

SUNDAY, July 23, 2017

WELCOME to all who have joined us for worship today!

Please join us for coffee/tea/juice in the fellowship hall after the service – we would like to get to know you!

Hearing assistance



A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Today

In the morning service, we continue our series on the early chapters of Genesis by considering the story of Noah and the flood. We pass over most of the story itself to pick it up at the end, when God promises never again to send a flood to destroy the earth. Together we will see the redemptive promises of God for all creation and for all of us. This morning we also celebrate the baptism of Annika Catherine Frisch, born on May 16 to Kurt and Kayt Frisch and big brother, Peter. In the evening service, we once again welcome the congregation from First CRC as we continue our way through the book of Numbers. We will consider the transition of leadership between Moses and Joshua and the ways in which Joshua's leadership looks back at the faithfulness of God in the past.

July Evening Worship with First CRC

As is our tradition, we will join with First CRC for evening worship in the month of July. We will gather for worship at First CRC on **July 2 & 9**, and First CRC will join us here at Covenant on **July 16 & 23**.

Outdoor Worship Service on July 30

We will worship at Sandy Hollow on Sunday, **July 30** at 10:00 AM. The Sioux County Conservation Board has waved the vehicle day pass fee for individual vehicles coming for the morning service and lunch, so just follow the signs for "Covenant" and come and worship. We hope you'll plan to stay after the service for a bring-your-own-picnic lunch and time of fellowship as well. Please bring your own chairs. That Sunday evening is the fifth Sunday of the month – and in keeping with the Elders recommendation that we take focused time as a congregation to celebrate rest, we will not hold a worship service at Covenant. We encourage you to gather in fellowship with one another, meet with your small group, worship with our brothers and sisters at Amistad Cristiana, or First CRC has welcomed us to join them as well.

Offerings for July

	AM	PM
30	Christian Education Fund	
Last week's offering	Missions Fund	\$999.00
	World Renew: Free a Family	\$992.07



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Happy Birthday this Week

Josiah Feliciano, Pastor Gianni Gracia, Jacob Vander Plaats, Eldon Westra

Happy Anniversary this Week

Mark & Merrill McCarthy, Dane & Rachel Hibma, Dennis & Pam DeJong, Cal & Sally Jongsma

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Free Grace Reformed congregation.

Church Campout and Campfire

Don't forget the all church campout at Sandy Hollow on **July 29-30!** You are welcome to join those who have reserved spots and get a spot on your own. They are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. Everyone is invited to join those camping for a campfire and sing-along on Saturday night, **July 29** from 7:00-10:00 PM, come and go as you like. Bring your own chairs and a snack to share if you wish. S'mores will be provided. Consider carpooling as a \$5 entrance fee is required per vehicle. Contact Nick Breems or Rebecca De Vries with questions.

Young Children and Worship

Do you enjoy working with young children? If so, please consider becoming a part of the Young Children and Worship program. We are looking for leaders and helpers (6th grade and older) to assist with our worship times for 3-year-olds through Kindergartners. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Rebecca De Smith (722-1278 or bdesmith@mtcnet.net) by **August 6**. Thank you!

August Courier

Do you have something you'd like to include in the August Courier? Please send it to the church office by Tuesday morning, **July 25** (covenant@mtcnet.net)!

Help Needed

We are need of your strong backs and arms. We will be moving Marv Wielard on **July 29** at 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (or whenever we're done). Many hands will create light work. We will meet at Marv's house (1107 6th Street NE). Marv will be making a generous donation to the Christian Education Fund for our willingness to help him move.

The Bierma Family

We as a congregation need to remember the Troy and Faith Bierma family as they transition their lives back to living in the United States. They have been living the past few years in Nepal working for Christian Reformed World Missions. They felt God calling them back to the US for further education for Troy. They will, however, be continuing their service with CRWM one more year as Troy will be working at Calvin Theological Seminary as a missionary in residence. He will have the opportunity to impact future church leadership from his perspective as a missionary in Nepal. They will be visiting Covenant church on home service on September 24 in the evening service. We look forward to their visit as they share what they had been doing in Nepal and what their plans will be in the future as God leads them.

Back to School Block Party

Promise Community Health Center, located at 338 1st Ave. NW, Sioux Center, will host a **Back-to-School Block Party** 2:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9. At the event, Promise will provide free immunizations, dental screens and vision screens that students need for school. Promise also will offer \$25 school and sports physicals. Free drawstring bags with school and health supplies will be handed out. The event also will feature free food, car seat checks, games and activities offered by several community organizations. All area students and their families are invited.

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, please find your own replacement. Thank you.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY, July 30
Greeters	AM: Natalie B, Bob DS, Linda V ♦ PM: Wil A, Mary D, Jo F	
Ushers	AM: Dave G, Tim K, Kurt V ♦ PM: Duane B, Daryl H	
Coffee	Isabel C, Paul C, Ana F, Lydia M, Linda VH, Dennis VP	
Subs	Sally J, Rachel L, Fednel T, Marty VP, Lois VZ, Jan V	
Sound/Projection	Marv W ♦ John K	Doug DeBoer ♦ (none)
Nursery July POM: Mellemas	AM INF: Luke & Sarah H, Kris VP TODDLER: Mark & Lisa C, Marty VP PM: Tom & Ruth C, Lee & Jenni M	(AM outdoor service – no nursery)

GREETERS, PLEASE EMAIL:

Troy & Faith Bierma Kelly & April Crull Dan & Jeananne Kuiper Sos & Kara Maletoungou Mike & Megan Ribbens
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THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Today	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Morning Worship Evening Worship (First CRC joins us at Covenant)
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
Saturday	7:00 PM	Church Campfire and Sing-along (at Sandy Hollow)
Sunday, 30th	10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Morning Outdoor Worship at Sandy Hollow Bring-Your-Own Picnic Lunch (at Sandy Hollow)