

SUNDAY, June 6, 2021

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 (please note that there may be some dead space at the beginning of the video before worship begins).

Sunday Morning Worship

This Sunday, **June 6**, Pastor Joel will continue a series on the Ten Commandments, or as our young ones know them – the Ten Best Ways to Live. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper together this week. Here is a link to the [mobile-friendly worship guide](#).

Faith Formation Sunday Evening

During this month, we will gather at 6:00 PM for a service of evening prayer, also known as Vespers. These services will use prayers and litanies from the *Book of Common Prayer* and give us space and time for thanksgiving and praise, silence and meditation on scripture. Services will last between 45 minutes and an hour and will include a brief meditation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Morning Discussions

At 9:00 AM this Sunday and in coming weeks, Pastor Joel will hold a time of dialogue in the Covenant Church basement on the Ten Commandments to accompany his sermon series. We invite all who are interested to attend.

Coffee After Morning Worship

We hope to serve coffee and juice outside after our morning worship service each week as weather permits. We hope you'll head outside to fellowship with your church family.

June Sunday Servant Scheduling

Beginning in June, we will resume scheduling our Sunday morning ushers, greeters, and coffee servers. Start looking for the schedule in the [June Courier](#), on the [website](#), and on the bulletin each week.

Opportunity to Serve

Covenant is in need of some more volunteers to lock, unlock, and monitor doors during our morning worship services. You would be trained for this task, be paired with another volunteer, and help in making our church a safe and welcoming place to worship. If you are interested and willing to volunteer, please contact Rebecca De Smith.

Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard

Save the date! On Sunday evening, **June 27**, we will host our second annual "Guess Who's Coming to the Backyard." This is similar to "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," but instead of dining in a Covenant member's house, you'll get to hang out in their backyard for an hour or so of good fellowship and reconnecting. But you still won't know where you're headed or who you'll be with until that night! Everyone—families, singles, couples, (dogs?)—is heartily invited to participate. Look for a sign-up sheet soon and consider whether you would like to host.

Save the Date!

Covenant will have a retreat at Oak Grove on **October 1-2**. We will share more details as it gets closer. If you have suggestions or want to help with planning, please contact Laura Janssen.

At-Home Faith Formation Tip

The Practice of Wonder: The faith practice of wonder helps us glimpse with surprise just how creative, faithful, good, big, and present God is. Each day this week, look for at least one of these God-glimpses and share them with someone. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

A Biblical Approach to Immigration

Immigration issues are once again in the headlines. While immigration is certainly a political issue, it is also a biblical issue with important missional ramifications for the church in the United States. Join author and Evangelical Immigration Table national coordinator Matthew Soerens for this conversation on how biblical principles can inform our response as Christians to immigration issues and, more importantly, to refugees and immigrants themselves. Anyone interested in learning more about faith and immigration is welcome to this free event on **June 23**, 7:00-8:30 PM, in the DeWitt Learning Commons Vogel Room at Northwestern College. Please go to this site to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/who-is-my-neighbor-a-christian-response-to-immigration-tickets-152363813267> Questions? Contact Jason Lief at jlief@bbimmigration.org.

Rocky Railway VBS

Rocky Railway VBS is coming to Bethel CRC **July 19-22!** Registration is open and children ages 5 through 4th grade are invited! You can find the registration link, more info, and the volunteer sign-up on Bethel's website at <http://www.bethelsc.org> or on Bethel's Facebook page. If you have any questions, contact Shawn Meyers at vbs@bethelsc.org.

Praying for Our Local Congregations

This week, please be in prayer for God's blessing on the Free Grace Reformed congregation and the ministry of Pastor Mark Schwarz.

Offerings for June

6	General/Building Fund	13	Christian Education Fund
20	Missions Fund	27	Compassion/Tuition Assistance Fund

Last week's offering	General Fund	\$1,245.00	Missions Fund	\$95.00
	Christian Education Fund	\$1,310.10	World Renew	\$535.00

Online Giving

To give online, click [here](#) to access the online giving page. You can also continue to give by mailing a check to church, paying via online bill pay at your bank, or by ACH Bank Transfer. All 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](#).
- Sermon recordings are posted [here](#).
- Mission & Ministry News: Prayer requests from ReFrame Ministries can be found [here](#), Mid-Sioux's annual report is [here](#), and a newsletter from the Groenwold-Van Dyk family is [here](#).

June Sunday Servant Scheduling:

If you are unable to serve on a Sunday, please contact someone from the substitute list!

Greeters: Dan A, Lisa C, Pat C	Coffee: Megan H, Sanneke K, James R
Ushers: Deb H, Carol O, Marv W	Substitutes: Dennis DJ, Luke H, Cal J, Tricia K, Rin G, Linda V

Encouraging our Missionaries

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

Kelly & April Crull crulls@caimail.net	Gianni & Georgina Gracia giannigracia@yahoo.com	Sos & Kara Maletoungou smaletoungou@crcna.org	Mike & Megan Ribbens mribbens@gmail.com	Ben & Tricia Groenewold Van Dyk tvandyk@crcnapartners.org
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OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday this Week

Corrie DeVries, Naomi Ploegstra, June Brands, Jeri Schelhaas, William Clark, Sarah Hawley, Amira Ribbens

Happy Anniversary this Week

David & Anna Westfall, Don & Sherri Ten Napel, Marty & Kris Vander Plaats, Mike & Megan Ribbens, Ross & Lisa Feikema, Lee & Jenni Mellema, Les & Lila Sybesma

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Sunday, 6th	9:00 AM	Pre-Worship Dialogue
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: all welcome (and via Facebook Live)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
Thursday	8:00 PM	Colossian Forum
Sunday, 13th	9:00 AM	Pre-Worship Dialogue
	10:00 AM	Morning Worship: all welcome (and via Facebook Live)
	6:00 PM	Vespers (Service of Evening Prayer)
