7:00 PM in the BJ Haan Auditorium! This event is a re-imagining of Dordt's traditional Christmas concerts: it will feature

music performed by the 250+ student musicians of the Dordt choirs, Chamber Orchestra, and bands separately and together, from the stage and around the auditorium; dramatic readings by Teresa Ter Haar, Jason Vande Brake, and other Dordt professors, staff, and theatre students; lighting enhancements and projections; and opportunities for the audience to join in singing. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at https://www.dordt.edu/live-events.

Praying for Our Local Congregations
This week, please pray for God's blessing on the Whispers of Love, Hope, & Joy congregation and the ministry of Pastor Deb Rensink.

Last week's offering General Fund: $7,140.00 Christian Education Fund: $2,425.00 Building Fund: $425.00

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, December 6
Greeters	**AM:** Mary D, Jill F, Jeri S	**AM:** Ethan B, Pam DJ, Lee R
Ushers	**AM:** Dennis DJ, Shaun S, Jeff T	**AM:** Mark C, Cal J, Verlyn DW
Coffee	Jo A, Alejandro C, Jake VW, Kris VP, Erika VS	Pam A, Isabel C, Steve C, Kristi H, Sadie L, Mark MC
Subs	Marge DB, Andy L, Carol O, Marty VP, June DW, Del VZ	Chris G, Rachel L, Ron O, Len R, Dave S, Kurt V
Valet	Kurt V	Paul/Avonda F
Sound/Projection	Andy L ✦ Marty VP	Nick B ✦ Jason W
Nursery **Nov. Monitor:** Joni V	**AM:** Doug & Marge DB, Marcy H	**AM:** Jason & Dani W, Mark & Cheri 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
Laremy DeVries, Claire Hummel, Lillia Britzman, Hugo Postma

Happy Anniversary this Week
Ed & Mary Dengler

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 29th	10:00 AM 6:00 AM	Morning Worship Sunday Evening Gathering
Monday	1:30 PM	Joan McCarthy Memorial Service
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Drama Event Informational Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal Youth Group GEMS & Cadets (at Faith CRC)
Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Book Study
Sunday, 6th	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 AM	Sunday School & Catechism (grades 1-12). Covenant Sunday Morning (adults) Morning Worship Sunday Evening Gathering